

# Senior Softball Opportunities Around Tucson

Softball is played year round in Tucson, offering many opportunities to players 50+ years old.

## Pick-up Games

Players gather for pick-up games each Tuesday and Friday at Murrieta Park in Tucson. Games begin at 8:00 AM during the summer and 9:00 AM the rest of the year. All are welcome. This is a great way to get acquainted with senior softball players in Tucson, and will easily lead a newcomer to leagues.

## Leagues

### **Tucson Senior Softball League (TSSL)**

This league comprises 15-20 teams divided into three divisions based upon team ability. The year is divided into two sessions, one from early February to end June and the second from July to Thanksgiving. Players must register with a team before being allowed to participate. Games are played at Murrieta and Santa Cruz Parks on Sundays. Contact Art Kaun ([art\\_kaun@hotmail.com](mailto:art_kaun@hotmail.com)) if you are interested.

### **Southern Arizona Softball League**

This league comprises about six teams and plays every Sunday at Santa Rita Park. Their season begins mid-February and ends mid-November. Contact Jesse Meza ([jmeza5@q.com](mailto:jmeza5@q.com)) if you are interested to play with one of the teams.

### **65s League**

Usually 6-7 teams participate in this league, which takes advantage of Winter visitors to Tucson. The season begins in October and ends the end of March with a tournament. One must 65+ years old in the year that this league ends their season to participate. Game are played each Thursday. Contact Jerry Brotz ([jerryabrotz@yahoo.com](mailto:jerryabrotz@yahoo.com)).

### **Saddlebrooke Senior Softball Association (SSSA) Leagues**

Saddlebrooke is a senior retirement community on the northern edge of metropolitan Tucson. The softball association provides year round play in Saddlebrooke and is available to senior men and women players who are 50 years or older. It has four leagues of varying skill levels from recreation to competitive. While most players reside in Saddlebrooke, the association membership is available to players from Oro Valley north to the Saddlebrooke Ranch senior retirement community near Oracle. Their website provides more information:

<http://www.saddlebrookesoftball.com/OldWebsite/index.html>. Contact Stu Kraft ([stu@saddlebrookesoftball.com](mailto:stu@saddlebrookesoftball.com)) if interested.

### **BAJA Sporting Club**

This league is located in Green Valley, about 20 miles south of Tucson. Green Valley is a retirement community that sees its population swell with Winter visitors. They run two leagues comprising about 10 teams. The season is January – March and membership is required before play. Their website provides more information <http://www.bajasportingclub.com/-!baja-softball-2016/cpah> Games are played at Canoa Preserve Park. Contact can be made through their website.

## Tournaments and Tournament Teams

Two large tournaments occur each year in Tucson that are attended by teams from around the Southwestern USA. The first is “Cinco de Mayo” in early May organized by the TSSL Cowboys team. The second is the “Memorial Holiday Classic” in early December organized by TSSL. Both are held at Lincoln Park and are announced by flyers well in advance. More information is available from TSSL, above.

*Several teams from Tucson attend tournaments year round in different parts of Arizona. At least 25 such tournaments occur each year. During the cooler months they occur in the valleys and during the summer in mountain locations. Some traveling teams from Tucson play in SSUSA tournaments.*

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### *Updates*

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*Corrections and additions to the information above should be directed to Art Kaun ([art\\_kaun@hotmail.com](mailto:art_kaun@hotmail.com))*