

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 Freedom 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 of about fifteen teams is divided into divisions based upon team ability. Games are scheduled from mid-February to Thanksgiving. Players must register with a team before being allowed to participate. The venue is Todd Harris and Freedom Parks on Sundays. Contact Ed Myers (edmyers37@gmail.com).

Southern Arizona Senior Softball League (SASSL)

This league comprises 6-9 teams and plays every Sunday at Santa Rita Park. Their season begins mid-February and ends mid-November. Contact Jesse Meza (jmeza3821@gmail.com).

65s League

Usually 6-8 teams participate in this league, which takes advantage of Winter visitors to Tucson. The season runs from October through March ending with a tournament. One must be 65+ years old to participate. Game are played each Thursday. Contact Rick Kaleel (rickkaleel@yahoo.com).

Saddlebrooke Senior Softball Association (SSSA) Leagues

Saddlebrooke is a senior retirement resort community on the northern edge of metropolitan Tucson. Leagues for male and female above the age of 50 play year-round there. More information and the way to join are on their website <http://www.saddlebrookesoftball.com/> .

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 to play. Their website provides more information <http://www.bajasportingclub.com/> 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.

Advice

If you play infield, buy and use a face mask. Infield surfaces in a desert are often a combination of sand and hard caliche that can produce unpredictable bounces.

Updates

Corrections and additions to the information above should be directed to Ed Myers (edmyers37@gmail.com).