

Softball - SSUSA Underage Players

The 2027 National Senior Games Rulebook reflects a change to Senior Softball-USA (SSUSA) as the National Governing Body (NGB) for Softball competition.

With the move to SSUSA, State Senior Games **may, at their discretion, allow** Softball teams to have underage players on the State Senior Games rosters in accordance with the following SSUSA Rules:

Women's Age Division STATE Rosters

- 50+, 55+, 60+ age divisions - no underage players allowed.
- 65+ age division - teams may draw up to one player who is age 64.
- 70+ age division - teams may draw up to three players who are age 68 or 69; but not more than one who is 68.
- 75+, 80+, 85+ age divisions - *suggest* following men's 75+, 80+, 85+ rules below.

Men's Age Division STATE Rosters

- 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+ age divisions - no underage players allowed.
- 70+ age division - teams may draw up to three underage players, all of whom must be 69.
- 75+ age division - teams may draw up to five underage players, all of whom must be 74.
- 80+ age division - teams may draw up to seven players who are age 78 or 79, but not more than three who are 78.
- 85+ age division - teams may draw up to ten players who are age 83 or 84, but not more than five who are 83.

Underage players included on Softball rosters submitted by State Senior Games to NSGA, will be eligible for addition to a 2027 National Senior Games Softball roster. **However, for the 2027 National Senior Games, the NSGA age determination and roster rules will supersede the SSUSA Rules; and therefore, the youngest player on a team's roster (as of 12/31/2027) will determine the team's age division.**

Allowing underage players on Softball rosters in 2026 is an **option** for State Senior Games. State Games **choosing to allow** underage players, are strongly encouraged to communicate the details above *in advance of registration*. Please emphasize that while the SSUSA rules for including underage players on rosters are being followed at your 2026 State Senior Games, this will not be allowed for Softball at Nationals in 2027. For the National Senior Games in 2027, no exceptions will be made to the following rule: *Age division for all team competition will be determined by the age of the youngest team player as of December 31, 2027.*

For official **National Senior Games** age and roster guidelines refer to Rules B, C and F in the [2027 NSG Rulebook](#).