

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA - Interest is building within the softball community for a first time event. Many players on Masters and Senior teams got the chance to experience playing softball at the beach in their younger days. This October these players will get to Experience the Fun at Virginia Beach, on and off the field again. City officials, the ASA Tidewater District staff and the ISSA staff have teamed up to host the first ISSA Winter National event which is planned for October 3-5. This world-class resort city recently completed a new 8-field state-of-the-art softball complex which will supplement other nearby quality fields to accommodate the Senior and Masters teams expected to participate.

Competition will be held for Senior women's teams from 40 and Over to 65 and Over. All age classifications and skill level divisions will be included for the Senior men's teams. Men's Masters competition will be scheduled for 35 and Over, 40 and Over and 45 and Over. And a new division of play for ISSA will be a 35+ Coed Division. The Winter Nationals will permit players who are eligible for an age division in 2009 to compete in this October tournament. Teams can use this tournament to begin the process of putting their tournament team together for 2009, a concept that many senior teams find helpful.