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SENIOR TEAMS CONVERGE ON FLORIDA

Fifty four teams in age categories from 50 to 75 will begin play this Friday in the ISF/International Senior Softball Association Masters/Seniors International Tournament of Champions. Tomorrow night the technical meeting will be held at the ISF world headquarters complex in Plant City. The following three days the facility will host games while others take place at two other softball complexes in Tampa. For more information on the men's slow pitch event, visit www.seniorsoftball.org.



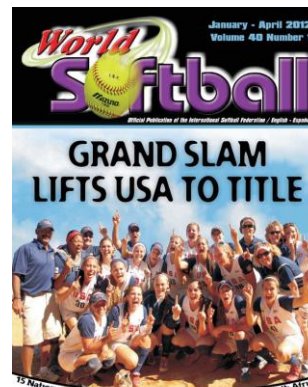
ISF EC MEETING HELD

The International Softball Federation Executive Committee held two days of meetings last week in Los Angeles, California (USA). The group covered a wide variety of on-and off-field softball business, including a discussion on the continued efforts to get the sport reinstated to the Summer Olympics. In attendance were ISF President Don Porter, ISF Secretary General Ms. Low Beng Choo, ISF 1st Vice President Dale McMann, ISF 2nd Vice President Bob Leveloff, ISF VP/Europe Ami Baran, ISF VP/Oceania Darryl Clout, ISF Director General Toma Malikoff, and Ed Colbert, Counsel.

Aside from those meetings, a separate discussion was held on a softball contingent returning to California next month for the International Olympic Committee 5th World Conference on Women and Sport in Los Angeles.

LATEST MAGAZINE ONLINE

The January-April 2012 issue of the ISF's official publication, World Softball, is available for online reading. The current issue's cover (shown at top of next column) appears under a READ OUR MAGAZINE heading on the homepage of www.ISFsoftball.org and links to a page that has the January-April publication as well as the previous eight. The cover story this time around is the ISF IX Jr. Women's World Championship, which was held last month in South Africa. A feature on a project in Ecuador, an ISF member federation spotlight, and a wrap-up of the 2011 Congress are among some of the current issue's content.



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COLLECTIBLES ON EBAY

The ISF's latest eBay auction opened with a flurry of activity. Up for bid is a package that includes an unused ticket from opening day of the 2000, 2004, & 2008 Olympic softball competitions, plus the media guide from each of those as well as the World Softball magazines published prior to and following each of the three. The auction is scheduled to end on Monday (January 30) at approximately 11:45a.m. Eastern Time. An article about it on the homepage of www.ISFsoftball.org includes a link to the auction page.



PLAN TO GO FURTHER INTO UMPIRING

You made a New Year's resolution and aren't keeping it. You want to set a new goal for 2012 instead. Whether you're an ISF-certified umpire or not, resolve to go further into officiating softball games by utilizing ISF UmpSchool. The online resource recently passed the two-year anniversary of its launch and men and women in countries around the world have been benefitting from all it has to offer. For a nominal registration fee, the user gets access to practice tests, the case book, the umpire manual, and many other resources that are exclusive to ISF UmpSchool. To sign up for this convenient service go now to www.ruleboxsoftware.com/isf.aspx.

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