

## Knoxville Explosion Posts Record Year in 2015!

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As the sport of fast pitch softball winds down here in Knoxville, the Knoxville Explosion Organization reflects on 2014 as a benchmark year for our organization. We stand for and are about the on and off the field development of our players. Amazingly enough, over 80% of our players are honor roll students. Many of our players also received numerous citizenship, spelling bee and 4H essay awards throughout 2015. Our players achieved an 80.1% honor roll rate for the overall organization. In addition, 100% of our players were selected to participate in their various middle school and high school teams! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

On the field, it was an equally amazing year for our organization! In 2015, our combined team spring statistics were as follows:

98 Tournaments Participated

**(24) 1st Place Finishes** - Including 10u ISA Class A World Series, 10u ISA Tri-State Champs, 16u ASA Class B Tennessee State Champs, 8u ASA Tennessee State Champs, 18u ASA Roane State College Showcase Champs

**(21) 2nd Place Finishes** - Including 16u ASA Class B Tennessee State Runner-up, 14u ASA Milligan College Showcase Runner-up, 10u ASA Class B Tennessee State Runner-up

**(19) 3rd Place Finishes** - 16u ASA Big Orange Showcase, ASA Diamond High School World

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### Series Gold Division

Honorable mention goes out to the 05 Explosion who finished in 4th place in the 10u division of the SEAA World Series!

Statistical Insight: Of the tournaments played in 2015, the Knoxville Explosion Softball Teams either won, showed or placed in **65.3%** of all tournaments played! WOW!

### Wins & Losses

**Wins - 342**

**Losses - 164**

**Ties - 5**

Statistical Insight: Overall organization winning percentage of **.669!** WOW!

Our organization also added another 3 teams in 2015, bringing our organizational roster to a total of 10 teams and 130 players from all over Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky!

The numbers don't tell the whole story though! Our players got significantly better as our teams traveled to 10 different states and played teams from 22 different states and made some great friends along the way. The competitive spirit exhibited on the field coupled with the smiles and laughter, as well as the blood, sweat and tears that our players endured throughout the year is a testament to the dedication forged by the Knoxville Explosion Coaches and tireless support of their parents! As appropriate, in this month of giving thanks, the Knoxville Explosion Softball Organization would like to give thanks and honor our competitors, tournament directors,

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umpires and countless other supporters that make the sport of fast pitch softball everything it can be! To you we give thanks for a great 2015 and look forward to an even more exciting 2016!