

## Knoxville Explosion Organization Sets New Performance Record for 2014 Performance

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As the sport of fast pitch softball winds down here in Knoxville, the Knoxville Explosion Organization reflects on 2014 as another 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 2014. 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! The organization Spring and Fall 2014 Season combined team statistics were as follows:

129 Tournaments Participated

**(44) 1st Place Finishes** - Including 14u ISA Class A Tennessee State Champions, 12u ISA Class A Tennessee State Champions, 10u ISA Class A Tennessee State Champions, 8u ISA Class A Tennessee State Champions, 10u ASA Class B Tennessee State Champions, and 8u SEAA Open World Series Championship

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**(32) 2nd Place Finishes** - Including 14u ASA/USA Eastern Elite Alabama Showcase Runner-up, 12u ASA Class B Tennessee State Runner-up, 14u ASA Class B Tennessee State Runner-up, 16u Big Orange Fall Showcase Runnerup

### **(9) 3rd Place Finishes**

Statistical Insight: Of the tournaments played in 2014, the Knoxville Explosion Softball Teams either won, showed or placed in **65.8%** of all tournaments played! This list of tournaments include major showcases, Tennessee State Touranments, World Series and Large tournaments throughout the Southeastern U.S. WOW!

### **Wins & Losses**

**Wins - 452**

**Losses - 198**

**Ties - 5**

Statistical Insight: Overall organization winning percentage of **.695!** WOW!

Our organization also added a 8u team for the Fall 2014/Spring 2015, bringing our organizational roster to a total of 10 teams, welcomed 2 new head coaches and 135 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 35 different states and made some great friends along the way. The competitive spirit exhibited on the field coupled with the smiles and

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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, 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 2014 and look forward to an even more exciting 2015! All prospective players and families, we would love for you to join us and our quest to develop the best fast pitch softball players on and off the field!