

Appendix 2 – Player Rating Guidelines

Directions:

1. Read the following Statement of Purpose: *This form is intended to be used as a tool to assist those responsible for rating players so ratings may be fair and consistent across all levels of play and across all leagues in the Open Division. All questions are intended to determine if a player possesses a skill or skills necessary for softball*
2. Answer YES or NO for each question.
3. Many questions have multiple parts. A YES to ANY one part is a YES to the question.
4. Questions: All questions will begin with the phrase: DOES THE PLAYER HAVE THE ABILITY TO...

DEFINITIONS

Definitions For Throwing And Fielding

<p>OCCASIONALLY: to be able to perform the particular skill with some regularity or more often than not. (i.e. the skill can be performed 3 out of 5 times)</p>	<p>CONSISTENTLY: to be able to perform the particular skill with great regularity. (i.e. the skill can be performed 4 out of 5 times)</p>
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Definitions for Hitting

<p>OCCASIONALLY: to be able to perform the particular skill, but without regularity. (i.e. the skill can be performed 2 out of 5 times)</p>	<p>CONSISTENTLY: to be able to perform the particular skill with some regularity or more often than not. (i.e. the skill can be performed 3 out of 5 times)</p>
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THROWING

<p><i>Questions 1-5 are intended to identify THROWING ability, and have nothing to do with the player's ability to field the ball.</i></p>	<p><i>Questions #1-5 are linked. A player who gets Question #4, for example, automatically gets #1-3.</i></p>
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<p>Question 1 occasionally throw a ball through the air 70 feet or better in the vicinity of another player?</p>	<p>Question 2 consistently throw a ball through the air 100 feet or better in the vicinity of another player? OR occasionally throw to the proper place turning accurate infield plays against runners with average base running speed?</p>	<p>Question 3 occasionally throw a ball through the air 100 feet or better without a rainbow arc in the vicinity of another player? OR consistently throw to the proper place turning accurate infield plays against runner with average base running speed?</p>	<p>Question 4 consistently throw a ball through the air 100 feet or better without a rainbow arc in the vicinity of another player?</p>	<p>Question 5 consistently throw without a rainbow arc to the proper place turning accurate infield plays against aggressive runners with above average speed? OR consistently make long throws without a rainbow arc from the outfield directly and accurately to the proper base completing proper plays against aggressive runners with above average speed?</p>
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FIELDING:

<i>Questions 6-14 are intended to identify FIELDING ability, and have nothing to do with the player's ability to throw the ball.</i>					<i>Questions #6-13 are linked. A player who gets Question #11, for example, automatically gets #6-10.</i>					<i>Question #14 is not automatically linked to any other question.</i>				
Question #6 occasionally on purpose catch balls that are thrown to the player with a rainbow arc?			Question #7 occasionally on purpose catch balls that are thrown to the player without a rainbow arc?			Question #8 consistently on purpose field slow hit balls that are within a few steps? <i>OR</i> consistently on purpose catch fly balls that are within 15 feet?			Question #9 consistently on purpose field medium hit balls that are within a few steps? <i>OR</i> consistently on purpose catch fly balls that are more than 15 feet away?					
Question #10 occasionally on purpose field medium hit balls that are in the hole? <i>OR</i> occasionally on purpose catch fly balls that are more than 30 feet away?			Question #11 consistently on purpose field medium hit balls that are in the hole? <i>OR</i> consistently on purpose catch fly balls that are more than 30 feet away?			Question #12 occasionally on purpose field hard hit balls that are in the hole? <i>OR</i> occasionally on purpose stop line drives in the gaps from getting by the outfielders?			Question #13 consistently on purpose field hard hit balls that are in the hole? <i>OR</i> consistently on purpose stop line drives in the gaps from getting by the outfielders?			Question #14 occasionally on purpose make spectacular catches?		

BASE RUNNING

*Questions #15-18 are linked. A player who gets Questions #17, for example, automatically gets #15 & #16
Rating is to be determined by answering the speed element and one additional element*

	Question #15	Question #16	Question #17	Question #18
Speed	below average speed (unable to run 70' from standing start in 5 seconds or less)	average speed (Able to run 70' from standing start in less than 5 sec. but not less than 4 sec.)	above average speed (Able to run 70' from a standing start in less than 4 sec. but not less than 3 sec.)	exceptional speed (Able to run 70' from a standing start in less than 3 sec.)
Base Running Knowledge	runs past first base, but doesn't run past other bases	gets solid jump start out of the batters box; doesn't lead off; tags up; goes half way to next base on a fly ball; rounds bases with "question mark" technique	aggressive jump out of the box, makes a turn at first and goes about half way to second base on an outfield base hit; advances on a slightly bobbled ball	makes an attempt to turn a routine base hit into a double on a ball hit to a player who is adept at fielding and throwing.
Sliding	does not slide	sometimes slides to be safe	executes several different slides to avoid tags; slides with a deliberate attempt to break up a double play	similar skills to the above average player but achieves greater frequency of success

HITTING

Questions 19-27 are intended to be answered based on the outcome – not counting walks – of each completed at bat (whether the batter reaches base or is out on the final pitch of the at bat), not based on the outcome of each swing during an at bat.

Questions #19-22 are linked. A player who gets Question #22, for example, automatically gets #19-21.

Question #19 occasionally hit a fair ball?	Question #20 consistently hit a fair ball?	Question #21 occasionally hit a fair ball with at least medium velocity?	Question #22 consistently hit a fair ball with at least medium velocity?
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Questions #23-26 are linked. A player who gets Question #26, for example, automatically gets #23-25. For questions #23-26, use the modified batting average defined in the Softball Code.

Against	Question #23	Question #24	Question #25	Question #26
D Division	.800 or better	.900 or better	.975 or better	1.000
C Division	.600 or better	.700 or better	.800 or better	.875 or better
B Division	.300 or better (.400 in 2017)	.500 or better	.600 or better	.750 or better
A Division	.100 or better (.200 in 2017)	.300 or better	.400 or better	.600 or better

Question #27 is not automatically linked to any other question.

Question #27	occasionally hit a ball over a 300' fence?
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