

RATINGS COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are for the SCF Softball Rating Committee to use for the rating process of new players to the club. This will allow the club members to see what is being rated and how the ratings are performed.

1. The Rating Committee will consist of players from each Tier if available. Multiple players from each Tier should be selected from volunteers of the club.
The club Vice-President is a non-voting standing member of the committee. The Rating Committee Chairman guides the committee in its deliberations, to ensure fairness, and settle disputes. Also, the Rating Chair selects the new members to the committee. This authority has been delegated from the Club President. The chair will only rate if needed to meet the minimum number of raters for a rating session (minimum number of raters is 3).
2. Each member of the rating committee is eligible to serve a minimum of 2 years. One member from each tier can be replaced each year.
3. The Player Rating Guidelines describes how each rating category is rated and will be placed on the webpage and given to each rater at a rating session. This sheet can be used to help train new raters.
4. Rating sessions will be scheduled and put on the club calendar. At a minimum 4 sessions should be scheduled, one each when the field opens Oct/Nov and Apr/May, mid Dec, and early Jan. The ratings should be completed before any league drafts occur. Extra rating sessions may be scheduled as needed.
5. Club members who are already rated and wish to have their rating changed should submit the SCF Softball Club Skill Rating Appeal Form to request their rating be changed and attend a ratings session to be re-rated.

6. The rating Committee will meet twice a year in Sept/Oct and Feb/Mar to reevaluate every player. The chairman will contact the league commissioners to pole all managers in their league to see if any players should be rerated.
7. Changes to players' ratings that are not requested by the player could happen at any time for safety reasons by a recommendation from any of the following: Board Members, Ratings Committee Members, League Commissioners, or Team Managers. The Chairman will poll the League Commissioner, Team Manager and any Ratings Committee member that has observed the player being re-rated. To expedite the process, these votes may be taken electronically and do not require a committee meeting.
8. Once a rating session is complete all rating sheets will be collected by the Chair. The numbers will be totaled and divided by the number of raters resulting in an average which then becomes the player's actual numeric rating. The numeric rating is then translated into a Tier level and further subdivided into A/B/C sub rating.
9. Once players have signed up for leagues the "Draft Buckets" are to be developed by the Rating Committee and provided to the League Commissioner for their draft. A member of the Rating Committee should be present at each draft to answer questions that may arise. A member of the Club Board will also be present at each draft to observe/record the results and if necessary, provide clarification in the event of any disputes.
10. If new club members are not rated in time to be drafted into league play, the player will be placed on the sub list.