SCF SOFTBALL CLUB PLAYER RATINGS

Sun City Festival Softball Club Player Rating System Guidelines

New Player ratings will consist of four major parts--Initial player questionnaire, on-field performance evaluation, manager verification and first season of league play.

Part 1

Initial Rating Questionnaire

When new players sign up for the softball club, they will fill out their information on-line and pay as usual. There will be an additional Player Rating Questionnaire to complete and submit. The completed questionnaire will be sent to the four ratings committee members (Tiers 1, 2, 3 and Appeals). The four committee members and the board Vice President will triage the players into an initial Tier 1, 2, or 3 rating. Each committee member will agree to a future on-field performance evaluation date and be responsible for notifying the new pre-rated players. Players will be notified of appropriate dress and equipment (provided equipment will be available).

The club Vice President or designee will notify all current managers of the on-field performance evaluation (participation is not mandatory but encouraged). Currently, the evaluation will be conducted on the first Friday of each month after Friday practice.

Part 2

On Field Performance Evaluation

This will be an open rating session but only players, committee members and their helpers are allowed on the field. Each tier will have its own separate rating session (i.e., Tier 3 will rate all of their players first, then Tier 2, then Tier 1). The sessions should go back-to-back. The three ratings members can choose who they like to have help with ratings. Try to keep the helpers from the same rating or higher.

Managers will receive a Club Rating Sheet and the completed player questionnaires. The managers will make recommendations to the committee members and chair with their completed Ratings Sheets. The managers will not be on the field but instead in the spectator area or the crows' nest.

Player evaluations shall go consecutively. Meaning one player at a time. The pre-rated player will hit a session of batting practice (10-15 balls typically), go directly to first base to receive some balls (easy, hard, and in the dirt), move directly to 2nd base and take no more than 5 ground balls, move to rover and then shortstop for 5 ground balls. The infield portion can be cut short due to skill level. The player will then go to the outfield for fly balls. Preferably, the player will receive a 160 fly ball, a 180 fly ball, a 200 fly ball with throws to second base or a cut off. This player has completed their session-- Next player. Pitchers will have an added pitching evaluation of 10-15 balls.

At the end of the Tier 1 session or the last session, the managers will return their note sheets to the appropriate members. The chair, committee members, and vice president will meet and discuss the initial rating.

Initial Ratings Standards

Each rating manager will have a standard rating rubric. This rubric will include some canned information from general and standardized categories to guide the rater. Raters will have a standardized club rating sheet provided for them. When considering the player rating, also consider the pre-rated player relative to other players in the league. As a manager or commissioner, please consider the pre-rated player as a player on the sub list and where he/she fits in to sub for existing players.

Once the players are rated in part two, the chairman will consider a verification process.

Part 3

Verification

The verification process will include all of the current managers in the league. The managers will receive a list of all current players in their rating category. The pre-rated players will be assigned to that rating category and given a side-by-side comparison to determine whether the pre-rated player is a fair substitute for players already in that rating.

The managers are now on notice to evaluate the performance of the pre-rated players over the next session of play.

Part 4

First Season of Play

Now that the pre-rated player has a temporary rating from the completed questionnaire, on-field performance evaluation, and manager verification, the managers will have the final recommendation after the next league play ends. Managers will send a confidential email to the three ratings members, giving their final input on the pre-rated player's rating.

Once the three members have all of the information, they will assign the final player rating. The ratings chair will notify the player, IT Chairman and board through the Vice President.

Appeals

All rating appeals will be handled through the ratings appeals committee member, who will report to the board through the Vice President. The appeal evaluation will be performed by a designated individual who will attend at least four games of the appealing player and keep statistics. The appealing player may also attend a First-Friday On-field Performance Evaluation. The appealing player's appeal shall be statistics-based, consistent with the

ratings rubric. The Appeals rating member will consider all factors and submit a summary to the board. The board will have the final say and will remain in effect for six months.

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