

Rating Guidelines and Committee Responsibilities

Guidelines for being re-rated in SCG Softball Club

1. A player who has left the club due to injury, family, or other reasons and has been taken out of the system (person would not have a current rating) would be required to be re-rated before he or she can play. Typically, this happens when a person has been gone 1-2 years and has not been a member of the club (not paid dues), so it would be like starting over again.
2. A member may request a rating change to their league commissioner. The commissioner makes a request to the Rating Committee. Requests will be handled at the annual Rating Committee meeting for the following year.
3. A manager may request a rating change of a player. A manager will need to cite specific examples of play and statistics to support the possible change.
4. Commissioners and managers will be polled at end of Fall and Winter seasons for input for annual Rating Committee meeting.
5. A Commissioner may ask to have an individual's rating changed and just as with the manager, will need to include specifics to support a possible change.
6. The Rating Committee meets once a year (April). The recommendations made by all of the above sources are considered and discussed. A rating change may be made with the input and recommendation of the commissioners, managers, individual, Committee member(s), if agreed upon by the Committee, as a result of this process.
7. There is no guideline for a member (who already has a rating) to get "physically" re-rated by showing up to a rating session designed for new and returning players. Any currently rated player that requests a re-rating must follow above process.

Rating Committee Responsibilities

1. Rating Committee members attend rating sessions and are involved in the rating of all new players. Immediately following a rating session, the rating of an individual is discussed by all members and then a numeric rating is agreed upon.
2. Rating Committee members attend games and become familiar with as many players as possible so that when an individual's rating is discussed, all/most Committee members are familiar with the person's abilities. Members of this Committee must be prepared to attend Red, White and Blue League games so that members can see as many players as possible.

3. Members of the Rating Committee are not just responsible for the players in their particular league, but work with commissioners in all leagues to ensure appropriate placement of a player.
4. It is not possible to know every softball club player, so the Committee relies on input from league managers and commissioners. Rating changes are not made by whim. The Rating Committee gives much thought and performs due diligence before any changes are made.
5. Annually, the Committee meets to consider changes to ratings that originate from the commissioners and managers of each league, other Committee members and any individual player requests.
6. The Committee recognizes that extenuating circumstances may occur mid-season. Significant injuries and illnesses may affect a player's ability for the next season. Extenuating circumstances may include newly rated players who obviously need a rating adjustment prior to the end of their first season. All of these situations must have the approval of the appropriate league commissioner.
7. For every player that is rated, the commissioner(s) are advised of the rating. The commissioner(s) determine whether to add them into a draft (if the timing is appropriate), on a team (to replace a missing player) or on a sub list. A newly rated player that is rated after close of season registration will follow Softball Club Rule II, subsection C.
8. Four areas are considered and discussed by Committee members during the rating process: hitting, fielding, throwing, and running.
9. Initial Ratings are made to ensure that a player starts and is successful in the 'right' league and for the safety of the member.
10. Annual rating changes at the April Rating Committee meeting will assign an appropriate rating to players for the next year based on all input listed above.