

Appendix 2 – Player Rating Guidelines © NAGAAA



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Open Division

Directions:

1. Read the following Statement of Purpose:

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. Circle a YES or NO answer 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...**

THROWING:

**DEFINITIONS FOR THROWING, FIELDING AND BASE RUNNING
QUESTIONS**

OCCASIONALLY: to be able to perform the particular skill without regularity. (i.e. the skill can be performed 3 out of 5 times)

CONSISTENTLY: to be able to perform the particular skill with regularity. (i.e. the skill can be performed 4 out of 5 times)

Questions 1-5 are intended to identify THROWING ability, and have nothing to do with the player's ability to field the ball.

- YES or NO 1. occasionally throw a ball through the air 65 feet or better in the vicinity of another player?
(65 feet is the distance between bases)
- YES or NO 2. consistently throw a ball through the air 90 feet or better in the vicinity of another player?
(90 feet is the distance between 3rd and 1st)
OR
occasionally throw to the proper place turning accurate infield plays against runners with average base running speed?
[a "YES" to Q#2 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#1]
- YES or NO 3. occasionally throw a ball through the air 90 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?
[a "YES" to Q#3 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#1, #2]
- YES or NO 4. consistently throw a ball through the air 90 feet or better without a rainbow arc in the vicinity of another player?
[a "YES" to Q#4 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#1, #2, #3]

- YES or NO 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?

[a "YES" to Q#5 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#1, #2, #3, #4]

FIELDING:

DEFINITIONS FOR FIELDING QUESTIONS

OCCASIONALLY: to be able to perform the particular skill without regularity. (i.e. the skill can be performed 3 out of 5 times)

CONSISTENTLY: to be able to perform the particular skill with regularity. (i.e. the skill can be performed 4 out of 5 times)

Questions 6-14 are intended to identify FIELDING ability, and have nothing to do with the player's ability to throw the ball.

- YES or NO 6. occasionally on purpose catch balls that are thrown to the player with a rainbow arc?
YES or NO 7. occasionally on purpose catch balls that are thrown to the player without a rainbow arc?

[a "YES" to Q#7 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#6]

- YES or NO 8. consistently on purpose field slow hit balls that are within a few steps?
OR
consistently on purpose catch fly balls that are within 15 feet?

[a "YES" to Q#8 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#6, #7]

- YES or NO 9. consistently on purpose field medium hit balls that are within a few steps?
OR
consistently on purpose catch fly balls that are more than 15 feet away?

[a "YES" to Q#9 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#6, #7, #8]

- YES or NO 10. occasionally on purpose field medium hit balls that are in the hole?
OR
occasionally on purpose catch fly balls that are more than 30 feet away?

[a "YES" to Q#10 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#6, #7, #8, #9]

- YES or NO 11. consistently on purpose field medium hit balls that are in the hole?
OR
consistently on purpose catch fly balls that are more than 30 feet away?

[a "YES" to Q#11 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#6, #7, #8, #9, #10]

- YES or NO 12. occasionally on purpose field hard hit balls that are in the hole?
OR
occasionally on purpose stop line drives in the gaps from getting by the outfielders?

[a "YES" to Q#12 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11]

- YES or NO 13. consistently on purpose field hard hit balls that are in the hole?
OR
consistently on purpose stop line drives in the gaps from getting by the outfielders?

[a "YES" to Q#13 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12]

- YES or NO 14. occasionally on purpose make spectacular catches?

BASE RUNNING:

DEFINITIONS FOR BASE RUNNING QUESTIONS

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)

YES or NO

15. go from base to base utilizing rudimentary knowledge of the rules?

YES or NO

16. run with average speed and occasionally take extra bases on good hits or errors against a limited level of defense?

[a "YES" to Q#16 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#15]

YES or NO

17. run aggressively with average or better speed and occasionally take extra bases on good hits or errors against an intermediate level of defense?

[a "YES" to Q#17 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#15, #16]

YES or NO

18. run very aggressively and occasionally take extra bases on good hits or errors against an exceptional level of defense?

[a "YES" to Q#18 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#15, #16, #17]

HITTING:

DEFINITIONS FOR HITTING QUESTIONS

OCCASIONALLY: to be able to perform the particular skill, but without regularity. (i.e. the skill can be performed 2 out of 5 times)

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)

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.

YES or NO

19. occasionally hit a fair ball?

YES or NO

20. consistently hit a fair ball?

[a "YES" to Q#20 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#19]

YES or NO

21. occasionally hit a fair ball with at least medium velocity?

[a "YES" to Q#21 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#19, #20]

YES or NO

22. consistently hit a fair ball with at least medium velocity?

[a "YES" to Q#22 automatically results in a "YES" to Q#19, #20, #21]

YES or NO

23. consistently reach base safely on a batted ball against a limited level of defense?
OR
occasionally reach base safely on a batted ball against an intermediate level of defense?

YES or NO

24. consistently reach base safely on a batted ball against an intermediate level of defense?
OR
occasionally reach base safely on a batted ball against an exceptional level of defense?

[a "YES" to Q#24 automatically results in a "YES" to Q #23]

YES or NO

25. consistently reach base safely on a batted ball with high velocity against an intermediate level of defense:
OR

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consistently reach base safely on a batted ball against an exceptional level of defense?

[a "YES" to Q#25 automatically results in a "YES" to Q, #23, #24]

YES or NO 26. consistently reach base safely on a batted ball with high velocity against an exceptional level of defense?

[a "YES" to Q#26 automatically results in a "YES" to Q #23, #24, #25]

YES or NO 27. occasionally hit a ball over a 300' fence?

