

**Citrus Park 50+ Softball League**  
**Women's Player Placement Regulations**  
**Amended on March 16, 2016**

**PLAYER RATING**

The Player Rating Committee shall consist of the Chair and 3 committee members selected by the chair. The term shall end Banquet Day when the newly elected Rating Chairman will begin her term and select her committee.

**End of the Season Duties:**

1. The Committee will meet with the managers to clarify the rating procedure approximately three weeks before the end of the season.
2. Two weeks before the end of the season, each manager will submit to the Committee a list of the players on her team, rated in each of the four categories on the form provided. The categories are; batting, throwing, fielding and running. The position played will also be noted. *Ratings are to be 1 through 10 using whole or half points e.g. 1 1.5 2 2.5 etc with 1 being the best. Batting only will start at 0.5. Non-runners will have a rating of (10) for running.* These four numbers will be added together to obtain a total rating. Managers will also determine the big slugger/little slugger designation for the players. Ball sense will be used as a secondary consideration.
3. The Registrar will compile and print a master list of all the ratings as submitted by the managers. This list will be sorted using the total rating from lowest to highest. A copy will be given to each manager. The managers will meet to review all ratings and revise as necessary. The new ratings and team selection heads would be in attendance only in an observational role. A new master list will be prepared and distributed to managers and Committee members.
4. The Committee will meet with the managers to obtain final ratings. A new master list will be prepared if there are any changes and distributed to managers and Committee members and Executive.
5. New registrants will be watched in post-season play and given an initial rating. Records of these initial ratings must be kept by the new Committee members in order to facilitate the beginning of the new season duties.
6. A player's rating may change (up or down) during the season. If this happens, her new rating will apply only when she is used as a substitute player. The Player Rating Committee must notify the Player Substitution Committee of new ratings.

**New Season Duties:**

1. New registrants will continue to be evaluated. Established players can be reevaluated by the Committee if dramatic changes are noted. All players will be added to the master list.
2. The master list will be sorted by "total rating" and duplicated ratings will be sorted from best down.
3. The Committee will divide the master list, excluding pitchers into groups. The number in each group will be the same as the number of teams being formed. The number of groups will depend on the number of players registered. This may vary each year but the objective is to have roster sizes so that all players will play every inning.
4. The finished ratings will be submitted to the Team Selection/Player Substitution Committee.
5. All reserve players will continue to have ongoing evaluation throughout the season. Any changes will be given to the registrar to update the records for the team Selection/player Substitution Committee.

**Player Rating Standards:** (effective 2/04/2013)

1. Players may be rated for the following reasons:
  - a. New to the league

- b. Re-rate due to surgery, injury, or season of inactivity
- 2. New players must meet the following minimum requirements:
  - a. Must be able to contact a pitched ball 3 out of 5 times
  - b. Must be able to throw a ball (in the air) from the front of the pitcher's box to home plate
  - c. Must be able to catch a fly ball and pick up ground balls 3 out of 5 times
  - d. Must be able to hit the ball and run to first in 6 seconds
- 3. Players meeting the above minimum requirements standards must be watched during pre- and post- season games to finalize the rating.
- 4. Players not meeting the above standards will be placed on a team as a non-active reserve and are not eligible for team selection or team substitutions, but may practice with the assigned team. They may be rerated when the manager of the team thinks they are ready.

## **TEAM SELECTION**

1. Each player is assigned to a team by the Team Selection Committee (consisting of the Chairperson and two others along with the # 1's) using the guidelines provided. If any # 1 is not in the park at this time, she will notify the Team Selection Chairperson as to her chosen representative. The Team Selection Chairperson will preside over all meetings and mediate any disputes.
2. When all players have been assigned, the Committee and the # 1's shall review the teams to ensure that each team has a balance of talent e.g. overall skill including power (slugger designation), speed, accuracy, outfielders, infielders, pitchers, umpires, non-runners and new players. Adjustments may be made by moving players of the rating same from one team to another.
3. Before teams are finalized, the Executive will be asked to look at the teams to search for serious imbalances and recommend possible corrections for the Committee.
4. The Team Selection Committee will be responsible for the posting of the team rosters and team membership is completely confidential until the Team Selection Committee releases this information.

## PLAYER SUBSTITUTION

1. The Committee has the responsibility and power to assign replacement players. This process should be organized so that (a) there is always someone at the park to provide replacement players, and (b) there is only one person assigning placement players for the same team.
2. If a team will be missing a player the manager must request a replacement.
3. It is important that managers notify the Committee as soon as they know that they will require a player either temporarily or permanently.
4. Temporary replacement of players during the season: The following rules will be adhered to, if possible, but there may be times when these rules have to be tempered. The master list of ratings will be set up before the season starts. The following steps of order will be used:
  - Step 1 - the replacement player, with the same rating, will come from the reserve list.
  - Step 2 - the replacement player, with the same rating, will come from a bye team if there is one
  - Step 3 - the replacement player will come from the player pool as follows: A player will be replaced by a player of the same rating. If no replacement can be found within the rating, then the top 3 may be replaced from the next higher rating and the bottom 3 from the next lower rating. E.G. the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> #5 can be replaced by the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> #4 and the 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> #5 can be replaced by the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> #6.  
This will be on a rotating basis with no player playing two consecutive games (for the same team) unless all other options have been exhausted. The exception is: a reserve may play consecutive games for the same team as long as there is no other reserve with the same rating.  
If a player is needed during the game, the committee member will attempt to find a player following the rules set forth in steps 1 through 3. If a player cannot be found in a reasonable amount of time, a player of the nearest rating will be assigned. If a team requires a pitcher as the replacement and a pitcher of a higher rating is assigned, that replacement player must pitch the entire game.
  - Step 4 Players who substitute for non-runners become non-runners in that game.
5. *Any player assigned to a team and not available for the first four games of the season will be placed on the Reserve list. Any player missing six games in a row will be placed on the Reserve list. Players attempting to return after missing three or five games according to the above situations, must complete a full game to start the six game clock again.*
6. Permanent replacement of players during the season: A replacement player with the same rating will come from the reserve list. If there is not one of the same ratings, the Committee will have the discretion to use a player of the nearest rating.
7. In any year when there are an odd number of teams, one team will be required to sit out each playing day. Replacement players may be drawn from this team as well.

