

Citrus Park 50+ Softball League
Women's Player Placement Regulations
Amended – November 20, 2025

PLAYER RATING

End of the Season Duties:

1. **Each Manager** two weeks before the end of the season will rate the players on her team in each of the 4 categories on the form provided.
 - A. The categories are batting, throwing, fielding and running. Rating 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 .5.
 - B. Non-runners will have a rating of 10 for running. These four numbers will be added together to obtain a total rating.
 - C. Ball sense will be used as a consideration.
2. **The Manager's Representative**
 - A. Compile a master list of all the ratings as submitted by the managers.
 - B. Sort the master list using the total rating from lowest to highest.
 - C. Print and distribute master list to each manager, ratings chair and team selection chair.
3. **Managers' Meeting**
 - A. The managers will meet to review all ratings and revise as necessary.
 - B. The Rating and Team Selection Chairs will be in attendance only in an observation role.
 - C. A new master list will be prepared and distributed to the managers and committee members.
4. **Ratings committee and Managers**
 - A. The **Rating Chair** will meet with the managers to determine final ratings. It is strongly suggested that the Ratings Chair meet with her committee before she attends this meeting.
 - B. If there are any changes a new master list will be prepared by the Rating Chair and distributed to the managers and **Team Selection Chair**.

New Season Duties:

1. New registrants will continue to be evaluated and rated. Established players can be reevaluated by the Committee if dramatic changes are noted. All players will be added to the master list.
2. The finished master list will be compiled by the **Ratings Chair** and distributed to the **Team Selection/Player Substitution Chair**.
3. All reserve players will continue to have ongoing evaluation throughout the season. Any changes will be given **by the Ratings Chair for distribution to the Team Selection/Player Placement Chair**.
4. Players placed on a team cannot be re-rated during the season.

Player Rating Standards:

1. Players must be rated for the following reasons:
 - a. New to the league
 - b. Surgery
 - c. Injury
 - d. Missed 6 consecutive games for a medical reason
 - e. Full 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
3. Players meeting the above minimum requirements standards must be watched during pre- and post- season games to finalize the rating.

TEAM SELECTION

1. Once the commitment date has passed, the team selection committee shall assign each player to a team using the weave method.
2. The team selection committee shall then adjust the teams ensuring a balance of talent based on the final rating designation, (e.g., pitchers, non-runners, new players and umpires). Team selection committee members shall be assigned to different teams. Adjustments shall be made by moving players of the same rating from one team to another.
3. Shared position:
 - a. Two players of the same/similar rating shall share a position.
 - b. Each player shall play **in alternating games**
 - c. If one player cannot finish their game, the other player will finish the game.
 - d. If one of the players is a non-runner, both players will play as a non-runner.
 - e. If both players are unable to play a game, the team manager will be notified and player placement will be contacted for a replacement player.
4. The **team managers** and team selection committee shall then meet to review the teams for equality and make recommendations for adjustments.

5. Finally, the teams will be presented to the executive board for review and approval.

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 member on call** 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 always** come from the reserve list **first**.

Step 2 – If there are no available reserves with the same rating, the replacement player with the same rating will come from:

- a. The non-playing or **bye team** if there is one prior to game day,
- b. The sitting team on game day or during the game

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 1st, 2nd, or 3rd #5 can be replaced by the 4th, 5th or 6th #4 and the 4th 5th or 6th #5 can be replaced by the 1st, 2nd or 3rd #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. After playing at least one game, 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.