

# **Citrus Park 50+ Softball League**

## **Women's Player Placement Regulations**

### **Amended – Nov. 17, 2022**

#### **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 a newly appointed Rating Chairman will begin her term.

#### **End of the Season Duties:**

1. Two weeks before the end of the season, each manager will rate the players on her team in each of the 4 categories on the form provided. 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. 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 of the players. Ball sense will be used as a secondary consideration.
2. 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 Rating and Team Selection Chairs will be in attendance only in an observation role. A new master list will be prepared and distributed to the managers and committee members.
3. The rating committee will meet with the managers to determine final ratings. A new master list will be prepared if there are any changes and distributed to the managers and committee members.
4. New registrants will be watched in post-season play and given an initial rating. The committee members shall also be looking for changes that might affect a player's rating for the new season.

#### **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 Registrar and distributed to the Team Selection/Player Substitution Committee.
3. All reserve players will continue to have ongoing evaluation throughout the season. Any changes will be given to the Registrar for distribution.

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
  - 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. 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, e.g., overall skill including power (slugger designation), speed, accuracy, outfielders, pitchers, umpires, non-runners and new players. 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 one game a week.
  - 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 #1 players 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 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 non-playing 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. 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.

