

PLAYER AND TEAM RATING GUIDELINES 2008

Directions:

1. Read the following Statement of Purpose:

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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 NAGAAA. 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. All questions will begin with the phrase: *DOES THE PLAYER HAVE THE ABILITY TO...*

THROWING

DEFINITIONS FOR THROWING QUESTIONS

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

CONSISTENTLY: to be able to perform the particular skill with regularity or more often than not.
(i.e. the skill can be performed 4 out of 5 times)

YES or NO 1. Throw a catchable ball through the air in the vicinity of another player?

YES or NO 2. Throw a catchable ball through the air with a rainbow arc 90 feet or better? (90 feet is the distance between 3rd to 1st)
[a "YES" to question #2 automatically results in a "YES" to question #1]

YES or NO 3. Throw a catchable ball through the air 90 feet or better without a rainbow arc?
[a "YES" to question #3 automatically results in a "YES" to questions #1, #2]

YES or NO 4. Throw consistently to the proper place turning quick and accurate infield plays (including double plays) against runners with average base running knowledge and speed?

OR

Throw from the outfield directly and accurately to any base completing proper plays (including double plays) against runners with average base running knowledge and speed?
[a "YES" to question #4 automatically results in a "YES" to questions #1, #2, #3]

YES or NO 5. Throw consistently without a rainbow arc to the proper place turning quick and accurate infield plays (including double plays) against aggressive runners with above average speed?

OR

Make long throws without a rainbow arc from the outfield to any base completing proper plays (including double plays) against aggressive runners with above average speed?
[a "YES" to question #5 automatically results in a "YES" to questions #1, #2, #3, #4]

FIELDING

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CONSISTENTLY: to be able to perform the particular skill with regularity or more often than not.
(i.e. the skill can be performed 4 out of 5 times)

YES or NO 6. Occasionally on purpose catch balls that are thrown to the player in a rainbow arc?

OR

Occasionally on purpose field slow hit balls that are hit directly to player?

OR

Occasionally on purpose catch pop fly balls that are hit directly to player?

YES or NO 7. Occasionally on purpose catch balls that are thrown to the player in a straight line?

OR

Occasionally on purpose field slow hit balls that are within a few steps?

OR

Occasionally on purpose catch routine fly balls that are hit within a few steps?
[a "YES" to question #7 automatically results in a "YES" to question #6]

YES or NO 8. Consistently on purpose catch balls that are thrown in a straight line?

OR

Consistently on purpose field slow hit balls that are within a few steps?

OR

Consistently on purpose catch routine fly balls that are within 15 feet?

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

YES or NO 9. Consistently on purpose catch balls that are thrown and make a tag?

OR

Consistently on purpose field medium hit balls that are within a few steps?

OR

Consistently on purpose catch routine fly balls while running that are more than 15 feet away?

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

YES or NO 10. Occasionally on purpose field hard hit balls that are within a few steps requiring quick lateral motion?

OR

Occasionally on purpose catch line drives on a full run?

[a "YES" to question #10 automatically results in a "YES" to questions #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 long or high fly balls while running that are more than 15 feet?

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

YES or NO 12. Consistently on purpose field hard hit balls that are within a few steps requiring quick lateral motion?

OR

Consistently on purpose catch fly balls or line drives on a full run?

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

YES or NO 13. Consistently on purpose field infield balls that are hit hard into the holes?

OR

Consistently on purpose stop base hits in the gaps from getting by the outfielders?
[a "YES" to question #13 automatically results in a "YES" to questions #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12]

YES or NO 14. Occasionally on purpose make spectacular catches?

BASE RUNNING

(No definitions required. Answer YES or NO)

YES or NO 15. Go from base to base utilizing rudimentary knowledge of the rules?

YES or NO 16. Run with average speed using a good knowledge of the base running rules and occasionally take extra bases on good hits or errors against a limited level of defense or slide to be safe?
[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 take extra bases on good hits or errors against an intermediate level of defense, aggressively sliding feet or head first to be safe whenever necessary?
[a "YES" to question #17 automatically results in a "YES" to questions #15, #16]

YES or NO 18. Run very aggressively and take extra bases on good hits or errors against an exceptional level defense?
[a "YES" to question #18 automatically results in a "YES" to questions #15, #16, #17]

HITTING

DEFINITIONS FOR HITTING QUESTIONS

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(i.e. the skill can be performed 2 out of 5 times)

CONSISTENTLY: to be able to perform the particular skill with regularity or more often than not.
(i.e. the skill can be performed 3 out of 5 times)

YES or NO 19. Occasionally hit a fair ball?

YES or NO 20. Consistently hit a fair ball?
[a "YES" to question #20 automatically results in a "YES" to question #19]

YES or NO 21. Occasionally hit a fair ball with at least medium velocity?
[a "YES" to question #21 automatically results in a "YES" to questions #19, #20]

- YES or NO 22. Consistently hit a fair ball with at least medium velocity?
[a “YES” to question #22 automatically results in a “YES” to questions #19, #20, #21]
- YES or NO 23. Consistently reach base safely on a hit against an intermediate level of defense?
[a “YES” to question #23 automatically results in a “YES” to questions #19, #20, #21, #22]
- YES or NO 24. Occasionally reach base safely on a hit with high velocity against an intermediate level of defense?
- YES or NO 25. Consistently reach base safely on a hit with high velocity?
[a “YES” to question #25 automatically results in a “YES” to question #24]
- YES or NO 26. Consistently reach base safely against an exceptional level of defense?
[a “YES” to question #26 automatically results in a “YES” to questions #24, #25]
- YES or NO 27. Consistently reach base on an intentional hit, with the ability to use all fields?**

OR

Occasionally hit a ball over a 300’ fence?