



## Player Rating Guide

**Divisional Team Guidelines:** Teams may compete in the following divisions based on their Player and Team Ratings.

- **A Division** – There is no maximum team or individual player rating for the A division.  
No team rated lower than 170 is allowed to play in the A division, except any B team granted eligibility in or required to move to A division under the no-repeat rule of this organization shall be exempt from this minimum rating requirement.
- **B Division** – All teams rated 170 or lower; no players rated over 18 are allowed on a B division team.
- **C Division** – All teams rated 130 or lower; no players rated over 14 are allowed on a C division team.
- **D Division** – All teams rated 95 or lower; no players rated over 10 are allowed on a D division team.
- **E Division** – All teams rated 60 or lower; no players rated over 6 are allowed on an E division team
- **Legends C Division** – All teams rated 130 or lower; no players rated over 14 are allowed on a Legends C division team
- **Legends D Division** – All teams rated 95 or lower; no players rated over 10 are allowed on a Legends D division team

**Definitions:**

**Accuracy** – A throw that is within one to two steps of the intended target.

**At-bat** – An at-bat is charged to a player following every plate appearance except when:

- 1) the player hits a sacrifice fly that scores a runner,
  - 2) the player is awarded a base on balls, or
  - 3) the third out occurs and the batter is not entitled to run to first base.
- **Exception** – #3 shall not be considered if the batter is out due to a strike being a foul ball which ends the at-bat. In the event of any discrepancy between this definition and the official scoring rules of USA Softball, the latest USA Softball rules shall control.

**Base Safely Reached on Error** – A batter shall be credited with a base safely reached on error on the part of a defensive player(s) charged with an error by the scorekeeper.

**Behind the Player (for fly balls)** – The area on the field starting directly to the right of the player, proceeding in a 180-degree arc behind the player and ending directly to the left of the player.

**Cleanly fielding the ball** – The player receives and controls the ball immediately while over his/her center of gravity (not on their knees, on the ground, or off-balance) and does not cause any delay in making the next play.

**Deliver multiple pitch techniques with accuracy** – The ability to use arc, spin, location, and movement to deliver various pitches (curve, change-up, cutter/reverse curve, knuckleball) that are called strikes or cause the batter to swing.

**Directly at the Player** – A ball hit at a player that does not require foot movement, though reaching may be required.

**Fly Ball** – Any batted ball in the air for more than three (3) seconds but less than five (5) seconds.

**Ground Ball** – A ball hit with a downward trajectory that hits the ground in front of the player (if hit directly at them) or in front of the bases (if hit between players).

**High Velocity** – A ball hit more than 250 feet in the air, or a ground ball that would roll more than 250 feet if unobstructed.

**Hit** – A batted ball that allows the batter to reach base safely under any of the following:

- 1) a fair ball that settles on the ground, clears the fence, or hits the fence before being touched;
- 2) a fair ball impossible to field with ordinary effort;



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3) a fair untouched ball becoming dead due to contact with an umpire;

4) a fielder unsuccessfully attempts to retire another runner and the batter-runner could not have been retired with perfect fielding.

- A hit is not scored when:
  - A runner is forced out or would have been except for an error;
  - A preceding runner is retired with ordinary effort;
  - a fielder attempts unsuccessfully to retire a preceding runner but the batter-runner could have been retired;
  - a preceding runner is called out for interference.

In any discrepancy, USA Softball rules control.

In the Hole – A ball requiring a player to move 4–5 steps (12 feet or more) to make the play.

Line Drive – A ball rising vertically less than 10% of its horizontal distance (or 5% for a throw).

Low Velocity – A ball hit up to 150 feet in the air, or a ground ball that would roll less than 150 feet if unobstructed.

Medium Velocity – A ball hit 150–250 feet in the air, or a ground ball that would roll 150–250 feet if unobstructed.

Modified batting average –  $(\text{Hits} + \text{Bases Reached on Error}) \div \text{At-bats}$ .

Off center of gravity – Fielding while on knees, off one foot, moving opposite the throw, or airborne.

Stopping the ball – Preventing the ball from passing beyond the player and keeping it nearby, but without being able to make the next play without delay.

Vicinity – Within one step laterally of the receiver.

Within a few steps – A ball requiring 2–3 steps (9–10 feet) by a player to make the play.

### RATINGS QUESTIONS

#### NOTE

The following questions are linked: 1–4, 6–9, 10–12, 13–20, and 21–26.

A YES to the highest question in any linked set grants the player all the questions in that set.

Example: If a player answers YES on Question 20, that player also receives credit for Questions 13–20.

#### Section – Hitting Evaluation Questions

- Question 1 Hits a fair or foul ball with low velocity. (60% threshold)
- Question 2 Hits a fair or foul ball with medium velocity. (60% threshold)
- Question 3 Hits a fair or foul ball with high velocity. (20% threshold)
- Question 4 Hits a fair or foul ball with high velocity. (60% threshold)
- Question 5 Hits a fly ball 300' (91.4m) or more. (5% threshold)
- Notes –
  - Players with a YES to Question 3 cannot participate in the E Division.
  - Players with a YES to Question 5 cannot participate in the D or E Divisions.



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### Section – Batting Average Evaluation

(Questions 6, 7, 8, & 9)

Batting Against:

Division	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9
E Division	> .700	> .800	> .900	> .950
D Division	> .600	> .700	> .800	> .900
C Division	> .500	> .600	> .700	> .800
B Division	> .400	> .500	> .600	> .700
A Division	> .300	> .400	> .500	> .600

### Section – Running Speed Evaluation

(Questions 10, 11, & 12)

Threshold: No minimum required; the ability to complete the run one time qualifies for a YES.

Directions: Player runs from a stopped and standing-ready position:

- Home plate → first base
- One base → next base
- Third base → home plate

Distance: 70 feet (21.3 meters)

Question	Time Threshold
Question 10	4.5 seconds
Question 11	4.0 seconds
Question 12	3.5 seconds



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### Section – Fielding Evaluation

(Questions 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20) (60% Threshold)

#### INFIELD

- Question 13      Cleanly fields a ball hit with low velocity directly at the player OR stops the ball hit with low velocity directly at the pitcher. Catches a fly ball hit directly at the player.
- Question 14      Cleanly fields a ball hit with low velocity within a few steps (9–10 ft / 2.7–3 m) OR directly at pitcher. Catches a fly ball 0–15 ft (0–4.6 m) sides/front.
- Question 15      Cleanly fields a ball with low velocity in the hole (>12 ft / 4 steps) away from the player. Cleanly fields a ball with medium velocity directly at the player OR Stops the ball hit with medium velocity directly at the pitcher. Stops the ball with high velocity directly at the player. Catches a fly ball >15–30 ft (4.6–9.1 m) sides/front or 15 ft behind the player.
- Question 16      Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity within a few steps (9–10 feet or 2.7–3 meters) of the player OR Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity directly at the pitcher. Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity directly at the player OR Stops the ball hit with high velocity directly at the pitcher. Catches a fly ball hit >30 feet up to 45 feet (>9.1 meters up to 13.7 meters) to the sides/front of or 30 feet (9.1 meters) behind the player
- Question 17      Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity in the hole (>12 feet (3.7 meters) or 4–5 steps) away from the player. Stops a ball hit with high velocity within a few steps (9–10 feet or 2.7–3 meters) of the player OR Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity directly at the pitcher. Catches a fly ball hit >45 feet up to 60 feet (>13.7 meters up to 18.3 meters) to the sides/front of or 45 feet (13.7 meters) behind the player.
- Question 18      Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity within a few steps (9–10 feet or 2.7–3 meters) of the player. Catches a fly ball hit 60 feet up to 75 feet (>18.3 meters up to 22.9 meters) to the sides/front of or 60 feet (18.3 meters) behind of the player.
- Question 19      Stops a ball hit with high velocity in the hole (>12 feet (3.7 meters) or 4–5 steps) away from the player. Catches a fly ball hit >75 feet up to 90 feet (>22.9 meters up to 27.4 meters) to the sides/front of or 75 feet (22.9 meters) behind of the player.
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#### OUTFIELD

- Question 13      Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity directly at the player. Catches a fly ball hit directly at the player.
- Question 14      Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity zero feet up to 15 feet (4.6 meters) of the player fields directly at player. Catches fly ball hit with high velocity directly at the player. Catches a fly ball hit zero feet up to 15 feet (4.6 meters) to the sides/front of the player
- Question 15      Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity >15 feet up to 30 feet (>4.6 meters up to 9.1 meters) of the player. Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity zero up to 15 feet (4.6 meters) of the player. Catches a fly ball hit >15 feet up to 30 feet (>4.6 meters up to 9.1 meters) to the sides/front of or 15 feet (4.6 meters) behind the player.
- Question 16      Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity >30 feet up to 45 feet (>9.1 meters up to 13.7 meters) of the player. Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity >15 feet up to 30 feet (>4.6 meters up to 9.1 meters) of



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### Section – Throwing Evaluation

(Questions 21, 22, 23, 24, & 26) (60% Threshold)

#### Question 21      Basic Throwing Power

Meets if ANY of the following are true:

- Can throw 50 ft with a line drive (accuracy not required), OR
- Can throw 70 ft (any arc, any accuracy).

#### Question 22      Intro Accuracy / Moderate Distance

Meets if ANY of the following are true:

- Can throw 50 ft with line drive + accuracy, OR
- Can throw 70 ft with a line drive (accuracy not required), OR
- Can throw 100 ft (any arc, any accuracy).

#### Question 23      Solid Throwing Power

Meets if ANY of the following are true:

- Can throw 70 ft with line drive + accuracy, OR
- Can throw 100 ft with no arc (line drive), accuracy not required, OR
- Can throw 150 ft (any arc, any accuracy).

#### Question 24      Strong Arm Strength

Meets if ANY of the following are true:

- Can throw 100 ft with line drive + accuracy, OR
- Can throw 150 ft with no arc (line drive), accuracy not required, OR
- Can throw 200 ft (any arc, any accuracy).



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### Question 25     Advanced Arm Strength

Meets if ANY of the following are true:

- Can throw 150 ft with line drive + accuracy, OR
- Can throw 200 ft with no arc (line drive), accuracy not required, OR
- Can throw 100 ft with line drive + accuracy while off-balance
  - (e.g., from one knee, one foot, or falling away).

### Question 26 – Elite Thrower

Meets if ANY of the following are true:

- Can throw 200 ft with line drive + accuracy, OR
- Can throw 150 ft with line drive + accuracy while off-balance
  - (e.g., from one knee, one foot, or falling away).

### Section – Pitching Evaluation

(Questions 22, 23, & 24) (60% Threshold)

#### Question 22 – Basic Pitcher

- Pitch a strike and/or cause the batter to swing.

#### Question 23 – Intermediate Pitcher

- Vary the height, depth and location of the pitch while pitching a strike and/or causing the batter to swing

#### Question 24 – Advanced Pitcher

- Deliver multiple pitch techniques while pitching a strike and/or causing the batter to swing