

- t. Slow Hit Ball / Slow Velocity – a ball hit up to 150 feet (45.7m) or less in the air or a ground ball that would roll to a distance of less than 150 feet (45.7m), if not impeded.
- u. Stopping the ball – The player prevents the ball from continuing beyond the player and causes it to remain in the vicinity of the player. The player is not able, however, to make the next play without delay.
- v. Vicinity – within a step in any direction laterally of the player receiving the throw
- w. Within a few steps – A ball hit that requires a player to take 2 – 3 steps (9 – 10 feet or 2.7 – 3 meters) in order to make the play.

*(NOTE: In reference to the modified batting average, a batted ball resulting in a fielder's choice is not included in the definition of a hit and therefore is not included in the number of hits a player is recorded to calculate the modified batting average. The USA Softball Rules and NAGAAA Governing Manual do not define a fielder's choice. A Fielder's Choice is understood to be an outcome of a batted ball where a preceding runner was put-out (or could have been in the judgement of the scorer) rather than the batter-runner. See lines 806-813 for these results of a batted ball that do not constitute a hit. This note is explanatory on the definition of modified batting average and is not considered a governing rule. Added by Board of Directors February 17, 2019)*

## **SECTION 2 – PLAYER RATING GUIDELINES**

**25.20 Rating Guidelines:** The following are the official rating guidelines of this organization:

### *Directions:*

1. Read the following Statement of Purpose: *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 the Open Division. All questions are intended to determine if a player possesses a skill or skills necessary for softball.*
2. Read and understand the definitions of the various terms used in ratings in the definitions section of this chapter.
3. Answer YES or NO for each question.
4. Many questions have multiple parts. A YES to ANY one part is a YES to the question.
5. Questions: All questions will begin with the phrase: DOES THE PLAYER HAVE THE ABILITY TO...

**DIRECTIONS: Review each of the following questions for every player. Does the player have the ability to perform the listed skill 60% of the time (unless otherwise identified)? If so, the player receives a YES for the question. A YES to any part of a question is a YES to that question.**

HITTING	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	
	Hits a fair ball with low velocity.	Hits a fair ball with medium velocity.	Hits a fair ball with high velocity. <b>(20% threshold)</b>	Hits a fair ball with high velocity. <b>(60% threshold)</b>	Hits a fly ball 300' (91.4m) or more. <b>(5% threshold)</b>	<i>NOTE:</i> 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. See Governing Manual Section 20.35.
Modified Batting Average	<i>Batting against</i>	Question 6	Question 7	Question 8	Question 9	<i>NOTE:</i> The following questions are linked: 1 – 4, 6 – 9, 10 – 13, 15 – 22, and 23 – 28. A YES to the highest question in a linked set earns the player all those questions (i.e., a player with YES on Q21, will also be given Q15 – Q20.
	E Division	≥ .800	≥ .850	≥ .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	
RUNNING	Question 10	Question 11	Question 12	Question 13	Question 14	
Speed	From a stopped standing ready position, runs from home plate to first base, one base to the next, or third base to home plate (i.e., 70 feet or 21.3 meters) in less than:				Runner successfully advances beyond what would be expected relative to the Division and game situation.	<i>NOTE:</i> Question 14 Definitions are  1. Batter reaches first, runner goes from first to third, or runner goes from second to home. 2. Batter reaches second or runner goes from first to home.
	4.5 seconds	4 seconds	3.5 seconds	3 seconds		
	<i>NOTE:</i> Q10 – Q13 are assessed based on the player having or not having the ability to perform the listed skill. There is no percentage threshold for these questions; the player can or cannot perform the skill.					
				Base Running		

FIELDING (INFIELD)	Question 15	Question 16	Question 17	Question 18	Question 19	Question 20	Question 21	Question 22
Ground Ball/Line Drive Low Velocity	Cleanly fields a ball hit with low velocity directly at the player <b>OR</b> Stops the ball hit with low velocity directly at the pitcher.	Cleanly fields a ball hit with low velocity within a few steps (9 – 10 feet or 2.7-3 meters) of the player <b>OR</b> Cleanly fields a ball hit with low velocity directly at the pitcher.	Cleanly fields a ball hit with low velocity in the hole (>12 feet (3.7 meters) or 4-5 steps) away from the player.					
Ground Ball/Line Drive Medium Velocity			Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity directly at the player <b>OR</b> Stops the ball hit with medium velocity directly at the pitcher.	Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity within a few steps (9-10 feet or 2.7-3 meters) of the player <b>OR</b> Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity directly at the pitcher.	Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity in the hole (>12 feet (3.7 meters) or 4-5 steps) away from the player.			
Ground Ball/Line Drive High Velocity			Stops the ball hit with high velocity directly at the player.	Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity directly at the player <b>OR</b> Stops the ball hit with high velocity directly at the pitcher.	Stops a ball hit with high velocity within a few steps (9-10 feet or 2.7-3 meters) of the player <b>OR</b> Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity directly at the pitcher.	Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity within a few steps (9-10 feet or 2.7-3 meters) of the player.	Stops a ball hit with high velocity in the hole (>12 feet (3.7 meters) or 4-5 steps) away from the player.	Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity in the hole (>12 feet (3.7 meters) or 4-5 steps) away from the player.
Fly Ball	Catches a fly ball hit directly at the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 15 feet (4.6 meters) to the sides/front of the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 30 feet (9.1 meters) to the sides/front of or 15 feet (4.6 meters) behind the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 45 feet (13.7 meters) to the sides/front of or 30 feet (9.1 meters) behind the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 60 feet (18.3 meters) to the sides/front of or 45 feet (13.7 meters) behind the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 75 feet (22.9 meters) to the sides/front of or 60 feet (18.3 meters) behind of the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 90 feet (27.4 meters) to the sides/front of or 75 feet (22.9 meters) behind of the player.	Catches a fly ball hit >90 feet (27.4 meters) to the sides/front of or >75 feet (22.9 meters) behind of the player.
FIELDING (OUTFIELD)	Question 15	Question 16	Question 17	Question 18	Question 19	Question 20	Question 21	Question 22
Ground Ball Medium Velocity	Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity directly at the player.	Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity within 15 feet (4.6 meters) of the player	Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity within 30 feet (9.1 meters) of the player	Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity within 45 feet (13.7 meters) of the player	Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity within 60 feet (18.3 meters) of the player	Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity within 75 feet (22.9 meters) of the player	Cleanly fields a ball hit with medium velocity within 90 feet (27.4 meters) of the player	
Ground Ball High Velocity		Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity directly at the player.	Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity within 15 feet (4.6 meters) of the player	Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity within 30 feet (9.1 meters) of the player	Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity within 45 feet (13.7 meters) of the player	Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity within 60 feet (18.3 meters) of the player	Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity within 75 feet (22.9 meters) of the player	Cleanly fields a ball hit with high velocity within 90 feet (27.4 meters) of the player
Fly Ball	Catches a fly ball hit directly at the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 15 feet (4.6 meters) to the sides/front of the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 30 feet (9.1 meters) to the sides/front of or 15 feet (4.6 meters) behind the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 45 feet (13.7 meters) to the sides/front of or 30 feet (9.1 meters) behind the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 60 feet (18.3 meters) to the sides/front of or 45 feet (13.7 meters) behind the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 75 feet (22.9 meters) to the sides/front of or 60 feet (18.3 meters) behind the player.	Catches a fly ball hit within 90 feet (27.4 meters) to the sides/front of or 75 feet (22.9 meters) behind the player.	Catches a fly ball hit >90 feet (27.4 meters) to the sides/front of or >75 feet (22.9 meters) behind the player.

THROWING AND PITCHING					
Question 23	Question 24	Question 25	Question 26	Question 27	Question 28
Throw 50 feet (15.2 meters) with line drive (regardless of accuracy)	Throw 50 feet (15.2 meters) with line drive <i>and</i> accuracy	Throw 70 feet (21.3 meters) with line drive <i>and</i> accuracy	Throw 100 feet (30.5 meters) with line drive <i>and</i> accuracy	Throw 150 feet (45.7 meters) with line drive <i>and</i> accuracy	Throw >200 feet (61 meters) with line drive <i>and</i> accuracy
	Pitch a strike	Vary the height, depth and location of the pitch while maintaining accuracy	Deliver multiple pitch techniques while maintaining accuracy		
Throw 70 feet (21.3 meters) (regardless of arc or accuracy)	Throw 70 feet (21.3 meters) with line drive (regardless of accuracy)	Throw 100 feet (30.5 meters) with line drive (regardless of accuracy)	Throw 150 feet (45.7 meters) with line drive (regardless of accuracy)	Throw >200 feet (61 meters) with line drive (regardless of accuracy)	Throw 150 feet (45.7 meters) with line drive and accuracy while off center of gravity (e.g., from knees, from one foot)
	Throw 100 feet (30.5 meters) (regardless of arc or accuracy)	Throw 150 feet (45.7 meters) (regardless of arc or accuracy)	Throw >200 feet (61 meters) (regardless of arc or accuracy)	Throw 100 feet (30.5 meters) with line drive and accuracy while off center of gravity (e.g., from knees, from one foot)	