



### **I. Guidelines to Rating Players in the SFGSL**

- A. The manager and/or coach is/are responsible for ratings on each team and will use the newly created Team Roster Ratings Form to rate all players on the roster.
- B. Ratings rosters will only be accepted on the new form, which can be downloaded from the website or obtained from your Open Division Representative.
- C. The SFGSL provides a guideline, 2010 NAGAAA Ratings Questions, with SFGSL interpretations to guide you to rate players based on the questions defined by NAGAAA.
- D. The questions are divided into 6 categories. Within each category questions are viewed as a progression of a player's skill level from beginner to advance.
- E. The highlighted questions on the Team Roster Ratings Form indicate the skills that a player might achieve for that division.
- F. The highlighted questions on the Team Roster Ratings Form should be looked at first when judging a player's skill level. Therefore, the highlighted questions on the Team Roster Ratings Form must be answered "yes" first before you would consider answering "yes" to additional questions in a sub category.
- G. For example: Question 3 can not be answered "yes" without first answering "yes" to questions 1 and 2. This is because question 3 requires greater ability than the previous two questions.
- H. Use 1 to indicate a "yes" answer on the Team Roster Ratings Form. Use 0 to indicate a "no" answer on the Team Roster & Ratings Form
- I. Special consideration may be given to rookie teams joining the SFGSL. This will be handled by the Board with direction from the Ratings Committee.

### **II. Validation Practice**

- A. A validation practice must be conducted or excused by the division representative.
- B. This practice will be attended by a board member or board-appointed representative.
- C. At this practice, the team must complete the skills in the NAGAAA Ratings Questions Guideline for each player.
- D. The board representative must be present to validate that the team has sufficiently completed the validation practice.
- E. This practice must be completed before the first league game.
- F. Failure to have a validation practice will result in a \$25 fine.

### **III. Ratings Committee**

The SFGSL Ratings Process consists of a committee to coordinate and provide an overall process to the rating of players in the Open Division. The committee and how it works are outlined below.

- A. Divisional Ratings Committee:** This committee provides teams with guidelines to rate their players, promote a better understanding of player skills, and to achieve consistency and accuracy of player ratings throughout the League.

#### IV. Divisional Ratings Committee

- A. The Divisional Ratings Committee (DRC) is comprised of one representative from each team, usually the team coach or manager, the League's Open Division Representatives, and the Board Member Liaison.
- B. An appointed Board Member Liaison will oversee this committee.
- C. This committee will meet 3 times a season to agree upon individual player ratings.
- D. It is mandatory that teams have a representative at each DRC meeting during the season.
- E. The DRC is divided into sub-Committees based on the number of Open Divisions. Each sub-committee is composed of one manager or coach from each team that is responsible for their team's ratings.
- F. Open Division Representatives will facilitate their respective sub-committee meetings and will be responsible for ensuring sufficient review of player ratings occurs during the meeting.
- G. Minutes of sub-committee meetings will be kept and submitted to Open Division Representatives and the League Secretary. Meeting minutes will be sent to all coaches or managers in a timely manner, per the SFGSL by-laws.
- H. If an Open Division Representative is the coach or manager of a team, another team member must represent the team at the sub-committee meeting, preferably someone with ratings knowledge.
- I. If a team wishes to change an established player's rating, the player rating must be addressed at a DRC meeting.
- J. A player's rating may be raised or lowered as necessary at a DRC meeting.  
(in all 3 DRC Meetings)
- K. Lowering of a player rating must be submitted to the division representative **one week prior** to the Divisional Ratings Committee Meeting date along with a 25\$ fee for each question.
- L. This fee to lower a player's rating must be mailed to the SFGSL mailbox **one week prior** to the Divisional Ratings Committee Meeting date.
- M. If a player's rating is lowered at the DRC meeting it will be sent to the SFGSL board for final approval. (each fee per question upheld will be refunded)

#### V. Divisional Ratings Committee Meetings

- A. DRC meeting dates, times and locations will be determined annually. The timeframe and meeting goals revolve around the "regular season" and are outlined below.
- B. Roll call will be taken at the beginning and end of each sub-committee meeting.
- C. A \$25 fine will be assessed to each team that does not have a representative at each roll call.
- D. No more than 2 team members can be present per meeting. Only the primary representative designated prior to start of meeting may vote.
- E. During any of these meetings, player ratings can be changed.
- F. The purpose of the 1st meeting is to review changes to ratings procedure and review current ratings of players as well as identify and address player rating concerns.
- G. The purpose of the 2nd meeting is to review player ratings as well as identify and address player rating concerns.
- H. The purpose of the 3rd meeting is to review player ratings as well as identify and address player rating concerns. It is also used to review player eligibility in the WS Berth Tournament and the NAGAAA GSWS. Final NAGAAA ratings for Open Division League members will be established.
- I. Meetings will be held early in the week, whenever possible, to provide for optimal time to implement results.
- J. The SFGSL Member Code of Conduct will apply at all meetings, as well as following Roberts Rules of Order.

- K. Each team representative will have one vote per action. The following will apply.
  - Open Division Representative can vote only in order to break a tie.
  - You may only vote Yes or No, no Abstains are allowed
  - All votes will be done by secret ballots.
  - The note taker will log votes on a tally sheet and submit with the minutes.
  - A simple majority will be required to pass a vote.
- L. Rulings from the DRC will take effect following the conclusion of each meeting and will be communicated by the applicable Open Division Representative to the team manager or coach and the Board within 24 hours.
- M. It is the responsibility of the manager or coach to inform their player(s) of any change in their rating within 24 hours of notification by the Open Division Representative.
- N. The manager or coach must inform the Open Division Representative the above task has been completed. He/She will supply the Open Division Representative with sufficient player(s) contact information.

## **VI. Re-Rating of Players**

- A. A player can be re-rated by only the following 4 methods.
  - By the Divisional Ratings Committee during the Divisional Ratings Committee meeting. (in all 3 meetings.)
  - By the teams manager.(to raise a rating only)
  - By the league commissioner.
  - By the commissioner upon the request of the divisional representative. (the commissioner may adjust the players ratings based on this review.)
- B. The player(s) or teams whose rating is raised, which results in the player(s) or team exceeding the SFGSL Divisional Guidelines will have one of the following occur.
  - The player(s) who exceeded the maximum division rating for an individual can stay on the current team as a non-playing member.

### **OR**

- A player who has exceeded the maximum division rating for an individual must be placed on a team in the appropriate division based on player's new-rating. The current Open Division Representative will submit the player(s) name and contact information to the new Open Division Representative.
- The current Open Division Representative will contact the re-rated player(s) to determine whether he/she would like help with placement on team in the new division.
  - If player(s) wants help, the current Open Division Representative will contact the new Open Division Representative.
  - The new Open Division Representative will inform applicable division managers of availability of available player(s) from another division.
  - If no team in the new division voluntarily accepts player(s) within 72 hours, the Open Division Representative using criteria such as number of players on rosters, worst record, etc., will assign the player(s) to a team in the new division.
  - If there is mutual agreement between the re-rated player(s) and the new team, player(s) will move up immediately.
- C. If player(s) do(es) not need help joining a team in the new division, the player(s) must inform the previous Open Division Representative within 7 days or prior to playing in a game (whichever comes first) what team they are joining. Failure to do so could result in forfeit of games played.

- D. For player(s) whose increase makes the team go above the number set in the Divisional Guidelines for team ratings, the following will occur.
  - The team **must** play in the appropriate division for the WS Berth Tournament.
  - The team can finish the remainder of the season in its current division with the following limitations.
    - The top 10 rated players on the lineup card at any given time during a game cannot exceed the division guidelines for team rating.
    - Players can be substituted as long as the top 10 rated players on the line up card do not exceed the division guideline for team rating.
- E. The current Open Division Representative will notify the new Open Division Representative that another team will be playing in that division for the WS Berth Tournament.
- F. Open Division Representative will review line up cards weekly. If it is found that a team has an illegal player on the line-up card that game will result in an automatic forfeit.

## VII. Protest Procedures

Any protests by a team, due to individual player or team roster ratings while on the field of play, should be registered to an umpire (and subsequently, the League) using standard protest procedures as noted in rules of play, section XVI (Protest). If a protest is registered, an emergency meeting of the SFGSL board will be called as soon as possible and all appropriate parties notified. If this occurs the following will apply.

- G. Representatives of teams involved may be there to present facts, but will not be allowed to vote.
- H. The Open Division Representative (or other board member if Open Division Representative is unavailable), in which the player/team currently plays, will facilitate the protest meeting.
- I. If a protest is upheld, the protested team will forfeit game(s) protested. Additional penalties may apply.
- J. All protest decisions are final.
- K. All fines must be paid before the team's next schedule game of play. Forfeit fees may also apply.