

Ratings Committee Outline: RCSA Open Division 2009

Purpose: The RCSA shall form a Ratings Committee to assist and advise the RCSA Managers and RCSA Open Commissioner.

This Committee is intended to supplement ratings training opportunities the RCSA will provide to RCSA Open Managers, and is not intended as a replacement of such training.

Indeed it is the intention, by focusing on ratings training and early discussion of potential areas of protest, both the current ratings protest process and manager / commissioner ratings disagreements will be minimized.

It will remain a primary duty of each RCSA Open Manager to rate their players for submission to the RCSA on or before the required dates (pre season and NAGAAA final ratings due dates).

In addition, all managers will, in good conscience, re-evaluate player ratings throughout the season as such evaluation warrants.

Scope: A Ratings Committee would be an advisory body, separate in purpose from the established RCSA protest process and would have the following functions:

1: The Ratings Committee would assist RCSA Managers that request help with their preliminary ratings. The opportunities for such help would be:

- a: Open Division Ratings Help Clinic (April 5th) (Pre Due Date)
- b: Pre Season Scrimmage Day (April 11th) (Post Due Date)
- c: Prior to Final Ratings Due Date (Week of July 6th?)

The Ratings Committee would offer consultation on a one-on-one basis for the above dates, not as a voting body.

2: The Ratings Committee would assist the RCSA Commissioner in evaluating Commissioner identified potential ratings discrepancies during the following periods:

- a: Post Preliminary Ratings Submission Deadline, Pre Season Scrimmage Day. (April 11th)
- b: Post Manager Deadline for Final Ratings, pre NAGAAA Submission. (July 14th)

The Ratings Committee would function as a voting body for the above dates.

Committee Term: The Ratings Committee shall be empanelled April 5th thru the Final NAGAAA ratings submission date of 2008 (July 14th).

Committee Commitments: The Ratings Committee would be required to attend and / or be available for the following events / dates:

- a: April 5th: Open Division Ratings Help Clinic

- b: April 11th: Pre Season Scrimmage Day and Prelim Ratings Meeting with Commissioner
- c: July 6th: Available by phone during this week for manager advice
- d: July 14th: Final Ratings Meeting with Commissioner

Committee Makeup: The Ratings Committee shall be made up of members that have demonstrated proficiency of RCSA Open Division / NAGAAA player ratings criteria. This Committee may include: past RCSA members in good standing, past NAGAAA affiliated city league members in good standing, current NAGAAA affiliated city league members, current RCSA members (both Open and Women's Division) and ASA licensed Umpires.

Candidates will be nominated and approved by the Open Commission via majority vote.

A Chair Person shall be nominated and approved by the Commission via majority vote.

Advisory Process:

The Ratings Committee shall advise managers in the following manner:

- 1: Managers may request Committee advice as they rate players on specific abilities for NAGAAA ratings questions.
- 2: The Committee (or more specifically, Individual Committee Member) will, after observation of the player in question, advise the manager as to the accuracy of the manager's initial responses to the specified questions. In addition, they will offer, to the best of their experience, rationale for the manager responses, and / or why they would recommend changing said response.

Each Committee Member will be responsible for keeping a log of each player and question upon which they have given a recommendation. The Ratings Committee and the RCSA Commissioner may utilize the Logs to support player rating rationale at both the League and NAGAAA level.

The Ratings Committee shall advise the Open Commissioner in the following manner:

- 1: The Commissioner, upon review of ratings submitted by the managers, may identify specific ratings with potential protest implications and / or manager error.
 - a: Upon review of Committee Logs, if a Committee Member has already advised a manager on a Commissioner identified question, and that manager's answer is in contradiction to Committee Member advice, it is the Commissioner's discretion to keep or alter the rating answer without further review.
 - b: If the rating question is a new, previously unidentified issue, the Commissioner will first discuss the issue with the Manager. If the Commissioner and Manager cannot come to agreement on the rating question, the Ratings Committee will be called upon to render a recommendation.

c: If both the Manager and Committee Member have discussed and agreed on a specific rating question, this will be construed by the Commissioner as enough evidence to support the submitted answer.

Recommendation Process:

If called upon by the RCSA Open Commissioner, the Ratings Committee will render a rating recommendation by the following process:

- 1: The Commissioner shall charge all Ratings Committee members to meet on the specified voting body commitment dates.
- 2: The Commissioner will identify to the Committee the specific ratings questions that he / she believes have potential for protest per person, per team.
 - a: The Ratings Committee voting body, for any specific vote, will be comprised of an uneven number of representatives, with a minimum number of 3. (Selection of which will be by random drawing if needed.)
- 3: The Commissioner will state his / her rationale for believing the rating question answer is invalid.
- 4: The Manager will be given an opportunity to defend the answer, otherwise defense will fall upon the Commissioner and / or testimony from the Ratings Committee.
- 5: The Ratings Committee will vote (by show of hands) to uphold the rating (the current rating is valid) or to advise that the rating be changed (the rating is invalid).
- 6: The Commissioner will then alter the rating answer as recommended by the Ratings Committee.
- 7: A Ratings Committee recommendation, though non-binding, may only be over-ridden by official RCSA protest procedure.



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Ratings Committee / Player Diary

Committee Member Name: _____ date: _____

Player Name and Team: _____

Ratings Question #: _____

Member Recommendation: _____

Committee Member Name: _____ date: _____

Player Name and Team: _____

Ratings Question #: _____

Member Recommendation: _____

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