

SUN CITY SOFTBALL CLUB
Tuesday/Thursday League Competition Committee
Responsibilities, Player Replacement Guidelines & Playoff Format

MISSION STATEMENT

Promote and administer fair and balanced competition among teams participating in the Sun City Softball Club Tuesday/Thursday League.

A. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. League Make-Up:

- determine number of available players, both playing and in the substitute pool
- determine number of teams and the number of players per team
- schedule pre-season practice for each team
- publish the schedule of play for the season
- publish the schedule for the championship playoff

2. Active Player Ratings:

- assign each player a rating for throwing, running, and fielding using the following scale: 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 with 5.0 being the highest rating.
- Assign each player a rating for hitting based on composite statistics (OPS) from previous seasons.
- send managers a player rating form at the end of each season to rate their players
- utilizing manager input and the rating rubric, rate every active roster and pool player prior to Draft day of the following season.
- player ratings will be rounded to the tenth place (i.e. 5.2, 4.0, 3.1)

3. New/Returning Player Ratings:

- schedule “Showcase” games for new/returning players (as needed).
- utilizing manager input, rate new/returning players in accordance with the rating rubric.
- Players will need to be re-rated for the following reasons:
 - 1) returning from an injury/surgery that may alter player performance
 - 2) played in less than three games over the past two seasons
 - 3) other circumstances deemed relevant by the CC

4. Player Draft:

- schedule the draft and notify all parties of draft date and location
- determine team draft order using a random drawing by managers
- establish guidelines for the draft regarding pitchers and shortstops
- establish a five round players' rating cap
- distribute draft packet to managers containing draft instructions and procedures, player ratings and draft selection form
- administer the draft
- establish and facilitate a trading period upon completion of draft
- distribute team rosters to managers for confirmation
- The CC does not support individual player requests that identify a manager the player prefers not to play for. The CC cannot guarantee which player a manager will pick and, therefore, players are expected to play for the team/manager that drafts them.

6. Sun City Web Site Maintenance:

- provide game results, team schedules and league standings to Club webmaster

7. Awards:

- provide managers with criteria for MVP candidates
- request managers nominate and briefly justify their nomination of 1 MVP during last week of regular season
- determine batting Champion (min 40 plate appearances)
- present MVP and Batting Champion awards

8. Scheduling Rainouts:

- Games rained out on Tuesday will normally be played on Friday of the same week.
- Games rained out on Thursday will normally be played on Monday of the following week.
- In the event of multiple rainouts, games will be played on Mondays and Fridays in the order they were initially scheduled.

B. PLAYER REPLACEMENT GUIDELINES

The following guidelines govern replacement of players prior to the start of a season, during the season and for the playoffs.

1. Prior to Start of Season

- If a drafted player is lost for the season due to injury, family emergency, or simply chooses not to play in the Tuesday/Thursday league **prior** to the start of the season, the affected manager will contact the Competition Committee to obtain a full-time replacement player from the player pool.
- If a pool player agrees to become a full-time player, they cannot miss more than 4 games.

Note: A player can be ruled out for the season at any time as long he/she has not played in any game.

2. During Season

- Maintain a current list of all pool players with their ratings. Provide a list of available pool players to the managers.
- When a player has indicated that he/she will be missing a game(s), the manager **MUST** alert the designated Competition Committee “replacement player coordinator” to obtain a suitable replacement NLT Saturday at 12pm. Replacement requests should contain a minimum of three choices in order of priority.
- The replacement player coordinator will contact managers on Saturday, beginning at 12pm using these priorities:
 1. Player replacement due to **injury** will have **1st** priority. An injury is defined as **physically unable to play due to an injury**.
 2. **All other reasons** for player replacement will have **2nd** priority.
 3. Ranking within the above priorities is then based on player rating.
 - a) In the event multiple managers request the same pool player and the missing players are equal (ie. same rating and priority) the missing players’ ratings will be expanded to two decimal places required to break ties.
 - b) There will be a coin flip if players being replaced remain tied and the managers involved want the same pool player.
 - c) Cards will be drawn if the tie breaker is between three or more managers.

4. In the event a player requires replacement after the Saturday 12pm deadline the manager must contact the replacement player coordinator as soon as possible to arrange for a replacement player.
5. **11-Player Guideline** - It is the intent of the CC that all teams field 11 players per game. A replacement must be selected, regardless of rating.
6. **4 Game limit** – Drafted players whose manager reports as missing more than 4 games, for reasons other than injury, will be removed from their team and will not be allowed to play for the remainder of the season. Players may appeal the removal by contacting the Competition Committee.

Playoffs

- Replacement players for the playoffs will be drawn from the player pool. The available players include those eligible from the regular season player pool and those teams that failed to make the playoffs.
- A “permanent replacement” player assigned to a team will continue to participate on that team in the playoffs.
- A pool player must be available to play in a minimum of half the games during the regular season to be eligible for the playoffs.
- During the playoffs, all teams will be staffed to the full complement of players determined at the start of the season. It is the responsibility of the manager to notify the CC if a replacement player is needed.
- A team player may miss a game(s), be replaced for a game(s), and then return to play for their team for the remainder of the playoffs.
- Replacement players will be selected using the same procedures as during the regular season.
- Teams may add coaches for the playoffs, but only from teams that did not make the playoffs.

3. General

- In the case of all other player situations detrimental to the team or league, such as a player walk-off, the CC will recommend, to the Softball Club Board, what action should be taken as far as suspension and if a replacement player will be granted. The player has the right to appeal his suspension to the Board.

- A pool player may coach but cannot play against the team he coaches.
- A Competition Committee member cannot be a team manager.
- Only players make the decision on their fitness to play. Managers will not replace players without the player's consent. Managers who do not comply will be deemed ineligible for their next game.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAM MANAGERS

- Inform the CC as soon as it is determined that a player is unable to play.
- Select replacement players from the player pool provided by the CC.
- If a roster player arrives at a game for which a replacement has been obtained, the roster player shall not play.
- Issues under the purview of the Competition Committee will be discussed with the committee prior to any correspondence with the Board of Directors.
- Complete and submit end of season player ratings (CC to provide template of information to be submitted).
- Submit one MVP candidate.
- Winning manager email/text CC his winning score on the same day the game is played.
- Provide completed team line-up sheets to opposing managers and official scorer.
- Managers have responsibilities related to Hot Dog days (including money collection, prep, clean-up, grilling, condiments, etc.).
- Designate player/s to help prepare the field prior to the next game.
- The first game home team manager will be responsible for:
 - 1) Raising the flag
 - 2) Setting up the scoreboard device
 - 3) Unlocking the dugout cabinet and freezer
- The managers of the day's last game will be responsible for clean-up of their dugout to include:
 - 1) sweeping dugout
 - 2) stowing bats and first aid kits
 - 3) locking dugout cabinet and fridge
 - 4) taking any stray items to the lost and found
- The last game winning manager will also be responsible for:
 - 1) lowering/stowing the flag

- 2) stowing the scoreboard device
- 3) locking the shed
- 4) policing the area
- 5) Lower and secure umbrella

D. PLAYOFF FORMAT

- The Championship Playoff format is determined by the CC.
- All teams will be seeded based on their won/loss record, regardless of division.
- Ties will be broken using the following “tie breakers” in the order listed:
 - Best head-to-head record
 - Run differential in head-to-head competition
 - Run differential for the season
 - Last resort is a coin flip
- Day 1 games are seeded as follows: 1 vs 8 / 2 vs 7 / 3 vs 6 / 4 vs 5
- Teams will be matched, in their bracket, according to seeding for the first round only.
- Game times will be “as posted” in the bracket.
- The better seed will be the home team.
- In a double elimination playoff format, the home team in the first championship game will be the team with no losses. The home team in the “if needed” game will be the better seeded team.
- All rules during the regular season remain in effect for the playoffs.
- If rain disrupts the playoff schedule, then every effort will be made to complete suspended or rained out games prior to Championship Day. If the loser’s side of the bracket has not been reduced to a single team prior to Championship Day, then the losers bracket will be completed on Championship Day. The Tuesday/Thursday Championship will then be rescheduled for the following day. If rain prevents completion of the Championship on the following day, then the season is over and the highest seeded team from the winners side of the bracket will be the Tuesday/Thursday League Champion.

The Competition Committee (“CC”) reserves the right to make any changes to the Responsibilities, Player Replacement Guidelines & Playoff format it deems appropriate, to achieve its mission.