



Rating/Protest Procedures – 2012 Season

1. Starting Point

- KSL Board will appoint the NAGAAA Representative.
- The Commissioner, Asst. Commissioner will select members of the Ratings Committee.
- A minimum of 5 RC members shall constitute a quorum.
- RC members will review protests/ratings filed in any division except the one they play.
- No board member can sit on the RC.
- RC to attend new player clinics to rate new incoming players.
- Ratings committee business shall ONLY be discussed with other RC members.

2. Rating Evaluations

- Players who played in 2011 will start with the ratings submitted to NAGAAA in July 2011.
- Players who received a rating in 2008-2010 have a NAGAAA starting point but can submit new ratings using the database records only as a reference. Players prior to 2008 are not in the database and may start with a new rating.
- Players coming to KSL from other NAGAAA leagues will start with the rating submitted to NAGAAA by their previous city's Commissioner for the 2011 season.
- **There is no allowance for player being on roster in a lower competitive division than the one(s) which the player qualifies(i.e. player with rating of 12 or greater cannot be on a D team)**
- Team coaches/managers will submit initial ratings roster 2 weeks before the beginning of the season to the Nagaaa Rep.
- For a new playing member of NAGAAA and KSL, **(IF THEY HAVE NOT ATTENDED THE NEW PLAYER CLINIC)** the team coach/manager is responsible for notifying the Nagaaa Rep of the new playing members initial rating 15 days prior to the start of league play or within 7 days of adding the playing member to an existing roster. If a new player is not reviewed in either of the above and added right before or day of league play they will be evaluated the first two weeks of league play before rosters are final.
- Asst. Commissioner & Nagaaa Rep will confirm all ratings for KSL members as well as players transferring from other leagues in the database.

3. Rating Review

- A player and/or coach must submit a request to have specific questions reviewed in order to amend the player's current rating. That request form will be available on the KSL website. This form must be submitted to the Nagaaa Rep (bachtn95@gmail.com) which will be submitted to the RC for review. **REQUESTS CAN BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO START OF SPRING SEASON.**
- Players and coaches who believe their players' rating should be increased can voluntarily increase their rating throughout the season. If player, coach & Nagaaa Rep agree with increase the rating will be changed and take effect immediately after approval.

- RC members will review player skills to determine whether the player can or can not do the skill(s) in question. A minimum of 3 RC members should review each player & skill. These evaluations can be done by watching league play, team practices, games or tournament play. **(no less than two of these)**
- RC members will submit their findings back to Nagaaa Rep. If the RC findings are more than 70% in agreement on players ability/inability to complete the skill, the Nagaaa Rep will inform the Commissioner and Asst. Commissioner of the findings. The Commish & Asst. Commish will inform the coach/manager of that player of the RC decision to determine a rating change to reflect the players rating.
- Rating review requests may be submitted by any of the following parties:
 - a. the player wishing to have his own rating changed
 - b. the player's coach
 - c. any coach wanting an opposing team player's skills reviewed.
- **ROSTERS WILL BE FROZEN AT END OF 2ND WEEKEND OF PLAY.** At that point, players can no longer move to another team unless exception is granted by the RC for rating purposes only.

4. APPEAL/ARBITRATION

- Prior to finalization of the player ratings determined by the RC a player may make an appeal for revision in the following manner:
 - a. If a member would like to appeal a player rating (their own or that of another playing member) that was provided by the RC, said member must notify their coach or manager. Their manager will need to approach the Open Division officers to schedule a meeting no later than 7 days after the RC findings.
 - b. The Open Division officers in conjunction with the RC will hold a Player Ratings Appeal Meeting. This meeting **MUST** take place prior to GSWS and prior to the NAGAAA deadline for submitting league final player ratings.
 - c. The Open Division officers will provide at least 10 days advance notice of this Appeal Meeting specifying date, time and place of meeting.
 - d. During the Appeal Meeting, appealing parties may be present state their case for the revision, and any and all interested parties may provide input. Once all information has been provided, the Open Division Officers will decide on the final player rating and provide that information to the conclusion of the Appeal Meeting. This ruling will be final.
 - e. The Commissioner has the veto ability throughout this process to make sure integrity is upheld at all times.

*****AFTER RATING REVIEW/APPEAL MEETING THIS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO NAGAAA REP TO ADJUST DATABASE.**

5. PROTESTS

- RC will rule on all protest regarding player ratings except the division they play.
- Nagaaa Rep will explain and distribute the procedure for protesting a player or team at the league meeting held at the start of the season.
- Once a protest has been filed, the Nagaaa Rep will assemble the RC to hear and rule on the protest subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Any member of the RC who is a playing member of a team that plays in the same division of any party to the protest shall not participate in any matter involving any team competing within the same division as the RC member's team.
 - b. No member of the RC shall vote on any matter involving a team or individual from the same team that participates in the same division that the RC member represents.

- Nagaaa Rep will convene the RC for purposes of hearing the evidence/arguments of a protest at an assigned time and place as best fits schedule of play.
 - a. RC members must be present and available to hear the entire protest.
 - b. RC members will render its decision immediately after hearing evidence/arguments

6. FILING A PROTEST

- Protests for challenging ratings may only be filed by a team's coach or manager.
- Protests must be filed with Nagaaa Rep, Commissioner or Asst. Commish while the game is being played. The protest must be filed during the game being played by protesting party.
- Protests cannot be filed on a player for the same question after a previous protest attempt has been made. A single protest may be filed against a player for a skill that was reviewed through the rating review process.
- When filing a protest, the protesting party must identify the player(s) being protested and the specific question from the Players Rating Guide from the NAGAAA softball code appendix 2.
- A CASH protest fee must be given at the time the protest is filed. (Filing fee is \$100 with an additional \$20 per question)
- If all protests are upheld the fees are returned. If all questions are denied all fees are forfeited.

7. HEARINGS

- Time of hearing will be scheduled as quickly as possible. During league play, hearings can be held at the end of the day if needed.
- The Nagaaa Rep will begin the hearing by explaining the protest procedures to both teams involved. The RC formed may only rule on the specific protest that was filed including only the ratings questions listed on the paper turned in and may not rule on any other questions.
- Protests are to be evidence-based. Scorebooks and personal observations are allowed.
- Protesting party begins by laying out the basis of the protest, presenting the any evidence to support the protest.
- Protested player/team will then be allowed the opportunity to present evidence to rebut the protesting party's argument.
- After both parties have presented their cases, the RC has the opportunity to ask questions, review books and gather information needed to discuss the protest.
- Voting on the protest will be done anonymously but in clear view of the parties. Votes will also be counted in front of parties by the Nagaaa Rep and results announced immediately.
- If the RC changes the players rating this will be reported to the Nagaaa Rep and the Asst Commissioner and immediately becomes that players rating.

8. PENALTIES

- If the protest results in a player(s) rating change that does not cause the player(s) or team to move up a competitive division:
 - a. The results of the protested game stands
 - b. Player rating is changed and team total reflects that change immediately
 - c. Player and team can compete in the same division with no further penalty.
- If the protest results in a player(s) moving up to the next competitive division but the team total does not:
 - a. The result of the game is a loss by the protested team.
 - b. The team may continue to play in the same division but must remove the player from their roster immediately; that player must move to another team provided there is room on their roster.
 - c. The team may choose to move up a division to keep their roster intact.

- If the protest results in a player(s) moving up and team total is such that it too must move up:
 - a. Team forfeits all games played thus far.
 - b. Player(s) and team can compete in the next higher competitive division.