

## **Player Rating Matrix - Softball Skills using 5 Levels (Used as a Guideline)**

	<b>Hitting</b>	<b>Fielding</b>	<b>Running</b>	<b>Throwing</b>
<b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Hits to all fields.</li> <li>-Hits with power and distance or strategically hits to appropriate field for given situation</li> <li>-Clearly recognizes and takes advantage of gap/openings created by fielders and defensive player abilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fields ball cleanly (90% or more of the time); In position for situation and knows the batter tendencies.</li> <li>-Excellent range of movement; Able to move well to a batted ball.</li> <li>-Always knows where the ball is to be thrown (situational awareness)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Exceptional running speed.</li> <li>- Very often reaches the base on an infield hit due to speed</li> <li>-High situational awareness. Taking the extra base.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Very accurate with throws</li> <li>-Can successfully make a play after fielding a ball and knows situations and where to throw the ball.</li> <li>-Familiar with opponents running and teammates fielding ability.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hits to all fields</li> <li>Power is to dominant side and/or strategically hits to appropriate field for given situation some of the time</li> <li>-Can take advantage of gap/openings created by fielders and defensive player abilities most of the time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fields the ball 76% to 89% of the time</li> <li>-Most of the time in proper position defensively</li> <li>-Has some range of movement to move to a ball; Often knows where to throw a ball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Better than average running speed often aggressive about extending base hits to the next base;</li> <li>-Good base-running awareness of defensive players abilities and where the ball is</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Good velocity when throwing and usually accurate</li> <li>-displays situational awareness regarding when and where to throw</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the ability to hit to all fields but needs a specific pitch location to do so.</li> <li>Hits with avg. power mostly to dominant side and limited power to the opposite field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fields the ball 50% to 75% of the time;</li> <li>-Has average range of movement to the batted or thrown ball.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Average running speed</li> <li>-Does not frequently take an extra base.</li> <li>-Average running awareness, needs coaching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Average throwing velocity</li> <li>--Accurately throws to shorter distances.</li> <li>-Shows situational awareness</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Power limited</li> <li>-Has a dominant side of field and rarely hits to other side</li> <li>-Hits mostly to infield or shallow outfield</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fields the ball 25% to 49% of the time.</li> <li>-Limited ability to reach a batted ball (range of movement);</li> <li>-Often not properly positioned defensively</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Below average running speed but can reach the intended base with some success</li> <li>-Not aggressive about extending base hits to the next base; lacks awareness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Below average throwing velocity, often one-bounce throws</li> <li>-Accuracy varies and is below average,</li> <li>-Lacks situational awareness</li> </ul>
<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Very limited ability to strike the ball with the bat.</li> <li>-Rarely if ever hits to outfield.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fields the ball less than 25% of the time</li> <li>Very limited ability/range to reach and field a batted ball or catch a thrown ball.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very limited ability to reach a base due to slow speed</li> <li>-Very limited familiarity with base running strategies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Rarely does the ball reach the target</li> <li>-Very limited target accuracy and no situational awareness</li> </ul>