

# Cabbagetown Group Softball League, Toronto, Canada

## *How to Appeal League Player Ratings*

### **Introduction**

In 2007 the Player Ratings Committee (PRC), was created by the CGSL Executive to review existing player ratings. Members of the PRC attended league games during the season, observing players participating in all league divisions. At the conclusion of the season the PRC assigned ratings to each league player, based upon seasonal play.

***The NAGAAA, 27 question, Player Rating Guideline is followed when ratings are determined for CGSL players.***  
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***The CGSL Commissioner will contact, by email, those players whose rating places them in a CGSL League Division which is either higher or lower than where they played during the previous season. Any player who does not agree with his/her ratings may appeal the rating.***

### **Preparing for the Appeal**

- Any player may appeal his/her rating if the player believes the rating is inaccurate.
- Any of the 27 questions may be appealed. One appeal, per person, per season, is allowed.
- The appealing player must address each individual question being protested.
- It is in the appealing player's best interests to provide evidence or a convincing argument as to why the "yes" or "no" for any of the 27 questions should be reversed.
- **All appeals must be submitted in writing to the CGSL Commissioner (letter or email only) by 11:59 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2008.**

### **Conducting the Appeal**

- The CGSL Commissioner will oversee the Appeal and determine the location for the Appeal.
- The CGSL Commissioner will set up an Appeal Panel, which will contain three members: the CGSL Commissioner, the PRC Chair and either a PRC member or any League member in good standing, appointed by the Commissioner.
- Any of these members, including the CGSL Commissioner, may be replaced should a conflict of interest arise.
- The CGSL reserves the right to invite other parties to the Appeal.
- The appealing player must attend the Appeal and may bring one associate. This may be his/her team manager or another representative.
- The Appeal Panel will convene at a location deemed appropriate, review the evidence presented, and render a decision based upon a majority vote.

### **Result of the Appeal**

Because any or all of the 27 Player Rating Guideline questions may be appealed, the result of the actual appeal may vary. From the appealing player's point of view, winning or losing the appeal depends upon whether the CGSL response ("yes" or "no") to questions he/she appealed has been changed to what the appealing player believes is the correct response.

For example: Player "A", rated 15 by the CGSL, appeals a "yes" response from the CGSL to questions 20, 21 and 22. The Appeal panel votes the appealing player was correct for questions 20 and 21, agreeing the response to the questions should be "no", but upholds the "yes" response for question 22. Therefore, the Appealing player's overall rating drops by two to an overall rating of 13. This is significant, depending upon the divisional structure of the CGSL during the year of the appeal.

**The Appeal ruling is final.** Ratings will be enforced in 2008. Exemptions may be allowed. All CGSL players are responsible to educate themselves regarding player ratings and CGSL divisional structure. All CGSL Executive and PRC members are available to discuss the ratings process and any player's questions or concerns.

