

# **ISSA Senior Softball Team Rating & Roster Guidelines**

The purpose of the ISSA Senior Softball Rating System is to provide the senior players an opportunity to participate in a competitive environment by rating the teams in three skill level divisions within each age classification. By separating teams by age and three skill levels it is the goal of the ISSA to provide as many teams as possible a favorable tournament experience. One that will maximize the number of competitive games for all senior players, from the weaker skill levels to the elite players in each age classification.

The ISSA organizes competitive divisions beginning with the Masters Division (35+and 40+) and Seniors in 5-year increments starting at age fifty (50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, and 80) and into three skill levels (AA, AAA and Major). Players are eligible to participate in an age classification if they turn the minimum age any time during the current calendar year.

In the Senior Divisions team rosters must be limited to players from the team's Home State plus any adjoining States. The "Home State" is defined as the state where the majority of the players on the roster permanently reside (property ownership is not a criteria). Senior teams may use up to three pick-up players for ISSA tournaments provided the added players come from a team in the same skill level/age division and are otherwise eligible for the roster. Any other roster requests must be presented to the ISSA Office for a written decision.

In National/World tournaments the ISSA may include a Major Plus Division in some age classifications if four (4) or more Major teams request the division. In which case the competition would be played by the Major Plus Rules for those teams.

Any exceptions to this policy must be approved in writing from the ISSA in advance of any competition. It is the goal of ISSA to provide a safe, competitive environment where the maximum number of senior softball players can compete and enjoy the comraderie with players and friends they have come to know over many years in the sport. We also seek to locate our events at exciting destinations to further enhance the ISSA Senior Softball experience.

The process of rating teams is an on-going task for the ISSA Staff. We are on-site at each event conducted by the ISSA so our evaluations are taking place at each event. Based on those observations and game results some teams may be moved at any time by Staff to a division where a team would in our sole opinion be the best competitive fit. Team Managers may appeal their ISSA Rating at any time. Teams desiring to appeal their rating can do so after playing in three or more ISSA tournaments during the current year. (Since the ISSA has a three-skill-level rating system it is not always possible to use results from other association's tournaments.) Teams are not automatically moved up in ISSA for winning a single tournament. Teams wishing to appeal their rating should submit the following APPEAL FORM.

## **ISSA Senior Softball Team Rating Appeal**

Senior teams appealing their ISSA Senior Softball Team Rating must have played with their current year's roster in a minimum of three (3) ISSA Senior Tournaments.

Teams should submit the following information with this Appeal Application:

1. Submit a complete record/tabulation of the results of the team's participation in their last three (or more) ISSA Senior Tournaments.
2. Submit a copy of your prior year's roster and the current roster.
3. Mail this Application with Attachments to: ISSA, 9114 I-Beam Lane, Manassas, VA 20110

## **APPLICATION**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current ISSA Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Hometown/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: Cell \_\_\_\_\_, Home \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_, Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_