

USA SOFTBALL™

of Idaho

USA Softball of Idaho reclassifies teams and players every year following post season based on the success achieved by the team and individuals. We do this to preserve competition within the class and to maintain competitive integrity.

G. Mandatory Classification

01. Mandatory Player Classification. Starting January 1 each year will start a player appeal process where each player can submit an appeal to have their player rating dropped. This process ends August 1 and at that time appeals will not be accepted until January. We have taken our team guidelines and based it on the USA Softball Code in which a team could have 3 Mandatory players from the next higher division on their roster. We consider our list equal to Mandatory rated players. With the player rating system that we have in place helps create a fair and level playing field for all of our teams not only at a local but also at a national level. Below are the guidelines that we use on how to classify a team. Players on the USA Softball Restricted List can only participate in the Men's A or Coed Open Programs. A Player may have a + (plus) designation, this player cannot play down a class.

Men's Slow Pitch

- 01. Men's A = 3 Player's from the USA Softball Restricted Players List.
- 02. Men's B = 3 A Rated players and no players Class A+ or from the Restricted Player List.
- 03. Men's C = Three (3) B classified players and no players from Class A, Class B+, or the USA Softball Restricted Player's List.
- 04. Men's D = Three (3) C classified players and no players from Class A, Class B, Class C+, or the Restricted Player's List.
- 05. Men's E = Three (3) D classified players and no players from Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D+ or the Restricted Player's List.

Women's Slow Pitch

- 06. Women's Open = Any Female Player
- 07. Women's C = Three (3) Open classified players.
- 08. Women's D = Three (3) C classified players and no Open classified players.

Co-ed Slow Pitch

- 10. Co-ed Open = Any Female Player and two (2) male players from the USA Softball Restricted Player's List.
- 11. Co-ed C = No Open classified female players and no male classified players from Class A, Class B, or the USA Softball Restricted Player's List.
- 12. Co-ed D = Two (2) female C classified players and two (2) male C classified players. No Open classified female players or male players from Class A, Class B, or the USA Softball Restricted Players List.

NOTE: Players that have no USA Softball playing history should be handled in the following manner. If a track record of a player can be verified in another National Association that player shall be classified at that level. The higher classification level from any association will set the rating for classification of players, within a two (2) year time period.

You may appeal your player rating at USA Softball website at: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/play-usa-softball/adult-player-information/slow-pitch-player-information>

On the USA Softball website you will need to find your record in their database and submit it.

- Once on the website search for your name (recommend only typing in the first couple letters of your first and last name).
- Click on your name to open up your player history.
- In the upper right side you will see an appeal button click on it.
- You will need to complete the form the more information you can provide the better.
- Required questions: Email Address, Date of Birth; Address; City, State, Zip, Phone (day & evening), current rating, rating you would like to be, main team player last season, teams for 2018, information about the team you received the rating with i.e. number of tournaments, number of games, full time starter, position on field, spot in lineup, and Stats.
- Lastly before you hit submit a statement of 3,500 characters or less is required. (Helpful hints; Do not say your reason for asking to be reclassified is to play with friends, do not try to drop to many levels i.e. C to E)
- If you are able to print screen this is recommend to save for your records, also email a copy to Earl Kilian; Earl.Kilian@gmail.com

Reminder this has to be done before August 1st.