

**Midcoast Umpire Association
Softball Umpire Rating System**

1. Per MPA and ASA policies, softball umpires shall be ranked using this outlined ratings program.
2. An umpire must receive a minimum of six (6) peer evaluations to be considered for an umpire ranking.
3. For ratings purposes, the season shall be considered to begin at the June Business Meeting. The season shall conclude on June 15th of the following calendar year.

POINT SYSTEM (max total 78 points)

Seniority – max of 3 points

0 – 3 years	0
4 – 6 years	1
7 – 9 years	2
10+ years	3

Meeting Attendance – max of 10 points

June business meeting	3
March business meeting	3
MPA rules clinic	2
Mechanics clinic or Play day assignment	2

Late arrival or early departure from a meeting may result in point deduction as determined by the Executive Committee. A member excused for a meeting they did not attend shall not be awarded points towards their rating for that meeting.

Examination – max of 25 points

½ point deduction for each incorrect answer

For purposes of assignment, a raw score of

< 85	primarily middle school & junior varsity
85 – 90	mix of all levels
90+	predominantly varsity but not exclusively

Turn-backs – max deduction of -3 points

2	no penalty
3	-1
4 – 6	-2
6+	-3

For 3 or more turn-backs, a fee of \$5.00 per game will levied and be payable to the association treasurer. The assignor will notify the treasurer of amounts due; the treasurer will notify the

assignor of nonpayment. Appeals can be made to the executive board. Payment is expected within 10 days

Game Evaluations: 16 points

16 points shall be allocated for the completion of all eligible peer evaluations. Substantive comments are expected with any maximal or minimal grade dependent on the scale.

PEER EVALUATIONS: max 24 Points **5 categories to be critiqued**

Arrival & Appearance - 3 point max

Contact partner no less than 24 hours before game (night before is customary). In theory, the plate umpire (listed first in Arbiter should be the caller but it can be either. The two umpires can mutually agree to change field & plate assignment unless established verbally by assignor.

Arrive at playing field no less than 30 minutes before game time.

An umpire shall have a neat, proper uniform, which shall meet current ASA uniform standards.

Pregame - 3 point max

Confer with partner regarding base and fly ball coverage, how appeals will be handled and any other items

Walk the field to check fence and surface conditions

Equipment check (still required for softball)

Pregame with coaches & captains

Professionalism & Communication - 6 point max

Dealings with partner, coaches, players, other game/school personnel

Any interaction with spectators or the press will be brief & to the point

Rules Knowledge & Interpretation - 6 point max

Is your partner making the call correctly not quickly

Discuss rules as needed; get into the rule book between games. Did your partner show at least adequate knowledge

Does your partner “know” what they are seeing, they are not guessing

Hustle - 6 point max

Is your partner moving inside the diamond when the ball goes to the outfield

Are they in the correct slots

Moving across the field in more than a walk

Ideally, evaluations will be able to be completed on the Arbiter. If not, you will be provided with paper forms for completion