

**TO:** ALL REGION 13 COACHES  
**FROM:** Frank Bigelow, Regional Coach Administrator  
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**SUBJECT:** PLAYER RATINGS FOR DIVISIONS U7 – U14

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As you probably know, our team selection process is founded on accurate player ratings by team coaches. Without your evaluation of your players' performance this year, we will not be able to adequately balance teams next year.

To that end, please complete your Player Ratings Form carefully and return it to your Division Coach by the October 16 deadline. **Please note that you will not receive your team's trophies or medals unless and until you have turned in your Player Ratings Form. No Exceptions!** Instructions for filling out the Form are as follows:

1. Always rate the players in comparison to those of the same age group. Do **NOT** compare older to younger.
2. Please remember that Ratings are in comparison to ALL players in the Division not just to the other players on your team. Teams should have a normal "bell curve" with an average of about 6, although this may vary if your team was particularly strong or weak; and should have a maximum of 1 player rated at 12 or 11.
2. **Position:** Indicate what you think is the player's best position.
3. **Rating Categories:**

**Rating "Skill":** Give a rating from 0 to 6. Consider passing, dribbling (control), finishing (goal scoring), trapping, throw-ins, kicking, heading, etc. The most skilled player on your team may be a 4, 5 or 6.

**Rating Mental:** Does the child understand the strategy of the game appropriate to age? Does he or she have field sense, and can the child take direction and communicate on the field? Rate 0, 1, 2 or 3, with 3 being best. Most will be 1s or 2s.

**Rating Speed:** Only if the child is one of the 1 or 2 fastest on your team, give 1 point; otherwise a 0. If the child is unusually slow, you may give -1 (*i.e.* subtract a point).

**Rating Aggressiveness:** If the child plays very aggressively and is not afraid of the ball, give 1 point, otherwise a 0. Most teams will have 6 or 7 of these players.

**Rating Attitude:** Does the child try hard, want to learn, attend practice and communicate with the coach? If so give 1 point. Hopefully, you will have a good percentage of these players. If the child's attitude is detrimental to the team, you may give -1 (*i.e.* subtract a point).
4. Add the scores on a per child basis and write the total number of points in the "Total" column. **Maximum score per child is 12.** Sectional or Area All-Stars (as age appropriate) should be in the 9-12 range. Regional Stars should be in the 7-10 range. Graduation Series Nominees should be in the 8 and up range. Most teams should have a normal "bell curve" with an average of about 6, although this may vary if your team was particularly strong or weak.
5. In the last column list the player's "value" to your team. Most valuable older is a 1, next most valuable a 2, next a 3 etc. Likewise, most valuable younger is a 1, next 2, next 3, etc.

**ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS -- PLEASE CALL YOUR DIVISION COACH OR ME.**