

SEASONS PAST BASEBALL LEAGUE

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IMMEDIATE RULE MODIFICATION

Effective immediately the following rule modification will be in effect:

Any pitcher who has made at least one (1) relief appearance and has an E.R.A. of 4.75 or higher may appear in a maximum of up to forty (40) relief appearances. Pitchers already meeting this criteria and who have forty (40) or more relief appearances will be limited to their actual number of relief appearances.

FIELDING RATINGS

Many of you have already started thinking about future fielding ratings for some of your players. In order to develop a clearer understanding of how the fielders are rated and who will be rated as excellent, here is how the process works. First, Gary and myself input all the fielding stats for each position onto a spreadsheet. This allows for a clear view of each player's range rating at each position he plays. The players are then ranked by range from high to low and assigned a range rating. Our experience with several replays has taught us that most of the players should be rated as average with only a few rated as either excellent or poor. And finally, some subjectivity is added to round out the very good and fair. We have set the following standard for rating players as excellent. A player will be rated as a defensive excellent if he meets one of these criteria.

- o Wins the Gold Glove.*
- o Has the highest number of T/C's at his position per the Macmillan Baseball Encyclopedia.*
- o Pre-1958, rated #1 at his position by Faber's Baseball Ratings.*

This should give you an idea of who and when a player will be rated as excellent at a fielding position.

Hope you all are enjoying your games.