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Determining Softball Levels

Special Olympics Georgia offers 4 Levels of progression for the sport of Softball. Below is a chart of progressive levels of play along with the definitions of how to determine your athletes' level of play.

- Softball Skills – Athletes possess a low level of basic skills that pertain to softball.
- Modified Team Play (Traditional) – Athletes moving up from the Softball Skills level wanting to be part of a team but continue to possess a low level of basic skills. Athletes have progressed to the level of being able to play on a team. However, athletes do not fully understand the concept of the game of softball. Athletes continue to need direction on basic skills and frequent coaching on offense and defense. Modified Team Play rules allow for a coach to pitch to the athletes. ***Overall Rating Score on the Assessment for Individuals for Teams = 2 to 3 (By definition, a team is not modified if the only reason they are playing at this level is due to not having an athlete able to pitch for the team. By doing so, the coach is discrediting the team and overall experience for the athletes.)***
- Traditional Team Softball – Athletes have progressed to the skill level of being able to understand most basic game situations and what to do in most game situations. Athletes continue to need coach instruction in some game situations. However, the team is playing on their own at a typical level. ***Overall Rating Score on the Assessment for Individuals for Teams = 3 to 8***
- Unified Team Softball – Athletes and Unified Partners possess higher skills that pertain to the sport of softball. Athletes and Unified Partners have an understanding of their role and teammates' roles on the field of play. Unified Teams play at a higher skill level of competition so greater knowledge of the game of softball is needed. ***Overall Rating Score on the Assessment for Individuals for Teams = 3 to 8 (All Athletes and Unified Partners on the team must possess comparable skill levels and be comparable in age.)***