

SKILL LEVEL EVALUATION REQUEST

TO: Handicap Committee

FROM: _____ TEAM# _____
Team Captain's Name Team Number

SUBJECT: Request to Evaluate Player's Skill Level

Please evaluate the below player's skill level:

Player's Name: _____ Player SL. _____

Player's Team: _____ Team # _____

I would like the B.B.A Handicap Committee to review the above referenced player's skill level for the below listed reasons:

***Note: If specific details are not listed, request will not be considered.**

Based on the above, I feel the player should be a skill level _____

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____
Captain's Signature

Note: A copy of this request will be given to the team captain whose player is being evaluated.

INSTRUCTIONS: When submitting a request, don't just say this player's skill level is Wrong! List specific and detailed reasons why this player should be evaluated.

Example: The above player is currently ranked a _____. In a match against our (player's name) the above referenced player won 10-0 in 3 innings. The player made a six ball run that included two planned break outs and had the ability to make 2 superior safety shots. It is my opinion this player's skill level should be raised to a _____.

Example: During our match (date), I overheard the coach of team number (#) tell the above player, "You need 4 Balls to win the round" I believe (player's name) missed the next three shots on purpose and lost that game. The player then won the last game in round 5 by running 7 balls in a row. In my opinion this player's skill level should be raised and the team captain warned about the consequences of sandbagging.

How the handicap committee works:

The HC consists of highly skilled players. Every attempt will be made to ensure a wide representation of all teams in the B.B.A. HC members will abstain from rulings concerning a player on that member's team. The HC meets whenever a problem arises. Here are some examples of pertinent situations:

- Whenever there are specific complaints about a member.
- To periodically review players' skill levels and team rosters.
- To review the skill levels of all players entering Higher Level Tournaments.
- To rule on protests concerning handicaps and "sandbagging" allegations.

Although the HC will normally meet if there is business to conduct, it is possible for HC members to individually review specific cases and submit their opinions to the league Operator for action.

HANDICAP COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS

How does the HC decide when a player's skill level is too low?

The best method to date is the COMPARISON METHOD. The comparison method works as follows: A number of CONTROL PLAYERS are identified throughout the league. A control player is a player who is weak within his or her skill level. In other words, a number of players throughout the B.B.A are identified because the HC is "surprised" the player has achieved the level they carry. The "weakest" 8.0 would be the control players for the skill level 7.5 to 8.5. There should be at least two control players identified for each skill level. Once the control players have been identified by the HC (their identity can remain anonymous), the HC is ready to conduct business. The HC conducts an investigation in the following manner:

- A player that attracts the attention of the HC is then compared to the control players 0.5 level higher than his or her skill level.
 - HC members are asked, “Who would be favored if player A (the player in question) and player B (the control player) were to play a serious match?”
 - HC members are allowed to vote only if they have personal knowledge (not hearsay) of both players abilities. That’s why there should be more than one control player for each skill level.
 - It is possible for an HC member to relate that Player A is consistently better than some other player in the League (let’s call him player X) and that player X plays better than the named control player.
 - It takes a majority of the HC members voting to cause a player’s skill level to be raised.
 - The League Operator is the final authority on all player handicaps.
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- A player can appeal the HC’s decision. A few players have convinced the HC that their decision was wrong and were allowed to return to their former skill level.