

## 5. Substitutions

a. Substitutions are **not** intended to improve the overall skill level of a team. Their purpose is to maintain the balance of skill levels represented on the team's roster. **A team may use a maximum of 5 substitutes per game.**

b. The Substitution List consists of current evaluated RRSA players who are not assigned to a permanent team roster and who are approved by the Commissioner. The Substitution List **may** serve as the initial source for substitutes, provided the player meets the required skill level.

c. A substitute must have the same rating level as, or a lower rating level than, the absent player.

**Exception: To help ensure player availability, a manager may substitute a nine (9)-rated player with a ten (10)-rated player.**

d. If no suitable substitute is available from the list, a manager may select a player from the roster of any other team in either the Co-Ed or Senior league.

A player may substitute:

- One (1) time per team during the regular season, and
- One (1) time per team during the playoffs.

**Exception: A nine (9)-rated or ten (10)-rated player may substitute for the same team twice during the regular season.** This exception does **not** apply during the playoffs.

e. When a substitute is required, the team manager must identify the absent player(s) and their rating level(s). All substitutions must be approved by the opposing team manager prior to the game (ideally the day before game day).

i. The opposing manager, after considering any unusual circumstances, will determine whether the proposed lineup is approved.

ii. Once approved, the requesting manager must update the "Sub-List Usage Form" in QuickScores. The substitution player's status as a "**sub**" must be noted on the team's lineup card. The substitution will also be communicated to the umpires during the **Managers Meeting prior to the game.**

iii. If the managers cannot agree on the lineups, the result will be a forfeit for both teams.

f. If a rostered player arrives after the lineup has been submitted, the player may be added to the lineup (see Paragraph 10). If substitutes are in the lineup, the returning rostered player must replace a substitute of similar skill-level classification.

g. If a player will be absent for three (3) or more consecutive weeks, the manager may request a full-time replacement from the Commissioner. If approved, the manager **may** select either a

player from the Substitution List with the same or lower rating. Or, a player with the same or lower rating from the roster of any other team in either the Co-Ed or Senior league.

- i. The replacement player will be added to the official team roster.
- ii. A non-playing individual may serve as a manager, coach, or assistant but may not be listed on the official roster as a player.
- iii. When the originally replaced player becomes eligible to return, the manager may apply to have that player restored to the roster in place of the assigned replacement. The Commissioner must approve this change. If approval is not granted, the returning player may be placed on the Substitution List.