

16. During the division tournament, substitutions will be on a skill level basis. Players chosen first as substitutes will be roster players during the current season. If enough roster players are not available, sub-only and players evaluated during the current season by the Board based on their play during the season will be eligible to be subs for tournament play. Substitutes will be at the same player ranking as the replaced player, if available. If a like ranking player is not signed up as a substitute, then the next lower ranking is to be used.

Note* A sub or player that has already subbed or will be playing in the second game will only be allowed to play in one game, unless there aren't enough subs of the same ranking on the list. They may still sign up for the game but will only play if there is a lack of subs

11. "Courtesy Runner Rule: Only players (not managers) can declare that they require a courtesy runner and they must do so prior to the start of the game. A player, designated as requiring a courtesy runner, **MUST** stop at 1st Base. The Batter /Runner must not make **ANY** attempt to continue to 2nd Base, either to advance or to confuse the defensive players. If an attempt or bluff is made, the Batter / Runner will be called out immediately and play will continue." Note* If a player that takes a runner hits an "Over The Fence" home run, that player will get credit for the home run and only has to touch first for the run to count. After touching first he may go to his designated dugout.

Late arriving subs (non team members)

4. Substitutes need to be signed up 30 minutes prior to game time for the game in which they wish to substitute. (No subs will be allowed on the sub list after this time unless there are not enough to satisfy the number required). If the Board member on duty has the chance to put a sub (not a late arriving team member) in the game to bring that team up to 11 players after the game has started. He shall ask the manager if he wants to continue with 10 players or use a late arriving sub player. (not divulging who the sub is until he has made his choice.)

P1 Change

8. Substitutes will be assigned to teams by a random drawing of numbered pills based on their category as follows:

P1: A newly evaluated player who has never played before, is not in the current season's draft.

P2: A player who is not assigned to a team. A player can only sign up as a P2 sub for 2 straight seasons. After the 2nd season, the player will be designated a P3 sub.

P3: A player who is assigned to a team and wishes to sub in a game his team is not involved in.

P4: A player who has already subbed that day.

Pitcher rating change

15. If there are not enough available substitutes (see paragraph 9. above), an announcement will be made over the PA soliciting additional substitutes. These substitutes (roster player or injury sub) may play on any field. However, they will be removed and replaced by the Board Member In-Charge (or acting Board Member) when their scheduled game is to begin. The replacement is final and will take place when the substitute player is in the dugout. Managers must be aware of this stipulation prior to the substitute player being assigned their game. Managers MUST refrain from asking players to sign up to substitute for their team. If a manager is found recruiting players, he will be warned for the 1st offence, suspended for the 2nd offence from managing the remainder of that season and all of the next season (if he is appointed manager again). And if there is a 3rd offence the manager shall be removed from managing in D-3. An exception would be in the case of a shortage of needed substitute pitchers, Managers may approach Board certified pitchers of the same or lesser rating as the pitcher they are replacing, to sign up as pitching substitutes only. This is done on a game by game basis. If the pitcher that has agreed to pitch for a team does not show up prior to the selection of subs (30 minutes before game time) he will be governed by Rule C; Lineups, paragraph #3.

Reverse direction instead of “turn”

4. 4. There are no rundowns for the sake of safety. A rundown is started when the ball is fielded ahead of a runner (“Fielded” is either a batted ball or a ball thrown by a defensive player making a play on a base runner). A runner is only allowed to reverse his direction one time when a play is being made on him while advancing to the next base. The runner does not have to go back and re-touch the base that he was returning to if the ball is overthrown on a subsequent play, he may turn and proceed to the next base.

Notification and recording of injuries in 6th or after

(3) Division 3 players who need a courtesy runner must be designated when the line-up is submitted. This is the manager’s responsibility. If the manager has not designated the player as needing a runner, then the player may not receive a runner. The player is requested to notify the umpire upon approaching the batter’s box that he requires a runner. However, there will be NO penalty for this failure to do so. No other courtesy runners will be allowed except in cases of injury. A player so injured as to need a runner may be allowed to have a courtesy runner when agreed to by both managers. If this occurs in the 6th or subsequent innings, the newly injured player MUST receive a courtesy runner for the next entire game he plays in. The umpire will notify the board member on duty that a runner was taken in or after the 6th inning and that board member will document on the next week’s game sheet that the player gets a runner. Any manager who fails to get a courtesy runner for that newly injured player in the next game will be

suspended (cannot play nor manage) in the next scheduled game that he would normally be expected to attend. Because this managerial suspension was not for disciplinary reasons, this will not carry over to the following season.

Pitcher courtesy running

(7) All pitchers utilizing protective equipment that is removed before batting and/or base running other than a mask will be required to take a mandatory “courtesy runner” while on base with two (2) outs. Since this will NOT count as a “Runner Time” against the player, a touch of the bag by an incorrect runner will NOT result in an “OUT”. If however, the Pitcher was designated to need a courtesy runner at the beginning of the game, that “courtesy runner” would count as a “Runner Time” if he replaced the Pitcher at 1st Base with two (2) outs. If the Pitcher was on any base other than 1st Base and there were or came to be two (2) outs, that Pitcher would receive a mandatory “courtesy runner” which would not count as a “Runner Time” against the player. Pitchers who don’t take a courtesy runner but wear more than a mask, may be used as a courtesy runner at any time in the game. (with less than two outs). If they are still on base when the second out of the inning is recorded they shall be replaced with any available runner and this will not count as a “Runner Time” against the new runner.