

## **Player Substitutions from Other Teams**

A weekly Substitution and Umpire List (Excel) will be kept by the Substitution Committee (SC), Ric Zakour and Billy Wagner.

The List will consist of an alphabetic list of players under each team, with primary fielding position, secondary fielding position(s), throwing hand, cell phone (home phone if no cell phone), and email address.

Additional columns for player availability and weekly games. One List will exist for each week of the season.

### **Substitution Rules (as adopted as Rule 13 for Rule Changes for 2020)**

- 1) All substitute players must be from the roster of one of the WSSL teams or an active participant in the league (e.g., Board Member, part-time, or newly joined player)
- 2) Each team must field at least 12 players. If less than 12, then players from other teams will be used as substitutes.
- 3) If a team has 12 or more players from its lineup, but is missing one or both of the critical positions, shortstop or pitcher, then the manager may request a substitute for that/those critical position(s).
- 4) Managers will request the number of players needed and the position type as follows: infielder, first base, shortstop, outfielder (includes short fielder), pitcher.
- 5) Substitute players must bat in the lineup after all players on the roster have batted.
- 6) If a regular roster player shows up during the course of the game, then that player is inserted into the last batting position. The substitute may continue to play in the game and bat in the same position where they were assigned at the start of the game.
- 7) Late substitutions are permitted if a player has a "last minute" emergency or if a player fails to show up in time for the scheduled game.
- 8) During the game, and in the event of an injury, a substitute player may be used who is not in the game and the injured player must leave for the remainder of the game.

### **Process for Substitution**

- 1) Ric Zakour oversees the substitution rules and procedures. Billy Wagner will be the primary SC contact for managers' requests.
- 2) On Friday before the next week's games, the SC will send out via email or text (for those without email only) a **Call for Substitutes and Umpires** to all active members. Members wishing to be considered as a substitute player or umpire need to respond by 6pm on

Sunday. Those not wishing to be considered or aren't available, don't need to respond. From the positive responses, the SC will create the weekly Substitution and Umpire list.

- 3) Two days before each game, all managers will request to the SC for the number of players needed and the position type as follows: infielder, shortstop, outfielder, pitcher. The exception is a need for a "last-minute" substitute (see below).
- 4) Based on the teams' needs, The SC will assign players to a team by availability, position and alphabetical order. Home Team will be assigned first substitute.
- 5) The SC will contact via email or text (for those without email) the managers and all members on the weekly Substitution and Umpire list with the assigned players to the teams for the week. Assigned players are asked to wear a jersey/shirt similar (wide latitude) to the color of their assigned team or a neutral color, like white.
- 6) The SC will keep a record of all player substitutions. Once a player has been selected and played in an extra game, their name is moved to the bottom of the list.
- 7) On game day, substitute players will arrive 20 minutes before game time.
- 8) Late or last-minute substitutions are permitted if it means that the roster falls below 12 or because a roster player has had an emergency of any sort and can't be at the game. The manager should contact the SC as soon as possible so that a substitute can be assigned. If a player fails to show up without notice in time for the game, then substitutes will be chosen from WSSL players who show up early for their game or are willing to play another game after they just finished playing for their team.
- 9) If time away from WSSL, like vacations, is known days/weeks in advance, then that info should be passed on the SC.