

Mid-Cities Softball Interlock Substitution Rules for all Age Divisions

1. Substitute players can be pulled from teams laterally or below only.
2. A substitute player from a lateral-division team is only allowed when a 9th player is needed to fill the roster of a lateral team.
3. A substitute player from a lateral-division team may only play in the outfield and must be last in the batting order.
4. Substitute players from a lower age division can be used to fill any vacant, permanent place on a roster. Lower age-division players may only be used when a permanent roster player is absent.
5. Age-eligibility of players participating in older age divisions does not make them eligible to substitute in a younger age-division than the division in which they are playing.
6. Any substitute player will play in her own team uniform.
7. All substitute players must be identified to the opposing coach and umpire during the pre-game coaches' meeting. Only during that meeting may an opposing coach raise an objection regarding a substitute player.
8. Every effort should be made to find a substitute for missing players. However, when required due to player and substitute unavailability, teams may play with only 8 players and will not be required to take an out for the 9th position in the line-up.
9. If a team starts a game with 9 players but for any reason loses a player during the game, the team may finish the game with only 8 players and will not be required to take an out for the lost player's position in the line-up. The line-up will otherwise remain the same.