

The “Oh no we need a sub!” – WCVL Rules and Reminders About Subs & Rosters

Ensure you read the WCVL Executive Policy in its entirety. Note information about Subs on Page 9 Section 10. Anyone that plays in a WCVL game **MUST** be registered in the league on a current roster and each player can only be on ONE roster. Do not add people to your team roster that are already on another roster. Do not add them as a duplicate with a different email address or slightly different spelling of their name if they are already in the system.

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A legitimate sub is from another team's roster that is from one tier numerically lower, same tier, and tiers numerically higher.

Examples:

- A tier 1 or 2 team can use a substitute from any tier in the league.
- A tier 15 team can use subs from tiers 14-19
- A tier 8 team can use subs from tiers 7-19

As previously voted, the priority is for the game to go on. If a minimum of 1 original team member is active on the court at all times, a team may use up to 5 substitute players to play.

All subs must be indicated on the game sheet “FIRST NAME - LAST NAME – SUB – TIER # – TEAM NAME”

A sub can only sub for your team 5x in the season (not round robin). If they sub for a 6th time, they will be ineligible to play on their original team and may transfer to the higher ranked one.

Playoff substitution: you can only use a sub that has been used during the round robin.

Substitution players are required to wear any shirt with any number (i.e. does not need to match your team's exact jersey nor colour)

Other options to line up a sub...

- A sub list exists on the wcvl.ca website (log in under “Registration” tab to view). This list is generated from an “opt-in” form. It is your responsibility to check with the player what tier they are currently in (as tier movement may have taken place from original sign-up info).
- Idea: Log in to the wcvl.ca website (under “Registration” tab) to view Team Contact Information for your tier. Check the schedule for other teams to see if their game doesn’t conflict timeslots with yours and reach out to another team to get them to ask their players (Ex. We’re looking for a female hitter, or male any position).
- **Still stuck? Reach out to your Tier Convenor.** We would rather have your game be played and spend our energy on sending out emails to Team Contacts in other tiers to ask if someone can sub rather than contacting your opponent and the ref to cancel, fining your team for a forfeit, etc.
- Reminder, if you know at least 3 weeks in advance from a round change that you will be short a large chunk of your players on a particular date, make a request to your tier convenor to reschedule or default the game. This must be done PRIOR to the next Round Robin schedule creation.
- If you are already scheduled for a game and totally unable to field a team for a particular date/game – follow “**How to Reschedule a Game**” instructions

Play by the rules. Ask in advance if in doubt.

If you suspect an opposing team of using an illegal sub, ALL protests must be recorded on the score sheet and signed by the referee. The team contact submitting the protest must contact the respective Tier Convenor informing him/her of the protest within 24 hours.