

Monroe Little League: Policies on Roster Substitution and Replacement

General Little League Regulations :

Roster replacements. Once the number of players per divisional team is established by the league, the number of players per team must be uniform for all teams at all times. If a team loses players on the roster during the current season through illness, injury, change of address, or other justifiable reason, the team may obtain a player to replace the one lost.

“Playing-up”. Teams in the Majors, AAA and AA (player age 9) divisions may fill roster vacancies by “pulling up” players from the immediately preceding division. No player is permitted to play up without the consent of the player and the player’s family.

Manager’s Responsibilities.

The Manager must notify the Player Agent within 24 hours of learning of the loss of a player for more than two games due to injury, or for the remainder of the season for any reason. If the Manager is entitled to select a replacement player, the Manager must provide the name of no less than three replacement players to the Player Agent within 48 hours. Failure to meet these deadlines may result in forfeiture of played or scheduled games.

Specific applications :

Season-ending injury. A player suffering an injury that prevents play for the remainder of the season is removed from the roster of the player’s team, and is unable to either (i) rejoin the roster of the player’s original team, or (ii) be placed on the roster of another team, for the remainder of the season. The team may obtain a player to replace the one lost.

“Temporary” (non season-ending) injury. Temporary substitution of players is not permitted; the team continues to play down one player on the roster until the return of the player. If temporary injury results in the number of available players on a team being less than the minimum playing number set by the league, the team manager has three options:

1. Apply to the Board of Directors for game rescheduling;
2. Forfeit scheduled games until the required number of players is obtained; or
3. Replace the injured player(s) and substitute as necessary to reach the minimum required playing number. As to the replaced players, they are no longer eligible to compete in Little League for the remainder of the season (which includes absence of eligibility for tournament play).

End of season injuries. Generally, players may not be (i) replaced on a roster during the last two weeks of the regular season, or (ii) simultaneously rostered on a Majors and AAA team. A local exception has been adopted that permits double rostering among divisions during the last two weeks of the regular season to resolve roster shortages caused by illness, injury, etc.

