

SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS AND FEES

When players are unable to participate in a game or games the league allows teams to substitute a player for the missing player. This can only happen if the substitute player is rated at a skill level equal to or lesser than the missing player being substituted for. There is a two-player substitute limit for each game for players rated 1 through 4. Additional substitute players may be used if so desired. In other words, a team may exceed the two-player limit only if the 3rd, 4th, etc. player being substituted for has a skill level rated at 5 through 7. Once again, the substitute player must be rated at a skill level equal to or lesser than the missing player being substituted for.

Goalies and team part time players are not included in the two-player substitute limit. The part time player substituting for another team member must be rated at a skill level equal to or lesser than the player being substituted for.

All substitutes must be registered to the league or approved by a board member prior to the game they are participating in.

Substitute players names and identity (Jersey number/color, etc.) must be given to the scorekeeper and whom the player they are subbing for. This includes team split players subbing on off nights.

Substitute player game fee is as follows;

Goalie: free

Team Part Time Player: Free

All others: \$12.00 / game

Regarding substitution player game fees;

Substitution fees are somewhat a controversial subject and can be awkward to ask for, however when players register to the league to be on the sub list it is made known to those players there is a \$12.00 fee to do so. So, it's not an unknown or unpublished and substitutes shouldn't expect to play for free when everyone else is playing at a cost.

Sub fees are used financially to fill money deficits due to league registered players unable to participate in the league for extended time periods due to injury, long term illness, job relocation, family emergencies, moving out of the area, etc. Some have argued that the fees have already been paid by the player being substituted for and the fact that the substitute is doing the team and the league a favor by offering their play. There is some truth to that, however, as mentioned above, the league each year typically has a few situations where financially we have deficits that cannot be planned for. Therefore, the sub fees help counter those deficits. Another reason behind the sub fee is to be fair to the players who register and commit to play in the league either part time or full time. We unfortunately, have a few substitute players who play a fair amount and try to avoid paying the sub fees. This is not fair to the players who commit and pay to play, and especially the substitutes players who register and pay for the games they sub in. Substitute players who are allowed to sub and play for teams for free is causing resentment among teams and the substitutes abiding by the rules and paying their game fee. Word does get around the league, so we need to be more diligent about collecting the 12.00 /game fee. The fee is a reasonable charge to play in an organized and officiated game. Drop in hockey fees range anywhere from 8.00 to 15.00 per skate.

The board would welcome any thoughts, comments, or alternatives to the substitute player fee.

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