

Hopkins Baseball Association 2016 Replacement Player Policy For House Play

The main goals of this policy are to reduce game cancellations or forfeits, and not to have replacement players disturb in a material way the competitive balance of the games they play in.

Majors:

In house league (or inter-league) play, when a team has 9 or less of its rostered players available to play, a team is allowed to (1) “call-over” one or more player from other Hopkins Majors teams, or (2) “call-up” one or more players from Hopkins’ Prep teams, until the team has 10 players to play, *i.e.*, when replacement players are used, the team’s roster is limited to 10 players. In addition, the subset of 15AA players that are not playing on the 9th Grade school team are also eligible to be used as replacement players until the 9th Grade season is over.

Prep:

In house league (or inter-league) play, when a team has 9 or less of its rostered players available to play, a team is allowed to (1) “call-over” one or more player from other Hopkins Prep teams, or (2) “call-up” one or more 12- year-old players who reside in Hopkins School District 270 and who compete for teams in the Big Willow, Glen Lake Mighty Mites, Hopkins Area Little League (HALL) and Golden Valley youth baseball programs.

Additional Replacement Player Requirements

1. A replacement player may not be used when playing as a replacement would result in the player missing some or all of his regular team game.
2. A team’s roster for a specific game is limited to a maximum of ten (10) players if a replacement player is used. If 10 regular team players are dressed and available to play at game time, a replacement player cannot be used.
3. Each team needing a replacement player must first attempt to locate necessary “call-over” players as replacements. If necessary “call-over” players are not readily available, a team needing a replacement player may utilize other eligible replacement players. However, an individual team may not use any specific eligible replacement player more than three games during the course of the regular season, and once during any playoffs.
4. Replacement players shall wear the uniform of their regular team. The name(s) of any replacement player(s) must be reported to the opposing team prior to the start of each Game.
5. Replacement players cannot pitch and must bat in the last slots of the batting order. Replacement players **may catch**, but their defensive innings may not exceed any regular player’s innings.