

2020 RED Division Rule Modifications and Guidelines

GENERAL:

- 2020 changes are highlighted in Yellow
- Teams will field a maximum of 11 players. (OPTION: If both opposing managers agree to field 12 players, the individual game may be played with 12 fielders.)
- ALL players will bat consecutively during the entire game in the order established by the Manager at the start of the game.
- Managers are only permitted to sit a player for one inning, unless that individual player agrees to sit out for multiple back-to back innings. No player will be assigned to sit out a single inning more than twice per game, unless that player agrees to do so.
- Fair/Foul ball calls will be made by the catcher, but may be supplemented by the first or third base coach at the catcher's request, in which case the call by the first or third base coach will take precedence.
- Unlimited walks are allowed. A manager may opt to intentionally walk a batter without having the pitcher pitch four balls to the plate by motioning such batter to first base. An individual may only be walked once per game. If a second walk occurs the batter may refuse to take first base and the count is reset to 0-0 and they will continue to bat.
- Each offensive team must provide base umpires/coaches at 1st and 3rd base. If a team does not have a base umpire/coach in position and a play occurs that they would have made the call for, the defensive team at or near the base will make the call. (To avoid this happening, have the batter wait until there are coaches/umpires in position before they step into the batter box)

RUNNERS:

- ALL players MUST run from home plate. (Exception: if hurt during the game, a pinch runner may be used from home plate for the at bats during that game)
- Managers are permitted unlimited substitution for runners who have reached base safely. The runner may be substituted for with a pinch runner at any time. A pinch runner may not be substituted for, unless the pinch runner incurred an injury while running.
- An individual (including extra players) may only pinch run once per inning. If an individual has been relieved for a pinch runner at any point in the game, that individual may NOT be used as a pinch runner for the remainder of the game.

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- If a pinch runner happens to be on base when their turn to bat occurs, they forfeit their at bat and an out occurs.

TEAM SHORTAGES – PER GAME:

- ALL substitute players MUST be currently on the RED Division regular roster or Extra Player List roster. Non-roster players from either the WHITE or BLUE divisions are NOT permitted to play.
- Availability of Extra Players PER GAME
 1. If a player on the Extra Player List is available to play the next week's game, then they are responsible for sending an email to the managers no later than the Wednesday of the week prior to the game.

Email Example Subject: MCSSL RED - John Doe available Monday 4/27
 2. The email indicating availability must be received by the Wednesday before the next Monday game to be considered to possibly play.
 3. Please do NOT send emails if you are NOT available.
 4. Extra Players must send a **new email for each game** and the emails must be sent the week prior to the game.
 5. Extra Players that have sent in their availability email will not be contacted unless they are being contacted to fill a vacancy. If they have not heard anything by Sunday at noon, then they will not be utilized.
 6. Vacant slots will be filled according to the process described below in FILLING ROSTER SLOTS.
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 1. The manager, who has a known vacancy prior to game day, must contact the opposing team manager to see if that team has an extra player (12 players available). If the opposing team has an extra player, the opposing manager will select a player to be provided. If the request is for a pitcher and the opposing team has 2 pitchers available, one will be provided. If the opposing team does not have 2 pitchers then the

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following steps will be utilized. (This rule is to reduce the number of fulltime Red team players that must sit.)

2. The manager, who has a known vacancy prior to game day (noon on Sunday), must contact one of the extra list players who have submitted an “availability email” and is able to fill the required fielding needs. When an extra list player is utilized the commissioner will be notified who is being utilized. The commissioner will attempt to insure multiple extra players are getting an opportunity as the requests are occurring.

In the event that an extra player has been contacted, and the regular player shows up for the game, the Extra Player Takes Precedent to play over the regular player.

3. In the event that the manager has a vacancy prior to game time, the manager may request a player(s) from the team not playing, NOT the opposing team.
4. The manager who has a vacancy at game time, the manager must contact the opposing team manager to see if that team has an extra player (12 players available). If the opposing team has an extra player, the opposing manager will select a player to be provided. If the request is for a pitcher and the opposing team has 2 pitchers available, one will be provided. If the opposing team does not have 2 pitchers then the following steps will be utilized. (This rule is to reduce the number of fulltime Red team players that must sit.)
5. In the event that the manager has a vacancy at game time, the manager **MUST** fill the open slot with any extra list player(s) who is present at the field and is making himself available for play. Such extra player must declare himself available prior to the start-up of the game.
6. In the event that the manager has a vacancy at game time, and there are no extra players available, the manager may request a player(s) from the team not playing, NOT the opposing team.
7. A team short of one player may be provided a temporary CATCHER by the opposing team. This player will be rotated as required.

Note: all additional players as a result of Filling Roster Slots may bat or field in any position. These players may also pinch run.

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A team that is short of multiple players may exercise multiple options as long as the opposing Manager agrees.

In the event that both teams are in a situation whereby the above list does not accommodate fair play, then both Managers must determine by mutual agreement the best and fairest course of action to play the game.

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TEAM SHORTAGES – VACANCIES, LONG TERM LOSS OF ROSTER MEMBER:

- In the event that a team has incurred a loss of a roster player that creates a long-term temporary or permanent vacancy on a roster, the team manager may request to have the vacancy filled from the “Red Division Extra Players List.” This must be done in consultation with the commissioner, who will have the final say as to the player(s) assigned.