

Santa Monica PONY Baseball
Player Substitution Protocol (“Call-Ups”)

(when a team has fewer than 9 players at game time (10 at Pinto Division))
(updated March 2, 2016)

1. If a team has fewer than 9 players at game time (10 at the Pinto Division), the Manager should follow this procedure to find substitutes who will minimize the disruption to the balance of competition.
2. The Manager must advise the Division Commissioner as soon as there is a possibility the team will be short of players. The Manager and Division Commissioner will work through this protocol together.
3. When possible, the Manager should recruit the substitute(s) in advance of game day. The Manager should confirm well before game day whether the team will have fewer than 9 players (10 at the Pinto Division).
4. Use substitutes, or “call-ups,” only to get to 9 players (10 at the Pinto Division).
5. Try to select substitutes who match the skills of the absent player(s).
6. The Manager can recruit the substitute(s) from among the following, making a good faith effort to go in this order: (a) players from other teams in the same Division; (b) players from the next younger Division; (c) players from the opposing team.
7. Substitute(s) must be registered and playing regularly in Santa Monica PONY Baseball for the current season.
8. The Manager shall treat any substitute(s) drawn from the group listed in 6(c), above, as part of the team for that game, including having free discretion in placing the substitute(s) in the batting order and in the field.
9. Substitutes drawn from the groups listed in 6(a) or 6(b), above, bat at the end of the order.
10. The following applies only when the substitute(s) is/are drawn from the groups listed in 6(a) or 6(b), above. With 1 substitute, the player plays RF the entire game. With 2 substitutes, they play RF and LF the entire game. 3 substitutes, RF, LF, CF. 4 substitutes, RF, LF, CF, 2B. 5 substitutes, RF, LF, CF, 2B, 3B. 6 substitutes, RF, LF, CF, 2B, 3B, 1B. 7 substitutes, RF, LF, CF, 2B, 3B, 1B, SS.
11. If the substitute is not from the opposing team, and the team’s 9th player (10th in the Pinto Division) shows up after the substitute has already arrived at the field but before the game begins, the substitute(s) shall be allowed to play, and the Manager should run the team as with 10 or 11 players, subject to this protocol.
12. If a team is using substitutes, and a team member shows up after the game begins, the team member shall be added to the end of the batting order, to avoid a batting out of order problem. This means that, in this circumstance, the substitute(s) will not be batting last.
13. If there are any problems, call your Division Commissioner immediately, from the field. If he is not available, call the Athletic Director (Sergio Alvarado) or the President (Marc Shrake).