

## PLAYUP

There are times when a coach may be short players; be it positional players (pitcher/catcher) or just an extra helping hand.

### General Guidelines:

1. **Players shall not be called up unless the team is below the number of players allowed on the field OR team is short either P1 or P2 or both OR no eligible catchers are available.**
2. No player is to miss a game for their team because they are "playing up"
3. There is no "playing down" allowed.
4. A player shall refrain from playing up in a game scheduled at an earlier time on the same day as their team's game. This is specially true for pitchers/catchers. Exceptions should be approved by the player's manager.
5. As a courtesy the manager requesting player play up shall inform the player's manager of such request.
6. Guest players should bat at the bottom of the lineup.

### Position Specific Rules:

#### 1. Pitcher:

- a) **Guest pitchers are only to be used when team is short either P1 or P2 or both.**
- b) Guest pitchers outs do not count towards her own teams out count
- c) Guest pitchers outs count towards the missing pitchers running out count

#### 2. Catchers:

- a) **Guest catchers are only to be used when a team has no eligible catchers available.**

### Q&A:

**Q:** Do I have to pick a different player to play up every time or can I pick the same kid?

**A:** We strongly encourage managers to give opportunity to play up to as many girls whom they feel can handle it. Having said that it is up to the manager to decide whom they will call to play up. They should adhere to the guidelines provided.

**Q:** I thought I was going to be short a pitcher so I asked a girl to play up. At warm ups my pitcher showed up. What do I do now?

**A:** Situations change and managers should be flexible and be willing to adjust. The guest player and their family has taken the time to be present to help out the team. They shouldnt be penalized for changes in circumstances. While the guest player may not get "pitching" time they should be put into the batting rotation and get some fielding time in other positions. In short: The player that was originally going to be absent should share some play time with the guest player whom was going to cover for her. If not in the mound, then in other positions.