

**Chesterfield Little League**  
**2014 Player Substitution White Sheet Rules Violation Policy**

The intent of this policy is to create a system of accountability on the parts of all CLL team managers, to maximize compliance with player substitution WSRs, and thereby provide all CLL players with fair and equitable opportunity for game participation. To this end, care should be taken to document each instance of material WSR violation. The resulting track record will then indicate where efforts of training and, where necessary, disciplinary action should be directed.

**Identification and Tracking Procedures:**

- Each person acting as the official score keeper in a CLL game is to track the jersey numbers of the players sitting out for each half inning of that game. This information is to be maintained in the official league score book for that game.
- When **any** person observes a situation where the player substitution WSRs are being violated, that person is to immediately bring the situation to the attention of either the offending team's manager, or the board member on duty.
- When the manager of the offending team is alerted to the offense, and the situation is resolved to the satisfaction of the WSRs, and to the satisfaction of both teams' managers, the only further in-game action required is that the manager of the offended team make note of the incident in the official on-line notes of the game.
- Care should be taken to avoid interrupting or delaying the game as much as possible.
- Under no circumstances shall the procedures under this policy be invoked when insufficient documentation exists to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a substitution WSR violation has taken place.
- When made aware of a possible violation covered by this policy, the Board Member on duty is to take appropriate steps to ensure that proper documentation of pertinent game information is maintained.

**In Game Correction Procedures:**

- In the instance of a substitution WSR violation that is identified before the inning in question begins, the manager of the offending team is to be made aware of the violation, and given an opportunity to correct the violation before the inning begins. In this way, there is no impact on the outcome of the game.
- In the instance of a substitution WSR violation that is identified during or after the inning in question, and there are sufficient innings and time remaining, the manager of the offending team shall take appropriate steps to "make up" the required play for all players in subsequent innings. In this way, there is no impact on the outcome of the game.
- In the instance of a substitution WSR violation that is identified during or after the inning in question, and without sufficient innings and time remaining, the manager of the offending team is to take appropriate steps to "make up" the required play for as many players in subsequent innings as possible. In this situation, the manager of the offended team may elect to request that the outcome of the game be set aside for the purposes of tournament seeding.

**After Game Correction Procedures:**

- After **FIRST** reported violation:
  - The Division Director and/or Player Agent for the level of play in question are to meet with the manager of the offending team. Whenever possible,

both of these league officials are to attend this meeting. Members of the disciplinary committee, and/or league chief umpire(s) are eligible to attend as well, but their attendance is optional. The meeting is to take place within the 7 days following the violation. Whenever possible, the meeting is to take place before the team in question's next played game.

- The purposes of this meeting are as follows:
  - to review the substitution WSRs with the manager of the offending team, to answer any questions and to ensure that the manager understands the rules involved
  - to review the provisions of this policy with the offending manager
  - to inform the offending manager that the next reported violation of the substitution WSRs will result in a one game suspension for that manager
  - to inform the offending manager that subsequent violations will be reported to CLL's disciplinary committee for corrective action as they deem appropriate
- After **SECOND** reported violation:
  - It is noted that multiple violations within the same game may be considered by CLL's disciplinary committee as either a single violation, or as separate violations under this policy, by simple majority vote of the members of the committee. Such vote may take place via email. In the event of a tie vote, the chief umpire for the division of play in question shall cast the deciding vote.
  - CLL President is to be made aware of the situation by any and all league directors who have knowledge of the situation.
  - CLL President, and the disciplinary committee are to review the pertinent documentation of the situation to become familiar with the particulars.
  - A designated member of the CLL disciplinary committee is to contact the offending manager to inform him or her that a one game suspension is to be served on the offending team's next played game. This contact may be made via telephone or in person. An email, or some other written form of communication is to be employed as a follow up. CLL President shall be copied on this written communication. This written communication also serves as a paper trail to demonstrate that this corrective action has been taken, and that the manager has been made aware that future violations may meet with more severe action on the part of the disciplinary committee.
- After **THIRD** and subsequent reported violation(s):
  - All procedures and communications for the second reported violation shall be followed.
  - The penalty for third and subsequent violations shall be not less than a one game suspension to be served by the offending manager.
  - Any additional action deemed appropriate by the disciplinary committee shall be taken, and any additional penalties against the offending manager shall be imposed, up to and including the manager's removal from the league, pursuant to CLL Article XIII – Disciplinary Policy for Unacceptable Behavior as administered by the CLL Disciplinary Committee.

**Insert white sheet rules here**

I acknowledge receipt of the Chesterfield Little League 2014 Ground Rules (White Sheet Rules) for the CLL division that I will be managing in and a copy of the Chesterfield Little League 2014 Player Substitution White Sheet Rules Violation Policy. I will discuss the content of both policies with my coaches. I agree to abide by these policies and understand that violations of rules as discussed above will not be tolerated.

Team Name And Level:	Manager Signature:
Manager Printed Name:	Date: