

MLS PICKUP PLAYER RULE - This rule is to minimize, or prevent, on-field forfeits.

1) ONLY WITH THE OPPOSING MANAGER'S CONSENT, a team may utilize up to four (4) pickups to bring the total number of players to ten (10). The total # of pickup players allowed is also at the Opposing Manager's discretion, they can limit you to playing with ONLY the minimum requirement of eight (8).

WITHOUT OPPOSING MANAGER CONSENT A FORFEIT MAY BE INCURRED AND/OR PENALTIES MAY BE APPLIED.

2) If a rostered team member(s) arrives late, the corresponding number of pickups must leave the game & the rostered player(s) will take their position(s) in the batting lineup.

3) **PICK UP PLAYER CONDITIONS:**

- Pickups may only play the following defensive positions: CATCHER or RIGHT FIELD (right center / rover & left / left-center will be allowed only if **more than 2** pickups are being used).
- Pickups must always bat at the BOTTOM of a lineup.
- Pickups must be 18 or older & must sign the lineup card using their LEGAL name (same as any rostered player).
- During REGULAR season games pickups may be **ANYONE**, from **ANYWHERE** as long as all rules are followed & the opposing manager consents.
- During PLAYOFF and/or CHAMPIONSHIP games pickups may only come from your **CURRENT SEASON ROSTER**. Meaning rostered players that are NOT be eligible due to a lack of plate appearances (PA's) per the stats MAY be used as pickups. Again, all rules must be followed & opposing manager must consent.

4) **LINEUP CARD REQUIREMENTS:**

- Managers, you MUST make it clear to the Scorekeeper when using pickups.
 - List them on the lineup card with their legal name and CIRCLE **"PICKUP"**.
 - Pickups must sign the lineup card using their legal names.
 - Pickups may not be placed onto a lineup under a rostered player's name. This is ILLEGAL.

5) If the opposing manager consents to the PICKUP PLAYER RULE they have waived any win by forfeit they may have received, and the game will be played as normal. The game will be considered a LEGAL game.

No protests related to player eligibility will be considered after a game is played.

MLS ILLEGAL PLAYER PENALTIES

1) At any point during a game, if an ILLEGAL player is discovered by any MLS Official and/or Opposing Manager, the Opposing Manager will be consulted as to whether they wish to:

- (A) remove the ILLEGAL player from the game, which may result in a forfeit if the team no longer has 8 players
- (B) continue playing using the PICKUP PLAYER RULE
- (C) receive an automatic win by forfeit due to cheating. NO EXCEPTIONS / NO DISCUSSIONS.