

ESSPA GUEST/SUBSTITUTE PLAYER POLICY

The following policy has been put in to place in order to allow new players (or players new to a division) the opportunity to experience ESSPA in the hopes of encouraging them to sign up and play part time or full time for the rest of the year or the following year. We hope that this will help to grow the league.

The intent of having guest (registered as a spare, however not playing on an ESSPA team or non-registered player) players is to allow new players to “try out the league” and for games to be played should a team be short a player. The intent is NOT to try to improve one’s team or move up in the standings.

This policy is based on survey results from 2019 and various discussions with Division Coordinators and the Board.

- A list of players 60 or older from 45+ Mens (Cuthbertson), Men’s 60+ and Women’s 45+ teams, and wanting to Sub will be made available to team leaders/managers to encourage them to play in Mixed Division 1 (Hirsch). Players will be allowed to play a maximum of 3 games per every team in the division during regular season play. (names will be recorded on the game sheet with an * and game sheets will be turned in).
- Subs (a registered ESSPA player who is willing to spare) for all Mixed Divisions should come from the Division below, or from within the division if **no players on the guest Sub list are available** or a last minute replacement is needed. Subs are asked to register in RAMP and a list will be generated. Subs should be approved by the opposing team prior to the game and must bat last. In the Mixed Divisions, Subs should be of the same gender.
- Mixed Div 3 (Browner) has no sub pool to draw from so they will be given a list of Mixed Div 2 (Hansen) players that would be able to sub for them. If they cannot get a pitcher from this group, they may ask for a pitcher from any division and that player will NOT bat.
- To encourage new people to join the league, guest Subs (those not playing on an ESSPA team or registered to be a Sub only) will be allowed to play two (2) regular season games per team, in any division that they have the skill set for, with no cost. **Subs must sign the waiver and names will be recorded on game sheets that are turned in.** (We will collect contact info from all Subs and stats from previous year to encourage them to sign up and so we know where to place them).
- If a guest Sub decides to join the league part-way through the season, they can do so at a prorated fee. A manual registration form should be completed and sent to Registrar.
- Subs should NOT be used if a team is not short a player.
- Game sheets will be turned in (to the scoresheets@esspa.ca address) after every game in order to keep track of Subs, to analyze stats (e.g. measure success of rule changes like big ball/little ball, etc.) and to document issues around conduct. Game sheets must have the first and last name of all players. *PLEASE PUT A STAR OR ASTERIX NEXT TO THE SUB’S NAME.