## **Substitution Policy**

To avoid a team forfeiture, the Steel City Softball League has the following substitution policy for regular season game play.

- To begin a game the team must have seven (7) rostered players and at least one (1) substitute player as catcher.
  - o With the seven (7) rostered players, a team may substitute up to 2 additional substitutions.
  - The first substitution must play catcher.
  - o The second substitution must play right field.
  - o A team cannot play with any more than two (2) substitutions.
- With the eight (8) rostered players, a team may substitute up to 1 additional substitution.
  - The first substitution must play catcher.
  - A team cannot play with any more than one (1) substitution.
- If the team meets the eight (8) minimum players (7 rostered + 1 substitution, or 8 rostered players), it is up to the discretion of the team captain or manager to request an additional substitute player. The second substitute player must play right field.
- If a rostered team player or players arrive later after the start of the game, they must enter the game immediately, and are swapped out for the substitute player(s).
  - Only a substituted player or players can be swapped after the game has started.
    - Example:
      - If you requested one (1) substitute player at the beginning of the game, and two (2) rostered players show up, you can only swap in one (1) player.
      - If you requested two (2) substitute players at the beginning of the game, and three (3) rostered players show up, you can only swap two (2) players.
      - Once a game has started, you cannot add more players to your lineup, only the requested substitutions can be swapped.
- Any substitute player must be registered for the current season, and in good standing with our league.