

USCA SUBSTITUTION PROCEDURES

A team must begin each level of play with not less than four registered players. A team may register five players. Once a team has started competition, the team must compete without change of personnel except, in the case of a four player team, adding a fifth player. A team may add a fifth player at any point in the play down process through the National Championship. When adding a fifth player, that player:

- Must meet all general eligibility requirements for the competition as outlined in Sections I-A and possibly I-B or I-C of the USCA Championship Rules Booklet.
- Must reside or have already played down in the region where the team has declared it's playing down,
- Must submit a signed the Player/Coach Agreement and Release of Liability prior to competing,
- Must become a permanent registered member of the team, and
- In the case of a junior player, must submit a signed medical sheet prior to competing.

A player from a team that has been eliminated from competition may only register with another team from the same state or region, and only at a subsequent level of play.

No team shall register more than five players at any point in the play down process beginning with the first level of play through and including the National Championships.

A player may not compete on more than one team at the same level of play leading to the national championship.

If one player is late for a reason adjudged valid by the Chief Umpire (a sudden, urgent, unforeseen occurrence or occasion requiring immediate action), the team may commence play with three players and the late player may enter the game in the next end, in his/her normal position. *Clarification: Four members of each team must start play in the first game of each level of the play down process.*

When a player is unable to continue to play in a game or to play at the start of a game, his/her skip may

- Finish the game and start any subsequent game with the remaining players, in which case the first two players will throw 3 stones each.
- Bring in a qualified substitute for the game then in progress at the beginning of the next end, or at the start of any subsequent game. *If a substitute player enters a game in progress there are no restrictions as to type of sweeping device he/she may bring into the game as hi/hers sweeping device.* The rotation of play may be changed at the discretion of the skip or coach who shall inform the Chief Umpire of the new rotation and supply a line up change card to the Chief Umpire. The revised rotation of play shall continue for the remainder of that game. Where only four players have been registered, a qualified substitute may be introduced under the same conditions in which case he/she becomes the registered fifth player for that team.
- A player who has left a game because of illness, accident or other extenuating circumstances may rejoin his/her team at any time during any game in the competition. If a substitute was used, the player may rejoin his/her team for the next game.
- No team shall play more than one substitute in a competition.

The rules governing substitution in Mixed Championships and play downs are generally the same rules that hold for Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior Championships and play downs with two exceptions. These are:

- Four players, two men and two women, in alternate positions, must be playing at all times or the team must forfeit the game.
- The host club may provide a male or female substitute who meets the USCA General Eligibility guidelines as stated in Section I-A and is approved by the USCA. The substitute must always be the same sex as the player being replaced. The substitute becomes the registered 5th player on the team. The substitute must present a signed Player/Coach agreement and Release of Liability form to the events Chief Umpire before going into the game.