

# **CRBL Flex Player Roster Rules and Regulations**

## ***Article 10, Section 18 – Instituted in 2016***

- Rule 1:** The fundamental purpose of adding Flex Players is to avoid forfeits, nothing more, and nothing less.
- Rule 2:** Teams are allowed to add 3 Flex Players throughout the season.
- Rule 3:** Flex Players may be added above and beyond the 25 man roster limit.
- Rule 4:** Adding a Flex Player will only be permitted if the Flex Player(s) amounts to the 9<sup>th</sup> and/or 10<sup>th</sup> player(s) for the team in need.
- Rule 5:** Added Flex Players will only be able to play in the future if they are (again) the 9<sup>th</sup> and/or 10<sup>th</sup> player(s) for the team in need.
- Rule 6:** The CRBL Flex Roster has absolutely nothing to do with the WBA in any way.
- Rule 7:** Flex Players will not be allowed to participate in the CRBL Playoffs or the WBA.
- Rule 8:** Flex Players will not be allowed to play for more than one team in a given CRBL season.
- Rule 9:** Flex Players will not be allowed to pitch until 10 days after they are added as a Flex Player and provided they are (again) the 9<sup>th</sup> and/or 10<sup>th</sup> player(s) for the team in need for a given game.
- Rule 10:** “Buyer (team) beware”: teams will have no contractual rights to Flex Players. Flex Players will not be forced to turn in a uniform or pay a team fee if they choose to switch to another team the following season. Flex Players will immediately be considered “free agents” at the completion of the current season. Article 12, Section 3 cannot be enforced for a Flex Player.
- Rule 11:** All established player eligibility rules within the CRBL and WBA will apply to Flex Players.
- Rule 12:** All Flex Players must be reported to a CRBL officer in the form of an electronically documented communication such as a text or email the day of their addition. CRBL officers will not be required or expected to take phone calls in order to write down pertinent details.
- Rule 13:** Flex Players will not be required to sign the Flex Player Roster.
- Rule 14:** The Flex Roster will not be a mechanism to keep players active and eligible related to Article 10, Sections 5 and 15 for future play in the CRBL or the WBA.
- Rule 15:** The team/manager adding a Flex Player must notify the opposing team prior to the start of that day’s league game(s) of exactly who the Flex Player is/players are.
- Rule 16:** Multiple Flex Players (up to 3, thus reaching the allotted limit) may be added for the same day/game.
- Rule 17:** Exemptions in regards to using Flex Players will not be allowed.
- Rule 18:** Any team that uses an illegal/ineligible player will be penalized immediately in the following manner:
- Forfeiture of any game(s) that the illegal/ineligible Flex Player appears in.
  - The offending team will not be allowed to use any Flex Players for the remainder of that season.

- The offending team will lose a Flex Player spot the following season for each illegal/ineligible Flex Player that appears in a game.
- Assessed a \$100 fine which must be paid before their next scheduled league game day.
- The illegal/ineligible Flex Player will not be permitted to play for the offending team the remainder of the current season and the entirety of the following season.

**NOTE:** Again, the basic purpose of the Flex Roster is to help CRBL teams avoid forfeits. The intent is not to provide an avenue for CRBL teams to stockpile players, circumvent eligibility rules, build a “minor league” team, grab day of “ringers” (particularly pitchers), etc. The CRBL expects that its teams and managers use the Flex Roster correctly, not abusively.