

Unannounced substitutions

If a manager fails to notify the plate umpire of an otherwise legal substitution, what you have is an **unannounced substitution** [5.10(j)].

When this happens, the substitution takes effect when the player takes his proper position on the field, specifically, **(1)** the pitcher takes the mound, **(2)** a batter steps into the batter's box, **(3)** a fielder takes his defensive position and play begins, or **(4)** a runner takes the place of another runner.

Ultimately, you treat an unannounced substitution just like any other substitution.

It is not an infraction and there is no penalty (even though some opposing managers will try to tell you there is).