

Bereavement List

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A club may place a player experiencing a family emergency or the death of a loved one on the bereavement list with permission from the commissioner's office. The player may spend between three and seven days on the list, and during that period, his club may replace him on the active 25-man roster. A player on the bereavement list continues to accumulate Major League service time.

The bereavement list was instituted on a temporary basis for the 2003 season, and the seven-day leave made permanent in April, 2004. The list of relatives whose death would entitle a player to take leave has been extended to in-laws. A club may not use the bereavement list to replace a player who leaves his club for the birth of a child.