

2018 Pool Player Policy

Little League (LL) allows the usage of “pool players” to fill rosters during the season when illness, injury or other reasons cause a temporary loss of players from a team. The intent of this program is simply to allow teams to participate with 9 players to avoid games being canceled or postponed. WLL will comply with this rule and adhere to the following protocol regarding Pool Players:

CREATING THE PLAYER POOL

1. Each year the league’s Player Agent(s) will make a list of all players who are deemed eligible to play in games other than the ones on their team’s schedule or in their division. This list will be created immediately following each year’s player draft and in conjunction with the coaches and their recommendations and filed with the league’s Board of Directors.
2. Based on their ability, some players may be asked to play up a division. Each year there are a number of players who are “on the bubble” or who end up playing in a lower division due to the number of signups the league has and the number of roster spots available in a specific division. This will give those players the ability to experience some ball at that next level, and only those who are deemed capable and who have tried out for those divisions will be considered.
- 2a. Players who haven’t tried out for a specific level are not automatically excluded from the player pool. During a given season a player may exhibit the ability to play at a higher level than his peers in his current division, and may be considered for pool play should the need arise where no other eligible pool players are available.
3. The player agent will list the pool players in alphabetical order by last name, with their team name, e-mail address and phone number. Each list will also be sent to the league President and Vice President. Each list will be updated and maintained by the league.
4. There is no extra charge to parents for players in the player pool playing in other games.

CRITERIA FOR REQUEST OF A POOL PLAYER

1. A team must have 9 or less players planning to attend a game in order to request a pool player.
2. Managers cannot request pool players if they have 10 (or more) core players attending the game.

PROCEDURE TO REQUEST A POOL PLAYER

1. If a manager knows he/she will have **LESS THAN 9 PLAYERS** for a scheduled game, he/she **MAY** contact their player agent and request a pool player(s) to make up the difference.
2. Managers **CANNOT** contact other managers or families to request certain players. The approved procedure is for a manager to contact the player agent and for the player agent to contact the eligible players.
3. Once a pool player is used, he is removed from the pool until the remaining players have been used before he is re-entered in the pool. If none of the remaining players are available the next time a pool player is needed, those players not yet back in the pool are now eligible

APPROVAL OF A POOL PLAYER

1. The player agent will select the players to be added to a roster at random from the player pool and then contact that player's parents to inquire about availability and provide them with the date, time and location of the game.
2. If the player does not have a game of their own with their own team and is available (practices may be skipped to play in a game via the Player Pool), the player agent will contact the President, Vice President and head coach of the team who needs the player and confirm that the player is available and explain that he approves of the player being used for the game.
3. The player agent will e-mail the manager with the name of the pool player and his contact information.

THE PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY

1. If the player commits to playing the game, he will be expected to arrive to the field on time for warm-ups with the team and to go over lineups and game plans.
2. The player will be expected to wear his current jersey, cap belt and a pair of white baseball pants (league will provide if necessary) unless otherwise instructed.

USAGE OF POOL PLAYER IN THE GAME

1. Pool player(s) **will bat last in the lineup**, after all core players.
2. Pool player **cannot pitch** in the game.
3. Pool players must start the game and play **6 defensive outs** before they are pulled from the defense should other players arrive later.
4. Pool players will remain in the batting order for the remainder of the game as WLL utilizes a continuous batting order.
4. It is the responsibility of the manager to ensure the pool player is properly utilized. Violations will result in restriction from using pool players in the future. Punishment will be decided by the Board of Directors.

PLAYER AGENT'S DUTY

1. PLAYER AGENTS will record which players on the pool player list have participated in a game. Once a pool player is utilized, his name is placed last on the contact list. All other players must be contacted before the pool player is utilized again.
2. Players requesting placement on pool player list once the season begins will be placed at the end of the list. A player cannot be added to the list and play in the same week, unless all existing pool players have been contacted and are unavailable.