



JCLL Pool Player Policy - Juniors and Majors

What is a pool player? A pool of players from existing regular season teams is created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game within their respective divisions. The Pool Players will be managed and run by the league's Player Agent. (Little League Regulation V, Guidelines.)

Steps to Obtain a Pool Player:

- 1) Determine that you need a player to abide by Rule 4.17 which states that a game cannot be played with less than 9 rostered players.
 - a) Note: Juniors Baseball does allow a team to start with 8 players per District 6 Interleague rules
- 2) The Team Manager must contact the league Player Agent and ask for a Pool Player.
 - a) ONLY the Player Agent can assign a Pool Player to a team. Give as much notice as possible for the Player Agent to obtain a Pool Player for assignment.
 - i) The request should be at least 90 minutes before the start of the game.
 - b) NOTE: Managers and/or coaches do not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool within their divisions (Little League Regulation V, Guidelines).

Little League Rules for Pool Players:

- 1) Assigned Pool Player must be obtained through the Player Agent only.
- 2) Assigned Pool Player cannot play the position of pitcher.
- 3) The player agent should have each Pool Player listed randomly (at the beginning of the season) and contact the pool players in that order. If a player denies a request to be a pool player and/or parents does not respond, then that Player goes to the bottom of the pool player list.
- 4) Pool Players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least 9 consecutive defensive outs and bat once.
 - a) If other players can play defense due to rostered players appearing unexpectedly, Pool Players must play exactly 9 consecutive defensive outs.
 - i) Violation of the rule is cause for protest by the opposing manager. (Note Pool Players continue to have offensive at bats).



Local Rules for Pool Players:

- 1) Before the start of the season, each manager should try to identify at least 3 players willing to participate in the pool player program. It is the manager's responsibility to market this program to players and parents.
- 2) Assigned Pool Player will take the defensive position in the outfield only.
- 3) Pool Players who are called and show up at the game site must play.
- 4) If a team has a player that is injured and can only bat or field (acts as a half of a player) and the team drops below 9 players, they must contact the Player Agent and Division Director to discuss how to proceed (i.e. does the team get a pool player or now).

Pool Players Obtained Improperly:

- 1) If a manager obtains a Pool Player improperly, that manager will be suspended for their next regularly scheduled game.
- 2) Any Pool Player that is not obtained properly should be considered an ineligible player and the opposing manager can protest the game based on that.