



Player Pool Policy

What is a Player Pool? A pool of players from existing regular season teams 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 Player Pool will be managed and run by the league's Player Agent (Green Book, Regulation V, Section C).

How does a manager obtain a Pool Player:

1. Determine that you are in need of player to comply with Rule 4.17 which states that a game cannot be played with less than 9 rostered players.
2. Contact the league Player Agent via email or text and ask for a pool player. **Only the Player Agent can assign a Pool Player to a team.** Please provide as much notice as possible for the Player Agent to obtain a Pool Player for assignment. **NOTE: Managers and/or coaches do not have the right to randomly choose players from the pool within their divisions (Green Book, Regulation V, Section C).**

Little League Rules for Pool Players:

1. Assigned Pool Players must be assigned through the Player Agent
2. Assigned Pool Player cannot play the position of pitcher
3. Assigned Pool Player must play at least nine (9) consecutive defensive outs and bat once.
4. The Player Agent should have each Pool Player listed in random order (at the beginning of the season) and contact the Pool Players in that order. If the player denies the request to be a Pool Players and/or parents do not respond, then that player goes to the bottom of the list and the player at the top of the list will be contacted.

Local Rules for Pool Players

1. Before the start of the season, each manager must identify two (2) players willing to participate in the pool player program. It is the manager's responsibility to market this program to players and parents. **If a team does not submit, in writing, at least 2 players, that team will not be allowed to avail itself of the pool player program for the remainder of the season. Any failure to field nine players in a game result in a forfeit.**
2. Assigned Pool Players will be available for defensive position in the outfield only.
3. Assigned Pool Player will bat last in the lineup. EXCEPTION: If a team member arrives late to the game, that player will be placed last in the batting order (Green Book, Rule 4.04/NOTE 2). The Pool Players that are called and show up at a game site must play.
 - a. This rule supersedes any guidelines in Regulation V, Section of Players in the Green Book: Pool Players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least 9 consecutive defensive outs. If other

players are available to play defense due to rostered player showing up unexpectedly, pool players must play a minimum of 9 defensive outs. The opposing manager will have the option to protest the game based on that infraction. Pool Players will continue throughout the game in the established continuous batting order.

4. If a manager chooses to request a player pool player from the player agent, they may do so up to a 10th player in the lineup to be in attendance for the game in question.

Pool Players Obtained Improperly:

1. Any Pool Player that is not obtained properly will be considered an ineligible player. The opposing manager will have the option to protest the game based on that infraction. (Green Book Rule 4.19)
2. If it is demonstrated that a manager obtained a Pool Player improperly, that manager will be suspended for his/her next regularly scheduled game.