

California District 47 Little League 2025 Player Pool Guidelines

Before the start of league play, the player agent (or acting player agent) for each division should check with the managers of the league teams to see if they might need pool players. A pool of players from existing regular season teams within their respective division can be created with players that are willing to participate in a game when a team faces a shortage of rostered players.

Steps to Obtain a Pool Player:

- I. The manager must determine that they may be in need of a player(s).
- II. A manager may use up to three pool players to fill their roster. However, a team utilizing pool players shall have a maximum of 10 players on their roster for a given game including the pool player(s).
- III. The manager must contact the division Player Agent and ask for a Pool player(s). **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.

NOTE: Managers and/or coaches do not have the right to choose their pool players.

D47 Rules for Pool Players (to be applied to Interleague play):

- I. Assigned Pool Player must be obtained through the Player Agent only.
- II. Assigned Pool Player can only play an *outfield position*.
- III. Non-pool players shall fill all starting positions in the lineup before pool players can be used as starters.
- IV. Assigned Pool Players shall have mandatory play of one at bat and nine defensive outs *unless the game is shortened for any reason*. Any assigned pool player that shows for a game must play in that game.
- V. Assigned Pool Player will wear the uniform they wear for their currently rostered team, not one of the requesting team. Managers shall identify the pool players in their lineup to the umpire and official scorer (e.g. through the lineup card.)

Pool Players Obtained Improperly:

- I. If a manager obtains a Pool Player improperly, that manager will be suspended for his/her next scheduled game.
- II. Any Pool Player that is not obtained properly should be considered an ineligible player and the opposing manager can protest the game. 4.19(a).
- III. Improper use of a pooled player may result in penalty up to and including forfeiture of the game as determined by league board.

Pool player guidelines for a Team if the League only has one team in the division.

- a) If the league's constitution and/or bylaws allow pulling a **lower division** player up, the manager will contact the player agent from the next lower division to request a pool player.
- b) The player's age must fit within the league's established alignment for the division of play.
- c) Under no circumstances can a player be pulled **DOWN** to a lower division as a pool player even if they are age appropriate.