

## **Ballard Little League – Pool Player Policy and Rules**

### **Pool Player Policy**

*What is this? 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 Pool Players will be managed and run by the league's Player Agent (Green Book, Regulation V(c)).*

### **BLL Player Pool Policy for AAA and Majors:**

Intent: The intent of maintaining and using a pool of replacement players for AAA and Majors divisions is to avoid not being able to play games due to a team not being able to field 9 players, not to enhance a roster for a more competitive team at the expense of regular rostered players.

1. A pool of volunteer players from the above mentioned divisions will be solicited and kept by the division Player Agent. This pool will be made up by asking every player in that division before the season begins if they are willing to be part of the player pool. Players from different divisions can never participate in the player pool for a different division....ie a Minors player may never substitute in Majors.
2. This player pool will be "randomized" once all names are compiled. This randomized list will be shared with the League President(s), Division VP, and the Player Agent.
3. When pool players are requested, granted and utilized, the player pool list will be marked as such and shared with the Board Members mentioned above.
4. Players will be contacted starting from the top of the player pool list until a player is found eligible and available for that particular game/date.
5. Once a pool player has been activated for a game, that pool player then rotates to the bottom of the available player pool list.

### **Steps to Obtain a Pool Player:**

- 1) Determine that you are in need of a player to abide by Rule 4.17 which states that a game cannot be played with less than 9 rostered players.
- 2) Contact the league Player Agent and Divisional VP 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 randomly pick and choose players from the pool within their divisions (*Green Book, Regulation V(c)*).

### **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) Pool Player must play at least nine consecutive outs and bat once (*Green Book, Regulation V(c), Guideline 4*).

### **Game Policy for use of Pool Players:**

1. A Manager may request pool players for a regular season game when he has information to believe that he will be down to 9 or fewer regular rostered players. The maximum number of pool players allowed per team/per game is 2. However, the maximum total roster using pool players may not exceed 10 total players. For instance, if a team is down to 8 regular roster players, 2 pool player may be added to the roster, bringing it to 10 total players. If a roster is at 9 regular roster players, only 1 pool player may be added to bring the total rostered players for that game to 10.
2. If a regular rostered player shows up by game time and adding pool players would bring the total rostered players above 10, the pool player(s) must still meet the required playing time listed in #3. For this reason, Managers should make all attempts at confirming their rostered player's absence.
3. Pool players must play the minimum Green Book Little League Playing time for Pool Players (3 innings/1 at bat), but may not pitch in a game. The Pool Player will remain until he/she has played at least the mandatory play requirements.
4. When teams have 10 players including a pool player, that pool player must be in the rotation of substitutes (i.e. may not play the entire game at the expense of a regular rostered player sitting out).
5. 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).
6. Pool players should play in the outfield.
7. Pool Players will wear their own team's regular uniform.
8. Pool Players should be identified on the line-up card by a "PP."

### **Pool Players Obtained Improperly:**

- 1) If a manager obtains a Pool Player improperly, that manager will be suspended for his/her 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 base on that. See Green Book Rule 4.19.