



Ponderosa Little League Pool Player Rules

Pool Players for Competitive Divisions:

Pool players are used in our competitive divisions (AAA and Majors) and allow a player in that division to fill a vacancy with another team that does not (or will not) have 9 players available at the start of a game. Pool players **MUST** be current registered players with the league. Pool players cannot be utilized for teams that have 9 or more available players for a game.

Requesting Pool Players:

Pool players can be requested by contacting the division coordinator and/or the PLL Vice President prior to the start of a game. The league maintains a list of eligible pool players and is responsible for assigning pool players to eligible teams.

Pool Player Assignment/Priority:

Pool players are allocated and assigned based on a rotating list under the following guidelines for priority and eligibility:

- Majors Division:
 - League age 12 will be given priority to fill available spots
 - If no 12s are available, eligible league age 11 or 10 players can be used, provided they are approved by the league to play in the Major's division
 - Eligible 11 or 10's in the AAA division can request to pool play in the Majors division at the discretion of the league and their manager, and with approval from the player's family.
- AAA Division:
 - League age 9-11 players who are in the AAA division can fill available spots
 - Under no circumstance can a 10- or 11-year-old in the Majors divisions be used as a pool player for a AAA game
 - Players in the AA division are ineligible for pool play in the competitive divisions.

Pool Player Rules:

- **Under no circumstances can a manager independently find and assign a player to fill a vacant spot. Any games that utilize an unassigned player that is not cleared by the league may be subject to forfeit and further disciplinary action**
- **Pool players must be registered with the league**
- Pool players must be requested and assigned through the division coordinator or PLL Vice President
- A specific pool player cannot be requested, nor can a specific player be passed on once assigned (for example, cannot pass on a player to get a different player)
- Pool players are allowed to play any defensive position, except for pitcher or catcher
- Pool players must bat last in the lineup
- Pool player requests are filled on a first come, first serve basis

Non-Competitive Divisions:

If teams are short players in the Tball, A, or AA divisions, managers can work with their division coordinator or other coaches to fill a vacant spot. There is not a formal request process given the developmental focus of these divisions.

The following rules apply to non-competitive divisions:

- **Pool players must be registered with the league**
- **Pool players in the non-competitive divisions can only pool play within their registered division (ex: a player in A cannot fill in on a AA team)**
- Pool players are allowed to play any defensive position, except for pitcher or catcher
- Pool players must bat last in the lineup
- Pool player requests are filled on a first come, first serve basis