

Florida District 20 Little League Player Pool Guidelines



The purpose of creating and operating a player pool is to aid teams that are having a difficult time fielding a team for a specific game during the regular season. This is a great opportunity for those children that wish to play more baseball and softball. By providing this option this should eliminate the need to postpone, reschedule, or cancel a game due to lack of players.

How it Works

A pool of players from existing regular season teams will be created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season with teams that face a shortage of players for a given regular season game.

Guidelines

1. The League's Player Agent will create and run the pool. The League's Player Agent will use the pool to assign players to teams that are short of players on a rotating basis.
2. Managers and/or coaches will not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool.
3. When a player participates in a game on a team other than his/her own team, that player will not be permitted to pitch in that game.
4. Pool players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least nine consecutive defensive outs and bat once.

Notes

1. If a rostered player arrives late or is at the game unexpectedly making the replacement player unneeded, any confirmed player (s) that show up for the game will still play for that team
2. Any team that finds out at, or just before, game time they do not have enough players to play, will be given 15 minutes grace for the league to try to produce a replacement player. If one is not found, the game will result in a forfeit and for the benefit of those that arrived; an unofficial game will be played amongst the remaining players.
3. Replacement players should only be used when a team has eight or fewer players, and NOT when a team has nine, the required number to play. The idea is that we want all the kids on your team to play.
4. Pool players are to wear their own teams' regular season uniform. The letters "PP" should be written next to the players name on the lineup card.
5. All players that are interested in putting their name on the list must call **[player agent name and number]** immediately to be entered into the pool.

Advice to Parents

If your child chooses to be on the list of pool players, please understand the rights and expectations of this commitment. You do have the right to say no when you get the call by the player agent for a game. We understand you will have schedule plans at times that conflict and you're unable to commit your child to be a pool player for that game. Other opportunities will likely be extended another time. However, when you do accept the offer, please know that the other team is depending on that commitment.

Pool play is a great opportunity for those children that wish to play more baseball and softball. It also lets them interact with other players to develop socially, competitively, and build a stronger friendship with players their age. The goal of Little League is to build character in youth and build stronger communities. Participating as a pool player helps achieve this goal.