



California District 47 Little League 2024 Player Pool Guidelines

Before the start of **District TOC's** (TOC's), each league player agent (or acting player agent) for each league division participating in TOC's shall check with the manager of the TOC team to see if pool players may be needed. A pool of players from existing regular season teams within their respective division can be created with players that are willing to participate in TOC's when a team faces a shortage of rostered players. **The list of eligible pool players must be submitted to the Tournament Director with a copy to the DA prior to the start of the TOC tournament.**

Steps to Obtain a Pool Player:

- I. The manager must determine that they may be in need of a player(s). (Note: D47 has adopted the Rule 4.16 & 4.17 that a game may be played with 8 players. However, the empty slot in the batting lineup **is an out** for all divisions of play.)
- 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.

TOC Rules for Pool Players:

- 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. *Clarification: Pool players shall be placed at the bottom of the batting order. They may be placed defensively at any time. (Non-pool players must still meet regular mandatory play requirements.)*
- 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. An assigned Pool Player will wear their regular season uniform, not one of the TOC team. Managers shall identify their pool player(s) to the umpire and official scorer prior to the start of the game.

Pool Players Obtained Improperly:

- I. If a manager obtains a Pool Player improperly, that manager will be suspended for his/hernext scheduled TOC 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 District staff.

Pool player guidelines for TOC Team if the League only 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 TOC pool player even if they are age appropriate.