



# Ocean View Little League



## Pool Player Policy 2024

### When Pool Players Are Used

- In the event a player or players from a manager's official roster is unavailable for a game, he or she may elect to use a "pool player" or, in some instances, may be required to use a pool player:
  - REGULAR SEASON:
    - If a team in Minor B, Minor A, or Majors is unable to field at least nine players, they are required to meet the nine-player minimum by using a "pool player" for that particular game.
    - At the manager's discretion, he or she may elect to use a pool player if they do have the nine-player minimum but would like an extra player in the event of injury.
    - A manager cannot elect to use a pool player if he or she has 10 or more players from his official roster.
  - PLAYOFFS AND TOC:
    - If a team in Minor B, Minor A, or Majors is unable to secure his or her **entire roster**, they are required to use pool players until the roster minimum is met.
    - In 2024, that means:
      - Majors – 11 players
      - Minor A – 11 players
      - Minor B – 11 players
- Managers found to be in violation of these processes are subject to suspension.

### Pool Player Selection

- Pool players are determined during the draft process for each division. The BOD may change the number of rounds used during the season based on participation/need.
- Majors, Minor A & Minor B: Every player drafted in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> rounds of the draft are automatically delineated as pool players.

## **Pool Player Team Placement Process**

- A manager will contact the Commissioner at least 24 hours in advance that they are in need of a pool player.
  - The 24-hour minimum is waived only if the manager was given less than 24 hours' notice by the player's family that he or she would miss a game.
    - If the Commissioner or the Board has evidence that the manager had more than 24 hours' notice but did not contact the commissioner for a pool player with at least 24 hours' notice, the manager may be suspended for one game.
  - The manager will tell the Commissioner why their permanent player is missing the game.
    - The Commissioner will relay that information to the Player Agents.
    - If a player misses two consecutive games, the Commissioner will inform the player agents.
- Upon receiving the Pool Player request from the Commissioner, the Player Agents will call/text families in order on a randomized list of eligible pool players for that particular division.
  - The Player Agent will notify families of the following details:
    - The time and place of the game a pool player is needed.
    - The name of the manager of the team.
- In an emergency situation, the Commissioner/OOD can appoint a pool player without using this process but only with the permission of the President/Vice President.
  - In the event the President/Vice President has a child playing in the game in which the pool player is being appointed (or the president's/vice president's child is an eligible pool player), he/she must defer the above mentioned responsibility to the lead player agent whose child is not playing in the game in question.
  - If both teams playing a tournament game do not have a full roster, two pool players will be selected, with the first player to respond going to the home team, and the second player to the visiting team.
- The Commissioner or Player Agent will also explain that, under no circumstances, should a manager contact a pool player or his or her family.
  - Moreover, when a manager has a pool player for a game, they are not to ask the player or the parents if they would serve as a pool player again.
    - Managers found to be in violation of these rules will be suspended for the next scheduled game. In the event of a second offense, the offending manager may be barred from coaching the remainder of the season.
    - Any pool player that is not obtained by the above mentioned rules should be considered an ineligible player and the opposing manager can protest the game.

## **How Pool Players Are Used in Games**

- Assigned pool player will take the defensive position in the outfield only.
- Assigned pool player will bat last with one EXCEPTION:
  - If a team member arrives late to the game, that player will be placed last in the batting order. The Pool Player will remain until he/she has played at least the mandatory minimum play requirements.
- Violation of the above mentioned play rules deems the player ineligible and the opposing manager may protest the game. Moreover, the offending manager will be suspended for the next scheduled game.