



## CYPRESS YOUTH BASEBALL POOL PLAY POLICY

### POOL PLAYERS

In instances where a team has **9 or fewer** players available to play a game, the manager may “call-up” one or more pool players from the Division below in order to have players available for the scheduled game.

### Pool Player Approval Process

Pool players must be approved by the Lower Division Commissioner in order to play in a higher division game. To ensure safety and maintain competitive balance, pool players must be able to demonstrate sufficient ability to be competitive at the higher division.

- Players/parents may nominate themselves as “eligible” for pool play by completing the **Pool Player Request Form**, available from the league website, and submitting to the Team Manager.
- If the Team Manager supports the request, under the premise that the player can demonstrate adequate baseball skills to participate in the higher division, he/she will approve the request and forward to the Division Commissioner.
- The Division Commissioner will review all requests and make the final determination regarding approval, based upon a player’s ability to demonstrate adequate baseball skills to participate in the higher division.
- Approved players will be placed on the higher division Pool Player list.
- Unapproved players and their parents will be notified by their Division Commissioner.
- Pool player approval will occur twice during the season:
  - Initial approval must be completed no later than the Friday prior to Opening Day.
  - Secondary approval will take place no later than the Friday before the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season.

### Pool Player Guidelines

- Pool players will wear their own team’s jersey to distinguish themselves from the team’s regular team roster.
- Pool players may only play outfield positions and bat at the end of the line-up, after all regular members of the team.
- Pool players must play the minimum number of defensive innings required.
- Pool players must start the game and play the required innings before a substitution can be made.
- Pool players must be designated as such on the official line-up card given to the scorekeeper and opposing manager.
- **Pool players may not accept an invitation to play if it will result in a conflict with a scheduled game for that player’s regular team.**
- Pool players invited to play and show up **must** be allowed to participate in the game even if the team subsequently has 10 or more players arrive for the game.
- The max pool players per team will be (3) three.

### Requesting a Pool Player

- The Team Manager must notify his/her Commissioner in advance when the need for a pool player is necessary.
- The Commissioner will contact and secure an eligible player.
- Once the player has accepted the invitation, the Commissioner will notify the Team manager.
- The team manager should contact the Pool player to provide specifics regarding arrival time for their game.
- All players should be given equal opportunity to participate as a pool player.