CMRLL Player Substitutions (Pool Players)

2014

Policy and Procedure for use of Pool Players in accordance with Little League Regulation V(c)

Teams occasionally have difficulty fielding a full team for a regular season game; CMRLL may institute the use of pool players during the regular season and follow Regulation V(c) from the Little League rule book with minor exceptions. Little League rules dictate that a Rookies, Minors, Majors, or Junior game cannot be played if a team has less than 9 rostered players present. The use of pool players offers an alternative to having to reschedule a game because of a player shortage.

1. **Player Substitutions (Pool Players)**

    1.1. The Board of Directors will determine on a yearly basis if pool players will be allowed and used for the current year.

    1.2. If the usage of pool players is adopted for the current year The Board of Directors will identify the divisions that will use pool players.

    1.3. The Board of Directors will not determine the use of pool players for future years

    1.4. 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 when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game within their respective divisions. Players from the Minors cannot act as pool players for the Majors.

    1.5. A Manager cannot request a pool player unless the team is expected to be down to 9 players or fewer for a game.

    1.6. Managers and/or coaches will not have the right to pick and choose players from the pool.

    1.7. Up to 3 pool players can be used in a game. A minimum of 7 players from the team that is short players must be present in order for the game to be played.

    1.8. The addition of pool players cannot drive the number of players available for a team above 10.

    1.9. Pool Players must be identified on the line-up card by a "PP"

    1.10. Pool Players are allowed to play in back to back games

2. **Pool Player List**

    2.1. The league's Player Agent will create the pool.

    2.2. The league's Player Agent or other appointed designee will use the pool to assign players to teams that are short of players on a rotating basis.

    2.3. The pool player list will be randomly generated once all names are submitted and a number will be assigned to each player on the list.

    2.4. If the Player Agent has a child in the division where pool players are used the President will appoint another board member to run the pool and make player selections.

2.5. In the absence of the Player Agent or other appointed designee the President can select another board member to run the pool and make player selections.

3. **Pool Player Playing Time**

3.1. Pool Players are NOT allowed to pitch under any circumstances.

3.2. Pool Players are NOT allowed to play the catcher position under any circumstances.

3.3. Pool Players MUST bat last in the line-up.

3.4. The pool player is subject to the same minimum playing time as rostered players

3.5. Team has 7 or 8 rostered players present; all rostered players must play the entire game.

4. **Requesting a Pool Player**

4.1. If a manager knows he/she will have less than 10 players for a scheduled game, he/she may contact the player agent or appointed designee and request a pool player(s)

4.2. When possible the request should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the game.

4.3. In the event the Player Agent or appointed designee is unavailable, the manager will contact the Vice President of the Board or other designee as assigned by the President of the league.

4.4. The next available player will be selected from the pool player list and the family will be contacted to determine availability.

4.5. Once a pool player is selected, the Player Agent or appointed designee will contact the family and provide contact information for the manager and the time/date/location of the game.

4.6. The Player Agent will e-mail the receiving manager and the opposing manager with the name of the pool player

4.7. Managers CANNOT contact other managers or families to request certain players.

4.8. Pool Players MUST be used on a rotation basis

4.9. Pool Players who are skipped, due to sufficient reasoning, will be placed at the top of the list for the next game

5. **Pool Payer list management**

5.1. Player Agent will record which players on the pool player list have participated in a game.

5.2.   Once a pool player is utilized, his\her name is placed last on the contact list.

5.3.   All other players must be contacted before a pool player is utilized again.

5.4.   Players requesting placement on pool player list once the season begins will be placed at the end of the list.