



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 2nd 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 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.

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.