

# Capitol Hill Little League

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## Player Pool Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of the player pool is to eliminate the need for baseball and softball teams at the AAA level and above to play a game with less than 9 rostered players available for the entire game

### Eligibility

- The Juniors baseball, Majors baseball, AAA baseball, Juniors softball, Majors softball, and AAA softball divisions are the only divisions in which managers may use the Player Pool.
- For pool players who would be playing in a higher division than the one in which they regularly play, only the Player Agent may determine who is eligible to participate in the Player Pool. This decision will be made in consultation with the relevant division commissioners, both managers, the CHLL Board President, and the relevant player's parent(s)/guardian.
- For pool players who would be playing in the same division as the one in which they regularly play, only the Player Agent (or his/her designee) may contact a player's parent(s)/guardians to determine the player's availability for participating as a pool player in a specific game.
- Each of the relevant divisions may have a player pool composed of players from the same division (e.g., Majors players may be pool players for other Majors teams) and for
  - Juniors baseball, pool players also may include league age 12 Majors baseball players;
  - Majors baseball, pool players also may include league age 10 AAA baseball players;
  - AAA baseball, pool players also may include league age 8 AA baseball players;
  - Juniors softball, pool players may also include league age 10 and above Majors softball players;
  - Majors softball, pool players may also include league age 9 and above AAA softball players; and
  - AAA softball, pool players may also include league age 8 and above AA softball players.

### How to Request a Player from the Player Pool

- A manager may contact a CHLL Player Agent to request a pool player only when the team will have fewer than 9 rostered players available for an entire game. Managers are encouraged to make their request for a pool player at least 48 hours prior to the game.
- Managers may request a catcher from the player pool, if the team will not have a rostered catcher available for the game. Please note that a pool player that has already played catcher that day and thrown 21 or more pitches (unless finishing a batter) may not play catcher again that day.
- The Player Agent will make arrangements for a player from the Player Pool to participate in the game. There is no guarantee, however, that a pool player will be available.
- Managers may not request a specific pool player.
- Only a Player Agent may assign a pool player to a team.
- Player Agents will track the usage of pool players and will attempt to provide as many different players as possible with the opportunity to serve in this role.

## Requirements

- A pool player may not miss any part of the practices or games for the team on which the player is rostered.
- A pool player can play any position other than pitcher.
- A pool player must play a minimum of 9 consecutive defensive outs.
- A pool player must bat at the bottom of the batting order, following all rostered team members.
- A pool player may wear his/her regular uniform when playing as a pool player.
- **If a manager or coach obtains a pool player without adhering to the requirements of this policy, the team will forfeit the game.**

Policy approved by the CHLL Board of Directors on March 1, 2021.