

Yucaipa Valley American Little League

2019 Pool Player Procedures & Administration

Overview: YVALL has established the principle that all players should be afforded the right to play as much as possible during each season and game. To accomplish this mission YVALL has limited team rosters to a minimum number of players, thus insuring playing time for players of each team. In order to insure teams have enough players to play each game during times when individual players are absent due to illness, injury, school activities, or home activities (such as travel by player) YVALL has adopted the following Player Pool procedure.

Players Allowed to Participate in Pool Assignments: All players within the Division of play they are participating in may elect to be assigned to the Player Pool for that Division. No player outside the Divisional assignments may participate. This includes players who are not members of YVALL 2019 seasonal play, players from another YVALL Division, nor any other players that are not current active members of the YVALL Division in question (i.e., a player who has resigned from play, been suspended, or is currently serving a penalty issued by either the YVALL Board of Directors or Discipline Committee of YVALL). Only players who have pre-registered for pool play will be selected for pool play.

Pool Player Registration: A Player may register for pool play if they are current members of YVALL and a player from that Division. The player is to simply sign the required form provided by YVALL, provide contact phone number, and any particular days or dates they would be unable to play. This does not in any way indicate that they must play on other dates if called to participate – pool play is for volunteers who want to play. If a player elects to remove themselves from pool play opportunities they should contact either their manager who in turn will advise the Administrator or the Administrator as soon as determined – they will not be allowed to re-elect to play within the pool play structure for the current season. Therefore if they are called upon and are not available they should inform the Administrator as such and not resign.

Administrator Assignment Requirements: Selection for Pool Play may only occur from the YVALL Division Pool Player Sign-Up Roster. This Roster will be available to Managers if requested within 72 hours of said request. Each player in the pool will be listed in alphabetic order by regularly assigned team. The Administrator will start at the top of the list, excluding any player who is assigned or playing for the Team of request and the Opposing Team for that game. Administrator will call the pool player, seeking player's agreement to play in said game. If "yes", the player and Team Representative will be advised. If "not available to play" the Administrator will move down the list to the next player until the Administrator finds a "Yes". Once completed the Administrator will note on the list Date and time called for each pool player and response (Yes or Not Available for Play). Upon the next request from any team within the Division the Administrator will begin the pool player selection at the next listed player. This requires the Administrator to keep track and follow the same rules as above to exclude

players from the Teams playing in the requested game. In the past it was found in a four team division that pool players received a chance to play in an average of 3 games for the year. YVALL's hope is that this will be the case again this year.

How Pool Play Works: If a YVALL Team Manager, Team Mom, or other approved Team Representative advises the Pool Play Divisional Administrator that they will be short players (less than nine) from their regular roster they will be assigned a player from the pool. Such notice to the Administrator will be made no more than 48 hours before game time and no less than 3 hours before game time. The Administrator will then select from the available pool a player for the Team, advising Team Representative that placed the request. This pool player may only participate in the one game in question for the requesting Team. If the game is rescheduled, the pool player will not automatically play in the rescheduled game. The pool play rules will begin for the rescheduled game from needing to make another request by the team representative or no pool player will be assigned to that game.

Pool Player Use: Managers, coaches and team members should welcome the pool player to their game. Pool players should be allowed and encouraged to participate in all normal team pre-game activities, the same as regular team members. Pool Players should arrive before the game in a normal manner (or as requested during the Administrator call). This player should also plan to be a supportive and active participant with the team during pre-game warm-up, during game activities and after game activities as requested by Team Manager. The Pool Player is to behave in a professional manner, not being disrespectful, and giving their best effort in field of play. Pool Players shall be placed at the bottom of the line-up for hitting, they shall not be allowed to pitch, and may only play a maximum of two innings within the infield/catcher positions. This is to allow regular team members to play positions that may not be normal to them and to allow the Pool Player to have practice at another position if so elected by the manager. It also does not allow a "ringer" to totally affect the game for either team playing.

Pool Play will be governed by the YVALL Board of Directors.