

POOL PLAYER POLICY
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The purpose of a player pool is primarily threefold:

- 1) To provide a place for players who can't, won't, or are unable to play on a team on a full-time basis, but can play from time to time.
- 2) To provide a place for new players entering the league to play from time to time until they can be placed on a team.
- 3) To provide a place for players who had been placed on the DL and whose roster spot was taken to play from time to time when they come off the DL until they can be placed on a team.

A player officially becomes a pool player ONLY when the league Board of Directors places him in one of the three pool player categories above AND when he is included on the league roster in the Pool Player section.

~~A pool player is to be available for ALL teams to pick up as a replacement player and is not authorized to become the personal province of any one team.~~ A pool player who is regularly and consistently playing in league games will be placed on a league team, if an appropriate opening is available. The Board, at its sole discretion, will determine what is considered regular/consistent. If an opening is not immediately available, he will be suspended from being a pool player until such time as an appropriate opening is available on a team. If the Board determines that he has violated this restriction, he will no longer be considered a pool player and will be placed on a team as a full-time player according to the league's Assigning New Players To A Team policy. If he refuses to be placed on a team, he will be removed as a pool player until the next draft. No restrictions/penalties will apply to a pool player who is also on the waiting list.

A player violating this policy will be considered an ineligible player and if protested by the opposing manager during or after the game, the offending team will forfeit.

PROCEDURE FOR ADDING NEW POOL PLAYERS

- 1) Any player can "sponsor" a new player for the player pool (or full-time roster).
- 2) If the new player is not approved by the Board (Rule 24), he will be notified, in as dignified way as possible, by the person sponsoring him.
- 3) If approved, he will be evaluated and rated (1-6) by at least three (3) Board members, or be known to, at least, two (2) Board members; and steps 4) - 7) will be performed. The mere rating of a player does not, automatically, place the player in the league/pool. For that to occur, the full league Board, preferably, or at least a quorum of the league Board, must approve entrance into the league and assignment to the pool.
- 4) The player sponsor will provide the Board with pertinent information about the new player: e-mail address, phone number(s), DOB; emergency contact information (contact, relationship, phone number(s)) any limitations to his availability
- 5) The Board members, who rated the new player, will provide to the Board via e-mail, the rating of the player and a little about his level of play: position(s) played; how he hits, runs, fields, throws, etc.
- 6) The league President will notify the Board members and managers that the pool player list (or full-time list) on the league website has been updated. He will also provide the managers with a brief "overview" of the new player.