

So what is pool play?

Pool play is a process that can be used by a coach of a U13 or older team when their roster is above 18 players. It allows the "sharing" of roster positions between several players.

Pool players are full members of the team but are not eligible to play in all RDYSL games and/or tournaments because of roster constraints. Pool play positions can only be used with roster sizes greater than 18 and up to 22 players.

A Pool player position does not guarantee playing time, as always playing time is up to the head coach. Pool play only guarantees that the player is eligible to play in those specified games. If a team is missing full-rostered players on game day, pool players can play in their place, provided there are only 3 secondary players on the game roster.

When and How to use a Pool Player Position?

For Teams U13 and older that would like to carry more than 18 players.

Example: U13 team with 20 players.

Players with roster spots 1-17: full rostered players. These players are eligible to play every game.

Players with roster spots 18, 19 and 20: Pool players. These players split the 12 RDYSL games, and each player is eligible to play in 4 games.

Players 18, 19 and 20 will share the 18th roster spot on game days. In this example, 3 players will each only be eligible to play in 4 games for the season, thus allowing Team A to have 20 players and still game roster 18 players for each game.

This also gives the coach flexibility in scheduling games when girls have conflicts. In the example above, the games are the minimum number of games a pool player would play in. When the roster is below due to vacations, injuries or missing games for any other reason, the roster will be filled by pool players to bring the game day roster to 18. Pool players are eligible for all practices, indoor games (if a coach chooses to play in an indoor league) and tournaments as long as we meet roster requirements. At this time the U13/14 team pool players have not been identified. This will be up to the coaching staff. We have given the coaches more time to evaluate their players during the indoor practices in November and December. All players on this team will register as pool players initially to get into our registration system. Once the coaches identify the all roster position, the remaining cost will be billed to parents. Final Pool players will be given a discount of \$100 for the cost of playing as a pool player.