



# DISTRICT 51

## 2021 INTERLEAGUE RULES



These standing rules will supersede an individual league's standing rules, with the exception of field preparation, **COVID-19 protocols set forth by the CDPH, and local League COVID-19 protocols.** Rules in the current edition of the Baseball or Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules book must be followed in all instances unless addressed/modified in the following. If a League agrees to interleague, that League **WILL** interleague with **ALL leagues** listed on the appropriate form(s) and agrees to follow these rules.

1. The following time limits are in effect for all Interleague games:
  - A. Farm/Minor Baseball & Minor Softball Divisions = no new inning after 1-hour and 45 minutes. No new batter after 2 hours (player at bat will complete his/her at bat).
  - B. Major Baseball & Softball Divisions = no new inning after 2 hours. No new batter after 2 hours and 15 minutes (player at bat will complete his/her at bat).
  - C. Intermediate/Junior/Senior Baseball & Junior/Senior Softball Divisions = no new inning after 2 hours and 15 minutes. No new batter after 2 hours and 30 minutes (player at bat will complete his/her at bat).
  - D. If inning is incomplete (if visiting team has not completed their time at bat; or home team has not completed their time at bat - if required to do so) the final score of the game will revert to the score at the end of the LAST COMPLETED INNING (in accordance with rule 4.11(d)), and will be considered a completed/regulation game for Interleague purposes.
2. Each half inning (except 6<sup>th</sup> inning) is complete when:
  - Farm/Minor Baseball & Minor Softball Divisions:
    1. Three outs are recorded.
    2. The entire team has batted (continuous batting order (CBO))
    3. FIVE runs have scored.
  - Major/Intermediate/Junior/Senior Baseball & Major/Junior Softball Divisions:
    1. Three outs are recorded.
    2. TEN runs have scored.
3. FARM/MINOR BASEBALL & MINOR SOFTBALL: - The game will be considered a completed game, regardless of innings played (Reg. VII(h)).
4. FARM/MINOR BASEBALL & MINOR SOFTBALL: - This division uses a CBO. No batting substitutions are allowed/required (Rule 4.04).
5. The 10-run mercy rule is in effect. If both teams desire to continue playing no score will be kept beyond the mercy point and the umpire(s) will leave the field at that point. PITCHING STATS WILL COUNT. Final score is what the score was at the time of the mercy rule being enforced.
6. If at the end of three (3) innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division/Junior/Senior League: four innings], two and one-half innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division/Junior/Senior League: three and one-half innings] if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

7. Tied games will be tied games and will only be played out at a later date IF IT AFFECTS THE FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS IN AN INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE.

8. FARM/MINOR/MAJOR BASEBALL - Home team will supply game balls that meet current Little League specifications and must have RS (Regular Season) or RST (Regular Season Tournament) stamped on the ball (Rule 1.09).

INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR/SENIOR BASEBALL - Each team will supply two (2) new game balls that meet current Little League specifications and must have RS (Regular Season) or RST (Regular Season Tournament) stamped on the ball (Rule 1.09). If more balls are required during the game they will be provided on a rotating basis by each team. Balls remaining at end of game will be equally divided between the teams.

MINOR/MAJOR/JUNIOR/SENIOR SOFTBALL – Home team will supply game balls and will use Safety Yellow complying with current Rules and Regulations.

9. MINOR/MAJOR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL - Home team will keep the official score. **NOTE:** Scorekeeper will be located in the score booth or if booth is not available will sit behind the backstop away from the parents. (If unable to sit behind back stop, scorekeeper will sit away from stands and parents.) Scorekeeper **WILL NOT** set in any dugout.

INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR/SENIOR BASEBALL & JUNIOR/SENIOR SOFTBALL - Home team will keep the official score. **NOTE:** Official scorekeeper will be located in the score booth or if booth is not available will sit behind the backstop away from the parents. (If unable to sit behind back stop, scorekeeper will sit away from stands and parents.) Scorekeeper **WILL NOT** set in any dugout.

10. Each league will set up and take down its' own field. (If you, as the visiting team, show up and the opposing team needs help setting up the field, please help them or at least ask.)

11. The official start time of the game, is the scheduled start time (i.e. game is scheduled to begin at 2pm and you start at 2:10pm; you are now 10 minutes into the game.)

12. Any and all ejections **MUST** be reported within 24 hours to the appropriate ADA and the District 51 UIC. At a minimum, ALL ejections will be handled in accordance with Little League Rules and Regulations.

13. FARM/MINOR BASEBALL & MINOR SOFTBALL: - these divisions will be considered NON-COMPETATIVE. As such a team may Start, Play and Finish any game with a minimum of seven (7) players. If one team has seven (7) or eight (8) players present for the game and the opposing team has more than nine (9) players, the team with more than nine (9) players may allow up to two (2) players to play on the opposing team (so each team will have a minimum of nine (9) players) to allow each player to increase the amount of playing time.

MAJOR, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR BASEBALL & JUNIOR/SENIOR SOFTBALL: - Since these divisions are considered competitive, the minimum number of players required per team is eight (8). Each team must have a minimum of 8 players to start, play, and finish the game. (Rules 4.16a and 4.17).

If a team only has 7 players (Farm/Minor Baseball or Softball) or 8 players (all divisions) present for the game, the vacant spots in a 9 person batting order will not be recorded as outs. Those vacant spots will simply be skipped over with no penalty.

14. POOL PLAYERS - If a team during the regular season has less than 9 players the League may use pool players to fill a team's roster to 9 players. If a team needs a pool player, that manager must go to the appropriate player agent and ask for the required number of players from the list of pool players maintained by the player agent. If a team requests pool players and they show up, they MUST play. Pool player minimum is 9 defensive outs and 1 at bat. If the regular team player(s) also show up they MUST meet their regular season minimum.
15. Playing rule 6.02(c) WILL be enforced for all Divisions of baseball and softball.
16. Playing rule 9.01(d) will be enforced for all Divisions of baseball and softball.
17. Playing rules 3.04 and 7.14(b) will be used in regard to curtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher.
18. Tournament Rule 3(d - Baseball) or 3(e - Softball) will replace rule 7.14(a) (Special Pinch Runner) during Interleague play.
19. FARM/MINOR BASEBALL & MINOR SOFTBALL: The 5 run rule shall not apply to the sixth inning or required extra innings.
20. FARM/MINOR BASEBALL & MINOR SOFTBALL: CBO will apply to the sixth inning and any required extra innings.
21. If a team fails to show for a game or doesn't have enough players present at the game site to play the game, without justifiable reason, the UIC for the game shall wait thirty (30) minutes before declaring the game a forfeit. If both teams fail to show for a game or don't have enough players present at the game site to play the game, without justifiable reason, the UIC for the game shall wait thirty (30) minutes before declaring the game a double forfeit.
22. Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game for any reason MAY NOT be replaced by another player or, in the case of a manager and/or coach, by another adult. Ejected individual may not be present at the team's next physically played game.
23. Home team will provide a minimum of one (1) NONPAID umpire (a minimum of two is preferred).
24. All managers are required to inform the appropriate ADA of their game scores (either by phone, text or email) for the week.
25. NO ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS are allowed.
26. NO PETS (except for service animals) are allowed at game sites.

## JUNIOR/SENIOR LEAGUE DIVISIONS ONLY

27. There will be a member/representative of the BOD for each League present at all games.
28. Managers will list ALL players (eligible and ineligible) on line up card. Ineligible players will have the reason for ineligibility listed.
29. Managers will have team scorebook with them at all games to verify any questions concerning any question of player and/or pitcher eligibility.
30. If any team cannot make a scheduled game that team WILL provide a minimum of 24 hours advance notice to the appropriate ADA. If notice is not provided the scheduled game will be recorded as a loss for the no-show team.
31. If a team fails to show for a game or doesn't have enough players present at the game site to play the game, without justifiable reason, the UIC for the game shall wait thirty (30) minutes before declaring the game a forfeit. If both teams fail to show for a game or don't have enough players present at the game site to play the game, without justifiable reason, the UIC for the game shall wait thirty (30) minutes before declaring the game a double forfeit.
32. If a team is a no-show to two (2) or more scheduled games that team may be removed from the interleague schedule.

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