Interleague Rules and Points of Emphasis Supplement

Baseball 9 - 10

1. Playing Rules
    a. Unless specified in this supplement, all games will follow the rules as outlined in the Little League section of the Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies of Little
    b. League Baseball, Inc. 2021 edition.
2. Home team – Team from league where game is being played is responsible for field setup/tear down as well as securing game balls for umpires
    a. Home team will occupy third base dugout
    b. Visiting team will occupy first base dugout
    c. Home team is official book if not provided by the league
    d. If a team is hosting a visiting team from out of town, the manager of the home team will contact the manager of the visiting team at least two hours prior to the start of the game to verify acceptable weather/field conditions. (It is recommended that manager directory be kept on league websites)
3. LINE UP CARDS MUST BE USED AT ALL GAMES
    a. First and last names as well as uniform numbers must be printed clearly through each copy.
    b. Batting order becomes official when both line ups are given to Umpire in Chief
        i. Presented before first pitch after warm up
    c. Ineligible pitcher' numbers circled
4. Mandatory Play
    a. Mandatory Play consists of six defensive outs and one time at bat
    b. Violation of mandatory play will be enforced by the team's league President in accordance with the rules.
    c. If a player is to be benched for disciplinary reasons, it must be cleared through team's league President who will contact other team's President and inform them of the suspension.
5. Substitution Rule
    a. Rule 3.03 (substitution) will be replaced with the following:
        i. Continuous batting order – free defensive substitution except for the pitcher.
    b. CITY TOURNAMENT – rule will revert to Tournament Substitution Rule
6. Pitch Count
    a. Paper pitch count forms will be kept by both teams unless official pitch counter is provided. Home team is official. Managers are encouraged to check counts periodically.
    b. Official pitch count must be verified and signed by both managers and submitted to the host President
    c. Failure to verify pitching by the end of the evening will result in team's pitchers to be considered as pitching the maximum pitches.
7. Player Pool
    a. Each league has the option to establish a player pool of players to be used if a team might not be able to field enough players. A list of those players will be kept by the President. When used, the player must wear his regular season uniform. Player pool player assignment will be rotated based on availability. Player pool players may not pitch. President making player pool assignment will contact opposing President to inform him or her of replacement players' names.

8. Batter in the Box – Rule 6.02 (c) local league option will be in effect requiring the batter to keep one foot in the batter's box once they enter the box until the at bat ends (excluding conditions described in the rule)
9. Dropped 3rd strike rule is not in effect and runners may not leave the base until the ball reaches the batter.
10. Safety
    a. Managers and umpires are required to walk the field each night to ensure safe conditions. If there is disagreement on the fairness of the field, the local President will make decision.
    b. If a team is hosting a visiting team from out of town, the manager of the home team will contact the manager of the visiting team at least two hours prior to the start of the game to verify acceptable weather/field conditions. (It is recommended that manager directory be kept on league websites)
    c. When ***Weatherbug*** is in use, teams will be removed from the field when scan reads 3-5 miles. Game may resume when scans exceed 5 miles.
        i. If ***Weatherbug*** is not available, field will be cleared when Umpire in Chief or local President deems lightning is too close and teams may not resume until 30 minutes after last visual lightning.
    d. Injury reporting will be made with teams local President.
    e. One batter may be present outside of the dugout in between innings. No additional "warm up" batters will be allowed. Once the inning has commenced "on-deck" hitters are not allowed.
    f. A manager and two coaches are allowed on the field with the team. THEY MUST BE IN THE DUGOUT WHEN TEAM IN ON DEFENSE (NOT ON BUCKET IN FRONT OF THE DUGOUT). One coach must be in the dugout when a team is on offense. Base coaches must take their positions after the catcher has thrown the ball down.
11. Protests
    a. Protest committees called in to listen to protests will include one representative of each league (preferably the President) and the District Administrator. Presidents that are managing or coaching shall not sit on protests concerning their team.
    b. Protests must be made prior to the play moving on and marked in official scorebook.
    c. Protests must be settled within 72 hours.
12. Sportsmanship
    a. Sportsmanship and role model behavior is a must of each manager, coach, and parent. If, there are instances of reported behavior that does not fit this type of behavior, the adult with be subject to review of the Managing Board of the Interleague Division. All sportsmanship ejections will result in at least a one game suspension for the player, coach, or manager. The Board reserves the right to impose additional sanctions if necessary.
13. COVID-19 procedures
    a. COVID-19 procedures of the home team will be followed.
14. Time Limits
    a. No inning will begin after an hour and 45 minutes from the first pitch of the ball game.