

LITTLE LEAGUE INTERMEDIATE (50/70) BASEBALL DIVISION Q&A

The following is a list of questions you may have about this season's Intermediate (50/70) division. Hopefully this covers all your questions, but if not please email the league at Gilroylittleleague@gmail.com.

The Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division was introduced in January 2010, as a pilot program for 12 and 13-year-olds which utilizes a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot basepaths. The division, which was a new division of Little League Baseball, was fully implemented in 2013 for players league-age 11-13 with postseason tournament opportunities, including a World Series, offers a transition for players between the standard Little League field size (46-foot pitching distance and 60-foot basepaths) and the Junior/Senior field size (60-foot, 6-inch pitching distance and 90-foot basepaths). Many of the Junior League rules are used such as runners being permitted to lead off bases, runners may attempt to steal at any time, continuous batting order (or a bat-9 lineup) and allowing an on-deck batter.

➤ **Why is Intermediate (50/70) being introduced to Gilroy LL?**

- Little League International has been pushing for this but we haven't done it due to not having a field to play on. This division is a great pathway for league age 13yr olds who aren't ready yet for the Junior division-size field which is 60'6" pitching distance and 90ft base paths

➤ **Will it be mandatory for the league age 13-year-olds to play Intermediate (50/70) or can they still choose/tryout for the Junior Division?**

- No, a 13yr old can elect to sign up for Intermediate OR Junior division. Please be prepared to indicate your players' choice when signing up.

➤ **What league ages are permitted to play in the Intermediate (50/70) Division?**

- The age spectrum for the Intermediate (50/70) Division is league age 11 through 13. However, a local league may establish the age structure for the Intermediate (50/70) Division. GLL has decided our Intermediate (50/70) Division will be open to 13yr olds ONLY.

➤ **Will players be permitted to play in the Little League Major Division and Intermediate (50/70) Division at the same time during the regular season?**

- NO, GLL has adopted a local rule that players will not be permitted to play both divisions at the same time.

➤ **Who would Gilroy Little League play in Intermediate (50/70) and how would it effect the Major and Junior Divisions?**

- The introduction of the Intermediate (50/70) division will most likely not interfere with the Majors Division. The Juniors Division may have a reduction in teams, but because other leagues are also creating Intermediate division teams, the GLL Intermediate and Junior teams will be playing interleague games with all other like teams within District 59 and possibly District 12, 44, 39 and/or 9. These Districts are within Santa Clara, Santa Cruz & Monterey counties.

- **For a local league with a minimal number of players, is a draft still required, or could players be assigned to teams?**
 - As with any division above Minor League, a draft is required if more than one team is formed in the Intermediate (50/70) Division.
- **What will the mound height be and what field will be used for this league?**
 - We plan on using Christmas Hill Ranch Field and/or Las Animas Majors Field for the Intermediate division and will have a portable mound. We are also talking with the city about possibly converting GSP A4 for Intermediate game play use.
- **What is the pitching and catching restrictions for the Intermediate (50/70) Division?**
 - Players will follow pitching restrictions as defined by age as outlined in Regulation Additionally; players must adhere to the catching restrictions also outlined in Regulation VI. Juniors rules apply for Intermediate division.
- **What is the roster size for the Intermediate (50/70) Division?**
 - According to Regulation III, rosters may have no less than 12 players and no more than 15 players.
- **What are the substitution rules for Intermediate (50/70)? Can a continuous batting order be used in this division?**
 - Yes, a continuous batting order can be used, but the current Junior Division substitution rules will apply. The Intermediate 50/70 Division does not mandate a continuous batting order; however, the local league has the option of using a continuous batting order, as outlined in Local Rules. GLL will adhere to Juniors with NO continuous batting order.
- **What is a regulation game in this division?**
 - The Intermediate (50/70) Division game consists of 7 innings like Juniors. The game is regulation after 5 innings or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead. 10-run rule does apply.
- **Will players who participate in the Majors division and the Intermediate (50/70) Division during the regular season be permitted to participate on both tournament teams?**
 - No. As noted above, GLL players will not be allowed to play on two teams. Additionally, under 'Player Eligibility' in the Tournament Regulations, players may be eligible for selection to multiple tournament teams but may only be selected to practice and play on one tournament team for the current year.
- **What bats are used for Intermediate (50/70)?**
 - The Junior Baseball Division Bat Rule 1.10 will apply to the Intermediate (50/70) Division. Players may use a USABat or BBCOR labeled bat in this division. Wood bats are permitted per Rule 1.10.

**Only you and your player can decide if 50/70 is the right fit.
Please discuss with your player and be ready to sign up for the correct division.**

If you have any more questions regarding the new Intermediate (50/70) Division, please reach out to Gilroy Little League at gilroylittleleague@gmail.com