



DISTRICT 12

LITTLE LEAGUE DIVISION

SOFTBALL INTERLEAGUE RULES – 2021

The following rules were agreed upon by the District Administrator and representatives from each league within District 12, for interleague play in the Softball division. The Assistant District Administrator and the Inter-league Board representatives will henceforth act as a Point of Contact for the teams involved in this agreement.

These rules take precedence over Local League Rules

OFFICIAL LITTLE LEAGUE RULES APPLY EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW

- There will be a **two - hour** time limit from the **SCHEDULED** start time for all games. An inning started prior to the time limit will be completed. No new inning will be started after the time limit has been completed.
- Official scorekeeper will mark the start of the game in the official scorebook. The official scorebook **MUST** be located behind home plate. (The home team may keep a separate scorebook in the home team's dugout).
- Home team:
 - Is listed second on schedule and has third base dugout
 - Is official scorekeeper, will provide umpires and game balls (12 inch softballs). **(3-4 new unused regulation ball for the division) and bases.**
- The **10** run rule will be in effect for all games.
- Pitching rubber will be at 40 feet.
- Pitchers – Maximum 12 innings in a day. If more than 6 innings are pitched, 1 day of rest required.
- Protests must be submitted by the manager to the plate umpire prior to the next play and followed up in writing to the league president within 24 hours. The interleague board will review protest. All protests shall be e-mailed to azdistrict12@gmail.com.
- Teams will not forfeit if there are less than 9 players. Pool players from the major division can be utilized thru the Player Agent only. Borrowing of players from the other team is not allowed due to Covid -19 protocols.
- In the event of only 8 players for the game, the 9th batter will be counted as an out.
- **FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED:**
 - "Fighting" includes physical OR verbal assaults, including name-calling, persistent harassment and ALL language construed to be obscene.
 - Managers, coaches and/or players ejected from the game is suspended for their next physically played game and may not be in attendance at the game site.
 - Second Offenses will be suspension until the Inter-league Board can convene to render a decision regarding the second offense.
- Any person ejected during a game **MUST** be noted in the official scorebook. Reasons for ejection's and suspensions will be reviewed as needed. All ejections shall be reported at azdistrict12@gmail.com.
- Occurrences of bat throwing, fake tags, etc., a penalty may be issued by the umpire(s). These occurrences can result in a team warning or an immediate ejection. All ejections shall be reported at azdistrict12@gmail.com.
- The umpire's decision is final and a judgment call can't be protested. Single Umpires must umpire from behind the plate.
- Each team **MUST** clean their dugout before leaving. This is the manager's responsibility.

Game Cancellations or Reschedules:

All teams that need to cancel or reschedule a game must make a verbal contact with the opposing team, with a reply, **AND** an email to the district at azdistrict12@gmail.com. This needs to be enough in advance so that all parents are informed. This is to eliminate a team going to another park and finding out they don't have a game. This will also eliminate the hosting league having to pay for unnecessary lights.