



DISTRICT 12 MINOR DIVISION BASEBALL & SOFTBALL INTERLEAGUE RULES – 2021

The following rules were agreed upon by District Administrator and representatives from each league within District 12, for interleague play in the Baseball and Softball divisions. The Assistant District Administrator and the Inter-league Board representatives will henceforth act as a Points 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 is a 1 hour 45 minute time limit from the SCHEDULED start time for all Minor division 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.
- Minor Division is player pitch from the beginning.
- Players may only steal home one time per batter on pitched/pass ball including the throwback to the pitcher.
- The side is out when 3 outs or 5 runs score in an inning. There is no 10 run rule. Players will stay on the field until the play has stopped. Extra runs will not count in the scorebook.
- Pitch Count is Mandatory for Minors Division. (Baseball) Regulation VI)
- Softball Pitching – Max 12 innings per day, 1 day rest if 7 innings pitched.
- Continuous Batting order will be used
- Teams will not forfeit if there are less than 9 players. Pool players from the minor division can be utilized thru the Player Agent only. Borrowing of players from the other team is not allowed due to Covid -19 protocols. Remember this is Minor Division which is to provide training and instruction. Managers and coaches in the minors division must place emphasis on training young players and providing them with the experience necessary to enable them to advance to the major division.
- Home team:
- Official scorekeeper will mark the start of the game in the official scorebook. The official scorebook **MUST** be located behind home plate or in the home team's dugout. (If in the home team's dugout it must be a roster coach or manager from that team). The pitch count book must be located with the official scorebook.
 - Team scorebook **MUST** be in the dugout with the roster coach or manager
 - Is listed second on schedule and has third base dugout
 - Will provide umpires and game balls. **(3-4 new unused regulation ball for the division)**
 - **Softball – 11" ball will be used. Pitching distance 35 ft.**
 - All catchers gear must meet Little League Rule 1.17.
- Use of helmet by the batter, all base runner(s) and base coaches is mandatory. (use of helmet by adult base coach is optional) Helmets must comply with Rule 1.16.
- BATS – Bats must be the approved with the USA Baseball screen on the bat. Not applicable for softball.
- Games played under protest must be reported within 24 hours of the completion of the game. Contact the protest committee at azdistrict12@gmail.com.



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- “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 automatically 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 to 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.