



DISTRICT 12

PRE- 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 division. 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. Pre-Minors is an introduction into the game of baseball and softball, teaching children the basic skills and fundamental aspects of baseball. It is not intended to emphasize competition between teams or players. Positive reinforcement from managers, coaches, and parents is a must!

These rules take precedence over Local League Rules.

OFFICIAL LITTLE LEAGUE RULES APPLY EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW

Pre-Minor (Coach Pitch):

- The side is out when 3 defensive outs are made or 5 runs are scored or the lineup of the minimum number of players between the 2 teams, whichever comes first. Example: If team A has 9 players and team B has 14 players, the number thru the lineup would be 9.
- There is a 90 minute time limit from the SCHEDULED start time for all games.
- 1 manager and 3 coaches are allowed. One rostered adult must be in the dugout. 1 defensive coach may be positioned in the outfield for instruction only.
- Pre-minor season is the Coach Pitching; all coaches shall pitch from a minimum of 35 ft either standing or kneeling.
- Prior to May 15, the batter gets a maximum of 7 total pitches per at bat. From May 15 to end of season, if a player swings at three pitches and does not make any contact on the third swing the batter is out. If the batter fouls the ball, the player would continue the at bat until a third strike is made or the ball is put in play or 7th pitch is thrown. Strike outs do not count against the offensive team. All outs must be made through defensive play.
- Players will stay on the field until the play has stopped. Extra runs will not count in the scorebook.
- The defensive team will have regulation infield positions and the excess players in the outfield. Each player should be given the opportunity to play every position during the course of the season during games. All players in the outfield must be located more than 100 feet from home plate. Teams may strike a line in the outfield to identify the 100 foot line.
- Only 1 base on overthrow into foul territory.
- No sliding, bunting or stealing. On deck batters are not allowed.
- Continuous Batting order will be used.
- All catchers gear must meet Little League Rule 1.17.
- Use of helmet by the batter, all base runner(s) and base coaches (under 18 yrs old) is mandatory. (use of helmet by adult base coach is optional) Helmets must comply with Rule 1.16.
- BATS – Bats must be approved by USA Baseball with the label screened on the bat. **Approved T-Ball bats are allowed.**

****Read the rulebook!****

Home team provides:

- Official scorekeeper
- Game Balls – Safety 1 Ball must be used. New unused balls must be provided.
- Bases
- Is listed second on schedule and has third base dugout



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No Tolerance Policy

Poor sportsmanship by players, managers, coaches, or parents will not be tolerated. We wish to emphasize the positive aspects of the game. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the disqualification of the player, coach, manager, and/or forfeiture of the game and spectators could be asked to leave the field area.

Alcohol or any illegal substances are not permitted at any Little League sponsored event, which includes games and practices. Law enforcement will be called if necessary.

Injury Incident Reports must be filled out for any incident that stops play or practice.

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 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 at azdistrict12@gmail.com.
- 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.