

Virginia District 8 Little League – Fall Ball Interleague Operating Procedures

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All standard Little League rules apply, with District Interleague Play applying the options noted below. These procedures have been reviewed/approved by each League President and/or their designee. NO CHANGES may be made without prior authorization of all league Presidents affected.



1. Scoring: Fall Ball is an instructional program. Scores/standings are not kept. It is recommended teams keep a scorebook to track the batting order, playing time, and 5-Run Per Inning Rule.
2. Game Balls: Home team is responsible for supplying game balls.
3. Umpire: Home Team is responsible for providing at least one umpire per game. If the assigned umpire(s) do not show, each team will provide an assistant coach or parent volunteer to umpire – the Home Team will provide the home plate umpire and the Visiting Team will provide the base umpire. Any umpire electing to officiate from behind the plate must be wearing a protective face mask.
4. Batting Order: The batting order for both teams will be continuous and consist of all players present at the game site. The batting lineup should be exchanged by the managers at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the game. If a player leaves the game or exits due to illness, injury, ejection, or other reason, they will be removed from the order without penalty.
5. All games will be played with a 5-Run Per Inning Rule. Play will cease (and a team's at-bat considered completed) immediately when the 5th run scores. Should a batter be in the box, the same batter will lead off the next inning (with a new count).
6. A team may play with fewer than 9 players with no penalty. Additional players are placed at the bottom of the order when they arrive. Teams may "borrow" a player(s) from the opposing team, if necessary, in order to play. A "borrowed" player may not pitch.
7. Time Limit: 1 hour, 45 minutes (Major and below); 2 hours (Intermediate, Junior, and Senior).
8. COVID-19 protocols: All teams will follow the current COVID-19 protocols for recreational sports as outlined in the current Governor's Executive Order, CDC, state, and city/local government guidelines, relative to spectators, social distancing, and wearing of masks by players, coaches and/or spectators.
9. Game Schedule and Cancellations: The League President or designee will determine whether a game will be cancelled. 24 hours notification required unless the cancellation is due to inclement weather. Affected managers will be notified. Make-ups for rainouts will be determined by the League President or designee. No managers or coaches are permitted to cancel or reschedule games. There will be no protests or forfeits.
10. Leagues that do not notify the host team/league that they are not playing will be responsible for reimbursing host league for any game expenses.
11. Managers should review these Interleague rules as well as all Little League rules with their players, assistants, and parents. Questions or concerns should be directed to your League President.
12. League Presidents should maintain an open dialogue with one another to ensure compliance with rules and appropriate behavior of all volunteers, officials, players, and spectators.