



DISTRICT 12 JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISION SOFTBALL INTERLEAGUE RULES - 2024

The following rules were agreed upon by District Administrator and representatives from each league within AZ District 12 for interleague play in the JR & SR Softball divisions.

These rules take precedence over Local League Rules.
OFFICIAL LITTLE LEAGUE RULES APPLY EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW

GAME PRELIMINARIES

- **There will be a 2.5 hour time limit from the **SCHEDULED** start time on all games.** No new inning will be started after the time limit has been completed. The batter will finish their turn at bat before the game is called.
- The **10-run** rule will be in effect for this division.
- **Continuous Batting Order will be used.**
- **Home team:**
 - Is the official scorekeeper.
 - Is listed second on schedule and has third base dugout
 - Will provide umpires and game balls. (**2 new and 2 good used regulation ball for the division.**)
 - Will **provide bases** at any field location.
- 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).
- Team scorebook **MUST** be kept in the dugout with a roster player, coach or manager.
- **Visiting team:**
 - Manager is responsible for calling the City of Tucson (791-4144) to have light turned off at city fields. For county fields, make sure the light log is updated by sending an e-mail to the local league.
- On deck batter must be located in front of his/her own dugout.
- Managers and Coaches (except base coaches) are **not** allowed to sit outside of their respective dugouts (within the playing area). It is the umpires' discretion if the dugout is extended allowing Managers and Coaches to stand along the fence adjacent to the dugout entrance (PLAYERS are not allowed to do so).
- Protests must be submitted by the manager to the plate umpire and followed up in writing to the league president within 24 hours. All protests shall be e-mailed to azdistrict12@gmail.com.

END OF GAME

- Each team **MUST** clean their dugout before leaving. This is the manager's responsibility; repeated violations may result in disciplinary action for the manager.

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.



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- WALK-UP SONGS ARE NOT PERMITTED as these single out individual players, teams, or Leagues over another and is not fair to ALL players in the game.

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. 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.
- Second Offenses will be suspension until the Inter-league Board can convene to render a decision regarding the second offense.

Game Cancellations or Reschedules:

- All teams that need to cancel or reschedule a game must notify (email) the district at azdistrict12@gmail.com indicating a reason for the cancellation.
- Ensure that all scheduled umpires are contacted prior to game time.
- Ensure that the opposing team is contacted prior to game time. A game will NOT be considered cancelled until a reply from the opposing team is received verifying the cancellation. Leaving “Messages” does not constitute a reply.

Remember: The above needs to occur enough in advance so that all parties (including parents) are informed. You would not like it if the other team failed to notify you, so please make sure that you are not the team which causes others to travel across-District to a game site with a no-show. This effort will also eliminate hosting leagues from having to pay unnecessary field rental and light fees.

- There is no such thing as a **Forfeit**. Quit using this term and educate your parents/players as well. Un-played games are just that: a game that is not played. We do not maintain any win-loss records, in most cases games are not rescheduled, and we are not playing for a championship. So quit emphasizing these as forfeits.