

Idaho District 2 Inter-League Rules  
Softball Minor Division  
2021 Season

All teams shall follow the rules as set forth in the current Little League Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, with the following options/exceptions/additions.

Objective: This program is designed to concentrate on the basic mechanics of the game and learn good sportsmanship.

1. Home team shall occupy the third base side of the field and visitors will occupy the first base side. The home team will provide the scorebook and scorekeeper for the management of the game.
2. Each team will furnish a minimum of one (1) District Certified Umpire for all inter-league games. The home team should provide the plate umpire. If only one umpire shows up a manager, coach or parent (if District Certified) may umpire in the field. If more than two umpires are available, one shall be designated Umpire-in-Chief and the other umpires shall be field umpires [Rule 9.03(b)]. **It is highly recommended that each team have their coaching staff District Certified in cases where umpires may be unavailable.**
3. Prior to the start of the game, the home team shall provide two (2) new balls to the home plate umpire. This division uses yellow softballs of 11" in circumference (as defined in the current Little League Softball Official Regulations and Playing rules). No marking aside from factory lettering is allowed on the balls. The plate umpire may require additional balls during the game and select the best used balls for the teams.
4. The Host team is responsible for preparing and setting up the field, to include chalking forty-five minutes prior to game time. Player safety is essential and therefore it is mandatory that field prep include loosening then smoothing the dirt around 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base and home plate (if on dirt field).
5. Weekday games will begin promptly at 6:15pm.
6. As a courtesy, during times of severe inclement weather it is requested that playing conditions be reviewed and games cancelled by 4pm, or two hours prior on non-weekday games, to save teams from traveling to a site that is unplayable.
7. The entire District will comprise the Inter-League.
8. Each manager will be provided with a list of managers' names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
9. Thrown bat and physical contact policy as defined by District 2 Policy will be enforced.
10. Standard District 2 Softball Pitching Affidavit is required for all teams. Each manager shall be responsible for the complete pitching affidavit and they shall present the records to the official scorekeeper prior to the game, but no later than the first pitch of the third inning. At this time if the complete affidavit is not presented the game will be suspended and rescheduled for a later date. The game shall resume from the point that it was stopped. Remember, the number of innings pitched will count towards this game and week's total. The ADA and the league president of the league in violation will be notified at once. The penalties for failure to comply with this said rule are as follows:
  - a. 1st offense: 1 game suspension for the manager
  - b. 2nd offense: 3 game suspension for the manager
  - c. 3rd offense: Manager shall be removed from the team and will be ineligible for any all-star or tournament participation.

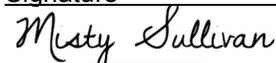
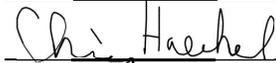
All pitching records shall be kept in ink. The penalties for failing to keep the affidavits in ink are the same as above.

11. PITCHING: There will only be two (2) walks per each half inning. Per half inning, the pitcher will continue to pitch until they have walked two batters. For purposes of this rule, batter being hit by pitch will count towards the two walks. After that time any batter who has acquired 4 balls will then be pitched to by their manager or coach, until that batter either hits or strikes out. The coach must pitch within the eight foot circle. The player pitcher will resume pitching with the next batter. A hit by pitch will always be awarded first

base. When the adult is on the field they must remain in the eight-foot circle at all times and move only after the play has stopped or if in danger of being hurt. If batter is hit by a pitch from an adult pitcher it will be considered a ball. If the adult interferes with any play the runners may not advance more than one base. THE ADULT PITCHER WILL NOT COACH FROM THE RUBBER OR DURING THE PITCH (Encouragement is allowed). If the adult pitcher does coach as a pitcher, it is interference and will be handled according to the rulebook. This rule does not allow for extra adults to come on to the field, no more than four (4) adults are allowed on the field per team and one (1) adult must remain in the dugout at all times. Although stealing bases is permitted at this level, a runner may not steal any base when there is an adult on the rubber.

12. If after three (3) innings, one team has at least a lead of 15 runs or more, or if after four (4) innings, one team has at least a lead of 10 runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs must concede.
13. Time Limit: No new inning will begin after an hour and forty-five minutes from the scheduled game time.
14. This division will adopt the reduced minimum play rule for rosters of 15 or more. [Reg IV(i)]
15. When a team has only eight players in the game this division will not access an out when the missing ninth batter position comes up to bat. [Rule 4.04]
16. This division will adopt the courtesy runner for pitcher/catcher with two outs. The courtesy runner must be the last previous out. [Rule 7.14(b)]
17. Continuous batting order is required at this level [Rule 4.04]. Each inning will end after three outs, five runs or one time through the batting order.
18. A five (5) run limit is in effect per half inning for the minor league divisions per the definition of an inning in the rulebook [Rule 2.00]. Following the completion of the play in which the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) run is scored in the half inning, the half inning will end. No more than five (5) runs will be recorded per half inning, no exceptions. This division WILL adopt the option provided in Rule 5.07 to suspend the five (5) run limit. It is strongly encouraged that the umpire invokes the 5.07 rule at the top of the inning.
19. A Runner at 3<sup>rd</sup> may not advance to home on any unhit pitch or throw back to the pitcher unless forced by base-on balls or hit batter. Stealing of home is allowed if a play is being made on any runner.
20. No on deck circle is allowed.
21. After a base-on balls the batter/runner may advance to first base only.

Approved/Acknowledged by the League Presidents on 03 / 04 / 2021

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