

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

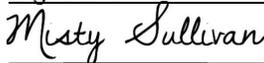
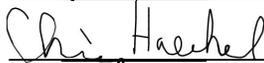
All teams shall follow the rules as set forth in the current Little League Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, with the following options/exceptions/additions.

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. No official game scores or standings will be recorded.
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. PITCHING: This league is coach/machine pitch only and, because this is an instructional league, the adult may verbally coach from the eight-foot circle. The coach must pitch within the eight-foot circle. Each batter may have a maximum of eight (8) pitches. If the batter does not hit the ball by the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) pitch, batter is out. The batter is out after three (3) strikes or when the maximum of eight (8) pitches have been delivered, whichever occurs first. No walks allowed. The batter will either hit the ball or strike out.
10. 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.
11. Time Limit: No inning will begin after ninety minutes from scheduled start time. 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 NOT adopt the option provided in Rule 5.07 to suspend the five (5) run limit.
12. No stealing. Failure to catch a called or swung strike or a wild pitch results in a dead ball. Runners may only advance on a hit or other play where they are required to advance (e.g., hit by pitch if a runner is already occupying first base.)

- 13. No more than six defensive players are allowed on the infield. No limit on outfield players.
- 14. This division will adopt the reduced minimum play rule for rosters of 15 or more players. [Reg IV(i)]
- 15. When a team has only eight players in the game this division will not assess 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. No on deck circle is allowed.

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

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