

Idaho District 2 Inter-League Rules
Softball Majors Division
2022 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.

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 District Certified Umpire shows up a manager, coach or parent 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 12" 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 2nd and 3rd 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. 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.
12. Time Limit: No new inning will begin after two hours from the scheduled game time.
13. This division will adopt the reduced minimum play rule for rosters of 15 or more. [Reg IV(i)]

14. 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]
15. 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)]
16. This Division will adopt continuous batting order at this level. [Rule 4.04]
17. No on deck circle is allowed.
18. This division will adopt the option to allow the Plate umpire to call balls/strikes from behind the pitching mound (Rule 9.04(a)), but it is strongly recommended that the plate umpire position themselves behind the catcher.
19. Both the winning and losing managers will report the game score to the District within 24 hours of the completion of the game. Report scores via e-mail to softball-scores@idaho2littlleague.org
20. The Majors division WILL adopt a five (5) run limit per half inning. Following the completion of the play in which the fifth (5th) 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 required that the umpire invokes the 5.07 rule at the top of the inning. The 5 run limit per inning can be waived, at the plate meeting, if Both managers agree.

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