

# NM District 5

## 2026 Rookie Interleague Rules

These rules are meant to be a supplement to the 2026 District 5 Interleague rules. Please make sure you have read and understand the larger interleague rules document.

### GAME RULES

1. Only 1 manager and not more than three coaches shall occupy the bench or dugout during the game. This includes the person pitching to the players
2. The person pitching the ball is not allowed to coach the players in any way, this includes directing the hitter when to move in the box.
3. All approved coaches and managers must have a valid background check from their home league
4. The offensive team shall station two base coaches on the field during its time at bat

### RUNS PER INNING/TIME LIMITS

1. There is a 5 run limit per inning. There will be no run limit in the last regulation inning (6<sup>th</sup> inning) or later. No new innings shall start after 1 hour and 45 minutes, and there will be a drop-dead time limit of 2 hours

### ADDITIONAL RULES

1. The batter will be declared out on a called third strike
2. If the ball hits the pitching machine and stays under the machine, it shall be considered a dead ball and counted as a foul ball in the pitch count.
3. In the umpire's judgment, a no pitch may be called for a pitched ball that is clearly out of the strike zone
4. A batter will receive a maximum of 5 pitches, unless the 5th ball is fouled off. If it is fouled off, they will get another ball until it is either put in play or the batter strikes out
5. A batter hit by a pitched ball is **not** awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base. The ball is dead, and all runners must return to their bases
6. A base runner may only advance 1 extra base, at their own risk, on an overthrow while attempting an out
7. Players must be placed at their respective positions. (I.e. the 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman must be near 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1B must be near first base, etc.)
8. Outfielders must be reasonably placed in the outfield. This is usually, at a minimum, in the outfield grass.
9. The side is retired when three offensive players are put out, called out by the umpire, or when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half-inning, or when the offensive team scores five runs.