# JUNIOR INTERLEAGUE RULES

**4S RANCH LITTLE LEAGUE**
**ESCONDIDO AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE**
**ESCONDIDO NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE**
**POWAY NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE**
**VALLEY CENTER LITTLE LEAGUE**
**ENCINITAS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE**
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**DEL MAR LITTLE LEAGUE**
**SOLANA BEACH LITTLE LEAGUE**
**CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH LITTLE LEAGUE**

(**SPRING 2023 SEASON)**

In most cases, the Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League Baseball and Junior League Baseball apply. These Interleague rules cover permitted options and enhance the Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League Baseball.

## 1.00 INTRODUCTION:

1.01 The intent of the Interleague rules is to establish guidelines for playing regular and postseason games for the 2023 season between Junior League teams from 4S Ranch, Escondido American, Escondido National, Poway National, Valley Center, Encinitas National, Encinitas, Del Mar, Carmel Mountain Ranch, and Solana Beach Little Leagues.

1.02 An Interleague Committee (ILC), consisting of the Junior Division representatives from each league, will coordinate Interleague participation from the involved leagues. ILC members from each league are as follows: Cathy Agdeppa (4S Ranch), David Mowery (Escondido American), David San Nicolas (Escondido National), Marc Woodcox (Poway National), Mike Curcie (Valley Center), Ted Haberfield (Encinitas), Brad Lineberger (Encinitas National), Larry Nishnick (Del Mar), Brian Jennette (Carmel Mountain Ranch) and Jason Tootell (Solana Beach). David Mowery shall serve as non-voting League Scheduler/Commissioner. A majority vote of ILC is required for approval (50%+1 = 5 votes).

1.03 The ILC shall be considered "the board" for games between teams from different leagues. Intraleague games (games played by teams from the same league), will have local board jurisdiction.

## 2.00 TEAMS:

2.01 Each league will form teams through a draft of players from their respective league according to the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball and Junior League Baseball.

2.02 All rostered players shall be allowed to attend each game. If a team has an oversized roster and they want to have some type of rotation of players who are eligible to play, then a proposal to the ILC shall be presented and voted on. In the proposal the number of games should be spread out evenly and the person managing the rotation of games shall be identified (Player Agent recommended).

2.03 Players League Age 15 may play for the regular season only if a player's skill level is assessed appropriate for that division by the local league. League Age 15-year-olds will be allowed to pitch against opponents outside of their local league.

## 3.00 GAME LOCATIONS:

3.01 4S Ranch field is located at RB Community Park Field #7, 18448 West Bernardo Drive, San Diego, CA 92127 (Southeast corner of park). The home team will occupy the dugout closest to 3rd base.

3.02 Escondido American (EALL) field is located at Escondido High School (JV and Varsity Baseball Field), 1535 N. Broadway, Escondido, CA 92026. The home team on the JV field will occupy the dugout closest to 1st base. The home team on the Varsity field will occupy the dugout closest to 3rd base.

3.03 Escondido National (ENLL) plays at Hidden Valley Middle School, 2700 Read Road, Escondido, CA 92027. The home team will occupy the dugout closest to 3rd base.

3.04 Poway National Field is located at the Poway Community Park (PCC) - 13094 Civic Center Dr, Poway, CA 92064. The home team will occupy the dugout closest to 1st base.

3.05 Valley Center field is located at the Valley Center Little Juniors Field, 28246 Lilac Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082. The home team will occupy the dugout closest to 1st base.

3.06 Encinitas field is located at the Paul Ecke Sports Park - 278 Saxony Rd. Encinitas, CA 92024. The home team will occupy the dugout closest to 3rd base.

3.07 Del Mar field is located at Torrey Hills School - 10830 Calle Mar De Mariposa, San Diego, CA 92130. The home team will occupy the dugout closest to first base.

3.08 Encinitas National field is located at Leo Mullen Sports Park - 951 Via Cantebria, Encinitas, CA 92024. The home team will occupy the dugout closest to 3rd base.

3.09 Carmel Mountain Ranch field is located at Highland Ranch Park – East Bourne Rd., San Diego, CA 92128. The home team will occupy the dugout closest to first base.

## 4.00 SCHEDULE AND STARTING TIMES:

4.01 The ILC scheduler will determine the number of games to be played and provide a regular and postseason schedule to all teams to be posted on the Interleague website.

4.02 Each league has unique issues pertaining to field use and lighting. Check the schedules for start times as the times will vary depending on the host team.

4.03 If a team has fewer than nine (9) players at the scheduled start time and the manager believes that more players may arrive, the managers and umpire(s) shall wait a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes before determining if the game can be played. Games may not start with less than eight (8) players on each team. A game may not be continued with less than eight players on each team. If a game starts with eight players, the ninth position will be considered an out in the batting line-up each turn at bat.

4.04 **Every effort should be made to play games as scheduled**. In the event a game cannot be played due to the lack of available pool players, weather, or other acceptable reasons (school events, field scheduling conflict, etc.), the home league's scheduler will work with the Junior Interleague scheduler to determine an appropriate new date/time.

## 5.00 PITCHING RULES:

5.01 **Little League Rule book Regulation VI pitching rules must be strictly adhered to**.

5.02 Pitchers must adhere to the following rest requirements:

5.03 If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed

5.04 If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

5.05 If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.

5.06 If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.

5.07 If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day rest is required.

5.08 Maximum number of pitches in a day for pitchers league age 13 and 14 is 95, 12 is 85.

5.09 A pitcher that delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. Catchers may not pitch after catching any part of 4 innings. A catcher that later pitches in a game may not return to the catcher position if 21 or more pitches are thrown.

5.010 **Please review the Little League Rulebook for threshold exemptions, pitching and catching multiple games in a day, pitching consecutive days**.

5.011 In addition to the Little League Rules, pitching violations which include using an ineligible pitcher or allowing a pitcher to exceed the allowed pitch count will result in further disciplinary action against the manager:
First offense –Warning. Second-One game suspension. Third- Removal from league.

## 6.00 GAME RULES

6.01 **The manager or representative of both teams must report/post game and pitching results within 24 hours of the completion of the game to the designated website. In addition, the Manager must take a picture of the Pitch Count sheet (signed by both managers) from the official Pitch Counter immediately after the game. The Manager must be prepared to show a picture of the Pitch Count sheet at the next game(s).**

6.02 Minimum Play is six (6) defensive outs. Outs need not be consecutive. All players must bat at least once per minimum play rules. [LL Reg IV(i)]

6.03 Continuous batting order will be used during the regular season. [LL Rule 4.04]

6.04 Mercy Rule: 15-Run rule after 4 innings; 10-Run rule after 5 innings; 8-Run rule after 6 innings. [LL Rule 4.10(e)]

6.05 One foot in box option will be used [LL Rule 6.02(c)]

6.06 Sign stealing is an ejectionable offense [LL Rule 9.01(d) NOTE]

6.07 A team that cannot field nine (9) players for a scheduled game should provide at least 24 hours' notice to the opposing team to reschedule.

6.08 The scheduled home team will supply approved baseballs for the game.

6.09 Due to schedule/field conflicts, it is possible that a home team will have to host the opposing team away at the opposing team's field. Even though they are away, they are still the home team.

6.010 No new inning may start more than two (2) hours and thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled start time of the game. If the umpires are the reason a game started late, then the start time is moved to time of the plate meeting and agreed on by both managers and the plate umpire.

6.011 Bats must be BBCOR, USABat, or wood [LL Rule 1.10 Intermediate (50/70) Division and Junior League]. Link to complete bat regulation

## 7.00 PROTESTS

7.01 Protests arising from interleague play will be submitted to the protest committee. The protest committee will include all members of the ILC and the District 31 UIC (or his designate). If the protest involves an ILC member (manager or coach), that member will not be involved in that particular protest's decision/outcome.

## 8.00 POOL PLAYERS:

8.01 Each league will maintain a list of pool players [per LL Regulation V(c)]. A team may request and use pool players to bring their roster to a max of eleven (11) players.

8.02 Pool players may not play the position of pitcher and must bat at the bottom of the lineup after the team's regular players. (Managers should review and understand LL Regulation V(c) as minimum play rules are more restrictive.)

## 9.00 STANDINGS:

9.01 One divisions: All games played count in the final standings.

9.02 TIE-BREAKER: In order – Winning percentage, Most wins (i.e 5-5-0 beats 4-4-1); head-to-head; run differential; coin toss.

9.03 At the discretion of the Inter-League Scheduler, games that are cancelled or suspended may not be played. The intent of this rule is to not delay the start of the post season tournament. We want to play all games possible.

9.04 If a game is called (due to time, darkness, etc) with a tie score, it shall be recorded in the standings a Tie (½ win, ½ loss).

9.05 The ILC, by majority vote, may determine the outcome of suspended games (a winner may be determined, a tie recorded in the standings, etc). If no approval, the games shall be considered unplayed.

9.06 A forfeit for an interleague game can only be awarded by the ILC. See IL rule 4.04 above. A game that is not played is an unplayed game, not a forfeit (unless determined otherwise by the ILC). Local leagues can award forfeits for intraleague games.

## 10.00 GROUND RULES:

At the plate meeting, the home team manager may notify the opponent and umpire(s) of dead ball areas and unique conditions to the field. The umpire(s) will then finalize the ground rules for that game.

10.01 EALL Escondido High School JV & Varsity Baseball Field – no known special ground rules

10.02 ENLL Hidden Valley Middle School – no known special ground rules

10.03 Poway Community Center – no known special ground rules

10.04 RB Community Park, Field #7 – This field has a dead ball area between the backstop and each dugout. This area may be defined by a line of chalk between the backstop and the dugout. In the absence of chalk, the area is defined by a straight-line running pole-to-pole, from the backstop post to the post near the dugout entrance closest to the backstop.

10.05 Valley Center Juniors Field – no known special ground rules.

10.06 Paul Ecke Sports Park (Encinitas) Field 1 - no known special ground rules.

10.07 Leo Mullen Sports Park (Encinitas National) - no known special ground rules.

10.08 Torrey Hills School (Del Mar) – before the game please confirm ground rules with the umpire if the ball reaches the concrete in the outfield.

10.09 Highland Ranch Park (CMR) - before the game please confirm ground rules with the umpire.

## 11.00 UMPIRES:

11.01 Umpires are to be provided by the scheduled host league. If the home team must play the game at another league's field for any reason, the home team will be responsible for paying the umpires (if applicable). Leagues may provide volunteer or paid umpires as directed by the league's UIC.

## 12.00 SCOREKEEPER/PITCH COUNTER:

12.01 The scheduled home team will provide the Official Scorekeeper and Pitch Counter for the game. This may be the same person but not preferred. The visiting team may provide the pitch counter if needed. These roles may be switched if agreed on by both teams.

## 13.00 POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT:

13.01 At the end of the regular season, two championship tournaments will be played. Seeding for the tournament will be based on regular season records. There will be a Gold Division Championship Tournament and a Silver Division Championship Tournament. Gold Division will be comprised of the top nine (9) teams and the Silver Division will be comprised of the bottom eight (8) teams. Trophies will be awarded to both 1st and 2nd place finishers in both championship tournaments.

13.02 The Championship Tournaments will be a modified double elimination tournament.

13.03 Higher seed, as determined by regular season standings, will be the host and the home team for all tournament games, except for the Championship game. The undefeated team in the tournament will be the Home Team. If there is a conflict with the home team's field, the games will be played at the lower seeded/visiting team's site.

13.04 The championship tournaments shall use Continuous Batting Order (CBO), same as the regular season.

13.05 No pool players may be used if a team has 11 regular season players at the game. If pool players are needed to make 11 players, they may not be part of the starting (field) lineup. Only if a team has fewer than 9 regular season players at the game may a pool player be in the field lineup.

13.06 Pool players are limited to minimum play when they are the 10th and/or 11th players for a postseason game. We want the regular season players/teams to determine outcome, not pool players.

## 14.00 AWARDS:

14.01 Awards will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place teams of both the Gold and Silver Division Championship Tournaments.

14.02 EALL has volunteered to order and pay for the end of season awards.

14.03 The final cost of the awards will be divided amongst the leagues with each league paying its pro-rata share of the cost based on the number of teams they have divided by the total number of teams participating. Estimate from past year: $360/#teams, about $33/team (11 teams)