

2024 CHLL Intermediate Division Local Rules

The following “local” rules will apply to CHLL Intermediate Division: any/all other rules will be enforced per the official 2024 Little League Baseball Rulebook.

1. There will be a maximum of five (5) runs scored per half inning, except during the Open Inning.
 - a. After 4 innings, 15 run lead (3.5 innings if home team is ahead), then the 5th inning will be open.
 - b. After 5 innings, 10 run lead (4.5 innings if home team is ahead), then the 6th inning will be open.
 - The open inning is the final inning UNLESS the team that is losing scores enough runs to be within the 15/10 runs after their at bat.

*Example: Padres are the home team and beating the Dodgers by 18 runs after 4 innings: the top of the 5th inning is 'open'; if the Dodgers score 4 runs to get within 15 runs, then play on...if not, the mercy rule is invoked.
2. The Intermediate Division utilizes a 'Continuous Batting Order' (CBO). Excluding injury and discipline issues, all players will bat in the batting order. Players arriving after the game starts will be inserted at the bottom of the batting order.
3. Pool Player(s) will bat at the bottom of the lineup and must play in the outfield.
4. Up until games of Saturday, March 23, pitchers will be given one warning before a balk is enforced. Bases will not be awarded to runners when a warning is given, but offense will not be penalized for plays that result in advancement during the balk. On and after March 23, balks will be called and enforced as per Little League rules.
5. A game may not be started, or continued, with less than eight players. If only eight players are available at the beginning of, or during a game due to absence, injury, or ejection, the missing spot in the batting order shall be an automatic out each time that missing spot in the batting order comes around during the game.
6. TIE GAME: When the completion of seven innings and the score is tied, the following tiebreaker will be played to determine a winning team:
 - a. The eighth inning will be played as normal.
 - b. Starting in the top of the ninth inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base.

*Example: If the number five batter is the lead-off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base