



## 2024 INTER LEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL GROUND RULES



The following rules will be used to augment the Official Little League rulebook. The Official Little League rulebook will cover any rule that is not addressed below.

### A. GAME

1. All weeknight games will start between 5:45pm to 6:30pm.
2. Saturday games can start as early as 9:00 am, following games will start at their respective starting times.
3. Every effort will be made by Managers, Coaches, and Umpires to start the game on time.
4. Teams can warm up on infield for 10 minutes each prior to game time Mon - Fri. NO warm ups on infield will be allowed for Saturday games.
5. Game length: (No innings will start after the time period shown below)
  - a) Minors 1 hour and 45 minutes or 6 innings with a 1 hour and 55 minutes drop dead time limit.
  - b) Majors 1 hour and 45 minutes or 6 innings for all games.
  - c) 50/70, Junior and Senior 2 hours or 7 innings
  - d) Time limit is in affect for **ALL** games.
6. Games called due to time will not require a minimum number of innings to be declared a complete game.
7. Games may finish in a tie.
8. District 7 Inter-league games will use the “one foot in the batter’s box” rule for all games. Rule 6.02(c) in the rule book.
9. Courtesy Run Rule will be used for the pitcher and catcher when there are 2 outs.
10. Rule 4.10(e) – Run Rule will be in effect.

### B. RAIN OUTS/DELAYS

The local executive board will decide all rainouts for their respective game site. If the visiting team believes there could be a rain out, they should contact the host park to verify a game has been cancelled. Do not assume games cancelled at your home park means games are cancelled at the game site you are scheduled to play at. If a game is delayed, teams shall remain at the game facility until notified by a league official that the game has been cancelled. **ALL RAINOUTS WILL BE RESCHEDULED BY DISTRICT 7, AT A REASONABLE DATE PER FIELD AVAILIBITY AND TEAMS SCHEDULES.**

### C. LINEUP

1. A game may start or finish with no less than eight (8) players. If a team is playing with eight (8) players, an out **WILL** be declared when the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) position in the batting order is scheduled to bat.
2. There will be a thirty (30) minute delay period before the game is declared “no game” and/or rescheduled by the respective league schedulers. However, the time limit starts at the scheduled game time or once the field is available (i.e. doubleheaders or weekends).
3. Fielding:
  - a) Minor league teams will be allowed to field 10 players.
4. Free substitution many be used defensively since continuous batting is used. However, each player must play six (6) defensive outs.

### D. PITCHING

1. Teams must carry the Pitcher Eligibility Tracking Form to each game and follow Little League pitching rules. **NOTE:** Pitcher eligibility form must be carried with all inter league coaches. If manager uses an illegal pitcher and cannot provide the tracking form, the manager will be suspended for their next scheduled inter league game.
2. **Minor Division – TWELVE (12) YEAR OLDS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN MINOR INTER-LEAGUE TEAMS.**

3. **50/70** pitchers that are also playing in the Majors or in Juniors/Seniors may only pitch up to 35 pitches in a day. **Exception:** Regulation VI (d) Exception. Each pitcher will receive one balk warning per game.

E. STEALING

1. Teams will be allowed to steal any base.

F. BATTING

1. All leagues will be using continuous batting order.
2. Minor baseball and softball, the 5 run rule will apply for innings 1 thru 5 (no team can score more than 5 runs in any half inning). In inning 6 teams can score as many runs as possible or until the time limited has expired.

G. REPORTING

1. **ALL GAME SCORES SHALL BE REPORTED VIA EMAIL AFTER EACH GAME TO DISTRICT 7 BY THE HOME TEAM. SCORES WILL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.**
2. **RAINOUT GAMES MUST BE REPORTED VIA EMAIL BY THE HOST LEAGUE TO DISTRICT 7. ALL RAINOUTS WILL BE RESCHEDULED BY DISTRICT 7. TEAMS REFUSING TO MAKEUP RAINOUT GAMES WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE INTER-LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.**

**League Guidelines for participating in the District 7 Inter League Program**

- Must provide a safe and maintained playing field.
- Must agree to play by the Inter League ground rules stated above.
- Only a board member from the host team league where a game is scheduled can cancel a game because of weather. The host team league or manager is responsible for notifying the visiting team and is responsible for rescheduling the game, but must verify the traveling team is available.
- Each team must give at least a 24 hour notice if they will not be able to play a scheduled or rescheduled game.
- The traveling team league is subject to any fees incurred for a game, if the team is a “no show” or leaves a delayed game that hasn’t been cancelled. Fees payable to host league.
- The host team league is subject to pay travel mileage (per IRS guidelines) for each player of the traveling team if the host team fails to notify the traveling team that the scheduled game is cancelled, or is a “no show” or leaves a delayed game that hasn’t been cancelled. Fees payable to the traveling league.
- The host league is responsible to provide umpire(s) for game as stated below;
  - One District or league approved umpire for Minors and Major Baseball and Softball.
  - One District or league approved umpire for Junior, Senior and Big League Softball.
  - One District or league approved umpire for the plate and a District or league approved umpire/volunteer for the bases for 50/70, Junior and Senior Baseball.
- Each manager is responsible for checking the District website to verify they have the latest schedule.
- Managers, coaches and players must display good sportsmanship at all times. Managers and coaches are responsible to help control parents from their teams if needed.
- Modification to these rules will not be recognized without the authorization of District 7. League(s) that do not follow the approved Inter League rules are subject to be removed from Inter League play.
- Please report any issues or concerns to the District via email at [indianad7@yahoo.com](mailto:indianad7@yahoo.com)