

## 2021 District 1 Minors Softball Inter-league Local Rules:(c)

**The following Local Rules shall apply for all interleague games between teams of two different leagues. NMD1 COVID Best Practices shall be followed for all interleague games**

1. There will be no pre-game agreement by managers/coaches to modify any of these rules without prior approval from the District Administrator and a majority of league presidents participating in interleague games. **Protest Committee: DA, DUIC, and the game's league presidents.**
2. Pre-game infield practice shall use 5-5-5 minute drills 15 minutes before **the game's start time ONLY**: a) 5 minute infield visitor, b) 5 minute infield home, c) 5 minute umpire/managers meeting. Late arrivals forfeit on-field warm-up. Only team players/coaches/manager taking infield should be on the field. No players or coaches should be on the field during the meeting with the umpires. Players/coaches/managers may take a "bathroom break" during their time in their dugout. Infield practice may be omitted when weather, curfews, and/or time limits impact playing time.
3. Interleague schedules will denote the "home team=H" for each game. Home team prepares and lines the field. Home team provides game (a) adult umpires or (b) **(9.03.d) Game Coordinator(GC)** with non-adult umpires (i.e. no GC no game).
4. Home dugout will be on third base side. A team playing consecutive games will stay in the same dugout for game #2.
5. **Each team** provides all 11 inch softballs game balls while on defense. Umpires cannot handle balls. **T-ball balls may be used for Coach Pitch.**
6. "3-5 Rule": (modified **Rule 5.07 for Minors**) The half inning ends when (a) 3 outs are made; or (b) 5 runs are scored. The batting order continues with the next batter. "5-run" limit is off after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.
7. **Continuous batting order is mandatory** for all Minor games, **except as noted in 9(d) below.** (4.40 Note-1)
8. **Coach/Machine Pitch Minor**: (a) The 3-5 Rule; (b) No stealing on a pitched ball or on an overthrow to a base or the pitcher; (c) 5 pitches per player with max of 10 seconds between pitches; (d) HIT or OUT after 5 pitches; (e) 1 pitcher, 1 catcher, 4 infielders, and rest of players in outfield at least 15 feet beyond the bases; (f) Games can start with less than 9 players; (g) Machine pitch is optional for teams wishing to use them; (h) Teams may introduce player pitch after all players have batted once. **(h) The last two batters from the previous inning will start on 1st. and 2nd.** (1) Once the game starts, missing players on the lineup are skipped and is NOT an out.(2) Adult pitcher can pitch from knees or underhand at 15 ft from plate. (3) **Two defensive coach in outfield.** (4) One base coach near batter's box. (5) **3 coaches.**
9. **Player Pitch Minor**: (a) The 3-5 Rule; (b) All other Little League baseball playing rules. (c) **Must have at least 8 players to play game, but the 9th batter is an out;** (d) **Batter starts with 1-1 count;** (e) **Last two batters from previous inning will start on 1st and 2nd to start the inning;** (f) **Batter must keep 1 foot in batter's box;** (g) **After May 29th, TOURNAMENT PREPARATION: (1) no continuous batting order; (2) batter can run on a dropped third; (3) 9.(a), (d), and (e) are no longer in effect.**
10. Game "time limits of 1 hour-45minutes" shall be observed for all games during the regular season. Games terminated by "time limit" will be regarded as "regulation games" regardless of innings played. **Rule 4.10.c (i.e. 15-run or 10-run)** shall end the game regardless of time remaining.
11. **Mandatory Play** (Reg. IV.i: no time limits=6outs/1bat) or 3 consecutive outs and 1 at bat for games with time limit. Completed half innings ended by 3-5 rule is same as "3-consecutive-outs".
12. Prior to the start of night games, teams and umpires shall be made aware of applicable local park/city curfews.
13. Host league is responsible for cleaned dugouts prior to game. All teams/parents/fans shall be responsible for picking up THEIR own bottles/trash from the dugout and the stands/field after the game.
14. Both teams must show courtesy and respect for each other. For all Interleague games, if time permits, home team will lineup along the third base line, and the visitors will lineup along first base line after the last out and waive to each other.
15. Each team must keep a scorebook with: game date, player full names, and player jersey number. Game pitch-count records must be recorded (or saved) for each game. Game delays such as injuries, weather (rain, lightening, wind, temperature), or facility failures (lights, sprinklers, fencing, etc.) shall be noted in the scorebooks. The home plate umpire shall sign and date all game scorebooks.
16. **"Zero Tolerance Rule" - Persistent derogatory and/or negative shouting and/or gesturing by fans, parents, players, coaches, umpires, and/or league officials WILL not be tolerated. Violations will result in (1) ejection or (2) termination of game and shall be imposed by umpires for on-field or by league officials for off-field violations.**