

## 2026 D9 Interlock Baseball Rule Options

Level / Division:	BB Seniors	BB Juniors	BB Intermediate	BB Majors	BB Coast
<b>These "optional" rules apply to every game played between teams from the leagues that are within your interlock, including when you are playing teams within your own league. Including these adopted options, all games will be played under the rules and regulations as published in the rulebook.</b>	D9 Interlock Rules & Regs	D9 Interlock Rules & Regs	D9 Interlock Rules & Regs	D9 Interlock Rules & Regs	D9 Interlock Rules & Regs
(1) Do you have more than 15 players on a team? Any changes to Mandatory Play? If yes, explain in detail: (Regulation IV(i) NOTE 4)	If yes, three (3) defensive outs and one (1) at bat	If yes, three (3) defensive outs and one (1) at bat	If yes, three (3) defensive outs and one (1) at bat	If yes, three (3) defensive outs and one (1) at bat	If yes, three (3) defensive outs and one (1) at bat
(2) Minor Divisions only: Are you playing as Instructional or Competitive? (Rule 1.01)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Competitive
(3) Minor Divisions only: If "instructional" (not designated as "competitive"), are 3 coaches allowed in addition to the manager, (instead of just 2)? (Rules 1.01& 3.17)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
(4) Can a game be started and played with only 8 players? When the (absent) 9th player would be up to bat, what happens? Record an out or just skip to the next batter? (Rules 1.01, 4.04, 4.16, 4.17, 6.05)	Yes, skip batter	Yes, skip batter	Yes, skip batter	Yes, skip batter	Yes, skip batter
(5) Will courtesy runner be allowed for the pitcher and/or catcher when there are two outs? (Rules 2.0, 3.04, 7.14)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
(6) Will a continuous batting order be adopted? (Rule 4.04)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
(7) Is the option of not having the 15, 10, 8 run rule adopted? (Rule 4.10(e))	No	No	No	No	No
(8) Are you adopting, it's a "regulation game" if played for at least an 1 hour 45-minute? (Rule 4.10(c)(2))	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
(9) Minor Divisions only: Is the "5 run rule" suspended on the last half-inning for either team? (Rule 5.07)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes
(10) After entering the batter's box, does the batter have to remain in the box with at least one foot through the at bat? (Rule 6.02(c))	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
(11) Minor Divisions only: Do all protests have to be resolved before the next play? (Rules 4.19(e) and (g))	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No
(12) Little League "Majors" division only: Is the <u>Minor League</u> Third Strike not caught rule adopted? (Rule 6.05(b)(2))	n/a	n/a	n/a	No	n/a
(13) Is stealing signs unsportsmanlike behavior, and results in 1 warning and then an ejection of involved players/coaches/managers? (Rule 9.0(d))	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
(14) Allow the "plate" umpire to stand behind the pitcher when there are two or more umpires on the game. (Rule 9.04(a))	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
(15) Special pitching rule(s)	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Including the above adopted options, all games will be played under the rules and regulations as published in the rulebook.</b>	<p>All teams will limit each of their pitchers to a maximum of 65 pitches per game in the early season. (First Sunday in May). On the following Monday, the pitchers will be allowed to pitch a maximum of pitches as allowed in Regulation VI. Rest requirements as stated in Regulation VI are in effect for the entire season.</p>				
<p>If field availability dictates a time limit on a game, the Home Team Manager MUST discuss this at the plate meeting with the Plate Umpire AND the Opposing Manager BEFORE lineups are exchanged. The time limit will be administered by the Plate Umpire. Any game with a time limit will follow this procedure:</p> <p>a. No New Inning may begin at or after 30 minutes prior to the time limit stated at the Plate Meeting. A new inning begins the moment the 3rd out is made in the previous inning. Example: if a game has a stated time limit of 2:30, no new inning will begin at or after 2 hours, the Plate Umpire will Call the Game at such time.)</p> <p>b. No New at-bat may start at or after 15 minutes prior to the time limit stated at the Plate Meeting. Example 1: if a game has a stated time limit of 2:30, and batter 'Abel' has a 1 strike count when the clock changes to 2:15, Abel will complete his at-bat and when play ends, the Plate Umpire will Call the Game. Example 2: 2:30 time limit, Abel hits a double at 2:14. Before Baker enters the batter's box, the clock changes to 2:15, the Plate umpire will Call the Game.</p>					

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Only use this column if playing "competitive."      Use this column if playing "instructional."

Level / Division:	BB AAA	BB AAA	BB AA
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(1) Do you have more than 15 players on a team? Any changes to Mandatory Play? If yes, explain in detail: (Regulation IV(i) NOTE 4)	n/a	n/a	n/a
(2) Minor Divisions only: Are you playing as Instructional or Competitive? (Rule 1.01)	Competitive	Instructional	Instructional
(3) Minor Divisions only: If "instructional" (not designated as "competitive"), are 3 coaches allowed in addition to the manager, (instead of just 2)? (Rules 1.01& 3.17)	n/a	Yes	Yes
(4) Can a game be started and played with only 8 players? When the (absent) 9th player would be up to bat, what happens? Record an out or just skip to the next batter? (Rules 1.01, 4.04, 4.16, 4.17, 6.05)	Yes, skip batter	Yes, skip batter	Yes, skip batter
(5) Will courtesy runner be allowed for the pitcher and/or catcher when there are two outs? (Rules 2.0, 3.04, 7.14)	Yes	Yes	Yes
(6) Will a continuous batting order be adopted? (Rule 4.04)	Yes	Yes	Yes
(7) Is the option of not having the 15, 10, 8 run rule adopted? (Rule 4.10(e))	No	No	No
(8) Are you adopting, it's a "regulation game" if played for at least an 1 hour 45-minute? (Rule 4.10(c)(2))	Yes	Yes	N/A
(9) Minor Divisions only: Is the "5 run rule" suspended on the last half-inning for either team? (Rule 5.07)	Yes	Yes	No
(10) After entering the batter's box, does the batter have to remain in the box with at least one foot through the at bat? (Rule 6.02(c))	Yes	No	No
(11) Minor Divisions only: Do all protests have to be resolved before the next play? (Rules 4.19(e) and (g))	No	Yes	Yes
(12) Little League "Majors" division only: Is the <u>Minor League</u> Third Strike not caught rule adopted? (Rule 6.05(b)(2))	n/a	n/a	n/a
(13) Is stealing signs unsportsmanlike behavior, and results in 1 warning and then an ejection of involved players/coaches/managers? (Rule 9.0(d))	Yes	Yes	Yes
(14) Allow the "plate" umpire to stand behind the pitcher when there are two or more umpires on the game. (Rule 9.04(a))	Yes	Yes	Yes
(15) Special pitching rule(s)	No	Yes	Coach Pitch
<b>Including the above adopted options, all games will be played under the rules and regulations as published in the rulebook.</b>	5 innings or no new inning after 1:45. No new batter after 1:55.	6 innings or 90 minutes, whichever comes first	6 innings or 90 minutes, whichever comes first
If field availability dictates a time limit on a game, the Home Team Manager MUST discuss this at the plate meeting with the Plate Umpire AND the Opposing Manager BEFORE lineups are exchanged. The time limit will be administered by the Plate Umpire. Any game with a time limit will follow this procedure:	Additional mandatory play requirements;	Additional mandatory play requirements;	Additional mandatory play requirements;
a. No New Inning may begin at or after 30 minutes prior to the time limit stated at the Plate Meeting. A new inning begins the moment the 3rd out is made in the previous inning. Example: if a game has a stated time limit of 2:30, no new inning will begin at or after 2 hours, the Plate Umpire will Call the Game at such time.)	10th fielder not allowed;	10th fielder allowed;	Additional mandatory play requirements;
b. No New at-bat may start at or after 15 minutes prior to the time limit stated at the Plate Meeting. Example 1: if a game has a stated time limit of 2:30, and batter 'Abel' has a 1 strike count when the clock changes to 2:15, Abel will complete his at-bat and when play ends, the Plate Umpire will Call the Game. Example 2: 2:30 time limit, Abel hits a double at 2:14. Before Baker enters the batter's box, the clock changes to 2:15, the Plate umpire will Call the Game.	Player pitch with coach pitch at 4 balls;	Coach pitch and/or Player pitch;	Coach pitch;
	Player pitch: no stealing home;	No stealing;	No stealing;
	Coach pitch: no stealing;	No bunting;	No bunting;
	Bunting is allowed;	One base on overthrows;	One base on overthrows;
	Infield fly is in effect.	No infield fly.	No infield fly.

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Level / Division:	BB A	BB T-Ball
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(1) Do you have more than 15 players on a team? Any changes to Mandatory Play? If yes, explain in detail: (Regulation IV(i) NOTE 4)	n/a	n/a
(2) Minor Divisions only: Are you playing as Instructional or Competitive? (Rule 1.01)	Instructional	Instructional
(3) Minor Divisions only: If "instructional" (not designated as "competitive"), are 3 coaches allowed in addition to the manager, (instead of just 2)? (Rules 1.01& 3.17)	Yes	Yes
(4) Can a game be started and played with only 8 players? When the (absent) 9th player would be up to bat, what happens? Record an out or just skip to the next batter? (Rules 1.01, 4.04, 4.16, 4.17, 6.05)	Yes, skip batter	Yes, skip batter
(5) Will courtesy runner be allowed for the pitcher and/or catcher when there are two outs? (Rules 2.0, 3.04, 7.14)	Yes	n/a
(6) Will a continuous batting order be adopted? (Rule 4.04)	Yes	Yes
(7) Is the option of not having the 15, 10, 8 run rule adopted? (Rule 4.10(e))	No	No
(8) Are you adopting, it's a "regulation game" if played for at least an 1 hour 45-minute? (Rule 4.10(c)(2))	N/A	N/A
(9) Minor Divisions only: Is the "5 run rule" suspended on the last half-inning for either team? (Rule 5.07)	No	n/a
(10) After entering the batter's box, does the batter have to remain in the box with at least one foot through the at bat? (Rule 6.02(c))	No	No
(11) Minor Divisions only: Do all protests have to be resolved before the next play? (Rules 4.19(e) and (g))	Yes	Yes
(12) Little League "Majors" division only: Is the <u>Minor League</u> Third Strike not caught rule adopted? (Rule 6.05(b)(2))	n/a	n/a
(13) Is stealing signs unsportsmanlike behavior, and results in 1 warning and then an ejection of involved players/coaches/managers? (Rule 9.0(d))	Yes	Yes
(14) Allow the "plate" umpire to stand behind the pitcher when there are two or more umpires on the game. (Rule 9.04(a))	Yes	Yes
(15) Special pitching rule(s)	Coach Pitch	Tee
<b>Including the above adopted options, all games will be played under the rules and regulations as published in the rulebook.</b>  If field availability dictates a time limit on a game, the Home Team Manager MUST discuss this at the plate meeting with the Plate Umpire AND the Opposing Manager BEFORE lineups are exchanged. The time limit will be administered by the Plate Umpire. Any game with a time limit will follow this procedure:  a. No New Inning may begin at or after 30 minutes prior to the time limit stated at the Plate Meeting. A new inning begins the moment the 3rd out is made in the previous inning. Example: if a game has a stated time limit of 2:30, no new inning will begin at or after 2 hours, the Plate Umpire will Call the Game at such time.)  b. No New at-bat may start at or after 15 minutes prior to the time limit stated at the Plate Meeting. Example 1: if a game has a stated time limit of 2:30, and batter 'Abel' has a 1 strike count when the clock changes to 2:15, Abel will complete his at-bat and when play ends, the Plate Umpire will Call the Game. Example 2: 2:30 time limit, Abel hits a double at 2:14. Before Baker enters the batter's box, the clock changes to 2:15, the Plate umpire will Call the Game.	6 innings or 90 minutes, whichever comes first  Additional mandatory play requirements;  No strikeouts;  No stealing;  No bunting;  No extra bases on overthrows;  No infield fly.	