

Interleague Little League Format *Revised* Rules 2020 Baseball Season

Interleague play will be conducted according to the official rules of Little League Baseball. Unless otherwise indicated, the Minor League rule book will be used for the Intermediate levels of play. The guidelines or reiterations of the rules listed below are intended as clarifications /interpretations of the official playing rules of Little League Baseball.

MAJOR DIVISION

1) The two-hour rule will be used for all games. This rule states that a new inning will not start more than two hours after the beginning of the game. The starting time of the game must be announced to the official scorekeeper when play begins. If the inning is started before the 2-hour mark, there is no drop-dead time.

2) In the event of inclement weather, the umpire, home field president or field manager shall make the decision on postponement. If there is any doubt about the weather, the managers must go to the playing field with their players to collaborate on a final decision. On weekdays when it is clear that weather will prohibit playing of a game, a home team league official must notify all managers involved and the umpire by 2:00 P.M.

Make up games should be immediately re-scheduled through each leagues' designated scheduling representative.

3) Each league shall provide a list of all managers and coaches with phone numbers that are involved in the Interleague play.

4) Dropped third strike and infield fly rule will apply in Majors games.

5) It is solely the discretion of the umpire to call a game due to darkness, poor visibility, or unsafe playing conditions.

6) Batting cages are not to be used within 1 hour prior to the start of any Interleague game.

7) If the umpire fails to show up for the game, the managers shall agree on a substitute chief umpire from the stands in order to complete the game.

8) A team may have one manager and two coaches (maximum) in the dugout during regular season and post season Interleague play.

9) The base runner is automatically out at the plate or any base if he does not slide and the runner makes contact with the fielder and that contact inhibits the fielders ability to make the out on a close play.

10) Managers must provide two copies of their lineup card to the opposing manager prior to the start of the game. Full names and uniform numbers must be included on the cards.

11) An optional "Slaughter Rule" states that a team losing by ten or more runs at the end of four innings or three and one-half innings if the home team is leading may call an end to the game.

12) Tie Games - A tie game halted due to weather or darkness will be declared an official tie provided it is an official game. An official game is one that has completed four innings of play unless the home team is ahead after three and one-half innings of play.

13) All players are placed in the batting order.

14) Slashing is not permitted, including a failed attempt; penalty is dead ball, batter is automatically out with no warning. Runner will return to their original position before the pitch was thrown.

15) No PROTESTS will be allowed Any dispute must be resolved on the field.

16) Balks shall not be called.

17) No requests for changes to the Interleague Schedule will be accepted

18) If a team fails to field nine players, at any time, it will be a forfeited game.

19) If a player needs to leave the game site during the game for reasons other than illness or injury, advanced notice needs to be provided to the opposing manager and umpire before the first pitch of the game. If advanced notice is not provided, once the player leaves, the next time his position in the batting order comes up, an automatic out is recorded. The out is recorded only the **first time** his position in the batting order comes up. For subsequent "at bats", his position is skipped over without penalty. If advanced notice is given before the game starts, there is no penalty.

20) Team Roster: It has been agreed that at the Major level, a team must have nine players in the lineup at all times during a game. Adhering to this rule may require that a Major level team draft an Intermediate level player(s) from its designated Intermediate level "farm team". Please note that a drafted player is not eligible to

pitch in the game and shall bat at the end of the order. **This rule is for all interleague games and KOH.**

21) All players in Majors must play at least twelve outs on defense, including one infield inning. Please note that a pitcher, once replaced, may not return to the same game as a pitcher.

22) If a player arrives late and prior notice was given to the opposing manager at or before the start of the game, that player may be inserted into the game upon his/her arrival and bat in the last batting position in the line-up (either 10th or 11th). The late arriving player should be listed as the last batter on the line-up card.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Items (1) through (22) above shall also apply to this level of play unless a change is specified below:

22) All players in Intermediate must play at least twelve outs on defense, including one (1) infield innings. Please note that a pitcher, once replaced, may not return to the same game as a pitcher.

23) Twelve-year olds are not allowed to pitch at this level of play.

24) The official rules of Little League Baseball will apply to pitching.

25) Four innings constitutes a regulation game as per the official Little League rules.

26) If a team is short a player to meet the 9-person roster requirement, a player must be brought up from the Minor Division. However, the player 'brought up' may not be allowed to pitch and shall bat at the end of the order. **This rule is for all interleague games and KOH.**

27) A team must field a minimum of nine players at all times during a game. **If a team fails to field nine players at any time it will be a forfeited game**

28) Stealing home is allowed in this division.

29) At intermediate level, an expanded strike zone is encouraged.

30) Infield fly rule will be used.

31) There is NO dropped third in intermediates

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