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District 18

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Interleague Play

As Interleague play begins after all opening day celebrations have concluded, it is important for all managers and coaches to keep in mind the Interleague Rules. All rules were distributed by the individual league presidents and many have them posted on their websites. The Interleague Rules can also be found on the District website at www.fld18.com/site/rules-regulations.

Adhering to Interleague rules, although challenging at times, will provide our players with a greater understanding of the game, more competitive game experience and a deeper appreciation of the game.

If you have any questions regarding the Interleague rules, ask a district staff member when they are at your fields or email Lisa at lisa.district18@gmail.com.

News from the State District Administration Meeting

District 18 has been granted Sectional Play Tournament for the following: 8, 9 & 10 year old baseball and softball and 9, 10 & 11 year old baseball and softball.

We have also been selected to host the State Tournament for 9, 10 & 11 year old softball.

I think it would be truly awesome to see one or many of our teams competing in these tournaments.

Specific locations to be determined

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Tournament of Champion

Due to the overwhelming number of teams entered into the Tournament of Champions, an additional weekend has been added to the schedule. Below is the updated list of dates to accommodate all of the teams.

April 21st & 22nd-Pool Play

April 28th & 29th-Pool Play

May 5th & 6th-Semi Finals

May 12th & 13th—Finals

Reminder: The schedule subject to change due to weather conditions or other unforeseen events



Umpire News

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Behind the Plate and on the Bases.

This Month's Topic covers "Leaving Early" in Major and Minor Boys Baseball. You can find the complete rule starting on page 105 of the green 2017 Little league rule book.

7.13 -Little League (Majors) and Minor league:

When a pitcher is in contact with the pitchers plate and in possession of the ball and the catcher is in the catchers box ready to receive delivery of the ball, Base Runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been delivered and reached the batter. (The Ball, until the ball is hit.)

The violation of one base runner shall affect all other base runners-

When a base runner leaves the base before the pitched ball has reached the batter and the batter does not hit the ball, the runner is permitted to continue. If a play is made on the runner and the runner is out, the out stands. If the runner reaches base safely, time is called and the runner returns to the base they occupied before the pitch was made, and no out is called.

When a base runner leaves the base early and the batter hits the ball, the base runner(s) are allowed to continue. If a play is made and the runner(s) are put out the out (s) will stand. If not put out the runner(s) must return to the original base (s) or to the nearest unoccupied base(s) to the one that was left early from. In no event shall a batter advance beyond First base on a single or error, second base on a double, or third base on a triple. The Umpire in Chief shall determine the base value of a hit ball.

When a base runner leaves the base before the pitched ball has reached the batter and the batter Bunts, hits a ball within the infield, or advances on an uncaught third strike, NO run shall be allowed to score. If bases are loaded and the batter reaches First Base safely, each runner shall advance one base beyond the base they occupied except the runner on third base, that runner shall be removed and NO run shall be scored.

Exception, IF at the end of play there is an open base, paragraphs (a) and (b) will apply.

If any runner leaves early and the batter hits a clean ball into the outfield or a Home run then the runs will still count,

There are 16 examples of what happens when a runner leaves early on pages 106 and 107.

IF a runner leaves early and the batter hits the ball, and there is a play on one of the runners that ends up with an error like an overthrown ball, the Umpire when play is finished may have to return the batter to the base in his judgement the batter was entitled to before the error(s) were made. He may also have to return any other runners to unoccupied bases to nullify the advancements caused by a wild throw or other errors.

As you can see a runner leaving early can have severe consequences, if any runner on the bases leaves early it affects the other runners, if bases are loaded and the runner on first leaves early it's the same as the runner or third leaving early.

Hopefully this will help you to understand the application and penalties of this rule. If you have any questions feel free to contact me and I will see you on the fields.

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Concussion Signs and Symptoms

Children and teens who show or report one or more of the signs and symptoms listed below, or simply say they just "don't feel right" after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body, may have a concussion or more serious brain injury.

Concussion Signs Observed

- Can't recall events prior to or after a hit or fall.
- Appears dazed or stunned.
- Forgets an instruction, is confused about an assignment or position, or is unsure of the game, score, or opponent.
- Moves clumsily.
- Answers questions slowly.
- Loses consciousness (even briefly).
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes

Concussion Symptoms Reported

- Headache or "pressure" in head.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Balance problems or dizziness, or double or blurry vision.
- Bothered by light or noise.
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy.
- Confusion, or concentration or memory problems.
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You should continue to check for signs of concussion right after the injury and a few days after the injury. If your child or teen's concussion signs or symptoms get worse, you should take him or her to the emergency department right away.

Download the HEADS UP concussion app and/or Take an [online training](#).

