

District 6 Little League Inter-League Baseball Rules - 2019

COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A COPY OF THESE RULES WITH THEM TO EVERY GAME.

Inter-league baseball play will follow the 2019 Little League Playing Rules. All coaches are strongly urged to read and be familiar with the Little League rule book. A lack of knowledge of those rules shall not be used as an excuse and the Little League rules must be followed except where modified below.

The district will provide a schedule of regular season games. Home teams will be responsible for assigning an umpire for each game. Umpires should be made aware of Little League rules and these modifications. Umpires should understand that they work at the discretion of our leagues and shall enforce these rules as written.

Minor League Rules

- No drop 3rd strike / no infield fly rule
- Bunting allowed – limit of 2 successful (balls bunted in play) bunts per inning. If a batter bunts beyond the 2 allowed per inning, the pitch shall be ruled a foul ball.
- Teams will only be allowed three successful stolen bases per inning. There will no stealing of home plate. Runners will be not be permitted to take an additional base following an unsuccessful attempt by the defense to catch them stealing. If a runner steals a base beyond 3 allowed per inning, the runner will be sent back to the original base. NOTE: A double-steal will count as two steals.
- There will be no stealing by a team with a lead of 8 runs or more. If a runner steals a base when their team is leading by 8 runs or more, the runner will be sent back to the original base.
- For games with a start time of 6:00 PM during week, cannot start a new inning after 7:30 PM if a Major League game is scheduled afterwards.
- Pitchers will pitch from 43 feet for the first half of the season. Beginning on Saturday, May 4, pitchers will pitch from 46 feet, 6 inches.
- The team must have at least 8 players to start the game 15 minutes after scheduled start time or the game is a forfeit. The team can play the game with 8 players and 9th batting position will not be an automatic out
- A team can start the game with 9 players and finish with 8 players. If the 9th player leaves the game early, the vacated batting position is not an automatic out
- All teams must bat everyone in the lineup and each player must play at least 2 innings in the field.
- If you have 10 or more players, you must play 4 outfielders and all 4 outfielders must be in the outfield grass

Minor League Rules Continued on Reverse

Minor League Rules (continued)

- Games will be 5 innings long / 10 run mercy rule after 4 innings (losing team must have it's 4th at bat)
- Each half inning shall be concluded after three outs or following the completion of the play on which a fifth run of that half inning is scored. All runs that score on the final play of the inning will be counted. Exception: There will be no run limit in the last inning and when trailing by 10 runs or more in the 4th inning where there is no limit.
- Players called up from Coach-Pitch Division to fill out a team's roster for individual games must be identified with different uniforms and announced to opposing coaches and umpires.
- **Coaches cannot reschedule games for any reason. Only League Presidents can reschedule games.**

Major League Rules

- Teams will have the option to use a continuous batting order* or choose to bat 9 batters in the lineup and follow the Little League mandatory play rule. Each player must have 1 at bat and 6 consecutive outs in the field. Substituted players are allowed to return to the game once their replacement player has met mandatory play rule and can replace any player in the lineup (players not married)

* Continuous batting order must be declared to the opposing team and the umpire prior to the start of the game and cannot be changed once the game has begun.
- Games will be 6 innings long / 10 run mercy rule after 4 innings (losing team must have it's 4th at bat)
- Stealing allowed at all bases / bunting allowed at all times / drop 3rd strike rule followed
- The team must have at least 8 players to start the game 15 minutes after scheduled start time or the game is a forfeit. The team can play the game with 8 players and 9th batting position will not be an automatic out
- A team can start the game with 9 players and finish with 8 players. If the 9th player leaves the game early, the vacated batting position is not an automatic out
- A new inning may not be started after 10:00 PM
- Players called up from the Minor Division to fill out a team's roster for individual games must be identified with different uniforms and announced to opposing coaches and umpires
- **Coaches cannot reschedule games for any reason. Only League Presidents can reschedule games.**