



Little League Baseball Interleague Rules

A schedule of games being played between two or more leagues is considered to be a District 4 administered league. The following rules will apply to all Interleague play at the Major and Minor Divisions (60-foot bases).

Rules: Games are played under the official LL rules as indicated in the Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations. No local rules will apply and no “manager agreements” will be allowed to change or modify these rules.

Umpires: The Host Team will provide two umpires for each game, with at least one 18 or older. If no adult umpire is assigned, the Host Team will provide a Game Coordinator whose duties will be those outlined in Rule 9.03(d). Whether adult or youth, non-vaccinated plate umpires will be stationed behind the pitcher. Vaccinated plate umpires may be positioned behind the catcher or pitcher, depending on their preference or the host league’s Covid protocols.

For areas where the rule book allows local league options, the following rules will apply:

- a. In the Major Division, the batting order will consist of 9 players. Continuous Batting Order is used at all Minor level games. With regards to Substitution, when using Continuous Batting Order all players are considered starters and may re-enter on defense at any time, provided that the Mandatory Play Requirement is met.
- b. Batter Keeping Foot in Box (Rule 6.02c): This rule will be enforced during Interleague play.
- c. Stealing of Signs (Rule 9/01d): This rule and associated penalties will not be enforced during Interleague play.
- d. Per waiver request under Rule 4.10(c): If one team is ahead by at least 15 runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if home team), or 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 1/2 if the home team is ahead) the opposing manager shall concede defeat to the manager who is ahead. There are no exceptions to allow a game to continue after this point. *This rule is pending approval by the District Administrator on a yearly basis.*
- e. Number of Players (Rules 1.01, 4.04, 4.16, 4.17, and 6.05): Minor and Major League divisions may start, play, and finish a regulation game with eight (8) players.

f. Per waiver request under rule 3.03(d), as it applies to the Major League division, managers are allowed to re-enter starters into a different position in the batting order during the regular season. *This rule is pending approval by the District Administrator on a yearly basis.*

g. Courtesy Runner (Rules 2.00, 3.04, and 7.14): A courtesy runner is allowed in both the Minor and Major League divisions. In the Major League division, the team is allowed the option to use a player not currently in the batting order to become a base runner for the pitcher and/or catcher of record provided there are two (2) outs in the half inning. The same courtesy runner may not run for both the pitcher and the catcher at any time during the game. In the Minor League division, the team is allowed the option to use the player who made the last out to become a base runner for the pitcher and/or catcher of record provided there are two (2) outs in the half inning.

h. Time Limits (Regulation VII(d) and Rules 4.10 and 4.11): There will be a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit on all games. Any inning begun prior to 1 hour and 45 minutes will be completed, and no new inning may begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes. All games called for the time limit will be regarded as regulation, no matter the number of innings played. Even if they end in a tie score, time-limit games will not be resumed at a later date.

Pitching Logs: Each manager must have a Pitching Log (form available at llcad4.org under "Baseball.") for each game showing who has pitched in previous games, date and number of innings. If no current pitch log is produced before the game, then no player on that team may pitch more than 20 pitches in that game. If the Manager of a team cannot produce a current Pitching Log before the start of the game, the opposing Manager may file a proper protest under Rule 4.19 if he believes an illegal pitcher was used in the game. The protest will be referred to the Assistant District Administrator for review and decision making. Under all circumstances the game shall be played, pending the review of the protest.

Weather Cancellations: Every effort should be made by both leagues involved to reschedule games cancelled by weather.