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Intermediate/Junior/Senior Baseball

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## Intermediate/Junior/Senior Baseball 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.

Umpires: The Home Team will provide two umpires for each game, with at least one 18 or older.

Playing Rules: Games are played under the official LL rules as indicated in the 2019 Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations— No local rules will apply and no “manager agreements” will be allowed to change or modify these rules.

For areas where the rule book allows local league options, we will play by the following rules:

a. Ending a Game (Rule 4.10): This rule will be utilized in Interleague play. When a team is ahead by 15 runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if home team), or 10 runs after 5 innings (4 ½ if home team), the manager of the losing team will concede the game and the game is over. There are no exceptions to allow a game to continue after this point.

b. The batting order will consist of 9 players. Substitution rules as defined in Rule 3.03 must be followed.

Exception: For Intermediate Baseball, Continuous Batting Order will be used for all games played prior to April 15, 2019. Since all players are considered starters when using Continuous Batting Order, players may be freely substituted as long as Mandatory Play Requirement is met for the game. Beginning on April 15, the batting order will consist of 9 players and the substitution rules in Rule 3.03 will apply.

c. Field Size (Rule 1.04): Field size for Junior Baseball shall be 90' bases, 60'6" pitching distance.

d. Batter Keeping Foot in Box (Rule 6.02c): This rule will be enforced during Interleague play.

e. Special Pinch Runner (Rule 7.14): The regular season rules for Special Pinch Runner will apply.

f. Stealing of Signs (Rule 9/01d): This rule and associated penalties will not be enforced during Interleague play. However, either umpire may remove a player from the game for any unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to deliberate attempts to steal signs.

Pitching: Pitching will be governed by Regulation VI. Maximum number of pitches per day and days of rest are as defined in this regulation. In accordance with the revision of this regulation approved after the Rule Books were printed, under no circumstance shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

Pitching Logs: Each manager must have a Pitching Log (form available at [llcad4.org](http://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.

Bats: For the Junior League and Intermediate divisions: non-wood bats must be certified under the USA Baseball standard, and marked with the USA logo; or certified under the BBCOR standard and marked with the BBCOR 0.50 label. The use of pine tar or other similar adhesive substance is prohibited. Use of these substances will result in the bat being declared illegal and removed from play. Bat diameter shall not exceed 2 5/8", and bat length shall not exceed 34".

Bats – Senior League: For Senior League, non-wood bats must be certified under the BBCOR standard and marked with the BBCOR 0.50 label and the material of composition. The use of pine tar or other similar adhesive substance is prohibited. Use of these substances will result in the bat being declared illegal and removed from play. Bat diameter shall not exceed 2 5/8", and bat length shall not exceed 36".

Time Limits/Darkness: There will be no time limits for any games except weekend games when field times are limited. At least 5 innings must be completed for any game to be considered a regulation game if curtailed by darkness or time limits. Every effort should be made by both leagues involved to reschedule games cancelled by weather.

Protests: Protests should be settled on the field of play. Appeals to the Assistant District Administrator are limited only to rule interpretations or the use of an ineligible player. Protests are discouraged since all games are at the recreational level and no district standings are kept. However, if a protest is filed, it must be emailed within 24 hours to the Assistant District Administrator listed above. The Assistant District Administrator's decision is final.