

2024 District 41 Intermediate / JR/SR Baseball

Inter-League By- Laws

1) There will be a joint committee that will govern the 50/70- JR-SR Interleague By-Laws. The Committee will be made up of one (1) representative from each participating league. The league representative will be a current board member, either the JR/SR Division Representative or the President. Henceforth, the committee will be known as the "Baseball Interleague Committee". The District Administrator will appoint a District staff person to chair the meetings.

(2) The District 41 committee for 50/70- JR- SR Baseball will handle all protests and disciplinary issues. The District 41 committee will be made up from the District staff. **Exception:** If both teams are from the same league then that league will handle the protest.

(3) All playing rules will be strictly enforced by the "2024 Official Little League Rule Book", except those rules adopted by these By-Laws.

(4) Umpires: The designated home team will provide at least one (1) plate umpire and one (1) field umpire for each game, and each umpire shall be at least 18 years of age. Each participating league is responsible for any payment agreement with their respective umpires.

(5) The designated home team will provide the Official Scorekeeper for each game. The host league will supply the official score sheet. The Official Scorekeeper will be placed behind home plate, as close to the home plate umpire as possible. The scorekeeper's area will be considered the same as the closed dugout. Scorekeepers will not allow themselves to be distracted, as not to follow the events of the game. The scorekeeper will be responsible for the Official Pitch Count, unless the Home team also has an Official Pitch Counter.

(6) At the conclusion of the game, the official score sheet will be signed by **both managers**. The official score sheet will be retained by the **home team park** for the remainder of the current season, in order to help resolve any disputes that may arise. All pitcher eligibility tracking forms **MUST** be filled out in PEN.

(7) Each manager will be responsible for pitching records and he/she will present the pitching records to the official scorekeeper fifteen (15) minutes prior to the game. **Failure to present the pitching records is a protest able violation.** Protests must be filed **before** the start of the game. The penalty for use of an illegal pitcher is removal of the manager for the remainder of that game and suspension for the next **physically** played game. Both managers will initial and the scorekeeper will sign both pitching records.

NOTE: Managers will have approved team rosters available at all times. All player changes, for substitution or for pitching, will be made to the home plate umpire, who will then relay the information to the official scorekeeper. If a new page needs to be added to the team's pitching record, all "old" pages must be attached. Pool players can be used per local league rules.

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(8) If a player is ejected it must be listed on the pitching tracking log.

(9) Each team will supply two (2) new baseballs for each game, more if necessary. Remaining baseballs will be distributed evenly to each team at the end of the game.

(10) The host league, at the home team park, will be responsible for field preparation.

(11) If game is the last contest played on the field of the day but has not reached a regulation game (5 innings, 4 if home team is ahead) and there are still lights and/or field availability, contest shall continue until regulation game is reached. REMINDER: Regulation games may end in a tie. NOTE: If a game is not completed and is considered a suspended game, the contest will be completed only to the point of it being a regulation game (5 innings, 4. if home team is ahead) preceding the next scheduled game between the teams. The lineup and batting order shall be the same as it was at the moment the game was halted.

(12) PITCHING: 2024 Little League Rule VI will be enforced. (See NOTE 1, NOTE 2 and NOTE 3)

NOTE 1: When playing a doubleheader, note Rule VI (k): A player may be used as a pitcher in up to two (2) games in a day (EXCEPTION: If the player pitched 31 or more pitches in the first game, that player may NOT pitch in the second game of that day).

NOTE 2: Per rule VI (a): Any player on a regular season team may pitch. EXCEPTION: Any player, who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

(13) SENIOR DESIGNATED HITTER RULE: (Rule 3.03(1))

1. At the beginning of a game, each manager may list on the lineup card a designated hitter to bat throughout the game for a designated player in the regular lineup.

2. Only a player not in the regular batting order may be used as a designated hitter.

3. In the event a manager decides to use the designated hitter as a defensive player, the player must remain in the same position in the batting order, unless otherwise replaced by a substitute. If so, the player for whom the designated hitter was batting must be removed from the game. Such player may re-enter the game once, but only in the batting order position of the former designated hitter, who must be removed.

4. This rule does not change the regular rule governing the use of pinch-hitters. (15) BAT SIZES: Little League Rule 1.10 will be enforced.

(14) **DOUBLEHEADERS:** Two games of five (5) innings each. If necessary, a fifteen (15) minute break between games is permitted to allow starting pitcher to warm up. The second game will begin when umpire announces, "Play Ball." **EXCEPTION: All games in the Senior CIF division shall be 5 innings. This includes doubleheaders and single games.**

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(15) A ten (10) run mercy rule will be in effect at the end of a regulation game. The game is a regulation game if five (5) innings of play have been completed or if the designated home team is in the lead after four (4) and one-half (1/2) innings of play.

(16) Playing Rule 6.02(c) shall be used during regular season. Mandates batters keep one foot in the batter's box during their at bat.

(17) Managers will notify their league representative, who will in turn notify a District Representative, at the first indication that they cannot field a team for any of their scheduled games at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled game start time. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture. The District 41 Committee for 50/70/SR Baseball will confer in a timely manner to resolve the issue.

(18) Make up games or rainouts may be scheduled by the District 41 Committee for 50/70-JR-SR Baseball, not to include Sundays. Games will be made up at the first available time and field. Rainouts: The home team league manager shall notify umpires, opposing team manager. Should a contest be rained out, every effort shall be made to contact parties by 4 p.m. for Monday-Friday games and 8 a.m. on Saturdays.

(19) Any amendments to these "50/70- JR-SR Interleague By-Laws" must be reviewed by the "Baseball Interleague Committee", along with the District 41 Committee for 50/70-JR- SR Baseball, and will require a majority vote to be adopted. All involved parties will be notified.

(20) The District 41 Committee for 50/70-JR- SR Baseball will confer to handle all protests and disciplinary action that has to be taken.

a. The ejection of a player, manager or coach will result in a **mandatory** minimum one (1) game suspension. **Suspended manager, coach or player may not be present at the next physically played game.** All ejections will be reviewed by the District 41 Committee for JR/SR Baseball. If it is a repeated offense, a more severe penalty may be applied.

b. All ejections will not wait for District action, but will take place immediately on the next physically played game.

c. Any physical or verbal altercation between player, manager, coach, umpire or spectator will require disciplinary action, not to exclude expulsion from the league.

(21) Failure to comply with any Intermediate/Senior Little League Rules/Regulations or the listed "**Baseball Interleague**" Intermediate/ Senior By-Laws will be subject to review and possible disciplinary action by the District 41 Committee for 50/70- Sr Baseball.

(22) **Continuous Batting order**