

## Interleague Rules for Minor Softball Spring- 2012

*These rules have been established by District 6 and approved by each Interleaguering League President and/or their representative. NO CHANGES may be made by Team Managers, Coaches, and/or Parents without prior authorization of all affected leagues.*

1. **ALL Standard Little League Softball Rules apply (Rules and Guidelines 2012).**
2. **Scoring:** Score is kept. Home Team will provide an official scorekeeper.
3. **Game Balls:** Home team is responsible for supplying game balls.
4. **Umpire:** Home Team is responsible for providing 1 Umpire per game. **If no umpires are assigned by the league each team will provide an assistant coach or parent volunteer to umpire, the home team umpire will call balls, strikes, and calls at the plate. The visiting team umpire will call outs at first, second, and third.**
5. **Pitching:** Players pitch from 35' for the first two innings.  
Inning 3 and remainder of the game: A Blue Flame spring loaded pitching machine is used and placed at 35'.  
**Addendum: Schedule will reflect when changing to..**  
More kid pitch innings  
All kid pitch
6. **At Bat:** Balls and Strikes will be called by the Game Umpire (paid or volunteer) for both live pitcher and pitching machine. Standard 3 strikes/4 balls per standard softball game rules.
7. **Batting Order:** All players will be placed on a continuous batting order and bat during the entire game as their turn occurs. The batting order should be exchanged by the Managers prior to the start of the game. See rule 8 below for batting through the lineup restrictions.
8. **RUNS:**
  - a) There is a **five (5) runs per inning limit, bat through the lineup or 3 outs.**
  - c) **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Innings** will be **unlimited runs.** The half inning will end with 3 outs or batting through the roster.
9. **Time Limits:** The time limit is 2 hours. No inning may start after 1 hour 45 minutes. 10 Run Mercy Rule applies after the 4<sup>th</sup> Inning.
10. **Number of Players on Field:** A team must have at least 7 players to start a game. You may borrow up to 3 players. Borrowed players must play in the outfield and bat at the bottom of the line up. You may place up to 10 defensive players in the field.
11. **Base Running: Stealing and sliding are allowed, however, no leading off the bases.**
12. **Stop Play:** Play stops when the ball is in the control of the defensive player pitcher within the pitching circle. Runners halfway to the next base are awarded that base.
13. **Field Limitations:** Coaches are not permitted to touch a live ball, any player, or block and/or interfere with any play or player
14. **There will be a maximum of 2 minutes allowed in between innings.**
15. **Only people age 18 and older are permitted to operate the pitching machine.** Additionally, they must have on file a completed a 2012 Little League Volunteer application, a Background Check, and must be wearing a softball/baseball mitt.
16. **Game Schedule and Cancellations:** The League President or appointed league official (POC) will determine whether a game will be cancelled. 24 Hours Notification required unless due to

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weather. Affected coaches will be notified. Make-ups for rainouts will be determined by the POC's. There will be no protests or forfeits.

- 17. TEAMS WHO DO NOT NOTIFY A HOME TEAM THAT THEY ARE NOT PLAYING WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE UMPIRE FEES FOR THAT GAME PLUS THE GAME WILL NOT BE MADE UP.***
- 18. Coaches and players should understand these rules.** Coaches should take time during practice to review these Interleague rules, as well as, Little League game rules with the players and any Assistants. Any changes to these Interleague Rules must be voted on and approved by the Interleaguering League Presidents. Questions should be directed to your League's POC. **Team Managers, League Officers, Umpires, or Parents do not have the authority to change, revise, or alter ANY of these Interleague Rules at the field. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
19. If you have problems with fields, players, coaches etc. please go to your division chairman first. If the problem still cannot be settled then go to your president. Your president will call the other president. If the problem still can't be resolved then call either Ronnie Vance or Jean Albertson.