

## District 8 Interleague Play Majors 2021 Rules

1. All Leagues must file an application for inter-league play with the Data Center.
2. All regular season rules will apply as per the Little League “2021 Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules” except as amended below.
3. Pitching rules will be strictly observed by each team as per Regulation VI(c).
  - a. A 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.
  - b. A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
  - c. Prior to May 1st, no player can pitch more than 50 pitches in one game (can be extended if last batter is called).
  - d. It is strongly recommended that coaches be aware of players who are pitching for club teams to help avoid arm injuries.
4. All rules and regulations concerning bats will be strictly enforced.
5. Regulation V(c) allows teams to draw from a pool of players from their league when they have difficulty fielding a complete team. The pool of players is created by a League Official (ie: Player Agent) offering ALL players a chance to be part of the pool. The pool will be randomly sorted prior to use. The first person on the list will be the first person asked to play. If he or she can't play, move onto the next person in the list. After a player has been selected, the next person in order will be the next in line to be selected. Managers are required to utilize this regulation to ensure that they have the required number of players for their scheduled games. Managers shall report the names and jersey numbers of pool players to the opposing manager. Please be reminded that pool players must play at least nine defensive outs, bat at the end of the line-up, and cannot pitch. All teams participating in inter-league play are considered the “league.”
6. **A team may start and play a game with only 8 players. 8 players will bat and the 9th position will be skipped without penalty. The opposing team shall provide a defensive substitute (player who made the last out) when the team with 8 players is in the field. It is recommended that this defensive substitute play the corner outfield spot closest to their own dugout.**
7. There will be no forfeits. If a game cannot be played or completed for any reason, it will be considered a non-regulation game.
8. The home team will occupy the third base dugout and the visiting team will occupy the first base dugout.
9. All games will have a 2½ hour time limit. On un-lighted fields, there will be no pitch after 5 minutes after sunset. When multiple games are scheduled on one field on any day, all players and equipment shall be vacated from the dugout by the scheduled start of the next game. The 15 run rule after 3 innings and 10 run rule after 4 innings is mandatory. The consecutive batting order is mandatory.
10. The visiting team may take a ten-minute infield practice 25 minutes before game time and the home team may take a ten-minute infield practice 15 minutes before game time (the sequence teams taking infield practice may be reversed if both managers agree). Please note that there may not be time for a 10-minute infield prior to games. The home team shall provide a sufficient number of game balls to play the game. There shall be no practice of any kind on the infield prior to any infield practice.
11. The catcher's helmet provisions of Rule 1.17 will be strictly enforced. A catcher (or receiver for an infield/outfield batter) *MUST* wear a proper catcher's helmet during infield/outfield practice, pitcher

warm-up and during the game. All catchers' helmets must have a dangling type throat protector.

12. The home team/league shall provide at least one and preferably two umpires for their own games. The home team is also responsible for providing a minimum of two (2) new game balls to the umpires prior to the start of each game.

13. Batters must keep one foot in the batter's box at all times per Rule 6.02(c).

Exceptions are as follows:

- 1) On a swing, slap, or check swing
- 2) When forced out of the box by a pitch
- 3) When the batter attempts a drag bunt
- 4) When the catcher does not catch the pitched ball
- 5) When a play has been attempted
- 6) When time has been called
- 7) When the pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound, or takes a position more than five feet from the pitcher's plate after receiving the ball, or the catcher leaves the catcher's box
- 8) On a three ball count pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks is a ball

14. For a completed six inning or more game, every player must play at least nine (9) defensive outs (with 6 being consecutive), and it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that at least three (3) of the nine (9) defensive outs being played at an infield position (positions 1-6). For a completed game less than six innings (Rain-out, darkness, etc.), every player must play at least six (6) defensive outs.

**PENALTY:** The player(s) involved shall start the next scheduled game and play any previous requirement not completed for minimum play and the requirement for the current game before being removed. The manager shall for the:

- a. First Offense - Receive a written warning.
- b. Second Offense - A suspension for the next scheduled game.
- c. Third Offense - A suspension for the remainder of the season.

15. Rules regarding ejections:

- a. The first ejection in a season of a manager, coach or player will result in the mandatory one game suspension per Rule 4.07.
- b. The second ejection in a season of a manager, coach or player will result in a two game suspension.
- c. Any third ejection in a season of a manager, coach or player may result in a season disqualification.