

## NMD5 2017 Interleague Rules

The 2017 Little League Baseball, Inc. regular-season rules apply in all interleague baseball and softball games. These interleague rules do not replace Little League regular-season rules, but are meant to enhance them. Refer to the 2017 rule book for clarification on rules or regulations not mentioned in this handout. Local league rules do not apply in interleague games.

**Exception:** Local league minimum play rules, if more strict than the official playing rules, will apply to its own teams and be monitored by each local league.

### 1. **Line of Communication:**

- a. Manager to league president or other designated local board member.
- b. League president to another league president.
- c. League president to District Administrator, Anthony Fasulo.

2. **Game Monitor:** The host site will have an adult (18 years of age or older) monitor on duty. This person will identify themselves to the managers before game time. The monitor will not be an adult participating in the game; i.e. manager, coach, or umpire.

3. **Coach ID Badges:** Prior to the start of the game, all on-field personnel (manager, coaches) will present id badges to the host league's designated official or the chief umpire for verification. If a manager, coach or umpire does not have a valid 2017 badge, that individual will not be allowed on the field.

4. **Pool Players:** In accordance with 2017 Regulations and playing rules.

5. **Game Cancellation:** If a manager is unable to field a team, the manager must provide a minimum of 24-hour notice, but preferably a 48-hour notice to the opposing manager. Each team will have a 15-minute grace period from the scheduled start time to field a team. In the event a team does not have 9 players present at the scheduled game time, or if the game is cancelled, the home team manager will work with the opposing manager to find an available date to reschedule the game. The home team manager will also e-mail Anthony Fasulo at [Anthony@nmd5littleleague.org](mailto:Anthony@nmd5littleleague.org) to post the change on the website. If a team fails to give proper notice of cancellations, the offending team's manager, may be subject to disciplinary action which may include suspension of the manager.

6. **Field Preparation:** Both teams are responsible for the field and game preparations, including lining and raking the fields. Each team is responsible for cleaning all trash in the dugout and around the bleacher area before leaving the little league complex. If a game is being played at a neutral field these same responsibilities apply.

7. **Scorekeeper:** Both teams will provide a scorekeeper, but the official scorekeeper is the home team scorekeeper. The pitching affidavit and pitch count record must be shown to the opposing team's scorekeeper prior to the start of the game and be kept by the scorekeeper. Both managers and the scorekeepers must sign the pitching affidavits. Managers are responsible for giving changes to both scorekeepers.

*Note: Pitching affidavits must be filled out in pen. The official scorekeeper will keep the pitch count record.*

8. **Sunset Time:** Sunset time shall end all games when no lights are available. Umpires will verify sunset time and inform both managers prior to the start of the game. Fifteen minutes prior to sunset time the plate umpire shall notify both managers.

9. **Umpires:** The home team will provide the plate umpire. The visiting team will provide the field umpire.

10. **Game Balls:** The Home team will provide game balls, 2 for Rookie/Minor/Major divisions, 3 for Intermediate/Junior/Senior/Big League divisions.

11. **Rookie Pitch Count:**

- a. The plate umpire will call balls and strikes.
- b. A batter will receive no more than five pitches unless the fifth pitch is fouled.
- c. If the fifth pitch is fouled, the batter will receive additional pitches until the ball is put in play or the batter strikes out.
- d. A base on balls will not be allowed.
- e. The batter will be declared out on a called third strike.

12. **Baseball Time Limits:**

- a. There is a 2-hour time limit for Minor and Major divisions, or 15 minutes prior to the next scheduled game, or regulation game, whichever comes first.
- b. No double headers in Minors.

- c. Major and Intermediate double headers have a 2-hour time limit with 15 minutes between games.
- d. There is a 2.5-hour time limit for Intermediate, Junior, Senior, and Big League divisions or 15 minutes prior to the next scheduled game, or regulation game, whichever comes first.
- e. Junior, Senior and Big League double headers have a 2-hour time limit with 15 minutes between games.
- f. Late games under the lights will end at 9:50 pm.

13. **Softball Time Limits:**

- a. There is a 2-hour time limit for Rookie/Minor/Major divisions or a regulation game, whichever comes first.
- b. No double headers in Rookies/Minors.
- c. Major double headers have two 4-inning games with 15 minutes between games.
- d. There is a 2 1/2-hour time limit for Junior/Senior/Big League divisions or regulation game, whichever comes first.
- e. Junior/Senior/Big League double headers have two 5-inning games with 15 minutes between games.
- f. Late games under the lights will end at 9:50 pm.

14. **Batting Order:** A continuous batting order will be used for all divisions. It is optional in the Senior Division.

15. **Rule 6.02 (c)** We will adopt this rule for regular season play. (Mandate batters keep one foot in the batter's box during their at-bat. (Page 92 in Baseball; 89 in Softball.)

16. **Baseball Runs:**

- a. There will be a **5** run limit per inning for Minors and an **8** run per inning limit for Majors, Intermediate, Juniors, Senior, and Big League divisions.
- b. Runs are unlimited in the last regulation inning.
- c. All runs will count for an over-the-fence home run regardless of inning.
- d. Rule 4.10 (e) applies to all games.

17. **Softball Runs:**

- a. There will be a **5** run limit per inning for rookies and Minors and a **6** run per inning limit for Majors, Juniors, and Senior divisions.
- b. Runs are unlimited in the last regulation inning.
- c. All runs will count for an over-the-fence home run regardless of inning.

- d. Rule 4.10 (e) applies to all games.
18. **Protests:** In accordance with 2017 Regulations and Playing Rules. The President from both leagues, the umpire at the time of the protest, and the District Administrator or Assistant District Administrator will review the protest.
19. **Code of Conduct:** Any violation of the code of conduct will not be tolerated. All violations will be documented by each league and reported to both league's Board of Directors for review and appropriate action. Repeat offenses by a manager or coach may be grounds for suspension from interleague play.

**Additional Rookie Softball Rules:**

1. There will be no restrictions on substitutions.
2. Rookie Softball will use an 11-inch ball.

**Championships:**

There is no interleague championship game. Each league will determine its own championship teams.