



## NEW MEXICO DISTRICT 8 LITTLE LEAGUE

### 2020 Interleague Playing Rules for the GIRLS ROOKIE SOFTBALL DIVISION

Interleague will be governed by a committee consisting of League Presidents

These rules apply for Spring and Fall League

**ANY TEAM THAT DOES NOT SHOW FOR A GAME MAY BE ELIMINATED FROM INTERLEAGUE PLAY.**

**Note: The Host League is defined as the Little League that is hosting the game.**

1. The "**2020** Official Rulebook / Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies" will be followed at all times. Each League must provide at least one rulebook for each team and they shall carry a copy to all games. Each team shall also have a signed copy of the **2020** District 8 Interleague Rules
2. The weekday start time for games will be 5:30 p.m. Home games at Coronado Little League will begin at 6:00 p.m. Cibola home game times may vary. Games played on lighted fields will adhere to local city/ county ordinances, otherwise, all games will be halted at the time limit or posted sunset time, whichever comes first.
3. The time limit on weekend games will be two (2) hours. Games will be terminated at the scheduled stop time and Little League rules will be followed for ending the game. District 8 start and stop times are final. All games that have not been completed by Little League rules or canceled **MUST** be continued/ rescheduled on the first open date at the Host site
4. The Home Team will provide the home plate umpire and the visiting team will provide the field umpire for the game. The plate umpire will keep the official time. Either team will be allowed to place a third umpire on the field if they are able or can supply one of the two required umpires, if necessary
5. Each league will furnish a copy of their Managers and Coaches phone numbers to all the other leagues they are interleaguing with. **THIS IS A MUST**
6. The Home team will provide the Official Scorekeeper and they must be located inside the score booth.
7. Teams from both leagues will be **responsible for cleaning the dugouts and policing the bleacher areas**
8. Each team will provide one (1) new and one (1) used eleven inch softball for the game. Each team should bring an adequate supply of baseballs to replace balls hit out of play.
9. The Home League will be responsible for field set-up and maintenance. When games are played at a neutral site, both teams will be responsible for field set-up and maintenance
10. Two adult base coaches will be allowed, provided one approved adult is in the dugout at all times. A maximum of two (2) coaches are allowed on the field when a team is on defense. Coaches cannot interfere with play. These coaches are only allowed to instruct positioning of fielders. (Note: 4 maximum approved coaches allowed during game)

11. Both teams must provide an adult (must be age 18 or over) to feed the pitching machine during their time at bat. The adult must not interfere with the play of the ball while it is live and in play. The adult may not coach players from this position
  12. The pitching machine will be adjusted at the beginning of the game and only re-adjusted at the end of an inning if required or at the direction of the home plate umpire. The pitching machine shall not be adjusted to accommodate individual players unless the pitched balls are not in the player's strike zone. The pitching machine speed will be set at **38mph**. At the beginning of each game, the two managers will agree to set the pitching machine speed.
  13. A six (6) foot diameter circle shall be chalked around the pitching machine. The ball will be declared a dead ball if it lands within the circle and will be retrieved by an adult. Balls hitting the machine and landing outside this circle will be considered live balls. The pitcher must remain outside of the circle
  14. A batter hit by a machine pitched ball will not be awarded first base. The ball is dead and all runners must return to their original base
- 15. Base stealing is suspended for the Girls Minor Machine Pitch Softball Division**
16. On an overthrow the runner may advance at their own risk a maximum of one base. Teach the kids (a) how to throw to the correct base and (b) when to throw it. Examples
    - a. Karen hits a ground ball to the shortstop who overthrows first. Karen can, at her own risk, advance to second and second base only. If the defensive player chooses to try and get Karen out at 2nd, and overthrows 2nd, then Karen can advance to third base, and only third base. If there are other runners on base, this rule applies to the other runner's as well
    - b. Melissa is on first and Kyla is at bat. Kyla singles to left and the left fielder overthrows second base trying to get Melissa out at second. Melissa can advance only to 3rd, at her own risk, and Kyla can advance only to 2nd, at her own risk
  17. There will be no walks. Three (3) swinging strikes including foul balls and the batter is out
  18. Batters will receive a maximum of six (6) pitches from the pitching machine. A foul tip or a foul ball on the last strike or pitch shall not constitute an out.
  19. The Infield Fly Rule does not apply in the Girls Minor Machine Pitch Softball Division.
  20. Ten (10) Players can be used on defense
  21. All players will be part of a continuous batting order. All players will bat in turn regardless of being in or out of the defensive line up. Free substitution is allowed.
  22. There will be no on deck circle and no bats are to be held until the player is at bat
  23. Pool Players will be allowed under Little League Reg V(c) pertaining to Pool Players
    - a. The league's Player Agent creates and runs the pool from players within their respective division
    - b. Players may not be 'borrowed' from an opponent. They must be assigned by the Player Agent
    - c. Managers do not have the right to randomly pick and choose from the pool
    - d. Pool players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least nine consecutive defensive outs and bat once
  24. Mandatory for interleague play - After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat.

25. All team Managers must have in their possession at all times (in transit to Little League activities, at games and other Little League activities, etc.) a completed player Medical Release forms for each player on their team
26. All leagues will follow the Little League Rule Book concerning the number of players needed to start and end a game. There is a **fifteen (15) minute** grace period for late arrivals, but this delay will not change the time limit set for the game to be terminated.
  - a. Fall League Only: In emergency situations, where pool players were not available, rescheduling/cancelling games is not recommended. If a team is short a player or two, D8 encourages the teams to "borrow" players from each other so that all positions are filled while on defense. District 8 will not reschedule games for the individual teams. It is the manager's responsibility to reschedule if they choose not to play. Rescheduling must be coordinated with the host league.
27. An offensive inning will consist of either **three outs** or reaching **five (5) runs**. Upon a team scoring five runs during an inning, the inning is terminated and the team batting will immediately take the field
  - a. All runs will be scored on an "Over the Fence" home run or a ground rule double
  - b. The 6<sup>th</sup> and succeeding innings will not have a run limit; all runs scored will be counted
28. The ten (10) run mercy rule will be in effect. (District 8 voted not to approve 15-run rule for regular season. Regulation 4.10e)
29. All team players must wear the same League issued uniforms. Pool players must use their own team uniforms
30. The plate umpire will submit a report to their League President and District 8 Interleague Officer if any manager, coach or player is ejected from a game. The managers will also advise their league presidents
31. Umpires will adhere to the **one minute time limit in between innings**. Umpires will inform both Managers at the pre-game meeting of this requirement to keep the game moving
32. No protest will be allowed because this is a training division.
33. All local league rules must be followed
  - a. No seeds or shelled nuts or gum allowed at Cibola, West Mesa, and Paradise Hills complexes. They are not allowed at turf fields at Eastdale
  - b. Only service dogs are allowed at West Mesa, Cibola and Sunset. No pets allowed
  - c. Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes and alcohol is not allowed at any Little League function

**Note: Any league violating these rules may be eliminated from Interleague play**

Approved for the **2020** season:

  
DA NM District 8

**3/1/2020**

Date