

Idaho District 2 Inter-League Rules
Softball Rookie Division
2023 Season

All teams shall follow the rules as set forth in the current Little League Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, with the following options/exceptions/additions.

Objective: This program is designed to concentrate on the basic mechanics of the game and learn good sportsmanship.

1. Each team will furnish a minimum of one (1) Umpire for all inter-league games. The home team should provide the plate umpire. If only one Umpire shows up a manager, coach or parent may umpire in the field. If more than two umpires are available, one shall be designated Umpire-in-Chief and the other umpires shall be field umpires [Rule 9.03(b)].
2. Prior to the start of the game, the home team shall provide two (2) new balls to the home plate umpire. The plate umpire may require additional balls during the game and select the best used balls for the teams. [Rule 3.01]
3. The **HOST** league shall prepare the field before each game. **BOTH** teams shall help with clean up after the game, especially the stands and dugouts. **HOST** teams shall break down the fields as needed.
4. Weekday games will begin promptly at 6:15pm.
5. As a courtesy, during times of severe inclement weather it is requested that playing conditions be reviewed and games cancelled by 4pm, or two hours prior on non-weekday games, to save teams from traveling to a site that is unplayable.
6. Thrown bat and physical contact policy as defined by District 2 Policy will be enforced.
7. Time Limit: No inning will begin after ninety minutes from scheduled start time.
8. This division will adopt the reduced minimum play rule for rosters of 15 or more players. [Reg IV(i)]
9. This division will adopt when a team has only eight players in the game this division will not access an out when the missing ninth batter position comes up to bat. [Rule 4.04, 6.05(n)]
10. This division will adopt the option to continue play with only 8 players [Rule 4.17]
11. This division will adopt the courtesy runner for pitcher/catcher with two outs. The courtesy runner must be the last previous out. [Rule 7.14(b)]
12. Continuous batting order is required at this level [Rule 4.04].
13. This division will adopt the option to allow the Plate umpire to call balls/strikes from behind the pitching mound, but it is strongly recommended that the plate umpire position themselves behind the catcher. [Rule 9.04(a)]
14. N/A
15. This division will NOT adopt the option to suspend the five (5) run limit. [Rule 5.07]
16. PITCHING: This league is coach/machine pitch only and, because this is an instructional league, the adult may verbally coach from the eight foot circle. The coach must pitch within the eight foot circle. Each batter may have a maximum of five (5) pitches. If the batter does not hit the ball by the fifth (5th) pitch, the batter will be allowed to hit off a batting tee. (Waiver needed)

17. No stealing. Failure to catch a called or swung strike or a wild pitch results in a dead ball. Runners may only advance on a hit or other play where they are required to advance (e.g. hit by pitch if a runner is already occupying first base.) (waiver granted by Charter Committee 3/7/2020).
18. No more than six defensive players are allowed on the infield. No limit on outfield players. [Rule 4.01 Note 1]

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