

Idaho District 2 Inter-League Rules
Softball Minor 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.

DISTRICT INTERLEAGUE PROTEST FORMAT: The protest committee will consist of the Assistant District Administrator of Softball (who is acting in the position of the League President during interleague play) or designated representative, District UIC or designated representative, and one board member from each league involved.

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)]. **It is highly recommended that each team have at least one umpire and their coaching staff District Certified in cases where umpires may be unavailable.**
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 new inning will begin after an hour and forty-five minutes from the scheduled game time.
8. This division will adopt the reduced minimum play rule for rosters of 15 or more. [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]
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. Both the winning and losing managers will report the game score to the District within 24 hours of the completion of the game. Report scores via e-mail to softball-scores@idaho2littlleague.org
15. This division WILL adopt the option to suspend the five (5) run limit. It is required that the umpire invokes the 5.07 rule at the top of the inning. [Rule 5.07]

16. **PITCHING:** There will only be two (2) walks per each half inning. Per half inning, the pitcher will continue to pitch until they have walked two batters. For purposes of this rule, batter being hit by pitch will count towards the two walks. After that time any batter who has acquired 4 balls will then be pitched to by their manager or coach, until that batter either hits or strikes out. The coach must pitch within the eight foot circle. The player pitcher will resume pitching with the next batter. A hit by pitch will always be awarded first base, unless the batter is hit by a pitch from an adult pitcher, in which case it will be considered a ball. When the adult is on the field they must remain in the eight foot circle at all times and move only after the play has stopped or if in danger of being hurt. If the adult interferes with any play the runners may not advance more than one base. **THE ADULT PITCHER WILL NOT COACH FROM THE RUBBER OR DURING THE PITCH** (Encouragement is allowed). If the adult pitcher does coach as a pitcher, it is interference and will be handled according to the rulebook. This rule does not allow for extra adults to come on to the field, no more than four (4) adults are allowed on the field per team and one (1) adult must remain in the dugout at all times. Although stealing bases is permitted at this level, a runner may not steal any base when there is an adult assuming the position of pitcher. (Waiver to 6.08(a) granted by Charter Committee 3/7/2020)
17. A Runner at 3rd may not advance to home on any unhit pitch or throw back to the pitcher unless forced by base-on balls or hit batter. Stealing of home is allowed if a play is being made on any runner. (waiver granted by Charter Committee 3/7/2020)
18. After a base-on balls the batter/runner may advance to first base only (Waiver to 6.08a declaring base-on-balls as a dead ball, with runners only advancing as required, approved by Charter Committee 3/7/2020).

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