

Idaho District 2 Inter-League Rules  
Softball Majors 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.

1. Each team will furnish a minimum of one (1) District Certified Umpire for all inter-league games. The home team should provide the plate umpire. If only one District Certified 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 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 two hours 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. This division will adopt continuous batting order 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](mailto:softball-scores@idaho2littlleague.org)
15. The Majors division will invoke a five (5) run limit per half inning. 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.

The 5 run limit per inning can be waived, at the plate meeting, if Both managers agree. [Rule 5.07] (Waiver needed)

Approved/Acknowledged via unanimous vote by the League Presidents at the Presidents Meeting **February 26, 2023**

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