

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INC.  
WASHINGTON DISTRICT 6  
2018 INTERLEAGUE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL RULES

The following rules will be enforced in addition to the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball & Softball. Adopted by D-6 presidents on January 28, 2018.

\*\*\*All leagues that have divisions participating in Interleague play shall follow interleague rules even if two same league teams are playing.

All managers must have a current copy of the Interleague rules with them. Should a question come up concerning an Interleague rule, game play will be suspended until a copy can be consulted, and the question answered.

I. District 6 Interleague Board

- A. The District Administrator is the chairman of the Interleague Board.
- B. Membership includes all league presidents of D6, or their assigned representative. If the league president assigns a representative to the interleague board, they will have all rights and responsibilities as the president they represent.
- C. When an interleague meeting is held, each member who is present will have one vote.
- D. Interleague board duties will include approving interleague rules and game scheduling.
- E. Quorum shall be more than 50% of league presidents in attendance.

II. Interleague Game schedules

- A. Rainout notification- The home team manager is responsible for rainout notification if the game is rained out 1 hour prior to game time. This manager is responsible for contacting the other team's manager, the umpires and the interleague scheduler for that division.
- B. Cancellations. If the game has been cancelled prior to game day, it is the responsibility of the home team manager to contact the other team manager, the umpires and the interleague scheduler for that division.
- C. Reschedules-Rescheduling rainout or cancelled games are the responsibility of the managers. Managers need to contact interleague scheduler for that division.

III. Game Day

- A. Field suitability is determined by the home leagues field policies. If the field is one that is not the home field for either team the host league may decide to not allow play on the field. The host league decision is final.
- B. The home team is responsible for field preparation regardless of where the game is played.

IV. Game Time

- A. This rule applies to the Tee Ball Division. No new inning will be started after 1 hour from the

scheduled start time of the game, or after 3 complete innings. The game will terminate at 1 hour and 30 minutes after scheduled start time of the game.

B. This rule applies to the Pee Wee (coach pitch and player pitch divisions). No new inning will be started after 1 hour and 15 minutes from the scheduled start time of the game, or after 4 complete innings. The game will terminate at 1 hour and 30 minutes after scheduled start time of the game.

C. This rule applies to the Minor division. No new inning will be started after 2 hours from the scheduled start time of the game. **There is a hard stop at 9:00 pm.**

D. This rule applies to the Major division. No new inning will be started after 2 hours from the scheduled start time of the game. There is a hard stop time at 9:00 pm Sunday thru Thursday and 10:00 pm Friday and Saturday.

E. This rule applies to the Intermediate, Junior, Senior divisions. No new inning will be started after 2 hours 30 minutes from the scheduled start time of the game. If there is no game following this rule does not apply, there is a hard stop at 9:00PM Su. - Thur.

NOTE: If the game does not start within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time, either manager may ask for a reschedule.

F. This applies to all division all levels of SB & BB. Local league (usually the home team) hard stop times apply (either daylight or clock) to all games regardless of whether the game is legal or not.

#### V. Player Pools

A. Rules governing player pools can be found in Regulation V. Selection of Player (c)

B. Borrowing of players at game time is not allowed. Per Regulation V(c)

C. The player agents of the participating leagues must keep a log of player pool, this log must be available upon request.

#### VI. Score Keeping & Pitching Records

A. Each manager is required to carry a copy of their team scorebook, which includes a pitch count and record for all players. The player agent is responsible to see that players do not violate the pitch count rule.

#### VII. Protests and ejections

Game protest policy (see playing Rule 4.19). Any protest must be submitted by the manager first to the umpire on the field of play, if not resolved, note in the official scorebook and play on. Then after the game, the protesting manager shall report in writing to the local league president within 24 hours. The umpire in chief of the game shall also submit a report with 24 hours to the local league president, District Administrator and the District UIC. The league president shall then notify the interleague board for resolution.

Ejections shall be reported within 24 hours by the umpire who executed the ejection or the umpire in chief of the game to the local league president of the offending player, coach or manger.

Copies will be sent to the district administrator and district UIC as well. This is mandatory so that the penalty of an additional game suspension will be enforced on the offending person.

VIII. BATS – Rule 1.10

Starting this season, (2018), ALL bats for BB Juniors and below must be “USA Baseball” labeled, or BBCOR for 50/70 and JrBB. Senior BB bats still require BBCOR labeling. Softball bats in all SB divisions still must be labeled “BPF 1.20”

IX. Special Rules by Division

## T-Ball

**PURPOSE:** Tee ball programs are for players 4-7 years old who want to learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. In Tee Ball, players hit a ball off a batting tee. The primary goals of Tee Ball are to have fun, to instruct children in the fundamentals of baseball & softball and to allow them to experience the value of teamwork.

- A. No umpires will be used in Tee Ball
- B. Extra players are to be placed in the outfield.
- C. Coaches/Managers are permitted on the field for the purpose of instruction only. No more than three coaches or managers allowed on the field at one time (one at the plate and two in the field).
- D. No manager or coach shall hand a ball to a player while it is in play.
- E. All runners will not advance 1 base at a time on an over throw or pass ball
- F. Both teams will bat through the line up each inning. Batting order is to remain the same through the duration of the game.
- G. No 5-run rule
- H. No 10-run rule
- I. Play only 3 innings
- J. After 3 outs clear the bases continue batting until the side has batted. Clearing the bases after every 3 outs.

## PeeWee (aka Coach Pitch/Player Pitch)

**PURPOSE:** PeeWee is the next step up from the Tee ball division, but are not quite ready for the Minor division. This is the division where they begin to work on their skills as infielders, pitchers, catchers and outfielders. Remember, each position plays a key role in the game, and it is important that each child have the opportunity to play each position during the regular season of play.

- A. Umpires are not required for PeeWee games.
- B. Games may be started and continued with 7 players but not less than 7.
- C. No more than 10 players on defense allowed, if the 10<sup>th</sup> player is used, they will play in the outfield only.

- D. Only one coach/manager is allowed in the outfield. This will be for instructional purposes only. At no time should a coach/manager touch a ball that is in play.
- E. Maximum of 5 runs per inning, per team, including the last inning. 15/10 run rule in effect additionally. No unlimited innings will be allowed. Game time limit is still in effect.
- F. Season will start as coach pitch. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May this division will switch to player pitch from the remainder of the season.
- F. Base runners cannot run unless the ball is put in play by the batter (NO STEALING ALLOWED).
- G. Base runners are not allowed to run on an overthrow or passed ball.
- H. No more than 7 pitches or 3 swings per batter. If the result of the 7<sup>th</sup> pitch is a foul ball, the batter is allowed another pitch. Additional pitches are permitted on fouls beyond the 7<sup>th</sup> pitch. Until a ball or strike is called as the result of the extra pitch(es).
- I. Batters will be awarded first base if hit by pitch. If a pitcher hits 3 batters during the course of the game, they will be replaced as a pitcher on the third infraction.
- J. Both SB and BB – When the pitcher is in possession of the ball and is either in the pitching circle (SB) or on the pitching mound (BB), all play will end.
- K. All inning count (SB) or pitch count (BB) applies and rest periods must be observed as listed in the rule book.
- J. Any six (6) year olds that are playing in Pee Wee with player pitch, shall be identified with a green arm band as a reminder to switch to coach or machine pitch for those 6 year olds. Reg IV (c) prohibits 6 year olds from pitching. Reg III (c) restricts age 6 to receive pitches only from coaches or pitching machines.

#### Minor Softball & Baseball

- A. Continuous batting per Rule 4.04 will be used.
- B. There is a maximum of 5 runs per inning, per team. 15/10 run rule applies additionally. If a game reaches the 6<sup>th</sup> inning then the 6<sup>th</sup> inning may be played as an unlimited runs inning. Game time limit(s) are still in effect.
- C. Any batter not able to complete their turn at bat is removed from the batter's box and the next batter is allowed to enter the batter's box with a 0 ball & 0 strike count.
- D. Any player unable to take a turn at bat due to injury is just skipped. No out is applied.
- E. Pitching records must be recorded and available for review by managers of future games.
- F. Pitchers must observe all appropriate rest periods per the rule book/regulations.

#### Major Softball & Baseball

- A. Batting order will be continuous as described in the rule book.
- B. 15/10-run rule applies in both SB & BB. 5 run rule not allowed by rule.
- C. Any batter not able to complete their turn at bat is removed from the batter's box and the next batter is allowed to enter the batter's box with a 0 ball & 0 strike count.
- D. Any player unable to take a turn at bat due to injury is just skipped. No out is applied.
- E. Pitching records must be recorded and available for review by managers of future games.
- F. Pitchers must observe all appropriate rest periods per the rule book/regulations.

Intermediate, Junior, Senior Leagues

- A. Intermediate BB plays per Junior League rules
- B. 15/10 run rule applies to all divisions
- C. Continuous batting order does not apply
- D. Pitching records must be recorded and be available for review by managers of future games.
- E. Pitchers must observe all appropriate rest periods per the rule book/regulations

Reminders from the 2017 season

Rule 6.02(c) - Requires the batter to keep 1 foot in the batter's box throughout the at bat. This rule applies to both Softball & Baseball.

Rule 6.08(a) (2) -Applicable to both Minors and Majors "Intentionally walk" Baseball only

The following playing rules have been adopted for use in the 2018 regular season by the recent LL Congress meeting in January 2018. These are paraphrased for brevity. There are 6 other Regulation or Tournament changes.

The new regulations/rules can be found in full text at [www.littleleague.org/congress](http://www.littleleague.org/congress).

**Regulation VI (d)** – For Baseball Pitchers league age 16 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

Note: Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days

**Rule 4.10** - If a game is called before it has become a regulation game, it shall be resumed exactly where it left off. *(This eliminates the reset rule if the 1<sup>st</sup> inning was not completed prior to the game being suspended.)*

**Rule 3.03 – All Divisions of Softball and Baseball**

A player in the starting line-up who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game, IN THE SAME position in the batting order, provided; *[meets the requirements of (a), (b)]*

(c) NOTE : In both BB & SB, a player who has met the mandatory play requirements, and is a pitcher at the time she/he is removed, may be removed for a substitute batter and re-enter the games as a pitcher once, provided the pitcher was not physically replaced on the mound. *(This rule cannot be applied to starting pitchers.)*

(d) A starter and his/her substitute must not be in the line-up at the same time, except as provided in 3.03 Note 3. Once mandatory play has been met, the starter and the substitute can enter/re-enter for each other as desired.

*(This stops the old regular season method of a starter returning to the line-up in a different batting position from the one at the start of the game and uses the same method for substitution as tournament play.) (This cannot be used in continuously line-up.)*

**Rule 4.10 – Mercy Rule – ALL Divisions Softball/Baseball ADDS:**

If after 3 innings or 2-1/2 if home team (4 innings or 3-1/2 innings for Im/Jr/Sr) has a lead of 15 or more runs, the game is over. This is in addition to the 10 run rule at 4 innings (5 for Im/Jr/Sr).

**Rule 8.06 (a) & (b) – Majors and Above Softball/Baseball**

(a) Limits visits to the pitcher to ONE (1) per inning without pitcher removal; 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the same pitcher in the same inning...that pitcher must be removed/replaced as pitcher.

(b) Limits two (2) visits to the same pitcher in a game, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> visit to that same pitcher in a game, that pitcher must be removed/replaced as pitcher.

*(Minors continue to use old rule.)*

## *Rainout Contact Information for 2018*

Battle Ground 360-797-5019 [www.bgll.org](http://www.bgll.org) & Facebook

Glenwood 360-573-9903 [www.glenwoodlittleleague.org](http://www.glenwoodlittleleague.org) & Facebook

Hazel Dell 360-567-8199 Twitter & Facebook

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