

District 6 Interleague Bylaws Softball

1. A Board of Directors consisting of two representatives from each league will preside over interleague. Only one vote per league in all decisions. Two members of the District 6 Board will be commissioners and will have one vote each.
2. Protests must be received in writing within 24 hours of the occurrence. All protests for any division must be delivered to the home team's President. The chief umpire must sign the scorebook on all protests. **A game under protest should not resume until the protest is resolved.** All protests will be reviewed by an ADA and by representatives of leagues not involved in the protest.
3. Each league must have a reliable contact person and a backup contact person. These contacts will be allowed to cancel and reschedule games.
4. All games will be played as scheduled. Only game where nine (9) players cannot be fielded due to a required school function will be rescheduled, if the opposing team contact is notified at least three (3) days in advance, otherwise it will count as a loss. Pool play will be followed according to Little League rules.
5. Games cancelled due to weather **must be** cancelled by 3PM. If weather did not allow time to call, **someone must be at the field** to meet the traveling team. Games will be made up the first available date regardless of the number of games played that week.
6. All teams will wait 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for the opposing team to field nine (9) players. In the event a team cannot field nine (9) players, the issue will be referred to the Board of Commissioners.
7. When a team fails to field nine (9) players for three (3) consecutive games, they will be disqualified from further interleague play.
8. No games will be played unless the home plate umpire is eighteen (18) or older by April 30. Base umpires must be fifteen (16=5) or older by April 30 for Junior Division and seventeen (17) or older by April 30 for Senior Division.

9. Only safety glasses will be allowed to be worn on the field.

10. The ten run rule **will be mandatory, rule 4.10 (e)**, after 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead) for Minor and Major League and 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead) for Junior and Senior League. If the visiting team has a lead of 10 or more runs the home team **must** bat in its half of the inning. The manager of the team with the least runs **shall** concede the victory.

11. No jewelry, watches, rings, chains, headbands, wristbands, or body piercing can be worn during the game unless prescribed (Doctors not must accompany player) or that indicate a medical condition. Failure to remove these items when asked by the umpire will result in ejection from the game.

12. Only managers, coaches, and players on the team are allowed in the dugout during the game. Should a substitute coach be required, the individual must be an approved coach or manager in the league. **Score books must be kept in the dugout. Only 3 coaches in the dugout at one time, one manager and two coaches.**

13. Managers coaches, and players will not leave the playing field once the game begins. **NO smoking or use of tobacco products of any kind** during the game, on or off the field. An adult manager/coach must be in the dugout at all times.

14. When a player is ejected from the game, they will leave the dugout immediately. They will be suspended and will not be able to attend their next game. The umpire will notify the Division ADA. An ejected player may remain in the dugout **if** their parents/guardian is not available.

15. Managers and coaches ejected from a game will leave the ballpark immediately. They will be suspended and will not be able to attend their next game. In the case of a second offence, the individual will be required to come before the Board of Commissioners. The DA will be notified of all ejections.

16. No electronic devices of any kind except those used for the purpose of scorekeeping or for medical reasons will be allowed in the dugouts. If you must have an electronic device, please keep said device turned off and in your bag at all times.

17. For violation of rule 3/03, the “mandatory play rule”, the manager of the opposing team will notify the Division ADA. The player will start the next game fulfill the obligation from the previous game plus the obligation for the current game before being removed from the game.

18. Fields will be lined, safe, and playable. The plate umpire will make the decision on the condition of the field to determine if the game will be played..

19. All curfews will be strictly enforced. **If a second game is scheduled to follow, no inning of the first game shall start after two (2) hours from the scheduled start time of the first game.**

20. All interleague games take priority over local games. Interleague will play first during school days (Monday-Thursday). No interleague games will be scheduled for the second game unless both teams agree.

21. A list of managers, coaches, team names, and contact phone numbers will be submitted to the Division ADA before the start of each season.

22. All leagues must exchange team rosters including managers and coaches before the start of the season and before each game.

23. Catchers must wear a mask with a dangling throat protector while taking infield practice or warming up pitchers. Managers and coaches must not warm up pitchers at any time.

24. Each league must have a representative at each game. **Each team is responsible for their crowds conduct.**

25. **At the start of the game and with a pitching change, eight (8) warm up pitches will be permitted. Between innings five (5) warm up pitches are permitted. The time between innings is limited to one (1) minute.**

Minor League

1. Two adult coaches will be permitted on the field while their team is on defense. There will be two coaches on the field when their team is on offense.
2. Pitching: 1st 3 innings coach pitch and last 3 innings player pitch. If a pitcher walks four (4) batters they are replaced with a coach pitcher, they can re-enter in the next inning. Six year old players require a coach pitcher at all times.
3. A continuous batting order will be used in Minor League.
4. All batting helmets will have a face mask. Pitchers and third basement **must wear** face protection (game face). Players may use their own equipment and/or the face mask will be provided by the league.
5. Stealing is permitted on passed balls during the kid pitch innings only and stealing home is permitted.
6. Each team must field nine (9) players only on defense.
7. A pitching affidavit must be kept during game and list all players who pitched in the game. The players name, jersey number and innings pitched must be listed on the affidavit The pitching affidavit must be kept with the score book. The home plate umpire must sign the score book and the home plate umpire and opposing manager must sign the pitching affidavit.

Major and Minor League

These divisions will observe a five (5) run/inning rule. For the Major division the fifth inning on will be unlimited scoring.

Interleague rules as adopted 3/28/2017 by the softball interleague committee.

INTERLEAGUE POOL PLAYING GUIDELINES

Pool players are borrowed from another team on a rotating basis to supplement a team who is short of regular players. The regular players shall have priority in the amount of playing time and should be the starting defensive line up.

Pool players shall not be part of the starting lineup, unless a team has less than nine (9) players from their regular team. In this case the Pool players will be listed at the end of the batting order. No team using Pool players will have more than ten (10) players including the pool players.

Pool players must wear their regular team uniform and **are not allowed to pitch.**

Any violation of these guidelines should be brought to the attention of the protest committee.

A list of pool players from the existing teams must be established by the player agent.

Players may not be “borrowed” from an opponent. They must be assigned by the players agent on a rotating basis.