

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 by email within 24 hours of the occurrence. All protests for all divisions must be emailed to D6 Softball ADA, Dina Edwards at wvdeedoo@aol.com. The chief umpire must sign the scorebook on all protests. All protests will be reviewed by an ADA and by a representative of the 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 games 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, a player may be used from the opposing team to play outfield only. Must be a different player each inning.
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 at least eighteen (18) years old. Base umpires should be at least 15 years old .

9. The 15 run, 10 run and 8 run rule **will be Mandatory, rule 4.10 (e)**. If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (15), ten (10), or eight (8) 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

10. No jewelry, watches, rings, chains, headbands, wristbands, or body piercing can be worn during the game unless prescribed (Doctors note must accompany player) or that indicate a medical condition.

11. 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.**

12. Managers, coaches, and players will not leave the playing field once the game begins unless for bathroom break. **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.

13. When a player is ejected from the game, they will leave the dugout immediately and not play in their next game. The umpire will notify the home league representative and the league representative will notify Jr/Sr ADA Josh Oldham. A player ejected from the game must be supervised.

14. Managers and Coaches ejected from a game will leave the field immediately. They must be out of sound and sight of the game. They will be suspended and will not be able to attend their next game. The Softball ADA will be notified of all ejections.

15. No electronic devices of any kind except those used for the purpose of scorekeeping or for medical reasons will be allowed in the dugouts. Please follow LL rules on this issue.

16. For violation of rule 3.03, the “mandatory play rule”, the manager of the opposing team will notify the Softball ADA. The player will start the next game and fulfill the obligation from the previous game plus the obligation for the current game before being removed from the game.

17. Fields will be lined, safe and playable. The two Managers will come to an agreement and make the decision on the condition of the field prior to the game to determine if the game will be played. After the game starts, it is the plate umpire’s decision

18. 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.

19. 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.

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

21. Catchers must wear a mask with a dangling throat protector while taking infield practice or warming up pitchers.

22. Each team is responsible for their crowd's conduct.

23. 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.

24. Mandatory Play for all divisions will be Continuous Batting Order and six (6) outs played defensively.

25. All games will have a 2 hour time limit. No new inning can start after 2 hours from the start of the game. An inning begins when the last out of the previous inning is made. This is for Junior, Major and Minor (kid pitch) Softball.

Rookie/ Coach Pitch

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. Six year old players require a coach pitcher at all times.
3. A continuous batting order will be used in Minor League.
4. Each team must field eight (8) players only on defense.
5. All games will have a 1 and 1/2 hour time limit. No new inning can start after 1 1/2 hours from the start of the game. An inning begins when the last out of the previous inning is made.

Minor League

1. Stealing is permitted on passed balls during the kid pitch and stealing home is permitted.
2. These divisions will observe a five (5) run/inning rule. (Minor and Coach Pitch)

Interleague rules as adopted 2/25/2024 by the Softball Interleague Committee.

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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.