

**2024 DISTRICT 24 RBI BASEBALL INTERLEAGUE BY-LAWS
INTERMEDIATE, JR, SR DIVISIONS**

(1) There will be a joint committee that will govern the Intermediate and JR/SR Interleague Bylaws. The Committee will be made up of one (1) representative from each participating league. The league representative will be a current board member, either the Intermediate and JR/SR Division Representative or the President. Henceforth, the committee will be known as the "District 24 Committee". The District Administrator will appoint a District staff person to chair the meetings.

(2) All playing rules will be strictly enforced by the "2024 Official Little League Rule Book", except those rules adopted by these By-Laws.

(3) **Umpires:** The designated HOME TEAM will provide at least one (1) plate umpire and one (1) field umpire for each game, and each umpire shall be at least 18 years of age. There may be exceptions but ONLY with the approval of Pamela White. Each participating league is responsible for any payment agreement with their respective umpires/umpire associations.

(4) The designated HOME TEAM will provide the Official Scorekeeper for each game. The HOST LEAGUE will supply the official score sheet. The Official Scorekeeper will be placed behind home plate, or as close to the home plate umpire as possible. The scorekeeper's area will be considered the same as the closed dugout. Scorekeepers will not allow themselves to be distracted, so as not to follow the events of the game. The official scorekeeper will be responsible for the Official Pitch Count.

(5) At the conclusion of the game, the official score sheet will be signed by the home plate umpire AND both managers. The official score sheet will be retained by the home team park for the remainder of the current season, to help resolve any disputes that may arise.

(6) The winning team shall e-mail all final scores for the Intermediate, JR, and SR divisions to Autumn Bernal (abernald24@gmail.com) by NOON the following day.

(7) **PITCHING RECORDS/PLAYER ROSTERS - ALL PITCHING RECORDS MUST BE COMPETED IN INK.** Each manager will be responsible for pitching records and he/she will present the pitching records to the official scorekeeper fifteen (15) minutes prior to the game. Failure to present the pitching record is a protestable violation. Protests must be filed before the start of the game for no physical hard copy of the completed pitching record. The penalty for not presenting the pitching record by start of game time is immediate ejection of the manager/acting manager for the remainder of that game and suspension for the next physically played game.

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***** Rule 4.19 will be in effect for the use of an ineligible pitcher. *****

The use of a digital/photograph copy of the pitch log is NOT allowed as proof for pitcher's eligibility.

Both managers will initial, and the home plate umpire will sign both pitching records. ***It is each manager's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her own pitching record before initialing for that day's game.*** NOTE: Pool play will not be allowed.

Managers will have **approved** team rosters available at all times. All player changes, for substitution or for pitching, will be made to the home plate umpire, who OFFICIALLY will then relay the information to the official scorekeeper. ***If a new page needs to be added to the team's pitching record, all "old" pages must be attached.***

(8) If injury or illness occurs, it must be logged on the score sheet and managers must have a written report to the District representative (Pamela White or **Autumn Bernal abernald24@gmail.com**) WITHIN 24 hours. In case of an ejection or protest, managers and all umpires must submit the incident in writing to the District representative (Pamela White or **Autumn Bernal abernald24@gmail.com**) WITHIN 24 hours. The District 24 staff will confer remotely in a timely manner to resolve the incident.

(9) Proper attire for coaches includes shirts with sleeves (no tank tops), athletic or golf-style shorts (no cut-offs), or long pants. Shoes should be athletic-type but must not be cleats. Shoes must be close-toed (no sandals, flip-flops or crocs).

(10) Each team will supply two (2) new Senior league baseballs for each game, more if necessary. The remaining baseballs will be distributed evenly to each team at the end of the game.

(11) The host league will be responsible for field preparation.

(12) No new inning will begin after two (2) hours, fifteen (15) minutes. Scheduled start time shall be defined by the official schedule provided by the District 24 representative. If an inning begins prior to the time limit, that inning will be played to completion. Time will be kept by the home plate umpire. If a game ends in a tie, 1/2 point will be awarded to each team.

(13) **PITCHING:** Regulation VI(d) will be enforced. **NOTE 1:** Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

(14) **SENIOR BASEBALL DESIGNATED HITTER RULE:** Rule 3.03 applies.

(15) **BAT SIZES:** Little League Rule 1.10 will be enforced. For a complete list of bats approved through the USA Bat Standard, go to www.usabat.com

(16) **All lineup cards and official scorebooks must have the following information:**

- A) Players first initial and last name
- B) Jersey number and field position
- C) **Continuous Batting Order will be used (Exception: Senior Baseball Division)**

(17) **STARTING AND CONTINUING A GAME WITH [8] PLAYERS:** Rule 4.16 will be in effect. A game may begin and continue play with [8] players on a team. Teams will not be charged an out for the 9th player and will skip over the 9th batting position (**Exception in TOC: An out will be recorded for the 9th batting position**). If a team is unable to field eight (8) players at the scheduled game time, there will be a "no game" called if the game cannot begin fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time. All "no games" will be referred to the District 24 staff.

(18) Run Rule

- a. 15 RUN RULE: If after four [4] innings, three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.
- b. 10 RUN RULE: If after five [5] innings, four and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.
- c. 8 RUN RULE: If after six [6] innings, five and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (8) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

NOTE: (1) *If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (15) or ten (10) or eight (8) runs or more respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.*

(19) **DOUBLEHEADERS:** Two games of five (5) innings each. If necessary, a fifteen (15) minute break between games is permitted to allow the starting pitcher to warm up. The second game will begin when umpire announces, "Play Ball." **EXCEPTION: All games in the Senior CIF division shall be 5 innings. This includes doubleheaders.**

(20) Managers will notify their league representative, who will in turn notify a District Representative (Pamela White), at the first indication that they cannot field a team for any of their scheduled games at least THIRTY (30) hours prior to the scheduled game start time. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture, **financial responsibility to host league and could include suspension of the manager for one (1) game each time team fails to show or call off a game without a 30-hour notice.** The District 24 staff will confer remotely in a timely manner to resolve the issue.

(21) Dependent on time remaining in the regular season, make up games or rainouts may be scheduled by the District 24 staff for Intermediate and JR/SR Baseball, not to exclude Sundays. Games will be made up at the first available time and field. **Rainouts:** The home team league president shall notify the umpires AND the opposing team league president. The home team president will email the Committee at pwhite02@msn.com or bvarner@ocll.com as soon as a decision is made to postpone a game due to rain.

(22) ONLY the **District Staff** (Pamela White, Autumn Bernal (abernald24@gmail.com), Julian Bernal (jul057@yahoo.com), and John Fresquez (cslipa@yahoo.com)) will handle all protests and any disciplinary action that must be taken.

- A. The ejection of a player, manager or coach will result in a mandatory minimum one (1) game suspension. Suspended manager, coach or player may not be present at the next physically played game. All ejections will be reviewed by the District 24 Committee for JR/SR Baseball. If it is a repeated offense, a more severe penalty may be applied.
- B. All suspensions resulting from ejections will not wait for District 24 action but will take place immediately on the next physically played game.
- C. Any physical or verbal altercation between player, manager, coach, umpire, or spectator will require disciplinary action, not to exclude expulsion from the league.
- D. Any ejection or protest will require a **written report from the plate Umpire** and the team manager may submit a report as well. **All reports must be sent within 24 hours and sent to pwhite02@msn.com, bvarner@ocll.com and cslipa@yahoo.com.**

(23) On fields using temporary/portable pitching mounds, rubber cleats or tennis shoes will be allowed to be used by pitchers.

NOTE: The use of metal or TPU cleats is prohibited.

(24) Please have all equipment outside the dugout for the umpires to check 10 minutes prior to game time.

(25) Failure to comply with any Junior/Senior Little League Rules/Regulations or the listed "Baseball Interleague" Intermediate and Junior / Senior By-Laws will be subject to review and possible disciplinary action by the District 24 staff.

(26) Any amendments to these "Intermediate/JR/SR Interleague By-Laws" must be reviewed by the "Baseball Interleague Committee", along with the District 24 Committee for Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball, and will require a majority vote to be adopted. All involved parties will be notified.

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