

2023 District 5 Coach-pitch Interleague Rules

All D5 Mini Minors games will be played in compliance with the 2023 Little League Softball Rules and Regulations, and will include the following:

- **NO "LOCAL" LEAGUE RULES ALLOWED!**
 - **THE HOME/HOST TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE TO PREPARE THE FIELD.**
 - **TEAM MANAGERS SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER 48 HOURS, IN ADVANCE, TO CONFIRM GAME, TIME AND LOCATION; AND TO HELP AVOID/REDUCE CANCELLATIONS.**
1. A continuous batting order will be used for both teams.
 2. **The new rule 6.02-(c) will be used. After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat unless there is a time out awarded or the swing or a play takes them out of the box or the pitcher leaves the circle or the catcher leaves the catchers box. If the batter leaves the box, the umpire will ask the coach to have his player return to the box.**
 3. The defense can play up to 10 players in the field.
 4. There will be a maximum of 5 runs scored per half inning OR 3 outs, whichever happens first.
 5. No batting tees and no walks.
 6. The time limit for all games at this level is a maximum of no new inning after 1 hrs 15 mins and a 1 hr 30 mins drop dead time from scheduled start time.
 7. Free substitution is permitted. Minimum play rule of 6 defensive outs applies.
 8. The defense team is permitted 2 coaches on the field provided there is a coach in the dugout as well. One in the outfield and one behind the catcher.
 9. Adults (offensive team manager or coach) will pitch in the first half of the season by hand. A maximum of six (6) pitches will be presented to the batter. The players will be taught to pitch during the season at practices.
 10. Beginning **May 1, 2023** players may begin to pitch. When players are pitching, the batter will get four (4) pitches, and then the offensive team manager or coach will pitch three (3) more pitches to the batter. There will be no strikes called on swings against these first four (4) pitches when a player is pitching. Strikes pitched by a player but not swung at, will be called as a strike. The purpose is to encourage the players to hit the ball rather than wait for the coach to pitch to avoid being struck out.
 11. Player pitchers will be restricted to two (2) innings per game and four (4) innings per week. If a player pitches in more than one (1) inning, one calendar day of rest is mandatory. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes pitching in one inning.
 12. Player pitchers will pitch from the regulation pitching distance of 35 feet mound to plate.
 13. Advancing on a passed ball is permitted except for home base. No runner may advance from third base to home on a passed ball or wild pitch. Once a pitch passes the catcher or is caught by the catcher, the runner on third base must remain on third unless a defensive play is being made against a runner or runner/batter.
 14. There are no game results recorded to determine a winner/loser of scheduled games.
 15. The Coaches Pitch Division will not have an end of season tournament.
 16. **NO FORFEITS**

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 - **TEAM MANAGERS SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER 48 HOURS, IN ADVANCE, TO CONFIRM GAME, TIME AND LOCATION; AND TO HELP AVOID/REDUCE CANCELLATIONS.**
1. A continuous batting order will be used for both teams.
 2. **The new rule 6.02-(c) will be used. After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat unless there is a time out awarded or the swing or a play takes them out of the box or the pitcher leaves the circle or the catcher leaves the catchers box. If the batter leaves the box, the umpire will ask the coach to have his player return to the box.**
 3. **The defense can play up to 10 players in the field.**
 4. Free substitution is permitted. Minimum play rule of 6 consecutive defensive outs and 1 at bat applies. No courtesy runners are allowed.
 5. There will be a maximum of 5 runs scored per half inning OR 3 outs, whichever happens first.
 6. Home team will provide 2 new official Little League softballs to the plate umpire at the coach/umpire conference held prior to the game.
 7. The time limit for all games at this level is no new inning may begin after 1 hr 30 min from the scheduled start time with a drop dead time of 1 hrs 45 mins from the scheduled start time.
 8. The host league will provide a minimum of a home plate umpire, volunteer or compensated.
 9. Teams must start and finish the game with 8 players. In the event a team has less than 8 players at the scheduled game time or other, the umpires will forfeit the game and immediately leave the field of play. The two teams may continue to play and use the allotted time as a scrimmage or practice, but no umpires may be present on the field of play. Home team will report this forfeit to the District.
 10. If the game is started or continued with 8 players rule 4.04 note three will be in affect and an "our" will be recorded when the "9th" batting spot comes up to bat for the team with 8 players.
 11. A rostered adult must be present in the dugout at all times when players are present.
 12. The home team will provide the Official score keeper.



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 - **TEAM MANAGERS SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER 48 HOURS, IN ADVANCE, TO CONFIRM GAME, TIME AND LOCATION; AND TO HELP AVOID/REDUCE CANCELLATIONS.**
1. A continuous batting order will be used for both teams.
 2. **The new rule 6.02-(c) will be used. After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat unless there is a time out awarded or the swing or a play takes them out of the box or the pitcher leaves the circle or the catcher leaves the catchers box. If the batter leaves the box, the umpire will ask the coach to have his player return to the box.**
 3. Free substitution is permitted. Minimum play rule of 6 consecutive defensive outs and 1 at bat applies. No courtesy runners are allowed.
 4. There will be a maximum of 5 runs scored per half inning OR 3 outs, whichever happens first.
 5. Home team will provide 2 new official Little League softballs to the plate umpire at the coach/umpire conference held prior to the game.
 6. The time limit for all games at this level is no new inning may begin after 1 hr 45 min from the scheduled start time with a drop dead time of 2 hrs from the scheduled start time.
 7. The host league will provide a minimum of a home plate umpire.
 8. Teams must start and finish the game with 8 players. In the event a team has less than 8 players at the scheduled game time or other, the umpires will forfeit the game and immediately leave the field of play. The two teams may continue to play and use the allotted time as a scrimmage or practice, but no umpires may be present on the field of play. Home team will report this forfeit to the District.
 9. If the game is started or continued with 8 players rule 4.04 note three will be in affect and an "our" will be recorded when the "9th" batting spot comes up to bat for the team with 8 players.
 10. A rostered adult must be present in the dugout at all times when players are present.
 11. The home team will provide the Official score keeper.



All D5 Major Division games are played in compliance with the 2023 Little League Softball Rules and Regulations, and will include the following:

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 - **TEAM MANAGERS SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER 48 HOURS, IN ADVANCE, TO CONFIRM GAME, TIME AND LOCATION; AND TO HELP AVOID/REDUCE CANCELLATIONS.**
1. A continuous batting order will be used for both team.
 2. **The new rule 6.02-(c) will be used as follows. After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat unless there is a time out awarded or the swing or a play takes them out of the box or the pitcher leaves the circle or the catcher leaves the catchers box. If the batter leaves the box, the umpire will ask the coach to have his player return to the box. .**
 3. Minimum play rule of 6 consecutive defensive outs and 1 at bat applies.
 4. The "15 run rule" will be observed, as described in rule 4.10 (e).
 5. The "dropped 3rd strike" rule is in effect.
 6. Home team will provide 2 new official Little League softballs to the plate umpire at the coach/umpire conference held prior to the game.
 7. The time limit for all games at this level is no new inning after 2 hrs and drop dead 2 hr and 15 mins from the scheduled start time.
 8. The host league will provide a home plate umpire and it is recommended at least one base umpire. Umpires 18 and older requested whenever possible
 9. Teams must start and finish the game with 8 players. In the event a team has less than 8 players at the scheduled game time or other, the umpires will forfeit the game and immediately leave the field of play. The two teams may continue to play and use the allotted time as a scrimmage or practice, but no umpires may be present on the field of play. Home team will report this forfeit to the District.
 10. If the game is started or continued with 8 players rule 4.04 note three will be in affect and an "our" will be recorded when the "9th" batting spot comes up to bat for the team with 8 players.
 11. A rostered adult must be present in the dugout at all times when players are present.
 12. The home team will provide the Official score keeper.



2023 District 5 Juniors Interleague Rules

All D5 Junior Division games are played in compliance with the 2023 Little League Softball Rules and Regulations, and will include the following:

- **NO "LOCAL" LEAGUE RULES ALLOWED!**
 - **THE HOME/HOST TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE TO PREPARE THE FIELD.**
 - **TEAM MANAGERS SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER 48 HOURS, IN ADVANCE, TO CONFIRM GAME, TIME AND LOCATION; AND TO HELP AVOID/REDUCE CANCELLATIONS.**
1. A Continuous batting order will be used for both teams.
 2. Free substitution is permitted. Minimum play rules apply: 6 consecutive defensive outs and 1 at bat. No courtesy runners are allowed.
 3. The new rule 6.02-(c) will be used as follows. After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat unless there is a time out awarded or the swing or a play takes them out of the box or the pitcher leaves the circle or the catcher leaves the catchers box. If the batter leaves the box, the umpire will ask the coach to have his player return to the box.
 4. The "15 run rule" will be observed, as described in rule 4.10 (e).
 5. Minimum play rule of 6 defensive outs and 1 at bat applies.
 6. Home team will provide 2 new official Little League softballs to the plate umpire at the coach/umpire conference held prior to the game.
 7. The time limit for all games at this level is no new inning after 2 hrs and drop dead 2 hr and 15 mins from the scheduled start time.
 8. Host league will pay the two District 5 assigned umpires.
 9. Teams must start and finish the game with 8 players. In the event a team has less than 8 players at the scheduled game time or other, the umpires will forfeit the game and immediately leave the field of play. The two teams may continue to play and use the allotted time as a scrimmage or practice, but no umpires may be present on the field of play. Home team will report this forfeit to the District.
 10. If the game is started or continued with 8 players rule 4.04 note three will be in affect and an "our" will be recorded when the "9th" batting spot comes up to bat for the team with 8 players.
 11. A rostered adult must be present in the dugout at all times when players are present.
 12. The home team will provide the Official score keeper.