

2021 Regular Season Interleague Rules – Big Flats, Elmira, and Elmira Heights

- a. Eight Player Situation
 - Teams may bat and field eight in accordance with new Little League International rules. The ninth batter will NOT be an automatic out.
- b. Player Leaves During Game
 - In the event a player leaves before the game is completed, their spot in the lineup will be simply passed over without an automatic out.
- c. Uneven Roster Lineups – Optional
 - Batting every player on the roster for the game is the preferred approach
 - If one team has two or more players for the game than the other team, the team with the higher number of players may bat the same number as the other team. Players may be moved in and out of the batting lineup at the discretion of the manager with the higher number of players, though once a player bats in a certain position, they must only occupy that space in the batting lineup for the entire game. Free defensive substitution is allowed in order to meet the Little League minimum play requirement of six outs for the entire game. All pitcher, catcher and other LLI rules fully apply.
 - If one team has just one more player than the other team, they are both required to bat a full lineup such that every player bats in order for the entire game.
 - If one team has only eight, the other team may choose to bat only nine.

Example 1: Team A has 10 players and Team B has 13 players. Team B may choose to bat ten players. A player that bats fourth may be replaced by another player, though both those players must occupy the fourth spot for the entire game. Six defensive outs and one plate appearance is the Little League International minimum.

Example 2: Team A has 11 players and Team B has 10 players. Both teams must bat all players in order regardless of their defensive position.

Example 3: Team A has eight players and Team B has 11. Team B may bat 9, 10 or all 11 at their discretion. If a player on Team B gets injured or leaves the game early, their spot in the lineup will be simply passed over without an automatic out.
- d. Two Out Courtesy Pinch Runner for Catcher or Pitcher - Optional
 - The coach may install a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher once there are two outs, though must use the batter who just made the second out.
- e. Mercy Rule
 - 15 run lead after three innings or ten or more run lead after the fourth inning
- f. 3 Run Rule with Continuation (Minors Player Pitch / AAA only)
 - Three run limit per inning with continuation. The local league rule will determine exactly when the play is considered over. This will help reduce the total number of pitches.
 - Coaches and Umpires must discuss the local rule and confirm everyone is on the same page prior to the start of the game.