

## 2022 Interleague Agreement Junior Division

**To:** Carolyn Johnson  
District 29 Administrator

**ADA:** Shirley Glenn and Robert Aguilar

**From:** Buena Park National, Crescent, Little Lake, Metro, Northwest Downey, and West Downey.

**Subject:** Interleague Play

We, the above named leagues, have agreed to promote the Junior Program by providing enhanced competition through an interleague playing schedule. All boards understand that this agreement will be subject to District approval.

One representative from each participating league will comprise the Junior Interleague Committee for the purpose of making decisions regarding interleague play. It is the intent of this agreement to clarify and guide; however, the Interleague Committee will have complete authority to interpret this agreement as necessary. All actions by the Committee are subject to District approval.

All Leagues and Teams will abide by hosting fields Covid-19 Guidelines set forth by State/County/City/School, face masks, hand sanitizer, crowd size, etc.

### A. Schedule:

1. The interleague playing schedule for the Junior Division will commence on March \_\_, 2022 and end on no later than May 20, 2022.
2. Interleague games will be played at parks or school fields as scheduled.
3. All games will be conducted in accordance with the 2022 Junior Playing Rules.
4. Each team will play a minimum 12 game schedule.
5. If a team is unable to field 9 players at any time during the game, the game will be called a forfeit.  
**Note: If you do not have enough players to field a team, call East - Shirley Glenn at 562-618-4744, email [gsmglenn@aol.com](mailto:gsmglenn@aol.com); West - Robert Aguilar at 562-244-8596, email [robnyvonne@verizon.net](mailto:robnyvonne@verizon.net), and the game MAY BE rescheduled.**
6. All make-up games due to weather or other reasons will be rescheduled for the next open date; however, no team will have more than 4 games in one week.
7. A League Board Member from both teams **MUST** be in attendance during the game.

### B. Pool Play:

1. Pool play will be allowed in an effort to reduce forfeits.
2. A team may pull from the pool only enough players to field eleven (not the full roster of 12 or more) if League has more than one team in the division. The roster of Pool Players must be maintained by the **League Player Agent** and operated by 2022 Little Leagues Rules.
3. Pool players may not pitch and **MUST** start and play a minimum of nine defensive outs and bat at least once before being substituted.

### **C. Field Maintenance:**

1. Both teams will be responsible for chalking and preparing the field.
2. Each team will be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their bleacher area.
3. Each team is responsible for cleaning its dugout.
4. If the playing field conditions are questionable, e.g. due to weather, the managers of both teams will be at the field one (1) hour prior to the beginning of the scheduled game to assist in field preparation. Both managers shall agree to the fitness of the playing field before the game starts. Once the game starts, the Umpire will have the final decision as to the fitness of the playing field.
5. A representative from the field site should be at the field to open up, whether or not the local team is playing.

### **D. Protest: (rule violations not judgement calls)**

1. Protests shall be prevented whenever possible. If the manager wishes to file a protest, the procedure shall be followed as outlined in the 2022 playing rules (Rule 4.19), except as follows:
2. The protesting manager shall submit a written statement to the League Rep and District 29 within 24 hours. LLBCA29@aol.com
3. The umpire shall also submit a written statement concerning the protest incident with 24 hours. However, failure of the umpire to do so will not invalidate the protest.
4. The Protest Committee will be chaired by the District Junior Rep, and will consist of three members of the District 29 Staff.
5. The Protest Committee will meet to review the protest and will return a decision within 72 hours.
6. The league(s) involved in a protest will not have a vote in the decision; however, they may be present for discussion.
7. Determination of the Protest Committee is final.

### **E. Pitching Eligibility:**

1. The pitching eligibility form must be kept with the manager at all times, and will be presented to the official scorekeeper along with the lineup card prior to the start of the game.
2. All teams must carry a current team roster signed by their President attached to the pitching form.
3. Failure to present an up-to-date pitching form prior to the start of the game will result in a forfeit. There will be a 15-minute grace period.
4. **Maximum pitches allowed per day for league age 12 is 85; 13-14 is 95.**  
Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI (c) for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base or is put out, or the 3rd out is made to complete the half-inning.
5. Rest requirements for pitchers league age 12, 13-14:
  - If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest.
  - If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest.
  - If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest.
  - If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest.
  - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required
  - **If player pitches 20 Pitches two consecutive games, then Pitch is Ineligible to pitch in the third game.**
  - **If player pitches 20 Pitches two consecutive games, then Pitcher is Ineligible to pitch in the third game.**
6. A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

7. A pitcher throwing more than the maximum pitches allowed may result in a protest of the game, in accordance with rule 4.19(d).
8. The Scorekeeper or Pitch Counter should notify the umpire and manager when a pitcher has reached the maximum pitches allowed, and the pitcher must be removed. However, failure of the scorekeeper to do so does not relieve the manager of the responsibility for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.
9. If the Committee finds that the manager used an ineligible pitcher and pitching affidavit was unavailable or not maintained, the Committee will recommend additional disciplinary action

#### **F. Playing Rule**

After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat.

Exception:

1. On a swing, slap or check swing
2. When forced out of the box by a pitch
3. When the batter attempts a "drag bunt"
4. When the catcher does not catch the pitched ball
5. When a play has been attempted
6. When time has been called
7. When the pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound or takes a position more than five feet from the pitcher's plate after receiving the ball or the catcher leaves the catcher's box.
8. On a three ball count pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks is a ball.

**Penalty:** If the batter leaves the batter's box or delays play and none of the exceptions apply, the umpire shall warn the batter. After one warning on a batter the umpire shall call a strike. Any number of strikes can be called on each batter. Junior/Senior: No pitch has to be thrown and the ball is live.

**Note:** The batter may return their position in the batter's box and assume the new count at any time during the at bat, unless such enforced penalty is the third strike.

#### **G. Baseballs and Equipment:**

1. Each team will provide three (3) game balls for each game.
2. Each team (through its League) will be responsible for its own uniforms and equipment.
3. Medical release forms must be present at all games and practices. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

#### **H. Scorekeeping:**

1. The home team **WILL** provide an official scorekeeper and the visiting team **WILL** provide the pitch counter.
2. Line up sheets will have full names of players, uniform numbers and position numbers.
3. All changes Offensive and defense will be given to the Umpire/Scorekeeper. If it's not in the official book it didn't happen.
4. The official scorekeeper and official pitch counter **MUST** sit together in a neutral location, such as a score booth if available.
5. Each playing site will provide an Official Scorebook marked "Junior Division Only", which will need to be signed out by the official scorekeeper. **NOT TO BE REMOVED FROM SITE!**
6. **The Home Team Manager will send a text with the results of the game to East - 562-618-4744, West – 562-244-8596 at the end of the game. Text will be: Date, Team number of Visitors, Home and the score for Visitors first and home last, (team numbers off schedule) Do Not Use Team Names.**

#### **I. Umpiring:**

1. The home team will provide 2 umpires for each game, regardless of playing location.
2. The umpires should be qualified and have no affiliation with the team.
3. Umpires must be in proper attire, e.g. blue shirt, gray pants, shoes, etc.
4. **If Home Team does not provide the umpires, the game shall be forfeited after the 15 minute grace period from game time. This is a no game played and does not count as games played toward All Star qualification.**

#### **J. Time Limits:**

1. No new inning may start after two hours and fifteen minutes from the official game start time. This does not mean the game automatically ends at two hours and fifteen minutes. If the game is tied at least one additional inning will be played to break the tie or if five innings have not been completed. Note: Most park lights go off at 9:30 p.m.
2. The ten (10) run rule will be in effect after five (5) innings.

#### **K. Field Conduct:**

1. There will be absolutely no fighting before, during or after any game.
2. Each manager will be responsible for the actions of his/her players.
3. A manager, coach or player that is ejected from a game will sit out the remainder of that game, plus the next scheduled game. Any manager or coach that is ejected from a game must leave the field and ballpark immediately. Any player ejected from a game must sit in the score booth until the game is concluded. Player will not be at next game.
4. Any manager, coach or player that has been ejected for the second time will sit out the rest of the current game and suspended until the Protest Committee can meet with that person to determine any further action. The ruling will be given within 72 hours.
5. Permanent removal of a player will be left up to the individual league, with the recommendation of the Protest Committee.

#### **L. Player Eligibility**

1. To preserve eligibility for tournament, a player who provides a physician's note documenting an injury or illness prohibiting participation for an extended period must continue to be listed on the lineup and in the scorebook with an "INJ" notation.
2. Upon return, the player must produce a doctor's release for the remainder of the season and tournament play. Copy of the note will be with the manager and leagues player agent.
3. The player may still be considered eligible for tournament play upon approval of the player's own board of directors.
4. If there are High School Players on the team, they must be on the Roster from the very first game. They will be listed on the Line Up as HS or CIF as they cannot practice or play until their High School season has concluded. Will play in 60 (sixty) percent of games left in the regular season to be eligible for All Stars.

#### **M. LIGHTS**

Expenses incurred by leagues providing lighted fields for games will be shared by with leagues that do not have lighted fields, as agreed by each league president.

#### **N. CHALK**

Chalk shall be provided to Metro, Buena Park National and Norwalk by participating leagues that use the field for games. (Only fields with lights and used for majority of games)

**O. TOURNAMENT PLAY (ALL STARS)**

1. Each league will track the mandatory playing requirement's and verify the 60% of regular season games played to be eligible for All Stars. Players listed in the score books improperly will not be credited. 60% of All Regular Season Games Scheduled for 2022

This is an Interleague Agreement, signed by the representative of each league on this day, March \_\_, 2022.

Buena Park National	Metro
Crescent	Northwest Downey
Little Lake	West Downey