

2024 FALL DISTRICT 24 SOFTBALL INTERLEAGUE  
FARM / MINOR / MAJOR BY-LAWS

1. There will be a joint committee that will govern the program. The committee will be made up of one (1) current Board Member from each participating league. Henceforth, this committee will be known as the **“Softball Interleague”** Committee. The District Staff members that will oversee this committee for the CA24 District Administrator, Pamela White ([pwhite02@msn.com](mailto:pwhite02@msn.com)), Autumn Bernal ([abernald24@gmail.com](mailto:abernald24@gmail.com)) and Julian Bernal ([jul057@yahoo.com](mailto:jul057@yahoo.com)).
2. The CA24 District Staff will handle all protests **and** all disciplinary issues for the 2024 Softball Interleague season.
3. All playing rules will be strictly enforced by the **“2024 Official Regulations and Playing Rules for All Divisions of Little League Softball”**.
4. Managers and coaches (inclusive of temporary managers/coaches that are filling in) will NOT be allowed to wear open-toed shoes or crocs.
5. The **designated game site** will supply at least **one** (1) umpire for all games. **EXCEPTION: Farm** - First half of season, an umpire is not required. Second half of the season, player pitch, a plate umpire is required.
6. All teams will have a MINIMUM of twelve (12) players on their roster unless they have a waiver from District Administrator, Pamela White.
7. The home team will provide the Official Scorekeeper for each game. If the scorekeeper is not provided, the team will lose the **home** field advantage. The **host league** will supply the official scoresheet. The Official Scorekeeper will be placed behind home plate, 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.
8. **At the conclusion of the game**, the official scoresheet will be signed by the home plate umpire and both managers. The official scoresheet will be **retained** by the **host league** for the remainder of the current season, to resolve any disputes that may arise.
9. The **WINNING** team will email the final scores/game results to Julian Bernal at ([jul057@yahoo.com](mailto:jul057@yahoo.com)) WITHIN 24 HOURS of their team’s scheduled game time.
10. **FARM SOFTBALL ONLY:** Scores do not have to be reported. **A season-ending tournament will be held by the Softball Interleague for the Farm/Minor Division only. (Regular season rules/plans may be subject to change)**
11. When the lineup card is filled out and turned in, it must have the first initial, last name, jersey number and the player’s position for every player. Manager and coaches’ first and last names must also be included. Ages of all players must be listed on the line-up sheet
12. **If injury or illness occurs**, it must be logged on to the score sheet and **managers** must submit a written report to a member of the District Staff Pamela White ([pwhite02@msn.com](mailto:pwhite02@msn.com)), Autumn Bernal ([abernald24@gmail.com](mailto:abernald24@gmail.com)) and Julian Bernal ([jul057@yahoo.com](mailto:jul057@yahoo.com)) within 24 hours.

13. **In case of an ejection or protest**, managers and all umpires must submit an incident report via email to a District Staff member (Pamela White ([pwhite02@msn.com](mailto:pwhite02@msn.com)), Autumn Bernal ([abernald24@gmail.com](mailto:abernald24@gmail.com)) and Julian Bernal ([jul057@yahoo.com](mailto:jul057@yahoo.com))). It will be the responsibility of the District Staff to meet remotely in a timely manner to resolve the incident or protest.
14. Each team will supply one (1) new neon-yellow softball (11-inch for Farm and Minors and 12-inch for Majors) for each game, more if necessary. Remaining softballs will be distributed evenly to each team at the end of each game.
15. The **host league** will be responsible for field preparation.
16. Each team will **ELECTRONICALLY** submit their approved regular season rosters (*to Include approved managers and coaches*), to District Administrator, Pamela White. Your league President may submit a copy of the 2024 roster spreadsheet.
17. Pitching distance. farm 35, minor 35, major 40.
18. RULE 3.09: Managers or coaches are permitted to warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bullpen or elsewhere at any time including in-game warm-up, pre-game warm-up, and in other instances. They may also stand by to observe a pitcher during warm-up in the bullpen.  
This would aid in efforts to improve the pace of play.
19. Recording devices attached to the fence, will not be allowed to be used to record any part of any game without prior approval of the District Administrator (Pamela White). Ex: GO PROs or CELL PHONES
20. All Division – Rule 4.04 Continuous batting order will be in effect.
21. Games may begin and continue play with [8] players on a team (Exception: on an ejection). Teams will not be charged an out for the 9<sup>th</sup> player and will skip over the ninth batting position without penalty.
22. **FARM SOFTBALL ONLY- Manager/Coach Pitch Policy: All players under league age seven (7), playing in the Farm division, will be pitched to by a manager or coach only. A MAX of five (5) pitches** will be allowed, with the exception of a foul ball on the last pitch, this will extend the at-bat until the ball is put in play or the player strikes out. **Prior to the start of the game**, managers will identify all players: **(a) less than league age seven (7) and (b) league age 9** on their respective line-ups.
23. **FARM SOFTBALL ONLY REGARDING 9-YR-OLDS: Nine (9) year old players will NOT be allowed to pitch in the regular season or in the end of the year Farm Softball Tournament.**
24. **FARM SOFTBALL-TIME LIMIT:** No new inning will begin after a **drop-dead** time limit of one (1) hour, thirty (30) minutes, with the batter at the plate allowed to complete her at-bat. Time will be kept by the designated home plate umpire.

- 25. FARM SOFTBALL PITCHING** - The first half of the season will be Player/coach-pitch only and the second half of the season will be player pitch – EXCEPTION for players under league age 7 SEE RULE 22 above. Each “half season” will be labeled on the schedule.  
**NOTE:** *First half, there will be no walks. Meaning that once four (4) called balls have been pitched to a batter by a player, the Manager/Coach will resume the count. The remaining strikes will be pitched by the manager/coach with the exception of a foul ball on the last pitch, this will extend the at-bat until the ball is put in play or the player strikes out. EXAMPLE: COUNT BALL 4, STRIKE 1, only 2 pitches can be thrown unless a foul ball on the last pitch.*
- 26. FARM SOFTBALL ONLY-STEALING:** Any time a Manager/Coach is pitching, there will be no stealing allowed. During player pitch, stealing is allowed except for HOME PLATE. The runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> base must be hit or awarded HOME.
- 27. FARM SOFTBALL ONLY:** On an overthrow, players can only advance one (1) base per attempt. Overthrow to the pitcher in the circle will not count as a base overthrow. Runner cannot advance.
- 28. FARM SOFTBALL ONLY-UMPIRES:** The managers/coaches of the participating teams, will serve as the umpires for each game during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season. Umpires will be used for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season.
- 29. FARM SOFTBALL ONLY:** During defensive play, all players of a team will be allowed to participate and be on the field; however, if the team has more than nine (9) players, the additional players will be placed in the **outfield** grass/dirt area only. Only infield players are allowed to make plays at the bases.
- 30. FARM SOFTBALL ONLY:** For the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> innings, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever occurs first. After the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs.
- 31. MINOR and MAJOR SOFTBALL-TIME LIMIT:** No new inning will begin **AFTER** one (1) hour, forty-five (45) minutes. If an inning begins **prior** to the time limit, that inning will be completed. Time will be kept by the home plate umpire. **NOTE: In the event of a tie,** the game will stand and will not be broken at a later date. Each team will be awarded ½ point.  
**EXCEPTION:** TOC must have a winner.
- 32. MINOR SOFTBALL ONLY REGARDING 12-YEAR OLDS:** Twelve (12) year old players will NOT be allowed to pitch.
- 33. MINOR and MAJOR SOFTBALL:** For the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> innings, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever occurs first. After the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs.
- 34. All Divisions of SOFTBALL:** If after three (3) innings, two and one-half (2 ½) 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. If after four (4) innings, three and one-half (3 ½) 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. If after five (5) innings, four and one-half (4 ½) if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of eight (8) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.
- 35.** 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 Julian Bernal ([jul057@yahoo.com](mailto:jul057@yahoo.com)).

36. **ABILITY TO FIELD A TEAM:** Managers will notify their league representative, who will in turn notify **Pamela White, or Julian Bernal** 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. NOTE: Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the game and/or suspension of the manager by the District Staff** (Pamela White, Autumn Bernal or Julian Bernal).
37. Make-up games, if there is time during the regular season, may **only** be scheduled by the **District Staff**, not to exclude Sundays. Games will be made up at the first available time and field.
38. **ONLY the District Staff** (Pamela White, John Fresquez, Autumn Bernal or Julian Bernal) will handle ALL protests and any disciplinary action that must be taken.
39. The ejection of a player, manager or coach will result in an **automatic** and a **mandatory** one (1) game suspension. **The suspended manager, coach or player may NOT be present at the next physically played game and will not be able to participate in interleague play until their one-game penalty has been served.** All ejections will be reviewed by the **District Staff** and if it is a repeated offense, a more severe penalty may be applied.
40. Any physical or verbal altercation between player, manager, coach, umpire, or spectator will require disciplinary action, not to exclude expulsion from the Softball Interleague.
41. Any amendments to these **“Farm / Minor / Major By-Laws”** must be reviewed by the **“Softball Interleague”** Committee and will require a majority vote to be adopted.
42. Failure to comply with any Little League Rules/Regulations or the listed Farm/Minor/Major Softball Interleague By-Laws will be subject to review and possible disciplinary action by the **District Staff**.

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