

## 2024 DISTRICT 24 SOFTBALL INTERLEAGUE TEEN SOFTBALL 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 are 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:** The Farm division is non-competitive, and an umpire will not have to be provided.
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. **Home team** will provide the Official Scorekeeper for each game. 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, 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, in order to help resolve any disputes that may arise.
9. The **WINNING** team will email the final scores/game results to Julian Bernal ([jul057@yahoo.com](mailto:jul057@yahoo.com)) WITHIN 24 HOURS of their team’s scheduled game time.
10. **If injury or illness occurs**, it must be logged on the official score sheet and the manager must submit a written report, via email, to a member of the **District Staff** (Pamela White, Autumn Bernal, and Julian Bernal) **within 24 hours**.
11. **In case of an ejection or protest**, managers and all umpires must submit an incident report via email to a member of the **District Staff within 24 hours**. **The District Staff will meet** remotely in a timely manner to resolve the incident or protest. 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)).
12. Each team will supply one (1) new neon-yellow 12-inch softball for each game, more if necessary. Remaining softballs will be distributed evenly to each team at the end of each game.
13. The **host league** will be responsible for field preparation.

14. Each team will ELECTRONICALLY submit approved regular season rosters (to include all approved managers and coaches), to Pamela White ([pwhite02@msn.com](mailto:pwhite02@msn.com)). Your league President may submit a copy of the 2024 roster spreadsheet.
15. Pitching distance. Jr/Sr 43 ft.
16. 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.
17. 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 (Pam White). Ex: GO PROs or CELL PHONES.
18. **Softball (All Divisions except Senior Division) – Rule 4.04 Continuous batting order will be in effect.** This rule does not apply to Senior Divisions of play.
19. 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.
20. **TIME LIMIT:** No new inning will begin after two (2) hours. If an inning begins **prior** to the time limit, that inning will be completed. Time will be kept by the home plate umpire. Game ending by time limit will count as a regulation game for the 2024 season. **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.
21. **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.**
22. **DOUBLEHEADERS:** Games will not exceed five (5) innings. There will be a fifteen (15) minute break between games, with the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) game starting when the umpire announces, “Play Ball”. **Mandatory play (Regulation IV (i)) is in effect. NOTE: RUN RULE is in effect**
23. **RUN RULE:** If after four (4) innings, three and one-half (3 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 five (5) innings, four and one-half (4 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 six (6) innings, five and one-half (5 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.
24. 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 Staff** (Pamela White, Autumn Bernal or Julian Bernal).
25. **ABILITY TO FIELD A TEAM:** Managers will notify their league representative, who will in turn notify either Pamela White, Autumn Bernal, 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.**

26. 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.
27. ONLY the **District Staff** (Pamela White ([pwhite02@msn.com](mailto:pwhite02@msn.com)), Autumn Bernal ([abernald24@gmail.com](mailto:abernald24@gmail.com)), Julian Bernal ([jul057@yahoo.com](mailto:jul057@yahoo.com)), and John Fresquez ([csl1pa@yahoo.com](mailto:csl1pa@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 an **automatic** and a **mandatory** minimum 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.
  - b) Any physical or verbal altercation between player, manager, coach, umpire, or spectator will require disciplinary action, not to exclude expulsion from the Softball Interleague.
28. Any amendments to these “**Junior / Senior By-Laws**” must be reviewed by the “**Softball Interleague**” Committee and will require a majority vote to be adopted.
29. Failure to comply with any Junior/Senior Little League Rules/Regulations or the listed Softball Interleague Teen By-Laws will be subject to review and possible disciplinary action by the **District Staff**.

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