

2022 DISTRICT 2.....UPDATED 2/18/2022

NEW*** 2022

Feb. 18th

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL and SOFTBALL OFFICIAL INTER-LEAGUE BY-LAWS

- ARTICLE 1.** These by-laws supplement the Rules and Regulations established by Little League Baseball and Softball, Inc.
- ARTICLE 2.** These by-laws may be modified only by a majority vote of a quorum, (50% + 1), of the District Staff. When changes to the Rules and Regulations create a conflict; the Rules and Regulations will prevail.
- ARTICLE 3.** The District Administrator or designated representative shall administer this program and be responsible for:
- (a) Conducting periodic meetings of the District Staff.
 - (b) Interpretation of Rules and Regulations and by-laws.
 - (c) Ensuring the preparation of the game schedule.
 - (d) Determining the suitability of playing fields.
 - (e) Maintaining a copy of team rosters provided by each league to the district prior to any games being played.
- ARTICLE 4.** The league shall consist of the teams from the unit leagues within District.
- ARTICLE 5.** Each unit league shall be responsible for:
- (a) Selection of managers and coaches (must be 18 years of age or older).
 - (b) Providing each manager and coach with a copy of the current District 2 Inter-League By-Laws and a copy of the current Official Little League Baseball or Softball Rules and Regulations. **(Encourage all managers and coaches to review and be responsible for playing by the rules.)**
 - (c) Providing their teams with uniforms. All players on the team must wear numbered uniforms identical in color, trim and style. Patches must be on the uniform at the beginning of the season. Hats must be worn properly. **White and gray pitcher's undershirt sleeves are not allowed.**
 - (d) Providing a refreshment stand, drinking water and toilet facilities.
 - (e) Ensuring that all players reside within league boundaries or are eligible under Little League Regulation II (d), IV (h), or school enrollment.
 - (f) **Insuring proper age of players, managers, and coaches.**
 - (g) **Host leagues are responsible for providing umpires, scorekeepers, and pitch counters for games at their fields.**
 - (i) A copy of the inter-league by-laws and a rule book must be posted in the score booth.

ARTICLE 6. Managers and coaches will be dressed in neat, clean clothing in neutral or team colors. Presentable shorts may be worn, if appropriate. (1" above/below the knee) No cut-offs, exercise or saggy shorts. No open-toe shoes or sandals are allowed. **Team shirts and team hats identify adult leaders. For softball, a hat, visor or no head wear is allowed as long as the manager/coach is wearing the same head wear as the players.**

ARTICLE 7. Violations of the Rules and Regulations or by-laws are to be resolved by the District Staff no later than 48 hours after the violation occurred. Violations shall be resolved by a quorum of the District Staff. A representative of the unit leagues in violation must be present at a special District Staff meeting. All requests/violations must be received in writing within 24 hours of the event happening.

ARTICLE 8. If the manager and coaches are all male and a female player is assigned to the team a female chaperone must be assigned and will be responsible for:

- (a) Attending all practices sessions if possible.
- (b) Attending all games. (Must identify herself to game officials prior to game time).
- (c) Assisting with injured player removed from the game.
- (d) She does **NOT** sit in the dugout.
- (e) She **must** have a background check.

ARTICLE 9. **At the beginning of the third inning,** all substitute players must be entered into the game. **Penalty:** The manager will be ejected if substitute player is **NOT** put in prior to first pitch.

ARTICLE 10. The offensive team shall station two base coaches on the field during its time at bat, one near first base and one near third. The coaches shall not leave their respective dugouts until the pitcher has completed their preparatory pitches to the catcher. Base coaches shall (1) Be eligible players in uniform; and one adult manager or coach (2) Two adult base coaches are allowed if there is at least one other adult manager or coach in the dugout. (3) Talk to members of their own team only. An offending base coach shall be removed from the coach's box. All coaches and managers in the dugout must be on the official team roster except a substitute coach who has had a background check and a volunteer form with the league.

ARTICLE 11. The official scorekeeper (home team) is to be seated in the score booth or in a neutral area if no score booth is available. **Official scorekeeper cannot sit in the dugout.** The official scorebook is to be signed by the official scorekeeper and both managers at the end of each game. **Each manager is responsible for keeping accurate pitching records and shall present them to the official scorekeeper prior to the next game.**

ARTICLE 12. **** Games, Standings and Rain Out* Rescheduling.....No More Forfeits!!!!**

- (a) **All games to be rescheduled will be handled by the district official responsible for scheduling and NOT managers or coaches.**
- (b) All game schedules must include the name and phone number of the manager and the person responsible for scheduling.
- (c) If a scheduled/re-scheduled game is **NOT** played, the District Staff will have the option to eliminate both teams from TOC play.

ARTICLE 13. There will be **NO FOOD, CANDY, SEEDS, GUM, ETC. ALLOWED** in dugouts. **Individual water and sports drinks in plastic bottles** will be the only permissible liquids in the dugouts. **This applies to managers and coaches as well as players.**

ARTICLE 14. The use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages **in any form** is prohibited at the ball field. This includes the use of **e-cigarettes and vapors.**

ARTICLE 15. There will be absolutely **NO** electronic devices in the dugout during the game except for a pitch counter or scorekeeping app on a phone, providing it is not used for receiving or sending messages. This includes cell phones, electronic games, etc. Ejection from the game could result. **Exception:** Officers on call must notify the umpire-in-charge prior to the start of the game.

ARTICLE 16. Home team will provide three (3) new baseballs (whatever brand the home team uses) for each game. If additional balls are needed, the home team will provide them. **In Softball**, the home team shall provide two (2) new Reduced Injury Factor softballs (Worth SR10WS SOF/DOT R.I.F.) for the farm team. Minor Softball requires 2 new Dudley SBC11 ND or Dudley SBC11 YEF. Major and Junior Softball requires 2 new Dudley CFP12Y or Dudley SBC 12 YFP. **All softballs will have a red seam.**

ARTICLE 17. At the beginning of each inning or when one pitcher relieves another, no more than one minute may be used to deliver not more than eight (8) preparatory pitches to the catcher or other teammate acting in capacity of catcher.

ARTICLE 18. The schedule should provide for not less than two (2) games per week.

ARTICLE 19. ****** You must **complete** the first scheduled twelve (12) games before you are eligible for TOC and All Stars. Any additional games played needs approval from the District. Rain-out games **must be played** prior to the end of the twelve (12) game schedules. All games played will be used to figure the win/loss records for T.O.C. and draft sequence for the following season.

ARTICLE 20. There will be a 1st and a 2nd half schedule. The top two major teams will advance to the TOC. In the event of a tie in the 1st half, there will be a single play-off game for the 1st half before the 2nd half begins. If there is a 1st half winner different from the 2nd half winner, there will be a single play-off game to see who moves on to TOC. **REMEMBER: The standings are the total games played, not just your league record.**

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ARTICLE 21. ****** **Tie Game: Baseball.... MAJORS AND ABOVE....** At the end of the drop time, if the score is tied, the teams will play one extra inning with a runner starting at second base. At the end of the extra inning, if the game is still tied, the game will be considered a tie.

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ARTICLE 22. ****** **Bullying** is **NOT** tolerated....as defined in the Little League Child Protection Program Booklet Section.... Bullying and Emotional Wellness, pg. 11.

REMINDER IN ALL DIVISIONS: 10 RUN RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT IN THE 4TH INNING----
15 RUN RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT IN THE 3RD INNING!!!!

Farm Baseball Division (Coach Pitch):

- (a) A game will be **1 hour and 15 minutes, drop dead time.** **No score will be kept.**
- (b) **At no time will safety be compromised by the manager or coach pitcher reducing the pitching distance to an unacceptable level. Optional: The player pitcher may pitch up to 4 pitches, after which time, if the ball has not been put in play the coach/pitcher will take over for three (3) pitches. After a combined total of (7) seven pitches, if the ball has not been put in play, the batter will be called out. If the last pitch is a foul ball, the batter may receive one (1) additional pitch.**
- (c) During defensive play all players will be allowed on the field. **Only one (1) player may occupy each infield position at a time. The remaining players must be a minimum of 20 feet behind the baseline.** Players must be rotated to different defensive positions to provide them the opportunity to play, learn, and understand the game. A player can **only play 1 (one) position** per inning. He **must** rotate to a different position every inning.
- (d) Three (3) outs or four (4) runs constitute the offensive half of an inning.
- (e) There will be no base advancement except for a hit ball. **Maximum of 2 bases per hit.**
- (f) An overthrown ball to first base that goes into foul territory will be declared a dead ball. Base runners will advance one (1) base only. Manager/coach pitch interference is an act which interferes with, obstructs, impedes or hinders any fielder attempting to make a play. If interference has occurred, the ball will be dead. No runners will advance, the batter will return to bat with the same count as before the dead ball.
- (g) Defensive coaches may be on the field for teaching purposes only, however, there must be a rostered adult in the dugout at all times to supervise.
- (h) **A continuous batting order will be used.**

Minor Baseball Division: *******NOTE THE TIME LIMIT*******

- (a) The schedule should provide for not less than two games per week. **All games played will count toward league standings.**
- (b) A game will be **one hour and forty-five minutes, drop dead time.** **NEW ****
- (c) **Three (3) outs or Four (4) runs** constitutes the offensive half of an inning.
- (d) **A continuous batting order will be used.**
- (e) **In the sixth (6) inning, there will be no four (4) run rule in effect for the other team to catch up.**
- (f) **No eleven (11) old may pitch during a game.**

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Major Baseball Division:

- (a) A game will be **one hour and forty-five minutes.** **No new inning **** will start after the 1 hour and forty-five-minute time limit. TIE GAME.....SEE ARTICLE 21 IN ABOVE ARTICLE SECTION!!!
- (b) Eight (8) runs or 3 outs constitutes an inning.
- (c) In the 6th inning, there will be a no eight (8) run rule in effect for the other team to catch up.

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50/70 & Junior/Senior Baseball Division:

- (a) A game will be **two hours, drop dead time.**
- (b) On a doubleheader game, the first game will be **2 hours or five (5) innings**, whatever comes first. The 2nd game will be **two hours, drop dead time.**
- (c) Since we are using various fields, please pay attention to the following: HOME TEAM will provide the home plate umpire.....VISITING TEAM will provide the base umpire!!
- (d) BASEBALLS..... See ARTICLE 16 IN ABOVE ARTICLE SECTION!!!

Farm Softball Division (coach pitch):

- (a) A game will be **one hour and fifteen minutes, drop dead time. No score will be kept.**
- (b) The manager or coach pitcher will pitch to their own team from a distance commensurate with the ability of the player batter. **AT NO TIME WILL SAFETY BE COMPROMISED BY THE MANAGER OR COACH PITCHER REDUCING THE PITCHING DISTANCE TO AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL. Optional: You may have a player pitcher that is a defensive pitcher pitching from 30 feet. The player pitcher may pitch up to 4 pitches, after which time, if the ball has not been put in play the coach/pitcher will take over. After a combined total of (7) seven pitches, if the ball has not been put in play, the batter will be called out. If the last pitch is a foul ball, the batter may receive one (1) additional pitch. (You may decide to allow any returning player pitcher to pitch at the beginning of the season.)**
- (c) **Three (3) outs or Four (4) runs** constitutes the offensive half of an inning.
- (d) **A continuous batting order will be used.**
- (e) During defensive play all players will be allowed on the field. **ONLY ONE PLAYER MAY OCCUPY EACH INFIELD POSITION AT A TIME. The remaining players must be a minimum of 20 feet behind the baseline.** Players must be rotated to different defensive positions throughout the game to provide them the opportunity to play, learn and understand the game.
- (f) Defensive coaches may be on the field for teaching purposes only, however, a rostered adult must be in the dugout to always supervise. Manager-Coach pitch interference is an act which interferes with, obstructs, impedes, or hinders any fielder attempting to make a play. If in the judgment of the umpire, interference has occurred, the ball will be called dead. No runners will advance, the batter will be returned to bat with the count the same as before the declared dead ball.
- (g) There will be no base advancement except for a hit ball.
- (h) An overthrown ball to first base that goes into foul territory will be declared a dead ball. Base runners will advance one base only.

Minor Softball Division:

- (a) A game will be **one hour and forty-five minutes, drop dead time.**
- (b) The pitching distance will be **35 ft.**
- (c) **Three (3) outs or Four (4) runs** constitutes the offensive half of an inning.
- (d) **A continuous batting order will be used.**
- (e) **In the sixth (6) inning, there will be no four (4) run rule in effect for the other team to catch up.**
- (f) **NO** minor league softball pitcher may pitch more than 6 innings in one (1) week (Mon-Sun). The penalty for pitching a player over six (6) innings in Minor Softball is a one

(1) game suspension for the manager and forfeiture of the game in which the ineligible pitcher was used.

(g) **No eleven (11) year old may pitch at any time.**

Major Softball Division:

- (a) A game will be **one hour and forty-five minutes**, finish the inning.
- (b) The pitching distance will be **40 feet**.
- (c) Eight (8) runs or three outs constitutes an inning.
- (d) In the 6th inning, there will be no eight (8) run rule in effect for the other team to catch up.

*******Junior/ Senior Softball Division:**

- (a) A game will be **two hours, drop dead time**.
- (b) The pitching distance will be **43 feet** for both Juniors and Seniors.
- (c) On a doubleheader game, the first game will be **2 hours or five (5) innings**, whatever comes first. The 2nd game will be **two hours, drop dead time**.

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******* 2022 SEASON ONLY!!!!**

Please follow County Covid Guidelines.

Please be patient and civil with everyone, these are difficult times as you well know, but we are playing ball once again!!!!