**2023 INTER-LEAGUE AGREEMENT**

**MINOR B DIVISION**

**DATE: 2/23/2023**

**TO: Shirley Glenn**

 **DISTRICT 29 ADMINISTRATOR**

**FROM: CRESCENT LITTLE LEAGUE**

 **BUENA PARK NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE**

**SUBJECT: INTER-LEAGUE PLAYING AGREEMENT AND MANAGER CONTRACT**

Crescent Little League and Buena Park National Little League have agreed that Minor B Division players and their families will gain enhanced satisfaction from the diversity in competition achieved through an inter-league playing schedule. It is also agreed by all league’s Board of Directors that this agreement will be submitted for district approval.

All games will be conducted in accordance with the 2023 Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules, except where specified. All boards agree that inter-league playing rules will take precedence over local league playing rules.

In addition, all managers and coachesmust read and sign this Inter-League Contract.

**SCHEDULE:**

1. The inter-league playing schedule will commence on March 4,2023 and will end by May 20, 2023. The schedule will be drafted, reviewed and finalized by all three leagues.
2. Inter-league games will be played at the following locations George Bellis Park and Holder Field.
3. All games, whether inter-league or not, shall count in each league’s overall standings.
4. Inter-league games will be scheduled for both weekdays and weekends, with Friday’s and Sunday’s included as primary options for make-up or rescheduled games.
5. Both Crescent Little League and Buena Park National Little League agree to the **league option allowing us to start a game with less than 8 players. No games will be plyerd with less than 8 players. You may not borrow players from another league or division. Those doing so the game will not count towards All Star eligibility.** If a team cannot field eight players, the manager and/or board member must notify the Interleague Committee (24) hours prior to game with the reason(s) as to why the team cannot field a minimum of eight players. The game will then be considered for reschedule, to the next available date (field may vary based on availability) by the Interleague Committee. If less than Twenty-four (24) hour notice was given to the committee, the game will be sent to determine if the game is to be rescheduled or forfeited due to the reasons provided. The Interleague Committee will provide the makeup date to the “Non-Cancelling” team to confirm acceptance, once that date is confirmed, if the other team is unable to field a team the game will result in a forfeit.  **Decision of the Interleague Committee and the make-up date chosen is final.**
6. Rule 4.17 – If during a game either team is unable to place eight (8) players on the field due to injury or ejection, the opposing manager shall select a player to re-enter the line-up. A player ejected from the game is not eligible for re-entry. If no players are available for re-entry, or if a team refuses to place eight (8) players on the field, this shall not be grounds for automatic forfeiture but shall be referred to the Interleague Committee for a decision. **NOTE: A game may not be continued with less than eight (8) players on each team.**

Interleague committee agrees that only an injury on the field of play during a game, and with a completed safety report turned in within twenty four (24) hours of that injury, will constitute review by the Interleague Committee.

1. Any makeup games will be scheduled for the first available date as determined by the Interleague committee, and that decision will be final and may not be rescheduled a second time. Any makeup game will first be considered at the same field in which the original game was to be played, but may be changed based on field availability.
2. Continuation games halted for darkness or weather before reaching the four inning requirement will resume preceding the next meeting of the two teams, or the next available date for reschedule if needed before next meeting (in order to complete the game only to the 4 inning requirement). Managers must notify the interleague committee of halted game and will be notified of date, time and location that the game is to be concluded. Umpire for continuation will be determined by most convenient option either from next meeting or reschedule. Rule 4.12 will apply to incomplete game as it would for a halted TIE game, and all mandatory play requirements remain in effect when game is resumed. Players that do not attend either the original or resumed game are not required to satisfy mandatory play requirements.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE AND GAME PREPARATION:**

1. The home team (Regardless if at their home field or not) will prepare the field for play, including setting out bases and chalking lines. The home team will also put away the bases (last game), drag the field, and make field ready for next game.
2. Each team will be responsible for the cleanliness of their dugout and bleacher areas.
3. If the playing field conditions are questionable, such as after raining, the managers of both teams will arrive at the field one hour prior to game starting time to assist in preparing the fields. The umpire, managers and league officials will make the final decision on whether the game will be played. Buena Park National fields may have restrictions put forth by the City of Buena Park regarding field conditions after weather event. Bellis field restrictions are decided by the City of Buena Park.
4. Each team will provide two game balls for each game.
5. Each team will be responsible for its own uniforms and equipment.
6. The home team provides the official scorekeeper. The Visiting Team will provide Official Pitch Counter. There will be an official scorebook for each field, and they will remain at the fields at all times except as needed by the inter-league protest committee or the official league auditor.
7. The official scorekeeper and pitch counter **shall** sit together, behind home plate. Bellis fields, behind home plate backstop. Holder fields, behind home plate, within score keepers box (if available).
8. Scorekeepers and the pitch counter **shall** only communicate with the managers through the home plate umpire. At no time will the score keeper (or pitch counter) try to communicate with the managers directly or alert them to anything they see (i.e. illegal pitcher, batting out of order, pitch limit reached).

**UMPIRES:**

1. Umpires will be provided by the league of the scheduled home team, not home field, for all games.
2. Leagues will provide one umpire per game. In the event no umpire shows up for a scheduled game, both managers will agree on a substitute umpire. It is agreed upon that after 15 minutes past the original start time of the game the managers will recruit the substitute umpire. The results of the game shall be official regardless of the quality of the substitute umpire.

**PLAYING RULES:**

1. All players must play six defensive outs or two complete innings and bat at least one time in each game. Players who do not get their playing time must start the next gameand play their previous requirement not met from last game and playing requirement from current game prior to being removed. All official scorebooks will be subject to review by both leagues. **Penalty: Any manager who does not start a player who is owed playing time from the previous game is subject to removal from the game and the player(s) will be inserted into the lineup.**
2. Each manager will carry a current pitching affidavit (Exhibit A) to each game, and will have the affidavit signed by the other manager after each game. The pitching affidavit should be turned in 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. A grace period will be allowed, the pitching affidavit must be turned in within 15 minutes after the game time. All leagues will conform to the Official Regulations regarding pitcher eligibility. Violations can result in a protest of the game.
3. Regulation VI (d) EXCEPTION: If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

Manager is responsible to ensure the scorekeeper has properly recorded the correct count/threshold.

1. The maximum number of runs allowed per half inning will be 5. If the 5th run results in a play that continues with additional runs, only the 5th run will count. There will be NO open innings in the Minor B division.
2. No new inning shall start after 1 hour 50 minutes, **provided the 4 inning requirement of a regulation game has been met.** If after 2 hours a game is tied, the game shall result in a tie score, and will count as ½ game each in the standings.
3. A continuous batting order will be used for all games. Players may be entered and re-entered defensively at any time provided he/she meets the minimum requirements of mandatory play by the 4th inning. The official scorekeeper must be notified of all defensive changes.
4. Rule 6.05 (b) Dropped Third Strike will **NOT** be used in the Minor B Division.
5. Rule 3.09 No coach or manager, or adult shall warm up any player at any time.
6. Rule 4.05 The offensive team shall station two base coaches on the field during its time at bat, one near first base and one near third base. The coaches shall not leave their respective dugouts until the pitcher has completed his/her preparatory pitches to the catcher. Base coaches shall:
7. Be an eligible player in the uniform of their team; a manager and/or coach. Both base coaches may be managers or coaches.
8. Be a manager or coach only if there is at least one other adult manager or coach in the dugout.
9. Remain within the base coaches boxes at all times, except as provided in Rule 7.11; A.R. Once an inning starts, coaches shall not alternate between the first and third base coaches boxes.
10. Talk to members of their own team only.

An offending base coach shall be removed from the base coach’s box.

1. There will be no pool play.
2. **Ten Run Rule:**

Rule 4.10 (e) If after three and one half innings 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. NOTE: (1) If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.

If after four and one half innings 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. NOTE: (1) If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (10) runs or more, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.

If after 5 and one half innings 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. NOTE: (1) If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (8) runs or more, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.

It is in agreement between Buena Park National Little League and Crescent Little League, that {Rule 6.02 (c) Local League Option: After entering the batter’s box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat} **will not** be implemented during the regular season.

1. Home plate is open (available to steal home) the entire season.
2. All bases are open at all times, including home.
3. All bats must meet the USA Baseball standard, and display the proper USA Baseball logo on the bat. Any bat that does not have the appropriate logo cannot be used in the game and needs to be removed from the dugout.
4. 10 Year olds will be allowed to pitch during the regular season (Inter-league) games. There is an understanding that 10 year olds **will not** be permitted to pitch during TOC or any other district ran Minor B Tournaments.
5. The Infield Fly Rule will be utilized during all games.
6. Only one offensive time out can be used per inning.
7. Special pinch runner will not be in effect you must do courtesy runner person who made the last out.

Runner for the pitcher or catcher will be the last out made.

**PROTESTS AND DISCIPLINE:**

1. An Inter-League Committee shall be formed, consisting of three representatives from each league, and one additional representative from the league assigned to chair the committee, to resolve protests and recommend manager discipline.

1. The leagues shall agree on a chairperson, who will have no vote except in the event of a tie. The chairperson accounts for the fourth member representative of the league holding the chair position for the season.
2. Protests shall be discouraged whenever possible; however, if a manager wishes to proceed with the protest, he/she will adhere to the Little League Playing Rules.
3. The official scorekeeper shall note in the official scorebook the protest (inning, player(s) involved, rule number, what is being protested and a brief explanation of what happened).
4. The managers of both teams, umpire and scorekeeper must sign the official scorebook.
5. Both team managers must sign the pitching affidavit.
6. The protesting manager shall submit a protest (written or electronically), to his/her league representative within twenty-four hours.
7. The umpire must submit a letter concerning the protest incident within twenty-four hours to the league representative at the field where the incident took place.
	1. If a written letter is not available or received, the Umpire n Chief will contact the umpire or the umpire service to get a verbal account of the protest in question. This account will then be delivered to the Inter-league committee via email.
8. The league representative of the protesting team will notify the chairperson of the Inter-League Committee, who will schedule a meeting of all committee members to resolve the protest. It is agreed upon that the chairperson may, via email discussion, attempt to resolve protests with the committee members. In the event a resolution is unable to be agreed upon via email, an in person meeting will then be scheduled.
9. In the event that an interleague committee member is also a manager, and becomes involved in a protest for his/her team, it is agreed upon that the interleague committee may appoint a committee replacement member, to alleviate bias from the original committee member/chairperson/manager.
10. Any player issues will be handled by the respective league.

**FIELD CONDUCT:**

1. Each manager will be responsible for the actions of his/her players and coaches.
2. There will be no fighting before, during or after any game.
3. Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game will sit out the remainder of that game, plus the next played game, regardless of whether it is a league, inter-league, or post-season game. Any manager, coach or spectator that is ejected from a game must leave the field and ballpark immediately.
4. Any player that is ejected from a game must sit with the official scorekeeper until the game is concluded or until removed from the premises by a parent or guardian.
5. Any manager or coach that is ejected for the second time will sit out the rest of the current game and will be suspended until the Inter-League Committee can meet with that person to review the infractions, which will be within seventy-two hours.
6. Any player that is ejected for the second time will sit out the rest of the current game and will be suspended until the Player Agent for his/her league can meet with the player’s parents to review the infractions, which will be within seventy-two hours.
7. The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited. Sunflower seeds and gum are not permitted in the dugouts. Only water or sports drinks in plastic containers are permitted in the dugout -- no food.
8. The use of alcohol before or during the game is prohibited at all times on any field or any parking lot to the field.
9. No manager, coach or player shall at any time, whether from the bench or playing field or elsewhere, use language which will in any manner reflect upon opposing players coaches, an umpire or spectators.
10. No manager, coach or player shall at any time, whether from the bench or playing field or elsewhere, incite or try to incite by word or sign a demonstration by spectators.
11. No baseballs will be hit into any fencing.

It is the intent of this Agreement to clarify and guide. However, the Inter-League Committee shall have complete authority to modify this Agreement whenever necessary, in accordance with District guidelines and Little League Baseball, Inc. Official Regulations and Playing Rules. It is understood that the purpose of our Inter-League schedule is to provide a competitive, yet sportsmanlike and wholesome baseball environment for all participants.

Signed this Spring Season, 2021:

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