**2023 INTER-LEAGUE AGREEMENT**

**MINOR C DIVISION**

**DATE: 02/23/2023**

**TO: Shirley Glenn**

 **DISTRICT 29 ADMINISTRATOR**

**FROM: BUENA PARK NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE**

**CRESCENT LITTLE LEAGUE**

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

Crescent Little League and Buena Park National Little League have agreed that Minor C 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 both boards 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. Both 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 2023 season schedule will be drafted, reviewed and finalized by all both leagues.
2. Inter-league games will be played at the following locations George Bellis Park and Holder Field.
3. Inter-league games will be scheduled for both weekdays and weekends.
4. Minor C games may commence with less than 9 players by removing the use of a catcher and/or a 3rd outfielder. Scheduled games in the Minor C Division **will not** be rescheduled as agreed upon by all participating leagues.

**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. Home team manager will provide 5 game balls of same brand (Diamond) for consistency of the pitching machine (at least two of these should be new balls).
5. Each team will be responsible for its own uniforms and equipment.

**UMPIRES:**

1. Minor C level will not use umpires.

**PLAYING RULES:**

1. Minor C level of play will introduce the defensive three (3) outs rule. In the event that three (3) outs have not been met during a half inning, the offensive team is retired when all players have batted one time in the half inning. Defensive teams will place nine (9) players in their respective positions on the field.
2. Minor C level may utilize a machine pitch or coach pitch and will be determined at the start of the game. In no agreement can be reached Coach Pitch will be the default. If a pitching machine is not available or not functioning properly, the managers will utilize coach pitch. It is agreed upon that managers and or coaches must pitch no closer than the front of the pitching mound dirt within a few feet of the pitching rubber. All pitches must be overhand.
3. The maximum amount of pitches allowed per batter is five (5) pitches. At the manager discretion, 3 pitches from machine and 2 coach pitches can be utilized. Three swinging strike rule applies, or if after five total pitches the ball has not been put into play, the batter will be considered as an out. If the 5th/final pitch is fouled off, the batter will continue to bat until either the ball is put into play or the batter strikes out.
4. No new inning shall start after 1 and 1/2 hours.
5. 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 requirements of mandatory play.
6. No coach, manager or adult shall warm up any player at any time. (Rule 3.09)
7. It is agreed upon by all leagues that with a pitching machine utilized, the offensive team may provide an additional coach on the field to manage the pitching machine and ensure safety is followed on the field around the machine. The defensive team may allow two coaches to come onto the field one to help the catcher return balls to pitcher in between batters and one coach in the out filed to direct players.. Only coaches allowed on the field at any given time.
8. If a batted ball that hits pitching machine, shall be considered a dead ball and batter /runners are awarded one base.
9. There will be no limit to the number of bases a runner can advance during a ball put into play in the outfield, prior to the ball being returned to the infield.
10. No scores or standing are kept in Minor C division.
11. All Bats must meet the USA Baseball standard, and have 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.

**PROTESTS AND DISCIPLINE:**

1. Minor C level of play will not incorporate protests. Any issues may be brought to the attention of the league’s board officials.
2. 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 issues among coaches shall be addressed with league officials for potential disciplinary action.
4. The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited. Sunflower seeds and gum is not permitted in the dugouts. Only water or sports drinks in plastic containers are permitted in the dugout -- no food.
5. The use of alcohol before or during the game is prohibited at all times on any field or any parking lot to the field.
6. 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 coaches, players, or spectators.
7. 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.
8. 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 interpret or 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.

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 **Shirley Glenn**

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