

**2019 Florida District 1 LL
Supplemental Regulations and Rules for Interleague Play Major,
Junior and Senior Softball Divisions**

General Information

These 2019 Florida District 1 Little League Supplemental Regulations and Playing Rules were developed by League and District officials to clarify and/or expand regulations and playing rules not otherwise addressed in the 2018 Little League Official Regulation and Playing Rules. These supplemental regulations and rules are not intended to and shall not supersede Official Little League Regulations and Playing Rules. The layout and format mirrors the parent document for convenient cross reference. The supplement will not duplicate or conflict with existing regulations and playing rules and is therefore not a stand-alone document. The supplement must be used in conjunction with the 2018 Little League Official Regulation and Playing Rules, and available for reference at each game. These supplemental regulations and playing rules were approved by the League Presidents and signed by the District Administrator on 17 Feb 2019.

Purpose

Interleague play provides teams the opportunity to play regular season games against other teams within the district. Interleague rules afford teams from different leagues to play by the same general guidelines which will apply to all fields of play. These rules differ from “ground rules” whereas a ground rule is a specific issue associated with the local playing field. For example; at Rarick Field in Niceville, there is a tree that overhangs the center field fence. If a batted ball hits the tree, the ensuing action is dictated by the ground rules of Rarick Field. These ground rules shall be identified and discussed during the Pre-game plate meeting between the UIC and Managers of both teams.

The success of the interleague program is highly dependent on the collaborative approach of the adults enforcing teamwork and a positive environment for the players. A friendly but competitive approach to each game should be the norm. Remember winning is secondary to developing better ball players and citizens of our communities.

Administration

The interleague will be administered by local league and district appointed representatives. The core of the administration will consist of the League/Division Player Agent, League VP and Assistant DA. The District shall develop and approve interleague supplemental regulation and rules, as required, in support of the interleague program.

Official Regulations

Regulation I - The League

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Regulation II – League Boundaries

Regulation III – The Teams

Only teams from the same division shall participate in interleague games. The teams will be from Chartered Little League programs, unless otherwise approved under Special Games provisions by the District Administrator.

Teams shall maintain a complete and accurate scorebook throughout the season. The scorebooks will be made available for review by opposing managers prior to each game, if requested. Teams shall provide a scorekeeper and pitch counter for game played during regular season.

Managers shall sign both scorebooks after game and report game results to their league representative. Managers shall Contact opposing manager 24 hours prior to a rescheduled game to make sure everyone is aware of the proper time and location.

Regulation IV – The Players

Regulation V – Selection of Players

(c) – Pool Players

Guidelines:

5. Only players from the same district and division may be used as pool players.
6. A team may use a maximum of three (3) pool players per game and, only if, the total number of combined players does not exceed twelve (12). See table 1.

Team Players Available	Maximum Pool Players Allowed	Total Players Combined
13+	0	13+
12	0	12
11	1	12
10	2	12
9	3	12

7. Managers shall identify the use of Pool Players to the Umpire-In-Chief at the plate meeting.
8. Pool players shall be identified on the line-up card and in the scorebook (PP).
9. Pool players shall wear his or her team uniform.

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10. Pool players need not start the game unless the team can't field nine (9) roster players.
11. The same pool player(s) may play in consecutive games.

NOTE: Both teams shall have a minimum of 9 (nine) players to begin a game. The 9 (nine) players may be a combination of rostered players and approved pool players. Games shall not be played with less than 9 (nine) players on each team. The practice of "borrowing" a ninth player from the opposing team shall not be allowed.

Regulation VI - Pitchers

(e) The host league or home team shall designate a scorekeeper and official pitch counter for each game.

Regulation VII - Schedules

Schedule: Game schedules will be developed by the league and district appointed division representatives (contact sheet). Representatives will take a collaborative approach to balance games based on dates, field availability, games played, start times, and distance travelled to each park. Schedules should also reflect dates to complete any suspended or make-up games. Completed schedules will be reviewed and approved by league VPs and ADA.

Changes: - Once the season is underway any subsequent changes must be for a valid reason, requested by the affected Manager through the League VP, and coordinated between the other representatives. If a league cannot field a team, and notifies the affected representatives NLT 48 hours prior to the scheduled game time, the game may be rescheduled subject to approval by interleague representatives. It is also incumbent upon all league representatives to closely coordinate any changes with league umpire coordinators. Under no circumstances will managers cancel, change, or reschedule games independently.

Start Time: The official game start time will be the scheduled start time of the game. Valid exceptions to this regulation include: Weather delay, significant field repairs, and umpire availability.

Time Limits: If another game is scheduled on the same field, time limits may be imposed on the first game, as long as the game meets requirements of 4.10 or 4.11. If a time limit is imposed there will be no new inning allowed to start after one (1) hour and fifty (50) minutes from the official start time. Note: A new inning begins the moment the third out of the preceding inning is made.

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Umpires: Host leagues are responsible for scheduling umpires. A minimum of one plate and one field umpire is required for each game. If available, it is recommended that at least 1 (one) District Umpire be scheduled.

Regulation VIII – Minor Leagues

Regulation VIX – Special Games

Regulation X – Night Games

Regulation XI – Admission to Games

Regulation XII – Awards

Regulation XII – Commercialization

Regulation XIV – Field Decorum

- (f) Managers and coaches shall not warm up pitchers

Regulation XV – Appearance of Little League in the Media

Regulation XVI – Little League Name and Emblem

Official Rules

Rule 1.00 – Objectives of the Game

Rule 2.00 – Definition of Terms

Rule 3.00 – Game Preliminaries

Rule 4.00 – Starting and Ending the Game

4.1 –Managers may examine the opposing team’s scorebook and pitch count logs, for the last game played, prior to the scheduled start time. Managers shall ensure the team’s scorebook and pitching logs are on-site, and available, ten (10) minutes prior to each game.

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Managers shall proceed to directly to home plate five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start time. In sequence –

(a) The home team shall provide the line-up card in duplicate to the umpire in-chief at the plate meeting. The lineup card will reflect the uniform number, first/last name, starting positions, substitutes and indicate pool players (see example).

(b) The visiting team shall provide the line-up card in duplicate to the umpire in chief at the plate meeting. The lineup card will reflect the uniform number, first/last name, starting positions, substitutes and indicate pool players and duplicate uniform numbers (see example).

Line-Up Card		
Visitor	Date:	Manager:
Yankees	8-Oct-61	Ralph Houk
Number	First/Last	Position
1	Bobby Richardson	2B
10	Tony Kubek	SS
9	Roger Maris	RF
7	Mickey Mantle	CF
32	Elston Howard	C
8	Yogi Berra	LF
14	Bill Skowron	1B
6	Clete Boyer	3B
16	Whitey Ford	P
39	Jim Coates	Sub
8 PP	Carl Yastrezmski	Sub
25 PP	Norm Cash	Sub

Line-Up Card		
Home	Date:	Manager:
Reds	8-Oct-61	Fred Hutchinson
Number	First/Last	Position
17	Elio Chacon	2B
10	Eddie Kasko	1B
28	Vada Pinson	CF
20	Frank Robinson	RF
29	Wally Post	LF
12	Gene Freese	3B
18	Gordy Coleman	SS
9	Darrell Johnson	CF
31	Jim O'Toole	P
30	Joey Jay	Sub
24 PP	Willie Mays	Sub
21 PP	Roberto Clemente	Sub

4.4 Each team shall bat a 9 (nine) player lineup with substitutions. For all Major, Junior and Senior Interleague play, the continuous batting order ***shall not*** be used.

- a. **For Regular Season Only**; for the Majors Division, the batting team will be retired when they have accumulated three outs or five runs, whichever comes first.

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4.16(a)

1. If a team is unable to field nine players within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time it will be a forfeit and recorded as a loss in the standings (See Regulation VII for exception).
2. If neither team can field nine players it will be recorded as a loss for both teams (See Regulation VII for exception).

Rule 5.00 – Putting the Ball in Play – Live Ball

Rule 6.00 – The Batter

Rule 7.00 – The Runner

Rule 8.00 – The Pitcher

Rule 9.00 – The Umpire

Rule 10.00 (added) – Keeping Score

10.1 - The Host League/Home Team shall appoint an official scorekeeper and pitch counter for each game. The Scorekeeper and Pitch Counter shall observe the game from a position in the press box (when available) or from a location close by and free from distraction.

NOTE: *It is the ultimate responsibility of the scorekeepers to maintain the books properly. After each ½ inning, it is recommended that the scorekeepers from both teams confer to verify that both books match. If there is a discrepancy between the two books that cannot be resolved, the issue will need to be raised immediately to the Umpire in Chief of the game. If after conferring with the Umpires, Managers and Scorekeepers, there is still a discrepancy, the home book will take precedent.*

10.2 - The host league (home team) will maintain the official scorebook and pitch count log. The visiting team is required to keep a secondary scorebook and pitch count log.

10.3 - Game line-up cards for each team will be passed to the Scorekeeper by the Umpire-in-Chief after review by the Umpire in Chief during the plate meeting.

10.4 – The Scorekeeper shall:

- (a) Transcribe the line-up card into the official scorebook. Pool Players will be annotated as (PP).
- (b) Have sole authority to make all decisions which involve judgment; such as whether a batter's advance to first base is the result of a hit or an error, fielder's choice, etc.

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- (c) Ensure the UIC signs and sates the scorebook at the end of each game.
- (d) Report wins, losses, ties, and scores to your league representatives.
- (e) Provide the current innings pitched to the UIC or Manager upon request.

10.5 - Scorebooks shall be made available to the District 1 Staff upon request.

Rule 11.00 –Special Games Tournaments

All tournament rules will apply to special games.

Rule 12.00 –General Requirements

12.01(a) No soft-toss against any fences screens or backstops.

12.01(b) Batting Cages, if available, may be used for warm-ups on a shared basis.

NOTE: Helmets shall be utilized anytime a player is swinging a bat in the vicinity of other players.

12.01(c) Pets and skateboards are not allowed in and around any complex.

12.01(d) Teams are responsible to clean up around stands and dugouts after each game.

//Signed//

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