

Palos Verdes Peninsula Baseball  
Little League - Interleague Format Rules  
2010 Baseball Season

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Interleague play will be conducted according to the official rules of Little League Baseball. Unless otherwise indicated, the Minor League rule book will be used for the Intermediate levels of play. The guidelines or reiterations of the rules listed below are intended as clarifications /interpretations of the official playing rules of Little League Baseball.

MAJOR DIVISION

1) The two hour rule will be used for all games. This rule states that a new inning will not start more than two hours after the beginning of the game. The starting time of the game must be announced to the official scorekeeper when play begins.

2) In the event of inclement weather, the umpire, home field president or field manager shall make the decision on postponement. If there is any doubt about the weather, the managers must go to the playing field with their players to collaborate on a final decision. On weekdays when it is clear that weather will prohibit playing of a game, a home team league official must notify all managers involved and the umpire by 2:00 P.M.

Rained out or incomplete games must be played / completed by the end of the make up week for that half of the season. Make up games should be immediately re-scheduled through each leagues designated scheduling representative.

3) Each league shall provide a list of all managers and coaches with phone numbers that are involved in the Interleague play.

4) All four leagues have adopted a point system which eliminates the need to replay tie games (2 points win - 1 point tie).

5) It is solely the discretion of the umpire to call a game due to darkness, poor visibility, or unsafe playing conditions.

6) Batting cages are not to be used within 1 hour prior to the start of any Interleague game.

7) If the umpire fails to show up for the game, the managers shall agree on a substitute chief umpire from the stands in order to complete the game.

8) A team may have one manager and two coaches in the dugout during regular season and post season Interleague play.

9) The base runner is automatically out at the plate or any base if he does not slide or avoid contact on a close play.

10) Managers must provide two copies of their lineup card to the umpire prior to the start of the game. Full names, positions and uniform numbers must be included on the cards as well as identifying all pitchers by age. Interleague will supply lineup sheets to all leagues of which use is mandatory.

11) An optional "Slaughter Rule" states that a team losing by ten or more runs at the end of four innings or three and one-half innings if the home team is leading may call an end to the game.

12) Tie Games - A tie game halted due to weather or darkness will be declared an official tie provided it is an official game. An official game is one that has completed four innings of play unless the home team is ahead after three and one half innings of play.

13) All players are placed in the batting order.

14) Slashing is not permitted.

15) No PROTESTS will be allowed .... Any dispute must be resolved on the field.

16) Balks shall not be called.

\*17) No requests for changes to the Interleague Schedule will be accepted

18) Team Roster: It has been agreed that at the Major level, a team must have ten players in the lineup at all times during a game. If a team fails to have 10 players in the lineup, an out will be recorded in the 10<sup>th</sup> spot each time that spot comes up to bat. *This shall not apply to injuries that happen during the game that results in less than 10 players being fielded.* Adhering to this rule may require that a Major level team draft an Intermediate level player(s) from its designated Intermediate level "farm team". Please note that a drafted player is not eligible to pitch in the game.

18 A) If a team fails to field nine players, at any time, it will be a forfeited game.

19. All players must play at least nine outs on defense. Note that a pitcher, once replaced, may not return to the same game as a pitcher.

### INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Items (1) through (17) above shall also apply to this level of play.

19) All players must play at least twelve outs on defense, including one infield inning. Please note that a pitcher, once replaced, may not return to the same game as a pitcher.

20) Twelve-year olds are not allowed to pitch at this level of play.

21) The official rules of Little League Baseball will apply to pitching.

22) Four innings constitutes a regulation game as per the official Little League rules.

\*23) *If a team is short a player to meet the 10 person roster requirement, a player must be brought up from the Minor Division. If a team fails to have 10 players in the lineup at the games inception, an out will be recorded in the 10<sup>th</sup> spot each time that spot comes up to bat. However, this player may not be allowed to pitch.*

\*24) *Because all players are placed in the batting order, there shall not be an automatic out if a player leaves a game for any reason other than stated in #23 above. However, a team must field a minimum of nine players at all times during a game, but must begin the game with ten. **If a team fails to field nine players, at any time (except due to injury), it will be a forfeited game***

25) Stealing home is allowed in this division.

26) At intermediate level, an expanded strike zone is encouraged.

(\*) Indicates change from last years rules

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