



## Spring Interleague Rules

**The following rules MUST be followed for the entire season. This includes “in-house” games for teams participating in Interleague Play. “Gentlemen’s” Agreements or Modifications to these rules ARE NOT permitted. Violations are subject to disciplinary action.**

### Junior and Senior Softball

The Washington District 1 Interleague Softball Divisions of Juniors and Seniors shall play by the official Little League Division Rules and Regulations Rule Book. In addition, the leagues of District One have approved the following Interleague Rules for purposes of proper instruction, rule emphasis, and safety of players and volunteers.

1. Age Alignment: The age alignment for each division shall be as follows:
  - a. Juniors: League Ages 12-14 (15-year-olds are allowed, are not eligible to play Junior All Stars)
  - b. Seniors: League Ages 13-16
2. Game Length. A game will start no later than 15 minutes from its scheduled start time.
  - a. No time limit shall be imposed except as required per the host league field restrictions. Such restrictions may include, but not necessarily be limited to, municipal imposed light curfews. Any such restrictions MUST be discussed by the HOME TEAM manager with the plate umpire and visiting manager at the Pre-game plate meeting. The home plate umpire shall be responsible for administering the time limit.
  - b. EXCEPTION. Per regulation X of the Little League rule book, in the event multiple games are scheduled on a field a hard stop of two (2) hours shall be imposed on each game to ensure all games may be completed as scheduled. In such situations, a regulation game will be governed by rule 4.10.
    - c. The (8), (10), or (15) run rule shall be utilized in accordance with Rule 4.10(e).
1. Scorebook. Each team will be required to maintain a scorebook at each game for the primary purposes of recording scores, innings played, and innings pitched. Player’s names will be recorded in the scorebook with last name and first initial. Scorebooks are required to prove player eligibility for all-stars.
2. Adult Volunteers. Only a total of THREE league-approved adults are allowed in the dugout or on the field during a game. ONE adult must be in the dugout at all times per rule 4.05.
3. Umpires. The home team shall provide at least one, preferably two, approved and qualified umpires for each game. If one is provided, they are required to be the home plate umpire. If the home team is unable to furnish a qualified umpire, the **home team manager (or one of their coaches) will be required to be the home plate umpire. If a manager or coach is called upon to Umpire, they MUST refrain from instructing players, or coaching, at all times.**
4. Pitching. The division must follow the pitch rules as defined in the Little League rule book regulation VI. Softball Junior and Senior Divisions – Reg VI (b) No pitching restrictions apply.
5. Continuous Batting. The continuous batting order is allowed in interleague play. Each team has the choice to use or not use a continuous batting order. The umpire must be informed at the plate meeting, and the team cannot change once the game has started.
6. Rescheduling Games.
  - a. Managers are expected to confirm in advance of each game the location, time, and field; and status of inclement weather, if pending.
  - b. Inclement Weather. All efforts should be made to play games safely in inclement weather.
    1. A minimum of two-hour notice is to be provided if a game is canceled due to weather. Failure to provide proper notice may be grounds for forfeit.
    2. If a two-hour notice is not possible, failure to show up at the field to greet and notify the team of the cancellation shall be grounds for forfeit.
  - c. Cancelled games due to field conditions or school activities **Should** be rescheduled.
  - d. Cancelled games due to player availability, other than school activity, shall NOT be rescheduled.



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- e. Reschedule Procedure. Rescheduling the games shall be the responsibility of the managers.
  1. It is the responsibility of the home team manager to provide a field for a rescheduled game.
  2. The following rescheduled game information must be provided to [WAD1.schedules@gmail.com](mailto:WAD1.schedules@gmail.com)
    - a. District Schedule Game Number
    - b. Reason for Cancellation or Reschedule
    - c. New game date, time, and location.
7. Protests. Protests shall be submitted to each league President and the ADA Interleague Director in accordance with rule 4.19.
8. Pool Play. Regulation 5(c) will be followed. The league's player agent will create and run the pool. Managers/Coaches will not have the right to pick and choose players from the pool.
  - a. Pool Players may not pitch in the game
  - b. Per Little League operating procedures pool players must play a minimum of nine consecutive outs and bat once.
9. Ejections. Any manager, coach, or player ejected from the game, must leave the field and game site immediately before play may resume. Additional penalties will be assessed as follows:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> offense – On game suspension in accordance with Rule 4.07
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Indefinite suspension pending review by District Administration