

2026 INTERLEAGUE RULES WASHINGTON DISTRICT 11 LITTLE LEAGUE

1. **All games** will be played in accordance with **Little League Rules and Regulations for Baseball and Softball**. League's Local rules will not apply to interleague games.
2. **Pitch Count** (Baseball only):
 - a. Pitch count results will be announced after each half inning (Where Public Address is Present) .
 - b. Pitch count form **must** have pitchers first and last names, team name, and league name.
 - c. Pitch count Form Must be signed by both Managers after the game.
 - d. Managers must be able to show the opposing manager their pitch count records for the **2 weeks** prior to the game being played upon request.
3. **Lineup cards:**
 - a. Will be 4 part and filled out with the players first and last name, Jersey number and position.
 - b. Will have the Managers and Coaches names listed.
 - c. Players that are ineligible to pitch will be marked with an asterisk.
 - d. Copy 1 to Umpire, Copy 2 to Score Keeper, and Copy 3 to opponent.
4. **The Game:**
 - a. Only the Manager and coaches (2 for Majors and above, 3 for Minors) listed on the roster will be in the dugout.
 - b. Only players listed on the roster will be in the dugout. Injured players may sit with their team during games.
 - c. Manager will have a medical release form and concussion form for each player in their possession.
 - d. Manager will have a team Player Roster with first name, last name, uniform number and league age to be presented to the score keeper for each game (this is separate from the lineup card).
 - e. Players' league age 15 will not pitch if they are on a Junior Division Team.
 - f. In accordance with rule 6.02(c), Batter must remain in the batter's box once they have entered except for the exceptions listed in the rule book.
 - g. **(For Minor Division and below only)**In accordance with Regulation VII (h), a two (2) Hour time limit is set for Minor League games. In Accordance with rule 5.07 (OPTION) the five (5) run rule will remain in effect for **ALL** innings played.
Majors: No new inning after 2 hours. **Juniors:** No new inning after 2.5 hours.
Continuous Batting Order (CBO) will be used in all divisions. No exceptions.
With the continuous batting order, **ALL** players on the lineup card are considered starters and free substitutions are allowed as long as all players on the lineup at the start of the game meet mandatory play. Any player arriving late will be added to the lineup **when they arrive at the game and are not subject to mandatory play.**
5. **Rookie Baseball/Softball**
 - a. Coach or machine pitch. At the discretion of the individual leagues program. Can use both in the same game.
 - b. Each batter will get 5 pitches or a hit, whichever occurs first.
 - c. Bat the continuous lineup or 3 outs whichever comes 1st.
 - d. MAX of 10 defensive players (4-Outfielders) on the field.
 - e. Advance bases on poor defensive throws.
 - f. No one keeps track of score.

6. Protests/Discipline:

- a. All protests and discipline proceedings will be handled by the district staff. They will be sent by the Umpire in Chief of the game to the District Administrator and District UIC within 24 hours after the game in question. Rule 4.19 applies.
- b. All discipline proceedings will have statements by all parties sent to the district staff within 24 hours after the infraction.

7. Junior Umpires: See Rule 9.03

- a. When only one umpire is available, that umpire **must** be an adult.
When junior umpires (2 or more) are working on the field without an adult umpire, an adult game coordinator must be present at all times. The game coordinator will be present at the plate meeting and cannot be a manager or coach. If the conditions of 9.03 are not met, the game will not be considered official and will not count toward All Star eligibility.
- b. The adult umpire coordinator will be responsible for assisting or advising the junior umpire in safety matters or rule interpretation to avoid a protest.
- c. The adult coordinator will have no part in judgment calls or player, manager/coach discipline. Including ejections. But the adult coordinator may suspend the game on behalf of the Junior Umpire in the case of rain, lack of daylight, verbal or physical abuse of the Junior Umpire by players, managers, coaches, or fans. Such suspension will be reviewed by the District Administrator, District UIC, and League President for resolution.

8. Mercy Rule:

- a. Rule 4 will be utilized.

Majors & Below: The game will be considered complete when the visiting team is 15 runs ahead after 3 complete innings or the home team after 2½ innings.

Junior division and above: 15 runs ahead after 4 innings for visitors or 3½ for home team.

Majors & Below: 10 runs ahead after 4 innings or 3½ for home team.

Juniors/Seniors: 10 runs ahead after 5 innings or 4½ for home team.

Majors & below: 8 runs ahead after 5 innings or 4½ for home team.

Juniors/Seniors: 8 runs ahead after 6 innings or 5½ for home team.

Note: These inter league rules as well as those contained in the Little League Rules and Regulations supersede any local league rules and may not be deviated from by any informal agreements between managers, coaches, or umpires.

Let's all have a great uneventful season!