

2017 Interleague Rules

Iron Mountain - Iron County – Kingsford – Norway
Revised (4/26/2017)

All Division Rules

- Our area games involve 4 different Leagues. It is important to following these Interleague Rules. If a question does arise, consult the Little League Rule Book and then these Interleague Rules.

Scores

- The Home Team is responsible to submit the score of the game.
- Submit the score to www.upbaseballsoftball.org

Make-Up Games

- Games must be made up within 10 days of the originally scheduled game.
- Home Team sets the date, preferably Friday if feasible.
- Visiting Team confirms the date.
- Field Priorities for make-up games are 11-12 then 9-10 and then 7-8.
- After 10 days the Team that cannot play within 10 days forfeits.

Umpires, Managers and Coaches

- Maximum of 3 Coaches in the Dugout.
- Verbally assaulting an Umpire is grounds for being removed as a manager or coach.
- Young Adults will be Umpiring our games this year, be supportive of their efforts.

Team Standings Tiebreaker Procedure

- At the conclusion of the season if 2 or more teams have identical records the following tie-breaker procedure shall be used to determine the higher seeded team:
 1. Head to Head record
 2. Runs Allowed
 3. Runs Scored

Pitching Limits (Baseball)

- All Teams must adhere to the maximum pitches per day and rest requirements listed in the Little League Pitching Rules, Section VI – PITCHERS.
- Baseball Pitcher Eligibility Tracking Forms must be used and completed correctly.
 - Before each Baseball game the Home Team Manager and the Opposing Manager must share their Pitcher eligibility data. This to ensure that each pitcher is legal to pitch in that day's game.
 - At the conclusion of a game, each Manager must verify that the correct pitching data has been recorded and then sign the opposing Team's Form.
 - If a Manager does not present his/her form prior to the beginning of the game, that game be considered a PITCHER PROTEST GAME. PITCHER PROTEST GAMES will still be played but will count as a loss for the team that failed to present the

Pitcher Eligibility Form. All pitches thrown by a pitcher during a PITCHER PROTEST GAME will count against that pitcher for future games.

Baseball 7-8 Minor Division Rules

- 6 innings per game or 2 hour maximum from time of first pitch. No new inning started after 1+45.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field during defense.
- Coach pitch may be conducted for the entire game if both Managers agree. If there is a disagreement then the Player Pitch for 2 innings will be conducted.
- Players will pitch the first 2 innings.
- Coaches will pitch to their own team the remaining innings.
- Coaches must pitch from the pitching rubber on the mound.
- Player Pitchers can move up to 40 feet to throw the ball.
- While the Coach is pitching the player pitcher must remain in the pitching circle and be ready to field the ball, for example off to the side.
- Teams must Roster Bat.
- Minimum Play Rule, 6 outs and 1 at bat.
- After a Batter receives 4 balls:
 1. A coach will then pitch 2 additional strikes to that Batter.
 2. The 2 strikes may be called strikes, a swinging strike or a foul ball.
 3. That batter is out after the second strike even if it's a foul ball.
 4. A hit ball is live and all runners may advance.
 5. No bunting while a coach is pitching.
- 10 is the maximum number of Batters per inning.
- No Dropped Third Strike Rule.
- No Base Stealing.
- No base advancement on a pass ball of the catcher.
- Maximum of 1 Base on an overthrow error. The ball becomes dead and the base runner is awarded 1 base. For example, player running towards first or has already reached first and the ball is overthrown, the base runner is awarded second only. The base runner running towards or achieved a base is awarded the next base only.
- With 2 outs, if the catcher gets on base he or she must be substituted with a courtesy runner. This gives the catcher time to get the gear on and moves the game along.
- 9 year olds playing in the 7-8 division cannot pitch.

Baseball 9-10 Major Division Rules

- 6 innings per game or 2 hours maximum from time of first pitch. No new inning started after 2+00.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field during defense.
- Roster Batting.
- Minimum Play Rule, 6 outs and 1 at bat.
- No Dropped Third Strike Rule.
- Must have 9 players to start the game, once started can play with less do to an injury.
- 11 year olds playing in the 9-10 division cannot pitch.

Baseball 11-12 Major Division Rules

- 6 innings per game. No time limit.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field during defense.
- Teams may choose to roster bat or line up bat.
- If a team chooses to roster bat they will have free substitution of players. Minimum Play Rule, 6 outs 1 at Bat.
- If a team chooses to line up bat they must adhere to the Little League minimum play rule and substitution rules. Minimum Play Rule, 6 **consecutive** outs and 1 at Bat.
- Dropped third strike rule is in effect.
- Catcher to Pitcher Limit. Section VI(a). Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
- Pitcher to Catcher Limit. A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

Baseball 13-4 Junior Division Rules

- 15's are not permitted to pitch if they are playing in the Junior Division

Pitching Limits (Softball)

- All Teams must adhere to the maximum pitches per day and rest requirements listed in the Little League Pitching Rules, Section VI – PITCHERS.
- Minors/Majors: A player may pitch in a maximum of twelve (12) innings in a day. If a player pitches in seven (7) or more innings in a day, one calendar day of rest is mandatory. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.
- Junior/Senior League: No pitching restriction apply.

Softball 8-10 Minor Division Rules

- 6 innings per game or 2 hour maximum from time of first pitch. No new inning started after 1+45.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field during defense.
- Players must pitch.
- 3 innings maximum per pitcher.
- Roster Batting.
- Minimum Play Rule, 6 outs and 1 at Bat.
- After a Batter receives 4 balls:
 1. A coach will then pitch 2 additional strikes to that Batter.
 2. The 2 strikes may be called strikes, a swinging strike or a foul ball.
 3. That batter is out after the second strike even if it's a foul ball.
 4. A hit ball is live and all runners may advance.
 5. No bunting while a coach is pitching.
- 10 is the maximum number of Batters per inning.
- No Dropped Third Strike Rule.
- If a batter is HIT BY A PITCH below the the knees it is considered a BALL. The Batter must be HIT BY A PITCH above the knees to be awarded 1st base.
- Stealing Rule:

1. Base runner(s) must maintain contact with the base in which they are entitled until the ball has been batted or reaches the batter. Tournament Playing Rule 3.c.
 2. A baserunner on first may steal second base and the catcher may try to throw that runner out. If the ball is overthrown or there is some type of errant throw to second, the base runner may NOT advance to third.
 3. A baserunner on second may steal third base and the catcher may try to throw that runner out. If the ball is overthrown or there is some type of errant throw to third, the base runner may NOT advance to home.
 4. No Stealing Home.
- Maximum of 1 Base on an overthrow or error.
 - Maximum of 10 players on the field during defense, 10th player must be in the outfield grass in an outfield position.
 - With 2 outs, if the catcher gets on base he or she must be substituted with a courtesy runner. This gives the catcher time to get the gear on and moves the game along.
 - 11 year olds playing in the Minor (7-10) division cannot pitch.

Softball 11-12 Major Division Rules

- 6 innings per game. No time limit.
- Maximum of 9 players on the field during defense.
- Teams may choose to roster bat or line up bat. If a team chooses to roster bat they will have free substitution of players. If a team chooses to line up bat they must adhere to the Little League minimum play rule and substitution rules.
- Dropped third strike rule is in effect.

End of Season Tournament

- All pitching restrictions apply for the End of Season Tournament, since this Tournament is an extension of the regular season.
- At the conclusion of the regular season schedule the Area Presidents will convene a meeting to determine the seating for playoff brackets for each age division.

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| Baseball 7-8 | Softball 8-10 |
| Baseball 9-10 | Softball 9-12 |
| Baseball 11-12 | |
- Teams will be seated according to their regular season record. Tie breaker rules apply.
- Brackets will be created with the #1 playing lowest seat and so forth. See sample bracket.
- Location of games will be on a rotating basis, the following locations are for 2017.

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| Baseball 7-8 | Norway (Bracket Tournament) |
| Baseball 9-10 | Kingsford () |
| Baseball 11-12 | Iron Mountain (Bill Dixon Tournament) |
| Softball 8-10 | Norway |
| Softball 9-12 | Kingsford |
| Softball 13-16 | Iron Mountain |
- The Hosting League is responsible for the cost of awards for the winning team. Only 1st place trophies are required.