

D39 DISTRICT RULES

These rules apply to regular season interleague play and special games such as the tournament of champions (TOC), held in the district at the end of the season. The current year's Official Regulations and Playing Rules (LL Rule Book) will apply with the following optional rules adopted by the District Presidents.

1. Pitching Rules will follow the LL Rule Book.
2. There will be no addition of players to a league's champion after they have been declared. If a league champion cannot field 9 (8 as of 2021) players for the TOC Tournament, the League has the option of sending their runner up to the TOC Tournament.
3. Every post season team will be required to have one volunteer to keep score or pitch count if needed and asked by the TD.
4. For a team with 8 players at a game, the 9th position in the batter order will be skipped without penalty.

For the **Little League Majors and Intermediate (50/70) Divisions** the following rules apply:

1. The ten-run rule (but NOT the fifteen-run rule and NOT the eight-run rule) covered under rule 4.10 (e) will be used for interleague play and TOC.
2. Rest days clarifications for pitching apply and carry over from the last game of regular season including playoffs to the TOC and to the first game of All Star play.
3. For Interleague and TOC games the rule covered under 6.02 (c) regarding the batter required to keep one foot in the batter's box will be enforced.
4. For Interleague and TOC games, teams will use a Continuous Batting Order (CBO) with the following considerations.
 - a. Mandatory play is a minimum of 6 defensive outs. The outs **DO NOT** need to be consecutive.
 - b. ... If a player becomes ill, injured or must otherwise leave the game, their turn in the batting order is skipped over with no penalty...if such player returns, he/she is re-inserted into their original spot in the order...per Note 2 in rule 4.04
5. Courtesy runners ARE allowed as per 3.04.
 - a. 3.04 - A local league may permit a "courtesy runner" for the catcher and/or pitcher of record when there are 2 outs.
 - b. 7.14(b)(Exception) – If the continuous batting order is used, the "courtesy runner" may be in the team's batting order and must be the player in the batting order who made the last out. NOTE - this requirement means that the same courtesy runner **may** end up being used for both the pitcher and the catcher during the game.
 - c. 3.03(a)(NOTE) – For the purpose of satisfying mandatory play, when appearing offensively for the first time in the game, a player must remain in the game until one of the following occurs (this means the pitcher/catcher can't have a courtesy runner if it's their first at bat):
 - i. He/she is retired as a batter; or
 - ii. He/she is retired as a batter-runner; or
 - iii. He/she reaches bases and scores; or
 - iv. After he/she reaches base, the inning or game ends

For the **Minor League Division(s)**, which covers any level playing interleague and participating in the end of season Minor TOC tournament the following rules apply:

2. For TOC and Interleague play per Rule 4.04, Note 1 in the rulebook, all Tee Ball and Minor leagues will use a Continuous Batting Order (CBO) with the following clarifications:
 - a. Such order may be changed each game at the manager's discretion.
 - b. Mandatory play is a minimum of 6 defensive outs. The outs **DO NOT** need to be consecutive.
 - c. ... If a player becomes ill, injured or must otherwise leave the game, their turn in the batting order is skipped over with no penalty...if such player returns, he/she is re-inserted into their original spot in the order...per Note 2 in rule 4.04
3. The ten-run rule (but NOT the fifteen-run rule and NOT the eight-run rule) covered under rule 4.10 (e) will be used for interleague play and TOC.
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 - i. He/she is retired as a batter; or
 - ii. He/she is retired as a batter-runner; or
 - iii. He/she reaches bases and scores; or
 - iv. After he/she reaches base, the inning or game ends
6. Inter league games will have a time limit. After Regulation game (4 innings or 3 1/2 innings if home team is ahead) no new inning to start after 1 hour and 45 minutes after the time of the first pitch. **TOC games will have no time limit.**
7. Per the note included with the definition of inning in section 2.00 of the LL rulebook a five-run limit per inning will be imposed for Minor Interleague play, Minor TOC's tournaments. **(No open inning)**
8. **After reaching the status of a regulation game, if a team is mathematically unable to score enough runs to tie, the game will be ended. For example, if either team is up by 6 runs after 5 complete innings, the game is over.**