

Idaho District 2 Inter-League Rules
Softball Minor Division
2016 Season

All teams shall follow the rules as set forth in the current Little League Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, with the following options/exceptions/additions.

Objective: This program is designed to concentrate on the basic mechanics of the game and learn good sportsmanship.

1. Home team shall occupy the third base side of the field and visitors will occupy the first base side. The home team will provide the scorebook and scorekeeper for the management of the game.
2. Each team will furnish a minimum of one (1) District Certified Umpire for all inter-league games. The home team should provide the plate umpire. If only one umpire shows up a manager, coach or parent (if District Certified) may umpire in the field. If more than two umpires are available, one shall be designated Umpire-in-Chief and the other umpires shall be field umpires [Rule 9.03(b)]. It is highly recommended that each team have their coaching staff District Certified in cases where umpires may be unavailable.
3. Prior to the start of the game, the home team shall provide two (2) new balls to the home plate umpire. This division uses yellow softballs of 11" in circumference (as defined in the current Little League Softball Official Regulations and Playing rules). No marking aside from factory lettering is allowed on the balls. The plate umpire may require additional balls during the game and select the best used balls for the teams.
4. The Host team is responsible for preparing and setting up the field, to include chalking forty-five minutes prior to game time. Player safety is essential and therefore it is mandatory that field prep include loosening then smoothing the dirt around 2nd and 3rd base and home plate (if on dirt field).
5. Weekday games will begin promptly at 6:15pm.

As a courtesy, during times of severe inclement weather it is requested that playing conditions be reviewed and cancelled by 3pm weekday and two hours prior on non-weekday games to save teams from traveling to a site that is unplayable.

6. The entire District will comprise the Inter-League.
7. Each manager will be provided with a list of managers' names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
8. Standard District 2 Softball Pitching Affidavit is required for all teams. Each manager shall be responsible for the complete pitching affidavit and they shall present the records to the official scorekeeper prior to the game, but no later than the first pitch of the third inning. At this time if the complete affidavit is not presented the game will be suspended and rescheduled for a later date. The game shall resume from the point that it was stopped. Remember, the number of innings pitched will count towards this game and week's total. The ADA and the league president of the league in violation will be notified at once. The penalties for failure to comply with this said rule are as follows:
 - 1st offense: 1 game suspension for the manager
 - 2nd offense: 3 game suspension for the manager
 - 3rd offense: Manager shall be removed from the team and will be ineligible for any all-star or tournament participation. All pitching records shall be kept in ink. The penalties for failing to keep the affidavits in ink are the same as above. PITCHING: For all innings, the pitcher will continue to pitch until they have walked two batters. For purposes of this rule, batter being hit by pitch will count towards the two walks. After that time any batter who has acquired 4 balls will then be pitched to by their manager or coach, until that batter either hits or strikes out. The Pitcher (player) will resume pitching with the next batter. There will only be two (2) walks per each half inning. The rest of the time batters will either hit or strike out by swinging or a called third strike. When the adult is on the field they must remain at the rubber at all times and move only after the play has stopped or if in danger of being hurt. If batter is hit by a pitch from an adult pitcher it will be considered a ball. If the adult interferes with any play the runner may not advance more than one base. THE ADULT PITCHER WILL NOT COACH FROM THE RUBBER OR DURING THE PITCH. If the adult pitcher does coach as a pitcher, it is interference and will be handled according to the rulebook. This rule does not allow for extra adults to come on to the field, no more than three (3) adults, one (1) adult must remain in the dugout at all times. Although stealing bases is permitted at this level, a runner may not steal any base when there is an adult on the rubber.

9. THE TEN RUN RULE DOES NOT APPLY. If after four (4 innings) one team has at least a lead of 15 runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs must concede.
10. Time Limit: No Inning will begin after an hour and forty-five minutes from scheduled game time if the game can be a complete game (fourth inning) otherwise no new inning will begin after two hours from scheduled game time.
11. Continuous batting order is required at this level [Rule 4.04].
12. A five (5) run limit is in effect per half inning for the minor league divisions per the definition of an inning in the rulebook [Rule 2.00]. Following the completion of the play in which the fifth (5th) run is scored in the half inning, the half inning will end. No more than five (5) runs will be recorded per half inning, no exceptions. This division WILL adopt the option provided in Rule 5.07 to suspend the five (5) run limit. It is strongly encouraged that the umpire invokes the 5.07 rule at the top of the inning.
13. A Runner at 3rd may not advance to home on any unhit pitch or throw back to the pitcher unless forced by base-on balls or hit batter. Stealing of home is allowed if a play is being made on any runner.
14. No on deck circle is allowed.
15. After a base-on balls the batter/runner may advance to first base only.

Approved/Acknowledged by the League Presidents on 3/19/2017

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Nampa Valley	_____	_____
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Northwest Ada	<u>Randy Bolus</u>	<u>Randy Bolus</u>
South Boise	<u>KEN Cameron</u>	<u>Ken Cameron</u>
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