

2019 Softball Inter League Rules

Iron County - Iron Mountain - Kingsford – Norway

Revised (4/14/2019)

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 Inter League 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

Illegal Bat Rule 6.06

- D. The batter is out if the batter enters the batter's box with one or both feet entirely on the ground with an illegal bat (see bat specifications rule 1.10) or is discovered having used an illegal bat prior to the next player entering the batter's box. The ball is dead. Runners must return if they advanced on the play.
2. First violation, the offensive team will lose one eligible adult base coach for the duration of the game.
 3. Second violation, the manager of the team will be ejected from the game. Any subsequent violation will result in the newly designated manager being ejected.

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 10 players on the field during defense, 10th player must be in the outfield grass in an outfield position.
- 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 base runner 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 base runner 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.
- 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.

Softball 8-10

Softball 9-12

Softball 13-16

- 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.
- Location of games will be on a rotating basis, the following locations are for 2019.

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Softball 13-16 Norway

- The Hosting League is responsible for the cost of awards for the winning team. Only 1st place trophies are required.