



District 33 Junior Division Inter-League Playing Rules

Spring 2019

All Junior inter-league games will be played in accordance with the 2019 Little League Rule Book, along with these inter-league rules.

1. **League Ages:** Players league age 12–14 in the 2019 spring season are eligible to participate.
2. **Field Size:**

Dates	Base Distance	Pitching Distance
Opening Day thru March 31, 2019	80'	54'
On and after April 1, 2019	90'	60' 6"

3. **Forfeits and Cancellations:**
 - a. If a team is unable to play a scheduled game, the manager shall notify the opposing manager— or the league player representative if the manager can't be reached and the district representative no later than 24 hours prior to game time.
 - b. If a game is cancelled due to weather or after proper notification, the game may be rescheduled. When both teams agree on a date, the leagues' player reps must confirm field and umpire availability.
 - c. Forfeited games will not be rescheduled.
4. **Field Prep and Cleanup.** Both teams are responsible for grooming and preparing the field for play, as well as grooming and cleanup after the game. Home team to lead in set up and visitors to lead in break down.
5. **Sunflower Seeds.** Seeds will be permitted in the dugout only, and only at fields that allow them. ***No seeds will be permitted on the playing field.***
 - a. Penalty: The offending party will receive one warning. On a second offense, the party must be removed immediately for the remainder of the current game.
 - b. Serra Mesa or North Park— no seeds allowed
 - c. Big Damato and Tierrasanta— seeds must be used with a cup
6. **Game Length.** If a game is to follow, no new inning will begin after two and one-half hours from the *actual* start of the game. Start of the game will begin at the end of the pre-game plate meeting.
 - a. No new inning may begin after 9:00 PM
 - b. North Park— a drop dead time of 8:00 PM must be observed
7. **Medical Releases:** All managers must have in their possession an original, signed medical release for each player on the team roster. Umpires will be checking for medical releases.

8. **Parent Code of Conduct:** A parent code of conduct must be signed by each parent and carried with the player's medical release. The conduct of the team and the parents must be above reproach. Failure of a player, parent, or team to act according to the parent code of conduct or its intent will be cause for removal of the player, parent, coach or team from the remainder of the season.
9. **Mercy Rule:** If after four (4) innings, three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after five (5) innings four and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.
NOTE: (1) If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (15) or ten (10) runs or more respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning. (2) A game determined by the 15-run rule, shall be considered a regulation game.
10. **Baseballs:** Each team is to supply four new baseballs for each game. It is advisable that each team have a supply of baseballs in case they are needed. Baseballs used for Junior and Senior League play must be stamped "**Senior Little League RS or RST.**"
11. **Umpires:** The home team will provide both the plate and base umpires for the game. It is recommended that at least two umpires be assigned for each game. One qualified plate umpire must be assigned for each game; however, the team managers may umpire the game if an official umpire isn't present.
12. **Regulation XIV- Field Decorum:** The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, at the game site or any other Little League activity, is subject to disciplinary action by the Local League Board of Directors and/or by the District.
 - a. Anyone who has disciplinary action pending will not be allowed to participate in any game until such disciplinary action is resolved.
 - b. Any player, manager or coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the next physically played game. The district may require further suspension to include any manager or coach who participates in another level/league.
13. **Protests:** Refer to Rule 4.19 in the 2019 Little League rule book. Any protest must be called in and submitted in writing by the protesting manager to the district representative within 24 hours.
14. **Scorekeeper(s):** Each team is required to have a qualified scorekeeper at each game. The home team will be the official scorebook, and the visiting team scorekeeper is the spotter. Both scorekeepers should sit together off to the side or directly behind home plate. They should not sit in the stands. All changes are to be done with the umpire in chief. The umpire will notify the opposing manager and both scorekeepers to make changes in both scorebooks simultaneously. The home scorekeeper will be responsible for the official pitch count.
Note— The scorekeeper is a game official and contact with managers and coaches should be limited to their official capacity.
15. **Roster:** All players must be listed on the lineup card, even if they are absent. Players must be listed on the lineup card in this format: Last name, first name or initial, and uniform number.
16. **Substitute ("Borrowed") Players:** If a team cannot field nine players, a player(s) from the opposing team may play defensively for the opposing team, but may only play in the outfield. The borrowed player must bat for their own team in the spot designated on the line-up card.

17. **Batting Order:** Continuous batting is mandatory throughout the inter-league season. All absent players must be listed at bottom of line-up card and designated as absent. Players unable to continue, either during an at-bat or on a base will be replaced by last out recorded.
18. **Pitching:** Pitching rest requirements will be based upon the 2019 Little League Rule Book. A *completed* pitching affidavit must be carried by each team to every game; it is the sole responsibility of the team manager to maintain the affidavit. The affidavit must be signed by the home scorekeeper after every game. If a *completed* pitching affidavit is not provided prior to the start of the game to the umpire in chief or home scorekeeper, the game will be suspended, and the manager will be subject to disciplinary action by the league or district.

Note: Under no circumstances shall a pitcher pitch on three (3) consecutive days.
19. **Batter:** Batters must keep one foot in the batter's box during their at-bat. See Rule 6.02(c) for details and exceptions.
20. **Pets:** No dogs are allowed at Big Damato (Murphy Canyon). For all other fields, dogs must be restrained on a leash.
21. **Ejection Procedures.** If an ejection takes place during an inter-league game, the parties below must be emailed the ejection report within 24 hours.

Concussion Protocol—

1. (a) California law requires that all coaches and administrators must complete an online concussion training *at least once* before supervising youth athletes; a certificate from a prior season is valid for this season. It takes only about 30 minutes to complete the training. Please save and carry the certificates for all of your coaches in your binder.

The online Concussion Protocol Training is at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/> .

2. (b) A concussion and head injury information sheet must be signed by both the athlete and a parent/guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition. An existing form from this spring may be used if it's available. The signed sheet must be carried with the player's medical release and code of conduct form.

If you have any questions, please call:

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