

FLORIDA DISTRICT 17 BASEBALL INTER-LEAGUE RULES

Revised April 15, 2025

MINORS – COACH/MACHINE PITCH

- 5 inning game.
- A new inning cannot begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- A continuous batting order will be used, up to a maximum of 15 players.
- Maximum 5 runs or 3 outs per inning. Scorekeeper will advise of total runs.
- **5 pitches per batter.** (A foul ball on the 5th pitch results in another pitch from the mound.) Followed by 2 soft tosses. A missed swing on the final pitch would be an out.
- Minimize coaching from the mound.
- Coach/Machine pitches from 46'.
- Maximum of 10 players play in the field (4 infielders and 4 outfielders).
- The 4 outfielders must be behind the infielders on the outfield grass or minimum 5' behind bases. **(THIS RULE TO BE STRESSED & ENFORCED).**
- Once ball returns to an infielder and is under control, **the runners may advance to the base they are going to and then must stop.**
- No score will be kept, as this is an instructional league **(THIS RULE TO BE STRESSED & ENFORCED)** - scorebook is only for lineup, substitution, outs and runs per inning.
- Visiting team will keep official scorebook at the Score Booth.
- **Scores may be kept, (not recommended), on the scoreboard for each inning then back to zero for next inning.**

MINORS – KID PITCH

- 6 inning game.
- A new inning cannot begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the time of the first pitch. Any inning started before the time limit shall be completed per Rule 4.10(c). A new inning begins immediately when the 3rd out is made.
- Home team supplies two umpires (the home plate umpire is required to be behind the plate).
- Visiting team will keep official scorebook and sit in the designated scorekeeper booth.
- **Pitching regulations will be per Regulation VI**
- **Managers and Coaches are encouraged to train, practice and utilize as many pitchers possible and try not to overuse certain pitchers.**
- **Teams will carry Pitching Eligibility Affidavit (Mandatory).**
- **Ejections will be recorded on the pitching affidavit and the President, of the home league of the offender, will be notified by the Host League President, also a written report by the Plate Umpire is required to be submitted to the Home League President.**

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LL MAJORS

- Continuous Batting Order will be used.
- 6 inning game or 1 hour 45 min from the time of the first pitch.
- Run rule applies per **Rule 4.10(e)**
- A new inning cannot begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the time of the first pitch. Any inning started before the time limit shall be completed per Rule 4.10(c). A new inning begins immediately when the 3rd out is made.
- Rule 4.16/Rule 4.17- A game may be started or continued with 8 or more players.
- Rule 6.05 - Teams will skip over (no out) the ninth player when games are played with only 8 players UNLESS THE NINTH PLAYER WAS EJECTED. An out will be recorded for the ninth player in this case.
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- Home team supplies two umpires (the home plate umpire is required to be behind the plate).
- Visiting team will keep official scorebook at the Score Booth.
- Teams will carry Pitching Eligibility Affidavit.
- Ejections will be recorded on the pitching affidavit and the home league of the offender will be notified.
- Rule 6.02 (c) [Player in Batter Box] applies to all Interleague games.
- Rule 9.01 (d) & (e) applies to all Interleague games.

50/70-INTERMEDIATE / JUNIOR / SENIOR

- In 50/70-Intermediate & Junior Divisions, the Continuous Batting Order will be used.
- In Senior Division, team will bat 9 and use substitutes. The DH is permitted.
- 7 inning game.
- Run rule applies per **Rule 4.10(e)**
- A new inning cannot begin after 2 hours from the time of the first pitch. Any inning started before the time limit shall be completed per Rule 4.10(c). A new inning begins immediately when the 3rd out is made.
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MISCELLANEOUS RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

A Pitching Eligibility Affidavit will be kept every game for all pitchers. This eligibility affidavit must accompany each team from prior game.

Pitching Eligibility Affidavit needs to be present and completed. It is each managers responsibility to have the Pitching Eligibility Affidavit validated and signed by the opposing manager after each game. A manager without the eligibility affidavit may be suspended after review.

Coaches can warm-up pitchers before or during a game. (Rule 1.17 & 3.09).

If games are delayed at start time due to weather or park warning system, then they will be cancelled if not started by 7:30 pm. If local park employees determine fields cannot be readied by 8 pm, then teams can postpone game. If both teams are willing to stay and start late, then that is acceptable too. **All fields in Port St Lucie have a lights out policy of 9:30 pm, no exceptions. All players must be off of the fields no later than 9:15 pm.**

Host teams do not have to wait more than 30 minutes after schedule start time for teams that are late or no-show. **Visiting teams must call if they cannot make the game time for whatever reason.**

Mandatory Play is in effect for all divisions. 1 at bat and 6 defensive outs.

Senior Division if 15 or more players are at the game site to **begin** the game only 1 at bat and 3 defensive outs needed.

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PROTEST COMMITTEE will consist of two District 17 staff persons (listed below) and the league representative of the two teams involved in the protest. Contact in order. Call first.

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Make-ups and re-scheduling of games:

It is the expectation of the board of directors that you play every game scheduled. Please note that field space is limited, therefore any re-scheduling of games is to be done through and by the district staff (listed below) and the field scheduler. **You do not** have the authority to re-schedule a game. Various considerations need to be addressed prior to re-scheduling (umpires, field availability and readiness).

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POOL PLAYER POLICY FOR REGULAR SEASON

Reg. 5 (c), LLBB and LLSB Rule Books

1. Pool Players are allowed in **ALL Divisions** – subject to the restrictions described below and regulation 5 (c).

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2. **Pool Players:** Each League's Player Agent is responsible for maintaining his/her League's Pool Player List.
3. Pool Players are assigned on a game by game basis. Player Agent is responsible for rotating names. Pool Players should not play back to back games for one team.
Exception: If the team is playing a double-header the same Pool Player(s) may be assigned for both games.
4. **Pool Players MAY PLAY ANY POSITION EXCEPT PITCHER. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
5. Every Pool Player who attends his/her assigned game must play a minimum of 9 defensive outs and bat at least once. (if the player becomes sick or injured or the game is ended early due to a run rule, weather, or any other reasons, it is acceptable for the Pool Player to have less than 9 defensive outs/1 at bat).
6. Pool Players must not start games unless there are less than 9 players on the team.
7. Pool Players must sit on the bench except when playing their minimum time. If two Pool Players are used, they must be substituted for each other and allow the regular team players to play the whole game.
8. At the pre-game meeting at home plate, each Manager must inform the Home Plate Umpire and the opposing team Manager of any Pool Players participating in the game.
9. Pool Players shall play in their regular season team's uniform (helps identify the Pool Players)

A Team shall NOT be assigned Pool Players for a game if the team already has 10 or more players. If a team only has 7 to 9 players, 1 or 2 Pool Players can be added to bring the number of players for the game up to 9 or 10. If a team has less than 7 players, the Player Agent shall contact the League President. The League President or their designee shall contact the other League President to determine when their game can be rescheduled (pertains to Inter-League play), Presidents should make every attempt to reschedule their games within their League. Pool Players are intended to "supplement" a team when it is short of players for a game – it is not intended to take 5 or 6 regular players and add 4 or 5 Pool Players – the team on the field should be primarily players from the team's regular season roster.

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If a team's Regular Player (who is being replaced by a Pool Player) arrives at the game site:

1. after the game has started, the late arriving player can be entered into the game per Rule 4.01 (d) Note 2. However the Player then must meet Mandatory Play Reg.IV(i) requirements. He/she can replace a Pool Player after he/she has met their Mandatory Play time.
2. before the game has started, he/she will be treated same as other team players. However, the Pool Player will still play the minimum as shown in #5 above.