

## **DISTRICT SIX MAJORS INTERLOCK RULES**

### **THESE RULES APPLY TO INTERLOCK PLAY FOR 2016**

- 1) Little League rule book in effect at all times unless otherwise agreed upon and stated in this document.
- 2) 10 run mercy after four innings (3 ½ if Home team is ahead).
- 3) If a team has less than nine players at game time, a 10 minute grace period will be allowed. If still less than nine, team may play with eight players (9<sup>th</sup> spot being automatic out). If less than eight, teams may lend each other player's to get a game in. If there are eight to start, late arrivals may play if they are included on the line-up sheet prior to the game.

#### **Call-Ups**

Majors may call-up 9, 10 or 11 year olds from the Minor division and/or players from the Major "B" Division. A player may not be called-up more than 3 times to play on a Major team.

- 4) Rainouts:
  - Rainouts are to be played no later than May 29, 2016 or the game is cancelled. Umpire to make decision on start of game if weather is poor.
  - If rained out before full four innings (3 ½ if Home team is ahead); the teams have a 10-day period to continue and complete the game or the game is cancelled. If game is cancelled each team is awarded a "0" score. A win is "2" a tie is "1" and a loss is "0".
- 5) Home team to line the field and set out bases and Home league to provide scorekeepers and umpires.
- 6) No player shall sit on the bench for more than two consecutive innings. Substitutes may be entered per inning but only at the end of any half inning.
- 7) All protests to be handled by the District Administrator.
- 8) THE BATTER:
  - Insert after Section 6.01(a) in the rulebook; "All players will bat".
- 9) All players must play a minimum three (3) innings per game. In the case of a four (4) inning game, those players with less than three (3) innings played will be the first players

in the starting lineup to play three consecutive innings in the next scheduled interlock game.

- 10) In the event of an injury to any runner the replacement player shall be the last batter who is currently not on base.
- 11) Coaches may warm up pitchers between innings.
- 12) All bats that are deemed legal as per LL International may be used for Interlock play.
- 13) Pitch count as per the rule book will be in effect.

### **Tiebreaker Procedures**

- 1) The first tiebreaker is the result of the head-to-head match-up(s).
- 2) The total number of runs given up in all interlock play games played by each team, divided by the number of half-innings played on defense in interlock play games by those teams. The team with the lowest Runs-Allowed Ratio advances.
- 3) If the tie is still not broken then the District-Administrator shall decide to break the tie with a coin flip.

These rules are in the rule book under the International Tournament Pool Play format; Section III – Tiebreaker Procedures and Section IV – Runs–Allowed Ratio.

### **DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

All incidents must be reported to the respective leagues' Board of Directors who may request a written report. The incident will be assessed by the respective league's Disciplinary Committee of the offending individual.

The offending individual will be informed of the report by phone, letter or email and given the opportunity to respond. Infractions will be dealt with as soon as possible taking into consideration both the interlock and the league schedule and any other relevant factors.

The local league's Disciplinary Committee may consult with the District Administrator or his/her designate during the fact finding stage. It is up to the respective league to apply the following sanctions singly or in combination:

- Verbal reprimand
- Request for a verbal or written apology (letter or email)
- Suspension of coach/manager duties
- Suspension from Little League parks, events, games, practices etc
- Termination of league membership and expulsion from the league
- Other sanctions as may be considered appropriate for the offence

Disciplinary sanctions will commence immediately following a decision. In applying the sanctions, the Disciplinary Committee may have regard to the following circumstances:

- The nature or severity of the offence
- Whether the incident is the first offence or has occurred repeatedly
- The individuals acknowledgment of responsibility and extent of remorse
- The age, maturity or experience of the individual
- The individuals prospects for rehabilitation