

Junior & Senior Baseball Interleague

Welcome to the 2012 Little League Junior and Senior Baseball Season! As some of you may already know, Regulation I(a) was amended for 2012 expanding the Senior Baseball league ages from 13 – 16 years of age. Additionally, District 1 will continue with the 54/80 program for Juniors Baseball. Junior BB teams playing 60/90 and 54/80, can participate in Gold (more competitive), Bronze (more relaxed), or neither. We will do our best to ensure that the proper teams interleague with the appropriate “divisions” (i.e., 54/80 teams only play other 54/80 teams, etc.).

District 1 Junior & Senior Baseball Interleague will continue to use “In Our League” (“IOL”) for monitoring and scheduling ALL baseball games. Last year, all playing fields were entered into the system. If your league is going to use a new field this year, please let me know and I will enter the information in the system. There have been improvements in the program, and this year the team at IOL is giving the all the leagues in District 1 free accounts to persons in the following positions of their respective leagues:

President

Board members

Schedulers

Registrars (all leagues get free registration)

Umpires (New – umpires can get game change notices if using IOL to schedule umpires)

Coaching Coordinator (pitch count reports)

Coaches

Managers

Parents and Players will pay their own fee (\$4.75 for the year) to have access to their team’s information. This program has the capability of notifying players/parents/managers/coaches of the next scheduled game, any cancellations, and rescheduled games.

Managers/coaches will be strongly encouraged to use IOL to enter pitch counts at the end of each game. IOL has also added a new feature that will let managers/coaches know Team Standings within their Division. This was a feature many of the managers wanted, but was not available last year. Bob Gleckler, Manager for the Mill Creek Senior BB team did an outstanding job maintaining the District 1 Seniors BB Standing Updates last year – thank you, Bob!

Senior Baseball – Mandatory Play is still in effect during the Regular Season.

Bats

For 2012, Rule 1.10 has been amended. The subject of bats continues to be a heated issue, but this is Little League and we are abiding by Little League rules.

Junior Baseball: Bats shall not be more than 34 inches in length and not more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter...*All composite bats shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.*

Senior Baseball: Bats shall not be more than 36 inches in length and not more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter...The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces). *All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.*

Note 1: JR/SR/BL: The 2 3/4 inch in diameter bat is NOT allowed in ANY division.

Note 2: The traditional batting donut is NOT permissible.

(Note 3 pertains to Tee Ball; Note 4 pertains to dents)

Note 5: *An illegal bat must be removed. Any bat that has been altered shall be removed from play. Penalty – See Rule 6.06(d).*

Junior and Senior Baseball questions and information need to be directed to Regina Boyd (rcboyd0560@comast.net).

Published documents and forms:

2012 District 1 Interleague Rules

(Pitch count forms are still the same)

Umpires for JR and SR Baseball Games

The Home Team is responsibility to provide umpires for games. Please coordinate with the UIC of your league. Include me in any game changes (via email or text message) and I will communicate with the UIC. Umpires with upper-level experience (90-foot) should umpire these games (or have a partner that has experience), and they should be adults. It is preferred that there be two umpires; if there is only one umpire, it is preferable this umpire have 90-foot experience.

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PITCH COUNT

- Pitch Counts shall be entered in the *In Our League* website within 24 hours after completion of game. If the game was shortened for any reason, pitch counts still have to be entered/reported. If you need to complete the form, please fax to 206-903-2674 or send as an email attachment to rcboyd0560@comcast.net.
- The Pitch Count must be **verified by both Managers before departing the field.**
- Foul balls count as a pitch. Balks do not count as a pitch (even if thrown).
- Pitching guidelines in pages 39-41 (Regulation VI – Pitchers) of the 2012 Official Regulations and Playing Rules are in effect.
- If using Pitch Count form, please ensure **player's name, age, uniform number are legible.**

ROSTERS

- Only one manager and not more than two adult coaches, players and substitute players allowed in the dugout (Rule 3.17). The manager and the coaches need to be on the team roster (Rule 1.01).
- **Team Roster and Medical Release Forms MUST BE with the Team Manager and/or Coach at all games.**
- If only one manager and/or coach is at the game, he or she must remain in the dugout (Rule 4.05(2)).

GAME

- Playing fields must have restroom facilities.
- Fields must be chalked (see Diagram 3, page 49, and Rule 1.04, for instructions; at Juniors and above, the batter's box should be **6'x4'**, as show in Diagram 4, page 50. Base coach boxes are 10'x20' in size and no closer than 10 feet (not inches) from the bases; the running lane is on the first base side **only** and begins at the half-way point between home plate and first base and is three feet wide).
- Games must start on time; there is no time limit on games, unless there is a local ordinance prohibiting the field lights being on after a certain time in the evening.
- **No House/League Rules.**
- Senior Baseball allows designated hitter (Rule 3.03), however, mandatory play is still in effect at this division during Regular season play.
- Uniforms shall display baseball division-specific Little League patches (Junior Baseball or Senior Baseball)(see Rule 1.11(a)(2)).

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- All players on a team shall wear numbered uniforms identical in color, trim and style. Knee length socks are part of the "uniform" and shall be worn (Rule 1.11(a)(1).)
- Line-up cards must be a least 3-part form and shall list the first / last name of player, uniform number, and position number – the original (top) copy goes to the umpire. (Rule 4.01(a)-(c).)

JEWELRY

- Rule 1.11(j) – ***Players must not wear jewelry such as, but not limited to, rings, watches, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, nor any hard cosmetic/decorative items. This rule applies regardless of the composition of such jewelry, hard cosmetic item or hard decorative item.*** This interpretation includes "gauges", body piercings (hard cosmetic/decorative items), religious necklaces, etc. The **only exception** to this rule is jewelry that alerts medical personnel to a specific condition.

EJECTIONS

- Any ejection of a manager, coach or player, shall be reported to me within 24 hours of the incident. Please include the name and, if a player, the uniform number, and a brief description of the incident.
- If a team fails to obey within a reasonable time the umpire's order to remove a player from the game, the game may be forfeit (Rule 4.15(4)).
- When a player / manager / coach is ejected from the game, they shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in that game. They may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. **A manager or coach ejected from a game must not be present at the game site for the remainder of that game.** Any manager, coach, or player ejected from a game is suspended for his or her team's next physically played game and may not be in attendance at the game site from which they were suspended. (Rule 4.07.)
- Second ejection will be dealt with by the District Staff.

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PROTEST

- Must be reported within 24 hours of game ending and **must quote the rule the manager believes was violated**. Managers will let the Plate Umpire know that they are protesting the game, which will be noted in the home team score book and the game will continue to play. There is no protest on a judgment call (see Rule 4.19).

I thank you for your continued interest and dedication in coaching these young players in baseball. Have a great season!

Sincerely,

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