

**Nebraska District 1  
Inter-League Softball Ground Rules**

**2016**

**ALL DIVISIONS SHALL ABIDE BY THE RULES AS SET FORTH IN THE OFFICAL REGULATIONS AND PLAYING RULES HANDBOOK FOR 2014 WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS AND ADDITIONS.**

**I. PITCHING**

- A. DISTANCE  
MAJOR 40 FEET  
JUNIOR / SENIOR 43 FEET
- B. IN ORDER TO KEEP THE GAME MOVING, MANAGERS/COACHES MAY WARM UP PITCHERS IN JR/SR DIVISION ONLY.
- C. A THIRD TRIP TO THE SAME PITCHER BY A MANAGER/COACH WILL CAUSE THAT PITCHER'S AUTOMATIC REMOVAL. (AMENDS RULE 8.06 (b) FROM INNING TO GAME)

**II. PLAYING TIME/BATTING**

- 2. SUBSTITUTIONS CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME.
  - C. MAJORS:
    - 1. PLAYERS SHALL BAT AROUND (ALL PLAYERS SHALL HAVE A PLACE IN THE BATTING ORDER.
    - 2. SUBSTITUTIONS CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME
  - D. JUNIORS/SENIORS:
    - 1. PLAYERS SHALL BAT AROUND (ALL PLAYERS SHALL HAVE A PLACE IN THE BATTING ORDER)
    - 2. SUBSTITUTIONS CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME.

**III. PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS – ALL DIVISIONS**

- A. YOU MAY PLAY SHORT (EIGHT (8) IS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS REQUIRED TO FIELD A TEAM)
- B. A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) PLAYERS MAY BE BORROWED. THESE PLAYERS SHALL, IN SUCCESSIVE ORDER, PLAY RIGHT AND BAT LAST, PLAY LEFT AND BAT SECOND FROM LAST, PLAY CENTER AND BAT THIRD FROM LAST.
- C. YOU MAY BORROW A PLAYER(S) FROM THE OPPOSING TEAM. IF YOUR ABSENTEE PLAYER(S) ARRIVES AFTER THE GAME IS IN PROGRESS, THE BORROWED PLAYER(S) SHALL RETURN TO HER TEAM WHERE SHE MUST COMPLETE HER REQUIRED INNINGS BEFORE THE GAME ENDS.
- D. SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE IN A LITTLE LEAGUE UNIFORM AND A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE LEAGUES INVOLVED IN INTER-LEAGUE PLAY.

5.

**IV. COACHING**

ALL DIVISIONS

- A. TWO ADULT COACHES OR ONE ADULT AND ONE PLAYER COACH MAY COACH FROM THE COACHES BOX.

**IV. RUN RULE**

**THE TEN RUN RULE (4.10(c)) SHALL BE MANDATORY. IF AFTER THREE INNINGS (TWO AND ONE HALF IF THE HOME TEAM IS AHEAD) AND ONE TEAM HAS A LEAD OF 20 RUNS OR MORE, THE MANAGER OF THE TEAM WITH THE LEAST RUNS MUST CONCEDE THE VICTORY TO THE OPPOSING TEAM. A TEN RUN RULE WILL APPLY AFTER FOUR INNINGS. THREE INNINGS WILL CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE GAME.**

**VI. TIME LIMIT**

- A. **ALL OTHER DIVISIONS** – THE TIME LIMIT SHALL BE ONE HOUR AND FIFTY MINUTES. THE TIME LIMIT FOR DOUBLE HEADERS SHALL BE ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES WITH A TEN-MINUTE INTERMISSION. NO INNING SHALL BEGIN AFTER THE TIME LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED. ANY INNING IN PROGRESS SHALL BE COMPLETED.
- B. GAMES WILL START AT THE ASSIGNED TIME (OR AS SOON FOLLOWING A PREVIOUS GAME.) ALL WARM-UPS WILL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO GAME TIME WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WARM-UP TIME.
- C. WHEN AN OFFICIAL GAME **ENDS AT THE TIME LIMIT** IN A TIE, THE RESULTS OF THAT GAME SHALL REMAIN A TIE.

**VII. PROTEST**

THE CHAIN OF COMMAND SHALL BE:

- A. THE PROTEST COMMITTEE OF THE HOME'S OWN LEAGUE
- B. THE PROTEST COMMITTEE OF BOTH TEAMS' LEAGUES (JOINT MEETING)
- C. THE INTER-LEAGUE PROTEST COMMITTEE

**VIII. SLIDING**

IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE CHANCES OF INJURY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT BASE RUNNERS SLIDE ANYTIME THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF A COLLISION AT A BASE OR HOME PLATE. IF A PLAYER DOES NOT SLIDE INTO A BASE AND A COLLISION RESULTS, AT THE UMPIRE'S DISCRETION, THAT PLAYER WILL BE CALLED **OUT**.

**JUNIORS AND SENIORS** – HEAD FIRST SLIDING IS ALLOWED AT ANY BASE ON ANY SLIDE.

**IX. BASE RUNNING – FARM ONLY**

**X. GENERAL**

**BASES** - ALL OTHER 60 FEET

IF A TENTH PLAYER IS USED (FARM & MINORS) SHE SHALL PLAY AT LEAST 12 FEET BEHIND THE BASE PATH, ALONG WITH ALL OTHER OUTFIELD PLAYERS.

MINORS: NO STEALING HOME UNLESS THERE IS A PLAY ON THIRD BASE.

**ALL DIVISIONS:**  
THE HOME TEAM SHALL FURNISH UMPIRES.  
EACH TEAM SHALL PROVIDE ONE GAME BALL:  
FARM: 11" INCREDI-BALL

**Commented [s1]:** I don't have a rule book with me but I think LL changed their language on this. If I remember right, as long as the runner attempts to avoid contact, she won't be called out.

**MINORS: 11" BALL**  
**MAJORS: 12" BALL**  
**JUNIORS: 12" BALL**  
**SENIORS: 12" BALL**

**ON ALL TEAMS, PLAYERS, WHILE BATTING OR BEING A BASE RUNNER, SHALL WEAR BATTING HELMETS WITH FACE MASKS THAT MEET LITTLE LEAGUE SPECIFICATIONS.**

**(1.08 (NOTE 1)) - THE ON-DECK POSITION IS NOT PERMITTED IN FARM, MINOR OR MAJOR DIVISIONS.**

**-END-**

**Commented [s2]:** These are all in the latest LL rule books now so I don't think we need to keep including them here.