

# Yucaipa Valley Little League

## 2019 Intermediate League Ground Rules

The Yucaipa Valley American Little League Board of Directors have determined that the Intermediate League Division will play its season in accordance with the official playing rules of the Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations 2019, subject to the following additions and amendments:

- 1) The batting order shall be continuous, with all the players on the team roster present at the start of the game, batting in order, throughout the game.
  - a) Those players that are not present must still be listed at the bottom of the lineup card and marked as absent.
- 2) Every player present at the start of a game will play a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least once per game. Defensive substitutions and re/entry are allowed at every position throughout the game, with the exception of the pitcher. Managers must make every effort to comply with this rule, even in a potential “Mercy Rule” game – there are no exceptions.
- 3) All teams must pitch an 11 year old (or younger) player(s) for a minimum of 6 defensive outs (or maximum pitch count) in a calendar week.
  - a) If a team only has one game scheduled in a calendar week, the number of outs required goes down to 3.
  - b) A manager may satisfy the minimum number of outs with multiple younger players
  - c) Managers must make every effort to comply with this rule especially in a potential mercy rule game. There will be no exceptions.
- 4) Age Restrictions: Intermediate League will be played by 11 - 13 year olds. Nobody under the league age of 11 will be allowed to play.
- 5) Time Limit: The umpire will announce and Score Keepers will record the official start time of the game. One new inning can begin after 2 hours 15 minutes. An inning begins the moment the 3rd out is made completing the preceding inning. In no event shall the time exceed three (3) hours.
- 6) Balls or Strikes, Fair or Foul, Safe or Out are all judgment decisions, All Umpire judgment decisions are final. No manager, coach, spectator or player shall object to any judgment decision.
- 7) Should the Manager have reasonable doubt in an Umpires Decision, as it relates to the rules, the manager may appeal the decision and ask that a correct ruling be made. All protests will attempt to be resolved immediately by the board member(s) on duty from the league(s). Should a manager believe that the ruling is still uncorrected the following will take place:
  - a) The Scorekeeper will record the time/place of the protest
  - b) The manager will file an official protest. The matter will be reviewed by the protest committee as soon as possible. Should the protest committee determine an incorrect ruling was made / the game will be scheduled to resume (at the point the protest was recorded in the earlier game) immediately before the next scheduled game between the teams.
  - c) Note: The Protest Committee will include four (4) members – two members from each respective board.
- 8) The home team is responsible for setting up the field of play and the visiting team is responsible for clean-up. During an interleague game, the team playing on their home field is responsible for set-up and clean-up. **Both teams are responsible for cleaning up their dugouts and stands.**
- 9) Manager/coaches/umpires and players must conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner at all times. Conduct to the contrary will not be tolerated in any form. Disciplinary action may be taken if this rule is violated.