



2019 SPRING INTERLEAGUE

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ADA Interleague

<http://www.littleleaguwad1.org/interleague>



Agenda

1. Interleague Participation
2. 2018 Season Review
3. Next Steps



Information Resources

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2019 Spring Interleague

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(Coming October 20th!)

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2019 Interleague Managers Meeting

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March 18, 2019

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Purpose of Spring Interleague

District shall have the policy of assisting Leagues to involve as many players as possible participating in Little League Baseball and Softball when the following circumstances exist:

- Leagues do not have enough players to form a division alone, the district shall form a common division for these teams to play against other leagues in the district.
- Leagues do not have enough players to form a team, district shall facilitate combining such players with a nearby league to form a team.

League Participation Requirements

Leagues choosing to participate are expected to meet the following requirements before registered teams will be accepted and scheduled.

League Documents. Each league shall submit required organizational documentation to the District Administrator prior to the start of Interleague Play.

Interleague Team Binders. Each team participating in interleague play shall be required to have in their possession at all times a team binder prepared by their league. That binder shall contain the following items:

1. Copy of each player registration including medical release and emergency contact information.
2. Evidence of each volunteer's successful completion of Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest training.

Expectations. Each League is required to comply with all Interleague Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures

Manager Meeting. Each team participating in interleague play is required to have each manager attend the Pre-Season Interleague Managers meeting for their division of play. Failure to do so will result in the team being removed from the Interleague schedule.

Organization Structure of Spring Interleague

The **Assistant District Administrator of Interleague Baseball and Softball (ADAI)** shall administer the program. The ADAI shall be assisted by the following Volunteers:

- **ADA- Player Agent** - responsible for assisting leagues with questions regarding player registration and eligibility, and general setup and use of the Bonzi platform
- **ADA-Interleague Scheduler** - responsible for ensuring compliance with District scheduling guidelines and posting/updating schedules on the District website



Purpose of Interleague Play

Division Play

Where Leagues do not have enough TEAMS to form a division or level of play within their League,

District shall form a common division or level of play of multiple leagues.

Combined Teams

Where Leagues do not have enough PLAYERS to form a team,

District shall combine players from up to three nearby leagues to form a TEAM.

Organization

- 200+ Teams
- 500+ Volunteers
- 11 Divisions
- 2000+ Games



Roles and Responsibilities

District One

- Administer the program
- League Accountability

Leagues

- Support Interleague Agreement
- Communicate
- Accountability

Managers & Teams

- Follow the Interleague Rules
- Communicate with your league



Interleague Agreement

- Team Binders
- League documents
- Interleague Rules Compliance
- Pre-Season Manager Meeting



Umpires

Minor league play

- Home Team - One Umpire behind Home Plate
- Visiting Team - One Umpire in the bases

Major's and above

- Home Team - At least one qualified umpire behind home plate.*

****Home Team Manager (or one of their coaches) required to be the home plate umpire if no umpire is available.***



Scheduling

- Start - AFTER Spring Break*
- End BEFORE Memorial Day/All Stars/Special Games Tournaments
- Games start times - 5:30 PM for fields without lights
- No Games - League Jamboree/Family Fun Day
- Draft schedules
 - *Schedulers and managers*
 - *Narrow window for conflict resolution*
 - *Reschedules for Rain or School Event ONLY*

**Exceptions: Typically include AAA, Major and Junior Softball/Major Baseball*



Interleague Playing Rules

- The official Little League Rule Book
- District may designate additional Interleague Rules for purposes of proper instruction
- ***GENTLEMEN agreements ARE NOT permitted***



Division Alignment

| Division | League Ages | Pitching |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| BB Majors | 10 - 12 yrs | Player |
| BB AAA | 8* - 11 yrs | Player |
| BB Farm | 7* - 9 yrs | Coach & Player |
| BB Rookie | 6 - 8 yrs | Coach |
| BB Tball | 4 - 6 yrs | Tee |

| Division | League Ages | Pitching |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| SB Majors | 10 - 12 yrs | Player |
| SB AAA | 8* - 11 yrs | Player |
| SB Rookie | 6 - 8 yrs | Coach & Player |

* Interleague Play-up Waiver Required



Rookie Softball and Baseball

2017-18 Changes

1. **Roster size** Minimum of 8 to register a team
2. **Interleague Rule #2 –Game Length** No new inning after 1:15; Hard stop 1:30.
3. **Interleague Rule #10(g).** A minimum of six are required to start a game.
4. **Interleague Rule #9 - Pitching**
 - a. Through April 23, 2017 = The batter will receive up to five (5) pitches.....
 - b. April 24-May 12, 2017 (remainder of season for Rookie Baseball**): The batter will receive up to five (5) pitches or three (3) swinging strikes whatever comes first.....

**Rookie Softball Only:

May 13-End of Season player pitch introduced. Coaches shall pitch the **first four innings and players shall pitch the final two innings. (1)**

No walks permitted. Upon the occurrence of ball four, the coach shall enter the game and pitch up to 3 additional pitches to the batter....

(1) Flipped for 2018.



Rookie Softball and Baseball

2019 – No Changes

Farm Baseball



2017-18

- No Changes

2019 – Rule Change

Clarified Rule 6e. in the event the third pitch by a coach is a foul ball.



AAA Baseball and Softball

2017-18 Changes

Interleague Rule 7.e

The 10 run rule SHALL be utilized after 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead and after four innings if the visiting team is ahead by 10 or more runs.

2019 - AAA Softball Scheduling

Interleague games shall be scheduled to start prior to spring break on the same schedule as Major and Junior Softball. This is avoid scheduling three AAA Games during the week.



Major Softball

2017-18 Changes

- None

2017-18 Issues

- Select impact – schedule manipulation

2019 – No Changes

Recommendation that leagues notify the District Scheduler of tournament conflicts prior to the start of the season



Major Baseball

2017-18 Changes

- **Scheduling**
 - *Allowed for increased in-house games*
 - *Smaller Groups/Travel*

2019 - Scheduling

Seek to schedule North/South crossover games on select weekends to increase the variety of interleague opponents.



Division Alignment – Teenage

| Division | League Ages | Diamond Size | Special Game Tournament |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| BB Intermediate | 11 – 13 yrs | 70 ft | TBD |
| BB Juniors | 12 – 14 yrs | 90 ft | TBD |
| BB Seniors | 14 – 16 yrs | 90 ft | TBD |
| SB Juniors | 12 – 14 yrs | 60 ft | TBD |
| SB Seniors | 13 – 16 yrs | 60 ft | TBD |



Teenage Divisions

2017-18 No Changes

2019 – No Changes



Next Steps

- Update Guidelines and Procedures
Published October 29th
<http://www.littleleaguewad1.org/interleague>
- League Review and Comments
October 29th-November 25th
Interleague@littleleaguewad1.org
- President Approval
December 8th



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