



Playing Rules

Division: INTERMEDIATE

SPRING 2022

Intermediate Division Season Play

The Intermediate Division is intended to offer players an advanced level of competitive baseball, using the same rules as the Juniors Division on a smaller, transitional field with a 50-foot pitching distance, and 70-foot base distance. Players continue developing baseball fundamentals, all aspects of teamwork, and learn more advanced defense and offense strategy and skills in this competitive division more closely following “real baseball” rules. Although competitive, the focus remains on player development with the emphasis always placed on having fun, player safety, and sportsmanship!

1. At 2:15 (two hours and fifteen minutes) from the start of the game, the existing inning shall be finished and the next inning shall be the final inning played. The umpire may call a game earlier if it is their judgment that playing conditions are unsafe. If a game is called, the final score shall be the score at the end of the last COMPLETED inning provided it is a regulation game. (See Rules 4.11(d) and 4.10(c))
2. If seven (7) innings are completed before the specified time limit and there is a tie score, additional innings may be played.
3. There will be a continuous batting order which includes all rostered players present.
4. The five (5) inning ten (10) run mercy rule will be in effect per Rule 4.10(e). The four (4) inning fifteen (15) run mercy rule will **NOT** be enforced.
5. Games may be started and played with a minimum of eight (8) players. If only eight (8) players are available, the team may skip over the ninth (9th) position in the batting line-up without penalty.
6. Courtesy runners may be used with continuous batting order per Rule 7.14(b). The last batter who made an out may be substituted as a pinch runner for the catcher or pitcher of record when there are two outs.
7. All games will count towards standings, including interleague games.
8. No players present can sit out two (2) consecutive innings. Exceptions can be made for physical injuries.
9. All other rules should follow the “Green Book” Rules.
10. The home team is responsible for keeping score and the visiting team is responsible for pitch count and scoreboard operation.
11. During an interleague game at Heroes Field, the LFL team is responsible for set up & teardown.
12. Field Maintenance:

- a. The home team shall be responsible for field preparation. The field must be dragged, watered (if necessary) and lines painted/chalked.
 - b. The visiting team shall be responsible for field take down and locking all equipment in the bin.
 - c. All trash shall be cleared from the dugouts by both teams.
13. The team's scoresheet/pitch count sheet shall indicate the names of all pitchers and innings pitched. Violations or discrepancies must be reported to the Division Commissioner and President within twenty-four (24) hours.