

**NEW YORK DISTRICT 20 LOCAL RULES FOR INTERLEAGUE PLAY**  
***JUNIORS AND SENIORS DIVISIONS – March 27, 2021***

IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, LITTLE LEAGUE RULES APPLY AS PER 2021 RULEBOOK.

- Umpires: One umpire per regular season game. Home team to provide, and pay at own rate. Where a team designated as the home team plays at a remote site due to lack of field availability, such team's league shall make prior arrangements with the visitor site league or the manager of such team shall arrive at any such game with cash sufficient to pay the umpire at such visitor site league's rate.
- Scheduling and Forfeits—Regular Season:
  - Cancellation - All games are on as scheduled unless the coach receives a telephone call from the HOME team to the effect that the game has been cancelled. Never assume a cancellation. Unless you hear from a coach to the contrary, go to the field.
  - Re-Scheduling - Attempts should be made by all towns to play or re-schedule games far enough in advance, so as not to inconvenience any teams who are prepared to play on scheduled days.
  - Fewer than 9 Players - If a team can only field 8 players for any given game, **no automatic out** will be enforced. The 9th place in the batting order will just **be skipped over**. The opposing team shall provide a player (not necessarily the same player each inning / usually the last batted out from the previous inning) to play a designated outfield position when the 8-man team is in the field. Fewer than 8 players requires a forfeit but the coaches shall still work together to play a scrimmage with players borrowed from the opposing team.
  - Borrowing Players. - If a team anticipates that it will not have 9 players for a particular game, such team may, in good faith, borrow age-appropriate players from another team in its local league but it is understood that:
    - When such team is in the field, such borrowed player(s) may **not** play pitcher.
    - When such team is at bat, such borrowed player(s) must bat in the **last** position(s) in the line-up / batting order.
  - Season – Teams may not practice until March 20<sup>th</sup>. The season shall commence no earlier than April 10, 2021 and end by June 20, 2021. All games will be scheduled at the Juniors & Seniors scheduling meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Playing the Spring Season:
  - All teams must follow the Covid-19 guidelines set in place by Little League International and additional guidelines by NY District 20.
  - Innings - All single games are 7 innings. All scheduled double-headers are EACH 6 innings.

- Time Limit - No new inning of a game may **start** after 2 hours 15 minutes from the SCHEDULED start time. Weather-related delays will be the judgement/decision of the umpire. The ump will determine added time due to weather stoppage due to the field availability. Any games tied at this point are to be submitted as a tie. There will be no continuation.
  - Batting - The batting order shall be **roster batting** where each player on a team shall bat in a continuous order prior to another player on a team getting each subsequent at-bat. Any player arriving after the start of the game (1<sup>st</sup> pitch) shall be added to the **last** spot of the batting order.
  - Slash Bunting – Slash bunting is **not permitted** in both Junior's and Senior's. An attempt to slash bunt is an automatic out. Repeated offenses will lead to **suspension** of player and coach.
  - For bat information please go to: <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-information/>
  - Umpires shall check bats prior to the game. If it is discovered that an illegal bat is used during play, the manager and player shall be ejected for the remainder of that game and suspended for the next 2 games. Additional infractions may result in a season suspension for both.
  - Any team found using an illegal / unregistered player(s) will forfeit the balance of the season, and the manager and coaches will be suspended indefinitely until further notice by the District Administrator and will not be allowed to manage or coach in future All-Stars or regular seasons.
  - Mercy Rule - If a team is winning by a differential of more than TEN (10) runs after the game has been deemed official (after the end of the 5th inning or the top half of the 5th if the home team is winning), the game will end provided the losing team has had 5 turns at bat. Once the losing team has batted 5 times, the run that causes the 10-run differential will immediately end the game. If, after 4 innings of play, there is a FIFTEEN (15) run differential, the game will end provided the losing team has batted 4 times.
  - Baseball Shoes - All Divisions may use metal spikes, except when playing on turf at West Harrison/Silver Lake. There, only sneakers, turf shoes or plastic cleats will be allowed.
  - Catchers - All catchers **must** have throat-guards attached to their masks and must otherwise comply with the Rulebook with respect to equipment. All catchers must wear the **new 2020 NOCSAE Certified** chest protector. Catchers **may not** share equipment unless it has been sanitized.
  - Sliding and Contact - All players must **SLIDE, AVOID CONTACT or GIVE THEMSELVES UP** on the base paths or going into a base. An out and an ejection may be called, at the umpire's discretion, for any contact deemed to be intentional. Head first sliding is permitted at any base.
  - Any league, for Spring season only, may let LL Age 15-year-olds play in the Juniors division. They may **not** pitch in any Juniors game.
- Pitching Rules for both Junior and Senior Divisions:
- Pitching - Rulebook governs as to number of pitches and days of rest. Please refer to Rulebook. The honor system must be followed here.

- Balks:
  - Junior's - Weeks 1-2 of season, no balks called by umps. Dead ball, even if pitch delivered inadvertently. Umpire to explain to pitcher what he/she did incorrectly. If pitcher balks twice more in the inning it is suggested but not mandated that pitcher be replaced. From, and after Week 3, 1 warning by umpire per pitcher per inning. Thereafter, balks to be called.
  - Senior's: No grace periods. No warnings. Balks to be enforced.
- Conduct - **Argumentative conduct** may result in ejections and suspensions.
- After the Game:
  - **No shaking hands** with the opposing team. Just a wave or clap to the opposing team please due to Covid restrictions.
  - **Clean up** dugouts and bleachers.
  - Promptly collect all equipment and remove from dugouts.
- These Rules are intended to apply to ALL District 20 Upper Division Baseball Summer games without exception. The District 20 Upper Division Baseball Program relies on good faith voluntary compliance by each manager and coach. Any issues should be addressed to your League President who will then bring any appropriate issue to the prompt attention of the District 20 District Administrator, Bob Candrea ([lotto269@aol.com](mailto:lotto269@aol.com)), and/or District 20 Upper Division Baseball Co-Coordinator, Kevin Duane ([truckduane@optonline.net](mailto:truckduane@optonline.net)) and Rich Wurtzburger ([RichWurtzburger@pvh.com](mailto:RichWurtzburger@pvh.com)).

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