

MAJOR LITTLE LEAGUE INTER-LEAGUE PLAY GUIDELINES  
California District 32

**PURPOSE:** To provide support to specific divisions of any league that does not have an adequate amount of teams to be self-sufficient.

**OBJECTIVE:** For all local leagues to develop their program to a point of self-sufficiency. Little League is a family / community structured program that is best served through local league solvency during regular season play.

**MAJOR DIVISION DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE (A.D.A):**

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1. Team rosters will be turned into the District Representative at least two weeks prior to the first officially schedule game. Any additions or changes to a roster must be submitted and approved before any new player can participate. There will be no more than fifteen (15) players on a roster at any given time.
2. A schedule of games will be provided prior to the start of the season. All scheduled games will count in both inter-league and local league standings.
3. Ground Rules will be determined by each local league to accommodate their playing fields. Ground rules must not conflict with Little League Rules and Regulations or inter-league play rules. Any questions in this area must be referred to the District Administrator for interpretation and or/resolution. All teams will use the 9 man batting order (No continuous batting order).
4. The inter-league representative of the “home” team must reschedule any games not played as scheduled as soon as possible. The game must be played within (7) calendar days. The District Representative must approve any exception to this requirement. A decision as to the outcome of un-played games will be based on rule 4.16 with the inter-league committee making the final decision.
5. Protests of any inter-league games will be done through the District Representative and under the strictest guidelines of rule 4.19 in the Official Rule Book. A majority decision of those present at the hearing will be final. Every attempt should be made to avoid protests.

6. Little League has pitching restrictions. Pitch Counts must be strictly adhered to. The District Representative will be reviewing scorebooks on a random basis. Any manager not keeping accurate pitch counts, or not following the pitch count guidelines will be immediately suspended. For the Major Division, 85 pitches are allowed per day for league age 11-12, and 75 pitches a day for league age 9-10. The following are the rest requirements.
  - a. If player pitches 66 or more pitches in one day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - b. If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in one day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - c. If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in one day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - d. If a player pitches 21- 35 pitches in one day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
  - e. If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in one day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required before pitching again.
  - f. A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.
  - g. There is no "automatic" intentional walk. If a pitcher wishes to intentionally walk a batter, he/she must do so by pitching four pitches intentionally outside the strike zone that are not struck by the batter, and are called balls by the umpire. All such pitches will count in determining that pitcher's count.
  - h. Any player on a regular season team may pitch. Exception: Any player , who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is NOT eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
7. If a manager, coach, or player is ejected from an inter-league game, he/she shall leave the field vicinity immediately and take no further part in the game. He/she may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. Due to the nature of inter-league travel, the host league **must** assign an adult to escort the ejected participant (players only) until his/her team leaves the park. Any manager, coach, or player ejected from an inter-league game is suspended for his or her team's next physically played game and may not be in attendance at the game site from which they are suspended. Any leagues not adhering to this policy will be immediately removed from inter-league play.
8. Umpires for inter-league games are the responsibility of the home team (either providing for or payment of) regardless of whose field is being played on. Umpire assignments cannot be protested. Any problems or concerns must be conveyed, in writing, to the District Representative. Two (2) umpires will be provided for each game, one must be an adult (18 yrs or older) and act as the umpire in chief.
9. A (minimum) 24-hour notification is required for cancellation for any inter-league game. It is the responsibility of the manager of the no-show team to notify the manager of the other team. Any team not showing up for a scheduled game (without prior notification) is responsible for the payment of committed umpires.

10. The “visiting” team will hold infield practice the last (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game. Teams arriving late will forfeit their infield practice time.
11. Each participating league **MUST** maintain an official scorebook for all games played on their complex. In addition, **EACH TEAM MUST KEEP ITS OWN OFFICIAL (SEPARATE) TEAM SCOREBOOK**. Any of these books must be presented to anyone for review upon request. The team book must be kept up to date and presented to the official score keeper prior to each game to determine pitching eligibility, minimum play requirements, etc. It is the total responsibility of each team manager to insure that the team book is in accordance with the official league book at all times.
12. There shall be no time limit on games. A regulation game consists of six innings unless extended because of a tie score or shortened because the home team needs none of its sixth inning or only a fraction of it; or because the umpire calls the game. (See rules 4.10 and 4.11)
13. During travel between fields, no player will be allowed to ride in the back of an open pickup truck. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
14. Each participating league will send their own representative team to the post season District Tournament of Champions and/or All Stars if they so desire.
15. Home team responsible for game baseballs. If Visiting teams responsible for replacement of home run balls.
16. Rainy Day notification – all Home team managers are to notified their opponent on rainy days as to whether or not the game will be played.