

2021 DISTRICT 24 SOFTBALL INTERLEAGUE FARM / MINOR / MAJOR BY-LAWS

1. There will be a joint committee that will govern the program. The committee will be made up of one (1) current Board Member from each participating league. Henceforth, this committee will be known as the “**Softball Interleague**” Committee. The District Staff members, that will oversee this committee for the CA24 District Administrator, Pamela White are Sam McDonald (sammiecdonald@verizon.net) and Beth Swartz (info@upinstitchesonline.com).
2. The CA24 District Staff will handle all protests **and** all disciplinary issues for the 2021 Softball Interleague season.
3. CA-24 will provide Participation Medallions to all Softball Interleague player participants.
4. All playing rules will be strictly enforced by the “**2021 Official Regulations and Playing Rules for All Divisions of Little League Softball**”.
5. Managers and coaches (inclusive of temporary managers/coaches that are filling in) will NOT be allowed to wear open-toed shoes.
6. The **designated game site** will supply at least **one** (1) umpire for all games. **EXCEPTION:** The Farm division is non-competitive, and an umpire will not have to be provided.
7. All teams will have a MINIMUM of twelve (12) players on their roster unless they have a waiver from District Administrator, Pamela White.
8. **Home team** will provide the Official Scorekeeper for each game. The **host league** will supply the official scoresheet. The Official Scorekeeper will be placed behind home plate, as close to the home plate umpire as possible. The scorekeeper’s area will be considered the same as the closed dugout. Scorekeepers will not allow themselves to be distracted, as not to follow the events of the game.
9. **At the conclusion of the game**, the official scoresheet will be signed by the home plate umpire and both managers. The official scoresheet will be **retained** by the **host league** for the remainder of the current season, in order to resolve any disputes that may arise.
10. The **WINNING** team will email the final scores/game results to sammiecdonald@verizon.net WITHIN 24 HOURS of their team’s scheduled game time.
 - a. **FARM SOFTBALL ONLY:** Scores do not have to be reported. **A season-ending tournament will be held by the Softball Interleague for the Farm/Minor Division only. (Tournament rules and plans may be subject to change)**
11. When the lineup card is filled out and turned in, it must have the first initial, last name, jersey number and the players position for every player. Manager and coaches first and last names must also be included. Ages of all players must be listed on the line-up sheet

12. **PITCHING RECORDS:** Each manager will be responsible for pitching records and he/she will present the pitching records to the official scorekeeper fifteen (15) minutes prior to the game. **ALL PITCHING RECORDS MUST BE COMPLETED IN INK.** Failure to present the pitching records is a protestable violation. Protests must be filed **before** the start of the game. **PENALTY: Use of an illegal pitcher will result in the removal of the manager for the remainder of that game and suspension for the next game. Both managers will initial the pitching records and the home plate umpire will sign the pitching records.** Managers will have approved team rosters available at all times. All player changes for any substitution or pitching will be made to the home plate umpire, who will then relay the information to the official scorekeeper.
13. **If injury or illness occurs,** it must be logged on the score sheet and managers must submit a written report to a member of the District Staff (Pamela White, Sam McDonald or Beth Swartz) within 24 hours.
14. **In case of an ejection or protest,** managers and all umpires must submit an incident report via email to a District Staff member (Pamela White (pwhite02@msn.com), Sam McDonald (sammiecdonald@verizon.net) or Beth Swartz (info@upinstitchesonline.com)). It will be the responsibility of the District Staff to meet remotely in a timely manner to resolve the incident or protest.
15. Each team will supply one (1) new neon-yellow softball (11-inch for Farm and Minors and 12-inch for Majors) for each game, more if necessary. Remaining softballs will be distributed evenly to each team at the end of the game.
16. The **host league** will be responsible for field preparation.
17. Each team will **ELECTRONICALLY** submit their approved regular season rosters (*to Include approved managers and coaches*), to District Administrator, Pamela White. Your league President may submit a copy of the 2021 roster spreadsheet.
18. Managers and coaches will not participate in warming up the players before or during the game.
19. Recording devices will not be allowed to be used to record any part of any game without prior approval of the District Administrator.
20. Games may begin and continue play with [8] players on a team. Teams will not be charged an out for the 9th player and will skip over the ninth position without penalty.
21. **MINOR and MAJOR SOFTBALL-TIME LIMIT:** No new inning will begin **AFTER** one (1) hours, forty-five (45) minutes. If an inning begins **prior** to the time limit, that inning will be completed. Time will be kept by the home plate umpire. **NOTE: In the event of a tie,** the game will stand and will not be broken at a later date. Each team will be awarded ½ point.

22. **FARM SOFTBALL-TIME LIMIT:** No new inning will begin after a **drop-dead** time limit of one (1) hour, thirty (30) minutes, with the batter at the plate allowed to complete her at-bat. The coaches/managers, of the participating teams, will serve as the umpires for each game. Time will be kept by the designated home plate umpire. The first half of the season will be coach-pitch only and the second half of the season will be player pitch. Each “half season” will be labeled on the schedule. **NOTE: There will be no walks meaning that once four (4) called balls have been pitched to a batter by a player, the Manager/Coach will resume the count.** Maximum of three (3) pitches by the manager/coach will be allowed with the exception that foul balls on the 2nd pitch will extend the at-bat until the ball is put in play or the player strikes out.
23. **FARM SOFTBALL ONLY- Manager/Coach Pitch Policy:** All players under league age seven (7), playing in the Farm division, will be pitched to by a manager or coach only. Prior to the start of the game, managers will identify all players: (a) less than league age seven (7) and (b) league age 9 in their respective line-ups
24. **FARM SOFTBALL ONLY REGARDING 9-YR-OLDS:** Nine (9) year old players will NOT be allowed to pitch in the second half of the regular season or in the end of the year Farm Softball Tournament.
25. **MINOR SOFTBALL ONLY REGARDING 12-YEAR OLDS:** Twelve (12) year old players will NOT be allowed to pitch.
26. **FARM SOFTBALL ONLY:** During defensive play, all players of a team will be allowed to participate and be on the field; however, if the team has more than nine (9) players, the additional players will be placed in the **outfield** grass/dirt area only. Only infield players are allowed to make plays at the bases.
27. **FARM SOFTBALL ONLY:** For the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th innings, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever occurs first. After the 4th inning, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs. Continuous batting order will be in effect. On an overthrow, players can **only** advance one (1) base **per attempt**.
28. **MINOR SOFTBALL ONLY:** For the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th innings, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever occurs first. After the 4th inning, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs. **Rule 4.04-NOTE 1: Continuous batting order will be in effect.**
29. **MAJOR SOFTBALL ONLY:** For the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th innings, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs or five (5) runs, whichever occurs first. After the 4th inning, an inning will be determined by three (3) outs.
30. **Substitutions (Rule 3.03)** applies.
31. **MINOR and MAJOR SOFTBALL:** A fifteen (15) run mercy rule will be in effect at the end of a regulation game. If after three (3) innings, two and one-half (2 ½) if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

32. There will be a **“no-game”** called if the game cannot begin fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time. All **“no-games”** will be referred to Sam McDonald (sammiemcdonald@verizon.net).
33. **ABILITY TO FIELD A TEAM:** Managers will notify their league representative, who will in turn notify **Sam McDonald, Pamela White, or Beth Swartz** at the first indication that they cannot field a team for any of their scheduled games, **at least thirty (30) hours prior to the scheduled game start time. NOTE: Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the game and/or suspension of the manager by the District Staff** (Pamela White, Sam McDonald or Beth Swartz).
34. Make-up games, if there is time in the regular season, may **only** be scheduled by the **District Staff**, not to exclude Sundays. Games will be made up at the first available time and field.
35. **ONLY the District Staff** (Pamela White, Sam McDonald or Beth Swartz) will handle ALL protests and any disciplinary action that must be taken.
- The ejection of a player, manager or coach will result in an **automatic** and a **mandatory** one (1) game suspension. **The suspended manager, coach or player may NOT be present at the next physically played game and will not be able to participate in interleague play until their one-game penalty has been served.** All ejections will be reviewed by the **District Staff** and if it is a repeated offense, a more severe penalty may be applied.
 - Any physical or verbal altercation between player, manager, coach, umpire or spectator will require disciplinary action, not to exclude expulsion from the Softball Interleague.
36. Any amendments to these **“Farm / Minor / Major By-Laws”** must be reviewed by the **“Softball Interleague”** Committee and will require a majority vote to be adopted.
37. Failure to comply with any Little League Rules/Regulations or the listed Farm/Minor/Major Softball Interleague By-Laws will be subject to review and possible disciplinary action by the **District Staff**.

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