**Interlock Rules**

**League options which we choose to adopt:**

1. Continuous batting order will be used. (Rule 4.04).
2. 15 run rule, 10 run rule, and 8 run rule are effect. (Rule 4.10 (e))
3. Games may start and be played with no less than 8 players on each team. No out shall be recorded for not having a 9th player. 1.01, 4.04, 4.16, 4.17, 6.05
   1. Teams may not “borrow” a fielder from the opposing team. If only 8 players are present and able to play, that team shall have a defense of only 8.

**Logistical housekeeping which does not affect playing rules:**

1. Home team (League or District) is responsible for:
   1. providing both a plate and base umpire for all games.
   2. providing the official scorekeeper.
   3. If either team cannot provide said game officials the other team **may** provide them.
2. Home Team shall occupy the 3rd base dugout.
3. Ending the game (no new inning…):
   1. If there is no game following, but a posted end time for field reservation purposes, no new inning shall begin less than 15 minutes before the posted end time.
   2. If there is a game following, no new inning shall begin 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the next game.
   3. Sunday-Thursday, no new inning shall begin later than 9:15pm and no new batter shall begin later than 9:30pm.

**Note:**

**District 8 teams shall adhere to District 8 policies for mandatory defensive play (9 outs) and pitch limits (70 pitches through the month of April). This is the responsibility of the manager rather than the umpires.**

**Official Little League Rule Changes of Note**

Note that new rules may not be in the printed official rule books

No 2024 Rule changes. All below from 2023

* **Baseball & Softball Rule 1.11 (a) (3) - Arm bands**
  + defensive players (including the pitcher on their non pitching arm) may wear playcalling bands if they are worn as the manufacturer intended.
* **Baseball & Softball Rule 3.09 - Warming up pitchers (regular season only)**
  + Managers and coaches are permitted to warm up pitchers during and before a game and in other instances.
  + Regular season only. Under tournament rules managers and coaches are not allowed to warm up pitchers.
* **Baseball & Softball Rule 4.10 (e) - Run rule** 
  + Adds an 8 run rule after 5 (50/70 AND ABOVE: 6) innings.
  + Regular season only.
* **Baseball & Softball Tournament Rule 9**
  + All divisions except Senior League shall use continuous batting order during tournament play.
  + Teams may carry a manager and 2 coaches regardless of roster size.
* **Baseball & Softball Tournament Rule 3 - Special Pinch Runner/Courtesy Runner**
  + JUNIORS & BELOW: As all players are in the lineup, there is no special pinch runner. Courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher of record are allowed with 2 outs. The player who made the last out shall be the runner.

For a full list of current rules changes please visit: https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/rule-changes/