



NEW MEXICO DISTRICT 8 LITTLE LEAGUE 2025 INTERLEAGUE PLAYING RULES
ROOKIE SOFTBALL DIVISION

Interleague is governed by a committee consisting of League Presidents within NM District 8. These rules will apply for Spring and Fall League. The host league is defined as the League location hosting the game.

**ANY TEAM THAT DOES NOT SHOW FOR A GAME, INTENTIONALLY, MAY BE
ELIMINATED FROM INTERLEAGUE PLAY.**

1.	The 2025 Official Rulebook/ Official Regulations, Playing Rules and Operating Policies will be followed at all times. Each League <u>must</u> provide at least one rulebook (the LL digital rulebook is allowed) for each team and they shall carry a copy to all games. Each team shall also have a signed copy of the 2025 District 8 Interleague Rules.
2.	Each league <u>must</u> furnish a copy of their managers & coaches phone numbers to all leagues they interleague with. No exceptions.
3.	The HOME team will provide the Official Scorekeeper and they <u>must</u> be located inside the score booth or in the bleachers near home plate.
4.	The HOME team will provide the home plate umpire and the VISITING team will provide the field umpire for the game. The plate umpire will keep the official time. Either team will be allowed to place a third umpire on the field if they are able.
5.	Both teams are responsible for cleaning the dugouts and policing the bleacher areas on their respective sides.
6.	The HOME league will be responsible for field setup and maintenance. When games are played at a neutral site, both teams will be responsible for field setup and maintenance.
7.	All team managers <u>must</u> have in their possession at all times, a completed player medical release for each player on their team.
8.	All local league rules <u>must</u> be followed - No seeds, shelled nuts or gum allowed at Cibola, West Mesa, Paradise Hills or turf fields at Eastdale. - No pets allowed at any league with the exception of harnessed, certified service animals. - Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes and/or alcohol is not allowed at any Little League function.
9.	All leagues will follow the Little League Rule Book concerning the number of players needed to start and end a game. There is a <u>fifteen (15) minute</u> grace period for late arrivals, but this delay will not change the time limit for the game to be completed. - <u>FALL LEAGUE ONLY:</u> In emergency situations, where pool players were not available, rescheduling/ cancelling games is not recommended. If a team is short a player or two, NMD8 encourages the teams to “borrow” players from each other so that all positions are filled while on defense. NMD8 <u>will not</u> reschedule games for individual teams. It is the managers responsibility to reschedule if they choose not to play. Rescheduling must be coordinated with the host league.
10.	Two (2) adult base coaches will be allowed, provided <u>one (1) approved adult is in the dugout at all times.</u> A maximum of two (2) coaches are allowed on the field when a team is on defense. Coaches <u>cannot</u> interfere with play. These coaches are only allowed to instruct positioning of fielders. Four (4) maximum approved coaches allowed during the game.



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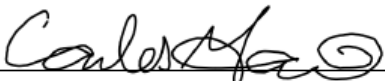
11.	Pool players will be allowed under Little League Reg V(c) pertaining to Pool Players. - The league's player agent creates and runs the pool from players within their respective division. - Players may not be "borrowed" from an opponent except during Fall league. They must be assigned by the player agent. Managers <u>are not</u> allowed to pick and choose from the pool. - Pool players that are called and show up at the game site <u>must play</u> at least 9 consecutive defensive outs and bat once. - All team players must wear the same league issued uniforms. Pool players must use their own team uniform.
12.	Each team will provide one (1) new and one (1) used eleven-inch (11") softball for the game. Each team should bring an adequate supply of softballs to replace balls hit out of play.
13.	Umpires will adhere to the one (1) minute time limit between innings. Umpires will inform both managers at the pre-game meeting of this requirement to keep the game moving. - No protests will be allowed as this is a training division. - The plate umpire will submit a report to their League President and NMD8 Interleague Officer if any manager, coach or player is ejected from a game. The managers will also advise their league president.
14.	An offensive inning will consist of either three (3) outs or reaching five (5) runs. Upon a team scoring five (5) runs during an inning, the inning is terminated and the team batting will immediately take the field. All runs will be scored on and "over the fence" home run or a ground – rule double. The sixth (6th) and succeeding inning will not have a run limit and all runs will be counted. The 10-run mercy rule will be in effect.
15.	This division is coach pith with a distance of 25 feet. Batters will receive a maximum of six (6) pitches from the pitching coach. The at-bat should continue on a foul tip or a foul ball off the 6th or succeeding pitches. A batter hit by a coach pitched ball will not be awarded first base. The ball is dead and all runners must return to their original base. The Infield Fly Rule does not apply in this division.
16.	Base stealing is suspended for this division. There will be no walks. Three (3) swinging strikes, including foul balls, and the batter is out.
17.	On an overthrow, the runner may advance at their own risk, a maximum of one (1) base. Managers should teach the players how to throw to the correct base and when to throw it. Examples: - Alyssa hits a ground ball to the shortstop who overthrows first. Alyssa can, at her own risk, advance to second and second base only. If the defensive player chooses to try to get Alyssa out at second and overthrows to second, Alyssa can advance to third and only third. If there are other runners on base, this rule applies to those runners as well. - Kayla is on first and Jessica is at bat. Jessica singles to left and the left-fielder overthrows second base trying to get Kayla out a t second. Kayla can advance only to third, at her own risk, and Jessica can advance only to second, at her own risk.
18.	Ten (10) players can be used on defense.
19.	All players will be part of a continuous batting order. All players will bat in turn regardless of being in or out of defensive line-up. Free substitution is allowed.



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20.	There will be no on-deck circle and no bats are to be held until the player is at bat. After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box, with at least one foot, throughout the bat.
21.	The league is permitted to start and play games with eight (8) players on each team. The ninth (9 th) position is skipped without penalty.
22.	A courtesy runner for the pitcher/catcher of records is permitted where there are two (2) outs, during the regular season.
23.	Warning will be called in inclement weather by the Board of Director assigned to the site for the game. All interleague games will have a lightening delay of 8 miles per 30 minutes.
24.	Games played on lighted fields will not exceed a completion time of 10:00pm, otherwise, all games will be halted at the time limit or posted sunset time, whichever comes first.
25.	The time limit on weekend games will be two (2) hours. Games will be terminated at the scheduled stop time and the Little League rules will be followed for ending the game. NMD8 stop and start times are final. All games that have not been completed by Little League rules or that are cancelled must be continued/rescheduled on the first open date at the host site.
26.	Any league violating any of the above-referenced rules may be eliminated from interleague play.

Approved for the 2025 season on February 16, 2025


Carlos Garcia, NM District 8 District Administrator

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