

NEW YORK DISTRICT 20 LOCAL RULES FOR INTERLEAGUE PLAY
JUNIORS AND SENIORS DIVISIONS – Feb. 24, 2016

IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, LITTLE LEAGUE RULES APPLY AS PER 2016 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, the game will be played provided such team shall be required to record an out each time the 9th place in the batting order shall come to bat. The opposing team shall provide a player (not necessarily the same player each 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 - The season shall commence on April 9, 2016 and end on June 19, 2016. No games will be scheduled over Memorial Day weekend.

Scheduling games on Mother's Day (May 8th) is optional. All games will be scheduled at the Juniors & Seniors scheduling meeting on March 15th.

➤ Playing the Regular Season Game:

- Innings - All single games are 7 innings. All scheduled double-headers are EACH 6 innings.
- Time - No new inning of a game to start after 2 hours 15 minutes from the SCHEDULED time of commencement—weather-related delays notwithstanding. Any games tied at this point are to be submitted as a tie with an effort to be made to find a date to continue the game from the point of stoppage.
- 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 (1st 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.
- Bats - Only -3 bats are permitted at both levels with a 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ " barrel diameter maximum. Junior's bats may be up to 34 in. in length. Seniors may be up to 36 in. in length. Wood bats are permitted with same restrictions. All bats must be BBCOR certified and have screened proof on bat. Complete bat rules for Junior's and Senior's may be found at:
<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo/batrules.htm>.
- The site is updated frequently. Umpires shall check bats prior to the game. If it is discovered that an illegal bat is used, the rules govern except that, in addition, the manager shall be ejected for the remainder of that game and suspended for the next game. Additional infractions may result in a season suspension.
- 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.
- 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.

➤ 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 high-school coaches dictate eligibility. The honor system must be followed here.
- Balks:
 - Junior's - Weeks 1-3 of season, no balks called by umps. Dead ball, even if pitch delivered inadvertently. Umpire to explain to pitcher what he did incorrectly. If pitcher balks twice more in the inning it is suggested but not mandated that pitcher be replaced. From, and after Week 4, 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:
 - Shake hands with the opposing team.
 - Clean up dugouts and bleachers.
 - Promptly collect all equipment and remove from dugouts.
 - Winning coach is responsible for sending game score to richw@peerless-clothing.com.
 - Playoffs - There will be playoffs in 2016 for Juniors.
- New York District 20 Summer Tournament - to commence on July 10th-15th (Juniors) and June 26th-July 1st (Seniors) at a place or places to be determined by the New York District 20 Administrator each year. Brackets will be created by the staff of such District on a computer-generated lottery basis without regard to spring play. These Local Rules do not apply to tournament play. It is understood that:
- 12-Year Olds - A 12-year old may play on a Juniors team and be eligible for the Juniors summer tournament, other qualifications having been met but, even after one at-bat, may not return to Little League Major League level;
- Juniors - 12, 13 and 14-year olds may play in the Juniors tournament—other qualifications having been met; this means that a 13 or 14-year old who has been playing in the Senior Division during the spring may but shall not be obligated to drop down and play in the Juniors tournament—other qualifications having been met. 15-year olds who have been permitted to play Junior's in the spring by Little League International waiver are not eligible for the Junior's tournament but may play in the Seniors tournament, other qualifications having been met:
- Seniors - 13, 14, 15 and 16-year olds may play in the Seniors tournament—other qualifications having been met; this means that a 16-year old who has been playing in the Big League Division in the spring

may but shall not be obligated to drop down and play in the Seniors Tournament—other qualifications having been met.

- Note: In the past, we have sought a league-wide waiver for 15-year olds to play in Junior's where there is an insufficient number of players in a league to form a Senior's team, where combining leagues to form a single Seniors team is impractical and where the player(s) are not highly competitive. Unless leagues object, we will seek this league-wide waiver for 2016. No LL age 15-year old is allowed to pitch in a Juniors game.
- These Rules were promulgated and adopted at a meeting of all Leagues on February 24, 2016 and are intended to apply to ALL District 20 and District 33 Upper Division Baseball Spring games without exception. The District 20/33 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), and/or District 20 Upper Division Baseball Co- Coordinators, Kevin Duane (truckduane@optonline.net) and Rich Wurtzburger (RichW@Peerless-clothing.com).