



2026 District 55 Intermediate Interleague Rules and Policies

District 55 Interleague Coalition

Aliso Viejo Little League, Irvine Ranch Little League, Laguna Beach Little League, Laguna Hills Little League, Lake Forest Little League, Northwood Little League and D68 San Clemente Little League (hereinafter known as the coalition) will use the 2026 Little League Rules and Regulations as its governing document for the 2026 Intermediate Division (hereinafter known as the season).

Regular Season Interleague Rules

All games will follow and adhere to the rules and regulations within the 2026 Little League Rulebook. All games within the season and coalition will enforce these rules regardless of who the participants are in any given game.

- 1) The Intermediate field consists of the pitcher's plate 50 feet from home plate and the bases 70 feet apart (50-70)
- 2) Intermediate games will consist of seven (7) innings, or meet regulations outlined in 4.10 and 4.11, or meet a maximum of a 2-hour (2:00) time limit. Any inning which has been started prior to the time limit expiring will be completed. No new inning will begin once the time limit has expired.
- 3) Lead offs and pitcher balks are in play at the Intermediate level
- 4) On-deck batters are permitted at the Intermediate level
- 5) Shoes with metal spikes or cleats are permitted at the Intermediate level - Rule 1.11(h)

The coalition **will use** the following **optional rules** for the season:

- 1) The season will observe the "courtesy runner" for the catcher and/or pitcher of record when there are two (2) outs. With continuous batting order, the "courtesy runner" will be the player in the batting order who made the last out. Rule 3.04 and 7.14(b)
 - If the pitcher and catcher of record are on base with two outs, the offense may use a courtesy runner for both the pitcher and catcher of record at the same time.
- 2) The season will use the continuous batting order - Rule 4.04
 - A player arriving late (after plate meeting has begun) may be added to the bottom of the line up (manager's choice). Any player that needs to be removed from the game is skipped over with no penalty.
- 3) The season will observe the 2-hour time limit - Rule 4.10(c)(2)
 - Any new inning which has been started prior to the time limit expiring will be completed. No new inning will begin once the time limit has expired.
- 4) The season will observe the 8-run (after 6), 10-run (after 5), and 15-run (after 4) concession - Rule 4.10(e)



- 5) The season will observe a game can start and/or continue with eight (8) players on a team - Rule 4.16(a)
- 6) The season will observe a game may not be continued with less than eight (8) players - Rule 4.17
- 7) The season will observe a batter being required to keep one foot in the batter's box - Rule 6.02(c)
- 8) The season will observe the ability for teams to skip over the ninth (9th) position in the batting order without penalty if they are playing with eight (8) - Rule 6.05(n)
- 9) The season will observe an umpire enforcing the stealing of signs - Rule 9.01(d)

Mandatory Play

All players must participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs, need not be consecutive, and bat at least one (1) at bat.

Team Responsibilities

- 1) Home team / League is responsible for providing both plate and base umpires.
- 2) Home team is responsible for the official scorekeeping.
- 3) Home team is responsible for supplying 3 new baseballs for each game.
- 4) Visiting team is responsible for pitch count and scoreboard operation.

Protest Committee

The protest committee for this season will consist of one (1) representative from each league in the coalition not affiliated with the teams involved in the protest and either the District 55 UIC, AUIC or Intermediate/Junior ADA. The representative from District 55 will only cast a vote on a protest in order to break a tie vote within the coalition.

Disciplinary Committee

The disciplinary committee for this season will consist of one (1) representative from each league in the coalition not affiliated with the team(s) involved and either the District 55 UIC, AUIC or Intermediate/Junior ADA. The representative from District 55 will only cast a vote on a disciplinary action in order to break a tie vote within the coalition.

Ground Rules

Specific ground rules for the Intermediate fields will be added if/when needed.