

**West Bend Little League
Intermediate League
2018 Bylaws**

Section 1- Intermediate League Outline

- The Intermediate League will consist of teams with no more than 12 players per team.
- At a minimum, the season will consist of generally 2 games per week not including the season ending tournament in early June.
- The Intermediate League teams will consist of 11-13 year-old players, with no draft restrictions other than those prescribed by Little League Baseball, Inc.
- At the conclusion of the season, all Intermediate League teams will cease to exist. As such, any returning 11-13 year-olds will need to tryout and be re-drafted the following season for Intermediate League play.
- All teams will make the post-season playoffs. Each conference will be seeded individually. Specific brackets will be designed once the number of teams has been determined. Tie breakers will be as follows:
 - Overall record
 - Head-to-head record
 - Conference record (if applicable)
 - Runs allowed per defensive inning played
 - Coin toss

Playoff games will adhere to all league rules including time limits. The championship game will have no time limit. In the event that there are two conferences, the home team will be decided by a coin flip. If there is only one conference, home/away will be decided by seeding.

Section 2- Intermediate League Playing Rules

- The Manager of each Intermediate League team agrees to a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 practices per week prior to the start of the season. During the season, a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 2 practices will be allowed.
- The Manager of each Intermediate League team agrees that after a player has attended 2 practices in any given week, additional excused absences from practice will not result in any game time penalty. Unexcused absences shall not be tolerated without just cause.

- Substitution:
 - a. Rule 3.03 - A player in the starting line-up who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game, in the SAME position in the batting order, provided:
 - i. his or her substitute has completed one time at bat and;
 - ii. has played defensively for a minimum of six (6) consecutive outs

- Intermediate rules/Bylaws for Intermediate are as follows :
 - b. Pitching rules will follow the official Little League playing rules. A pitcher may not pitch 3 consecutive days regardless of the number of pitches thrown.
 - c. Games will be 7 innings or 2 hours (whichever occurs first), unless the score is tied. If the game is tied after 7 innings or at the time limit, the game will continue using the “California tie breaker system”. Each team will begin their inning with 1 out and a runner on 2nd base player in batting order immediately preceding the current batter). The game will continue in this format until a winner is determined.
 - d. An adult may occupy the first and/or third base coaching boxes provided there is an adult Coach or Manager in the dugout at all times.
 - e. Before the start of each game, the Manager from each team will meet with the umpires to go over ground rules, etc.
 - f. There will be a fifteen (15) run mercy rule in effect after four innings and a ten (10) run mercy rule in effect after five innings of play are completed.
 - g. Metal cleats are not allowed.
 - h. All bats must be in compliance with rule 1.10 and be approved by USA Baseball; wood bats are authorized. BBCOR composite bats are also approved and will NOT have the USA Baseball stamp.
 - i. Dropped third strike and infield fly rules are in effect.
 - j. Stealing bases and leading off is allowed.
 - k. Pitchers are not allowed to wear long sleeved white shirts under their uniforms, any other white clothing item on their arms or hands, or batting gloves.
 - l. One foot in the box: Batters are required to keep at least one foot in the box while taking signs. Penalty: a warning will be given by the umpire as a delay of game infraction. Subsequent infractions will result in a strike being called on the batter. There are going to be reasonable exceptions to this. This rule is to cover the normal pitch-catch-throw to pitcher process in which there are no steals, passed balls or anything else going on to require the batter to vacate the box.

m. 8.06 Visits to the Mound:

- i. This rule, which applies to each pitcher who enters a game, governs the visits of the manager or coach to the pitcher at the mound.
 - ii. A manager or coach may come out twice in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. Example: If a manager visits Pitcher A once in the first inning, then makes a pitching change in the same inning, Pitcher B would be allowed two visits in that inning before being removed on the third visit.
 - iii. A manager or coach may come out three times in one game to visit with the pitcher, but the fourth time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. Example: If a manager visits Pitcher A twice in the first three innings, then makes a pitching change in the fourth inning, Pitcher B would be allowed three visits in that game before being removed on the fourth visit, subject to the limits in (i) above.
- A team may begin a game with 8 players (assuming 9 players are not available). If an additional player arrives after the game has started they are placed in the 9th batting position in the lineup. All efforts must be made to ensure they comply with the participation rules for hitting and fielding.
 - All play will be conducted on diamonds with a 50' pitching mound and 70' base paths.
 - No negative chatter is allowed at any point during games by players, members of the coaching staff or spectators.
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 - Slaughter Rule – if a team is up by 15 runs after 4 innings (if home team then after 3 ½ innings) the game is over. Same rules apply if team is up 10 runs after 5 innings.
 - Game results will be reported by a game report form and sent via email to the director no more than 48 hours after the game. The electronic form will be provided to the coaches.
 - In the event of a rainout, managers must notify the Intermediate Director at 414-801-8247 or augustlubisnki@gmail.com within 48 hours to reschedule the game. Games stopped for any reason will be continued from the point the game was stopped.