MANDATORY INTERLEAGUE COACH PITCH RULES

- 1. The purpose of the Minor League Program is to provide training and instruction for those candidates who by reason of age and other factors do not qualify for selection in the regular Little League.
- 2. 6 year olds are allowed on the 7-8 year old rosters provided they have played at least one year of Instructional Tee Ball. The child and parent must accept the opportunity before a child is placed on a roster.
- 3. Safety balls will be used in all games as follows: Softball: 11' Safe/Soft Training softballs or equivalent, Baseball: Diamond DFX L-5, Worth Riff 5, or equivalent.
- 4. There is no maximum or minimum roster limit.
- 5. No stealing.
- 6. No infield fly rule.
- 7. No on deck batter.
- 8. Only managers, coaches and players in the dugout (maximum of 3 adults). An adult must be in the dugout with players at all times.
- 9. Manager/Coaches will pitch.
- 10. Because of the manager/coach pitching, there will be no walks or strike outs. The players will be taught how to swing the bat at good pitches. With the manager/coach pitching to their team, the manager/coach will pitch a maximum of 8 pitches per batter.
- 11. Managers/Coaches will pitch all innings underhand for softball and overhand for baseball.
- 12. Managers/Coaches will pitch from the rubber at a distance of 35 feet from home plate for softball and 46 feet from home plate for baseball.
- 13. Continuous batting order must be used. All players are considered starters and may be on the field when on defense.
- 14. When the last batter gets up or there are 2 outs and the batter hits the ball, the inning is over once the 3rd out is made or the ball is thrown to any base that is ahead of the lead runner. The runners can keep going until this occurs.
- 15. Play stops after an infielder has complete control of the ball and is in the infield. Any runner that is in progress to the next base may continue, but must stop there. If a

player tries to make a play on the runner, play will continue.

- 16. There will be no score kept. This will eliminate the need for umpires. With the coaches being on the field instructing, the coaches will make the decisions if the players are safe or out. Because we are not keeping score, the calls will not be critical to the outcome of the game.
- 17. Teams will play 6 innings or 2 hours from the 1st pitch, whatever comes first. The home team is responsible for timing the game.