

LITTLE LEAGUE INTERMEDIATE (50/70) BASEBALL DIVISION Q&A

The following is a list of questions we have been receiving. Hopefully this covers all your questions but if not please email me directly at president@rocklinllb.com.

Q-1: What league ages are eligible to participate in the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division?

A: The age spectrum for the Intermediate (50-70) Baseball Division is league age 11 through 13. However, a Local league may establish the age structure for the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division. (RLL has decided on 12/13yr Olds ONLY)

Q-2: Will players be permitted to play in the Little League Major Division and the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division at the same time during the Regular Season?

A: The players will be permitted to play in both divisions at the same time during the Regular Season. You can also have players in Juniors (13yr old) and Intermediate (50/70)

Q-3: Who would Rocklin Little League play in Intermediate (50/70) and how would it effect Junior Division?

A: The Introduction of the Intermediate (50/70) league will most likely cut our current Junior division in half. What this means is Intermediate (50/70) and Juniors would Interleague with Tri-City Little League and Lincoln Little League.

Q-4: For a local league with a minimal amount of players, is a draft still required, or could players be assigned to teams?

A: As with any division above Minor League, a draft is required if more than one team is formed in the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division. Rocklin would draft for Juniors and Intermediate league.

Q-5: What types of bats and balls will be used in the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division?

A: The Junior Baseball bat Rule 1.10 will apply to the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division. Senior League level baseballs should be used during the regular season, and will be required during tournament play.

Q-6: What will the mound height be and how can I get information on converting a field?

A: The height of the mound shall be 8 inches as outlined in Rule 1.07. The pitcher's plate shall be rectangular slab of rubber measuring 24 inches by 6 inches. We will be using Junior field for Intermediate division and most likely have a portal mound to be used for both divisions.

Q-7: What are the pitching and catching restrictions for the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division? Additionally, how do you address a player pitching in multiple divisions?

A: Players will follow pitching restrictions as defined by age as outlined in Regulation VI, whether or not the player participates in two divisions, i.e., the pitcher's record "follows" the pitcher from one division to the next. Additionally, players must adhere to the catching restrictions also outlined in Regulation VI. Juniors rules apply for Intermediate division.

Q-8: What is the roster size for the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division?

A: According to Regulation III, rosters may have no less than 12 players and no more than 15 players.

Q-9: What are the substitution rules? Can a continuous batting order be used in this division?

A: The Current Junior Division substitution rules will apply. The Intermediate 50/70 Division does not mandate a continuous batting order; however, the local league has the option of using a continuous batting order, as outlined in Playing Rule 4.04. Rocklin will adhere to Juniors with NO continuous batting order.

Q-10: What is a regulation game in this division?

A: The Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division game consists of 7 innings like Juniors. The game is regulation after 5 innings or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead. 10-run Rule does apply.

Q-11: Can the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division be chartered at the District level?

A: No. However, a league may apply for permission for Interleague Play or Combined Teams under certain circumstances.

Q-12: Why is Intermediate (50/70) division being introduced to RLL?

A: Little League International along with District 11 has been pushing for this but we haven't done it due to field availability. We are transforming our Junior field to accommodate both divisions. This division is a great pathway for advanced 12yr olds or 13yr olds that aren't ready yet for the Junior division size field which is 60.6 pitching distance and 90ft base paths.

Q-13: Can my league use the Little League Major Division Bat rules if we structure the age

to only allow 11 and 12 year olds to participate in the Intermediate 50-70 Division?

A: No, the Junior Baseball bat rule 1.10 applies regardless of the local league age structure.

Q-14: Will players who participate in the Little League Major Division and the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division during the regular season be permitted to participate on both tournament teams?

A: No. As noted under 'Player Eligibility' in the Tournament Regulations, players may be eligible for selection to multiple tournament teams, but may only be selected to practice and play on one tournament team for the current year.

Q-15: What are the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division tournament dimensions for the outfield fence distance?

A: To assist Districts and States in the first year (2013) of tournament play for the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division the required dimensions for tournament play will be a minimum of 225 feet to a maximum of 300 feet. We will be using 300ft as that is the RLL Junior fences.

Q-16: Can a player participate only in the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division during the regular season, then be chosen to a Junior League Tournament Team?

A: No. The player must participate in 60 percent of the scheduled games played in the Junior division to be eligible to be selected to a Junior tournament team. The only way to be eligible for tournament play in two divisions is if a player PLAYS in both divisions and plays 60% of the games scheduled. (Example: 12yr old player ONLY plays in Intermediate League and plays 60% of games scheduled he would ONLY be eligible for Intermediate (50/70) tournament (All-Stars) team.

Q-17: Can a bat with a 2 1/4 inch barrel be used in Junior League Baseball and Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division?

A: Yes, but not all 2 1/4 inch bats can be used. If a bat's barrel has no composite materials in it, it may be used in the Junior League Baseball and the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Divisions, provided it is labeled with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less, and meets the standards for length, handle diameter, etc. (NOTE: Solid wooden barrel bats do not require a BPF label) But if the bat has composite materials in the barrel, a 2 1/4-inch barrel MAY NOT be used; only a 2 5/8-inch BBCOR bat may be used.

Q-18: Can we use a 2 5/8-inch composite barrel bat that was on the waived list in 2011, but does not have the BBCOR printing on it?

A: No. All 2 5/8" non-wood bats (regardless of whether they are metal or composite) must have the BBCOR certification mark on them, for use in the Senior League and Big League Baseball Divisions. Additionally, all composite-barreled bats for use in the Junior League Baseball Division and Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division must meet the BBCOR standard. This is the implementation of the rule Little League provided in the rule books starting in 2010.

Q-19: Will it be mandatory for the 12/13yr olds to play 50/70 or can they still choose/tryout for the Majors/Junior divisions?

A: No, a 12yr old can elect during registration to sign up for Majors OR Intermediate. Conversely a 13yr old can elect during registration to sign up for Intermediate OR Junior division.

If you have any more questions regarding the new Intermediate (50/70) division please reach out to Jared Clifford at president@rocklinllb.com or call my cell 916-580-9837