

RIVIERA LITTLE LEAGUE

2026 INTERMEDIATE DIVISION RULES

A. Philosophy

The Intermediate Division is Riviera Little League's highest level of competitive baseball, including league standings, playoffs and All-Star selection. It is the responsibility of managers and coaches to balance competition with fairness, learning, sportsmanship and fun, so that all players are likely to continue playing baseball and participating in athletics in general.

B. Rules

1. Pitching –

- a. The pitching distance will be 50 feet from the pitching rubber to home plate.
- b. All LLI pitching rules shall be followed.

2. Batting – All LLI batting rules shall be followed.

3. Player Rotation – Each player shall play a minimum of nine (9) defensive outs per game. No player shall sit a second inning until every player has sat at least one inning with the exception of the starting pitcher (as long as he remains in the game on the mound- once removed from the game the pitcher will sit out his/her turn the next full inning prior to anyone sitting two innings), or injury which results in the player exiting the game.

- a. Penalties for failure to follow this participation rule are:

- i. **First Offense:** Written warning issued to the coach. The player shall start the next game and play the entire game defensively to make up for the previously denied playing time. The player who did not sit must also be the first player to sit once, and if applicable, twice.



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- ii. **Second Offense:** The coach shall be subject to discipline by the Board of Directors. The player's playing time shall be made up in the same manner as stated above.

4. Coaches - A team shall have no more than **three adults allowed on the field** once the game starts. There must be one adult coach in the dugout at all times. Unless coaching a base, all adult coaches must be in the dugout. All adults in direct contact with players either in game or practice must be background checked by Riviera Little League. Violations of this rule will result in a coach suspension and/or removal at the discretion of the President.

5. Forfeit – If a team does not have eight (8) players on the field, ready to play at game time (refer to the umpire's watch), the game will be forfeited by that team.

- a. In the event that one or both teams have less than nine (9) players, the following will occur:

- i. Team managers may borrow players, of equivalent or lesser draft round, from other teams within the division. If multiplayers are missing, coaches shall replace their players in order from lowest to highest draft picks. Replacement players must play the entire game in the outfield and bat last in the lineup. The replacement player must be approved by the opposing coach and Division Player Agent.

- ii. A team may play a game with 8 players however an out will be recorded for the missing batter for every missed at bat in that spot in the order. If any team has less than 8 players at any point in the game they will forfeit the game.

- iii. If eight defensive players are on the field, the last out on the offensive team will play in the outfield closest to their dugout. At the start of the game, the player chosen will be the last player in the batting rotation.

6. Protests – All protests will be reviewed and ruled on by RLL Board of Directors.

7. Scorekeeping – Only the home team's scorekeeper will be recognized as official.



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8. **Uniforms** - Teams must wear uniforms provided by RLL (i.e. jersey w/LLI Patch, hat, belt and socks) at all RLL games, unless specifically approved by the RLL Board of Directors. Coaches cannot force, encourage or circumvent league issued apparel by directing or encouraging parents or players to purchase other than league provided items (jersey, hats, belts and socks). Only a player's last name can be put on the player's jersey – no first names or nicknames are acceptable.
9. **Injuries** – Any player leaving a game as result of an injury MUST have an incident and injury report filed with RLL's Safety Officer. The player's manager will be responsible for overseeing that this happens at the conclusion of that game.
10. **Game Length** – The game length will be seven (7) innings or no new inning after 120 minutes. All innings started shall be completed.

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