

## Interlock Rules – Rookie Minor Baseball - 2026

### Little League Victoria (District 7 BC)

**\*\*Please have all coaches carry these rules and post them in your clubhouse for reference\*\***

- 1- The base paths will be 60 feet in length and the pitcher's mound will be 38 feet from home plate.
- 2- A regulation game is four innings long.
- 3- Each team will have 3 outs or a maximum of 3 runs per inning.
- 4- The modified open inning shall be used for the last inning. (The visiting team can score 3 runs if tied or ahead OR can score as many runs as possible to go ahead by 3 if behind. The home team can score enough to win. Or 3 outs. Whichever comes first.)
- 5- No inning shall start after 1 hr 45 minutes.
- 6- Attempts should be made to allow all players to play infield and outfield equally. Players should get an opportunity to play all positions during the season.
- 7- Batting – A continuous batting order is used.
- 8- Players may be borrowed from other Rookie Minors teams, or from the Mini Minor division. A team may borrow only enough to bring the team up to 9 players. Borrowed players ***must play outfield and bat last***. If this cannot be accomplished the defensive team, when they have fewer than 9 players, shall, if possible, borrow fielders from the offensive team.
- 9- A reduced Injury (level 5 soft) baseball is used as opposed to a regulation hardball.
- 10- **Stealing is not allowed in Rookie Minor games.**
- 11- Sliding is permitted.
- 12- After three (3) balls are pitched to a batter, the opposing (batting) team's coach will pitch to the batter. However, if the count is 3 balls and 2 strikes, 1 more pitch can be thrown. There are no walks. The batter will continue to bat until a strike-out occurs or the ball is put into play. The original pitcher will stand beside the coach for defensive purposes and will return to the mound for the next batter.
- 13- Pitchers can pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game (one pitch constitutes an inning).
- 14- After 2 hit batters in the same inning, the offensive coach may request that the pitcher be replaced.
- 15 - All games will be played in accordance with the rules of Little League Baseball, except those noted here.