

# DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



## 2019 RULES HANDBOOK

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**PURPOSE AND SCOPE**  
**OF**  
**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**

- 1. To inculcate in youth a better understanding of the American way of life and to promote the principles of 100 percent Americanism.**
- 2. To instill in the nation's youth a sincere desire to develop within themselves a feeling of citizenship, sportsmanship, loyalty and team spirit.**
- 3. To aid in the improvement and development of the physical fitness of our country's youth.**
- 4. To build for the nation's future through our youth.**

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**  
**CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP**

**I will:**

**Keep the rules**

**Keep faith with my teammates**

**Keep my temper**

**Keep myself fit**

**Keep a stout heart in defeat**

**Keep my pride under in victory**

**Keep a sound soul, a clean mind, and a healthy body.**

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**American Legion Baseball (ALB)** is perhaps the finest baseball program available for the high school students in the state of Indiana and the nation today. Each year American Legion Baseball serves as the largest single pipeline of talent to the professional Major Leagues of any youth baseball program. In 1994 nearly 65 percent of all the players in the Major Leagues had played American Legion Baseball in their careers, and 75 percent of college players had played American Legion Baseball.

Indiana has had many standout American Legion baseball players who have gone on to Major Leagues to carve a name for themselves in the record books. These players are Josh Phegley, Hal Morris, Gil Hodges, Carl Erskine, Tom Underwood, Pat Underwood, Don Mattingly, Dan Dumelin, Tim Stoddard, Tommy John, Andy Benes, Scott Rolen, Jermaine Allensworth, Todd Dunwoody, Brian Dorsett, Robbie Maurer, Kenny Lofton, Steve Kraly, Darryle Chaney, Don Yohie, Aaron Heilman, Jamey Carrell, Adam Lind, Eric Stultz, Rich Lewis, Jeremy Hazelbaker and A.J. Reed.

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## PREFACE

**American Legion Baseball** has maintained, and will continue to maintain, a reputation as the highest regarded youth baseball program in the state of Indiana.

This handbook has been prepared by the Department of Indiana Baseball Committee and the Department Americanism Office in an effort to provide an easy to follow and understandable guide to the rules and regulations of American Legion Baseball as established by the National American Legion Baseball Commissioner and the Department of Indiana Baseball Committee.

This handbook, whether you are a long-time manager or an individual just beginning the operation of an American Legion team, will hopefully assist you in the processing of the paper work necessary to field an American Legion team, and be able to answer many of the questions which might arise regarding the operation of your American Legion team or the handling of your players

**NOTE! IT IS VITAL THAT AS A MANAGER OR COACH, YOU CAREFULLY AND FULLY ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH THE CONTENTS OF THIS HANDBOOK SO THAT YOU ARE AWARE AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PRESENTED HEREIN.**

**A failure on your part to operate your team in accordance with the rules and regulations of American Legion Baseball, both state and national, could result in the following actions:**

1. **Your team could be prohibited from playing.**
2. **Your team could forfeit games once the season is under way.**
3. **The eligibility of your players could be jeopardized.**
4. **You could lose players due to rule infractions.**
5. **You could be removed from the American Legion Baseball Program.**
6. **Make team manager, coaches and post subject to legal liability.**

**The rules and regulations in this handbook have been designed to protect your team, your players, and the American Legion Post that sponsors your team.**

If you have any questions or comments about the information contained in this handbook, please direct them to: The American Legion, Department of Indiana, and ATTN: Program Director, 5440 Herbert Lord Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216.

The Department Baseball Chairman and the Department Baseball Committee will act on all questions regarding interpretations of rules.



## *The American Legion, Department of Indiana*

ATTN: Americanism Office, 5440 Herbert Lord Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46216  
Phone: (317) 630-1391 Toll Free: (888) 723-7999  
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TO: 2019 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM MANAGERS

You should be proud that your Post has undertaken to sponsor American Legion Baseball. We can think of no finer program for the youth of our state and country than American Legion Baseball.

On the following pages you will find the official 2019 LEGION BASEBALL HANDBOOK. This handbook contains the forms, rules, and information pertaining to the operation of your American Legion team in the Department of Indiana.

PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS HANDBOOK CAREFULLY. Your knowledge of the rules of American Legion Baseball will help to eliminate possible problems that may arise.

\*\*The NATIONAL FORM #1, which is the official roster of your team, and the National American Legion Player Agreement (FORM 2) are available at [www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball). Your registration, insurance information, fees, and roster will all be completed and submitted on national's website.

The deadline for completing the entry form, insurance information and fees on national's website is March 31, 2019 Please remember all forms are completed and submitted online with the exception of the form 2. Please complete, notarize, and copy the form 2. Copies of the form 2 should be received at the Department Headquarters by June 15, 2019, or prior to your first game, whichever comes first. There are no exceptions to this rule. The form 1 should be completed on line by **June 20, 2019** otherwise they will not be accepted. **All individuals, who have one on one contact with players, must have a background check which is available from the Department Headquarters by contacting the Program Director at [bmiller@indianalegion.org](mailto:bmiller@indianalegion.org).**

If you have any questions about the material contained in the AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL HANDBOOK, please call your District Chairman as listed on page 6 or write to the Americanism Office at 5440 Herbert Lord Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46216.

I wish your team a very successful season in 2019. **GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!**

Sincerely,

  
John Crosby  
Department Adjutant

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## DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMITTEE

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\*- Baseball Executive Committee members

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**DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA  
BASEBALL COMMITTEE RULES**

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**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of these rules is to regulate the affairs of the Indiana Department Baseball program in keeping with the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution and the rules established by the National Americanism Commission.

**II. ORGANIZATION**

A. There will be a Department of Indiana Baseball Committee composed as follows:

1. The Department Baseball Chairman who shall be the Chairman of the Committee and who shall serve by appointment of the Department Commander.
2. The Department Baseball Vice Chairmen appointed by the Department Commander.
3. Five members of the Executive Section, as appointed by Department Commanders, shall serve terms of five (5) years, with one (1) member to be appointed each year by the newly elected Department Commander.
4. A District Baseball Chairman from each District in Indiana to be appointed by the District Commander of the District where he is a member.
5. A Department Commander's representative, as appointed by the Department Commander.
6. All members of the full Baseball Committee, including District Chairmen, must be residents of the state of Indiana.
7. In making all above appointments, the Department Commander shall give due regard to adequate representation from all areas of the state and the preferences to teams in the general areas to be represented.

B. There will also be a Department of Indiana Baseball Executive Committee.

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Chairman, all Vice Chairmen, and the five (5) members of the Executive Section as described above.
2. At such times as the full Baseball Committee is not in session, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to conduct the business of the Department of Indiana American Legion Baseball Program.
3. The Executive Committee, annually at the Fall Conference, shall designate a Vice Chairman to serve as Department Chairman in case of the absence or disability of the Chairman.
4. All matters of eligibility and discipline shall be first presented to the State Chairman for a ruling. Rulings of the Chairman may be appealed to the Executive Committee.
5. The full Committee shall only review actions of the Executive Committee after request of an aggrieved party and in the event of no appeal, the action of the Executive Committee shall be final.

**III. RULES OF PROCEDURE**

A. In the conduct of its affairs, the Committees of Baseball shall be governed as follows:

1. By the Constitution and by-laws of The American Legion (National) and its subordinate commissions.
2. By the Constitution and by-laws of the Department of Indiana.
3. By Robert's Rules of Order.
4. By such rules as the Full Committee shall, from time to time, adopt.
5. By the rules of baseball.
6. Any member of the Full Committee who serves in a dual role (District Chairman and Vice Chairman, etc.) is entitled to one vote and one vote only.

**DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA  
BASEBALL COMMITTEE RULES (continued)**

**IV. MEETINGS**

- A. The Full Baseball and the Executive Committees shall meet as follows:
1. At all regularly scheduled Conferences of the Department of Indiana.
  2. At the call of the Department Commander.
  3. At the call of the State Baseball Chairman or, in his absence or disability, the designated State Baseball Vice Chairman.
  4. By written notice signed by a majority of the members of the Full Committee.

**V. INNER COMMITTEES**

- A. At the Fall Conference each year the Chairman shall appoint a Rules Committee of persons active in and interested in American Legion Baseball. This Committee shall review rules and report to the Baseball Committee at the Mid-Winter Conference meeting. The members of this Committee need not be members of the State Baseball Committee.
- B. The Chairman shall, from time to time, appoint such other committees as the occasion demands.

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**ENTERING A TEAM INTO AMERICAN LEGION COMPETITION**

All teams will be registered online.

1. Team entry form to be completed online along with a debit or credit card payment of \$150.00 for senior teams (of which \$75 is due to National) and \$100 for junior teams (of which \$50 is due to National).
2. Team insurance application will also be completed online with a debit or credit card payment to S.A. Van Dyk Insurance.

**NOTE: DO NOT SEND INSURANCE APPLICATIONS TO S.A. VAN DYK.  
THESE ARE TO BE HANDLED ONLINE**

3. All individuals, who have one on one contact with players, must have a background check, [www.opportunities.averity.com/aldeptofindiana](http://www.opportunities.averity.com/aldeptofindiana).

Both entry and insurance applications must be received before a team will be entered into competition.

**All entries and insurance applications are due March 31, 2019. NO entries will be accepted after March 31, 2019.**

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**2019  
AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL  
TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**DEPARTMENT REGIONALS (7 sites)**

**NOTICE:** If a team enters a Department level (Regional or State) tournament event, and subsequently does not appear to play in said event as scheduled, the team will be required to pay the tournament host a fine of \$200.00. Should the team fail to pay said fine within 30 calendar days of receipt of notice of such, the team coach shall be immediately suspended from further participation in the Department of Indiana, American Legion Baseball program. In order for a team coach suspended under this provision of the rules, to be reinstated and allowed to once again participate in the American Legion Baseball program, said coach shall be required to appear and make such a request before a meeting of the Department American Legion Baseball Executive Committee. Such meeting shall be held at a time and place so specified by the Baseball Executive Committee. The suspended coach will be given no less than ten (10) calendar days notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Department Baseball Executive Committee.

The 2019 Department Regional Tournaments will begin on Thursday, July 18, 2019 and will be completed by Sunday, July 21, 2019. The date and location for each Department Regional Tournament, if not indicated below, will be determined and announced during the Department Spring Conference in April, and published on the Department baseball website at [www.indianalegion.org/baseball](http://www.indianalegion.org/baseball).

REGIONAL #1 --- TBA

REGIONAL #2 --- TBA

REGIONAL #3 --- TBA

REGIONAL #4 --- TBA

REGIONAL #5 --- TBA

REGIONAL #6 --- TBA

REGIONAL #7 --- TBA

**DEPARTMENT STATE TOURNAMENT**

The 2019 State Tournament will be hosted by Post 254 Rockport. The State Tournament will begin on Friday, July 26 and will be completed no later than Tuesday, July 30, 2019 (which allows for a rain day)

The 2019 Junior State Tournament will be hosted by ??????????. The Junior State Tournament will begin on Thursday, July 18, and will be completed no later than Sunday, July 21, 2019.

The 2019 National Regionals will be played on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> thru Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> in Napoleon, OH.

American Legion 2019 World Series will be played on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday, August 20<sup>st</sup>, in Shelby, NC.

**ALL TOURNAMENTS WILL BE DOUBLE ELIMINATION -  
RREFERENCE THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKETS**

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## THE ARLIE SKELTON MEMORIAL AWARD

In an effort to recognize the contribution of individuals to the Department of Indiana American Legion Baseball program, the Baseball Committee annually presents the ARLIE SKELTON MEMORIAL AWARD, in honor of Mr. Arlie Skelton who served the Department program for 47 years.

This award is presented to any member of The American Legion or non-Legionnaire who, as a coach, manager, athletic officer, or in any other capacity, has made a material contribution to the success of the Department Baseball program, either in his respective Post, community, or at the Department level.

Nominations for this award MUST be made to the Department Baseball Executive Committee, for their consideration during the annual Department Mid-Winter Conference. Arlie Skelton Memorial Award nominations for each program year MUST be received by the Department American Legion Baseball Executive Committee, prior to the annual Department Mid-Winter Conference. All nominations must be in writing and should be detailed with specific information regarding the nominee's work in American Legion Baseball, upon which the Committee can evaluate the individual. Nominations for the Arlie Skelton Award should be mailed or emailed to:

The American Legion, Department of Indiana  
ATTN: Program Director  
5440 Herbert Lord Road  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46216  
[bmiller@indianalegion.org](mailto:bmiller@indianalegion.org)

The recipient of the Skelton Award receives an individual plaque at the applicable Regional Tournament. The award recipient will also be announced during the Department Fall Conference, and his/her name will be placed on a permanent plaque maintained in Department Headquarters.

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## ARLIE SKELTON AWARD RECIPIENTS

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1973 – Ray Smith	1993 – Jim Haaf	2013 – Randy Dooley
1974 – Gerald Wood	1994 – Joseph Derda	2014 – Dan Yeoman
1975 – Roy L. Ayers	1995 – Thomas Somerville	2015 – Dean Colvin
1976 –	1996 – Ralph Wright	2016 – John C. Davis
1977 – Ed Dudek	1997 – Richard Stevens	2017 – Robert Bowman
1978 – Joe Bueme	1998 – Jerome “Jake” Stenger	2018 – David Jones
1979 – George Huish	1999 – John Miles	2019 - ???????????
1980 – Bill Evand	2000 – Ron McWilliams	2019 - ???????????
1981 – Lou Gross	2001 – Robert Snyder	
1982 – Joe Rivich	2002 – John Hayes	
1983 – Jack Colvin	2003 – Robert Ewing	
1984 – Frank Rusk	2004 – Bob Graves	
1985 – Herman Sollman	2005 – Owen Wells	
1986 – Joseph Bumbleburg	2006 – John Hurlock	
1987 – Richard Quattrin	2007 – Tony Samao	
1988 – Charlie Roberts	2008 – Larry Snyder	
1989 – Mark Kubiak	2009 – Delbert Liter	
1990 – Bob Kouts	2010 – George Bizoukas	
1991 – Robert Ronk	2011 – Craig LeBeau	
1992 – David Thompson	2012 – Jerry Hargis	

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>JAN. 1, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> - to submit change of base school for the upcoming American Legion Baseball season.
<b>JAN. 1, 2019</b>	Online team registration for the 2019 season begins.
<b>JAN. 11-13, 2019</b>	Department Mid-Winter Conference.
<b>JAN. 12, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> - Bids to host an American Legion Baseball Department State Tournament must be received by the Department Headquarters or the Department Baseball Chairman prior to the Department Baseball Committee meeting at the Mid-Winter Meeting.
<b>FEB. 1, 2019</b>	ALB National Rule Book distribution begins.
<b>FEB. 15, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – for submitting ALB Booster Decal orders to National Emblem Sales.
<b>MAR. 31, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> - for the establishment of a player’s legal domicile (parents’ domicile and high school enrollment for grades 10, 11 & 12.
<b>MAR. 31, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> - for establishment of enrollment in grades 10, 11, and 12 by individual school.
<b>MAR. 31, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> - All team entries and insurance applications <b><u>MUST BE</u></b> completed on line at <a href="http://www.legion.org/baseball">www.legion.org/baseball</a> . <b><u>Team entries will not be accepted after this date.</u></b>
<b>APR. 5-7, 2019</b>	Department Spring Conference – Marriott East, Indianapolis, IN.
<b>APR. 15, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> - for Department Chairman to submit five (5) copies of the Department ALB Rules to the National Headquarters.
<b>APR. 15, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – for Department Chairman to report the sites and dates for the Department ALB Senior and Junior tournaments to the National office.
<b>APR. 15, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – for Plan “A” rezoning or new zoning to be filed and approved by the Department ALB Committee.
<b>MAY 6-9, 2019</b>	National Spring Meetings, Indianapolis, IN.
<b>MAY 15, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – for early-bird registration, to purchase insurance and pay fees. Department late fee of \$200 charged until June 1,2019.
<b>JUNE 1, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – FINAL DAY to register teams, purchase insurance and pay fees for the 2019 season.
<b>JUNE 15, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – <u>Copies of the signed player agreements (Form #2), must be received at Department Headquarters by this date, or <b>BEFORE</b> your team’s first practice, whichever is first. Forms received late may be refused entry into regional and state final play.</u>
<b>JUNE 15, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – <u>for ALL individuals who will have one on one contact with players to complete their background check. The Department of Indiana will provide background checks upon request. Background checks MUST be completed by this date, or <b>BEFORE</b> your team’s first practice, whichever comes first.</u>
<b>JUNE 20, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – for Team Managers to file Form #1 with Department Chairman to be eligible for National tournaments.
<b>JUNE 30, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – for Department ALB Chairman to file Form #1 with the National office to be eligible for National tournaments.
<b>JULY 11-14, 2019</b>	Department Convention – Marriott East, Indianapolis, IN.
<b>JULY 15, 2019</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Baseball Scholarship application forms to be received by Department Headquarters.
<b>JULY 18-21, 2019</b>	Department Sr. ALB Regional Tournaments.

**JULY 18-22,2019** Department Jr. ALB Championship Tournament – Location TBD.

**JULY 26-30, 2019** Department Sr. ALB Championship Tournament – Location TBD.

**AUG. 1, 2019** **DEADLINE** – for the Department ALB Chairman to certify the Department ALB Champions to the National office and regional Tournament Directors. Department tournaments MUST be completed by 11:59 p.m.

**AUG. 7-11, 2019** National Regionals

**AUG. 9, 2019** **DEADLINE** – for Department ALB scholarship winners notice due at Shelby ALWS office to be considered for All-Academic Team.

**AUG. 15-20, 2019** World Series – Shelby, NC

**SEPT. 15, 2019** **DEADLINE** – Graduate of the Year nominations to be submitted to the National office for consideration at Fall Conference.

**SEPT. 27-29, 2019** National American Legion Baseball Chairman’s Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

**OCT. 4-6, 2019** Department Fall Conference – Marriott East, Indianapolis, IN

**NOV. 15, 2019** Bid forms for upcoming State Finals Tournament are published on the Department Baseball website ([www.indianalegion.org/baseball](http://www.indianalegion.org/baseball)).

**JAN. 1, 2020** **DEADLINE** - to submit change of base school for the upcoming American Legion Baseball season.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IS PROHIBITED AT ALL GAME SITES (SEASON AND TOURNAMENT GAMES). ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE FANS SEATING AREA OR IN THE PLAYING FIELD AS DEFINED IN THIS HANDBOOK.**
  2. AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL within the Department of Indiana shall be played under the OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES and the rules set forth and adopted by The American Legion, Department of Indiana, Baseball Committee and The American Legion National Americanism Commission. IN SOME INSTANCES, special Department rules have been adapted, in which case the Department rules take precedence over any other rules.
  3. AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL competition for 2019 is open only to amateur players born on or after JANUARY 1, 2000. Any player born before JANUARY 1, 2000 is not eligible.
  4. Competition is open to amateurs. To be an amateur a player must not:
    - a. Receive money, favors, or gratuities; direct or indirect, for playing baseball.
    - b. Play with or against anyone who receives money, favors, or gratuities.
    - c. Accept money or favors for reimbursement for time lost at work while playing or for expenses incurred while playing.
    - d. Participate in an all-star baseball game not American Legion approved by the appropriate Department Official.
    - e. Be represented by an agent in marketing of their athletic ability; accept pay for the use of their name or picture for advertising of commercial products or services.
  5. The use of a form of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs by a player, coach, manager, or umpire while on the playing field is prohibited. The playing field includes dugouts, warm-up areas, bullpens, and areas directly related to the playing of the game. Any violation of this rule will cause the individual to be removed from the ballpark.
  6. All teams must have a base school for recruiting purposes (see Player Recruitment.... Plan B).
  7. No American Legion Baseball team may have more than 18 rostered players.
  8. MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> is the deadline for the establishment of a player's legal residence.
  9. It is recommended that a member of the sponsoring Post should have charge of the team as manager.
  10. All American Legion Baseball teams, including managers and coaches, must be uniformed alike in all Regular season, Sectional and Tournament play thereafter.
  11. The American Legion Baseball insignia (patch) must be worn on the left sleeve or left chest of the uniform shirt. Any Player, coach or manager who does not have an American Legion Baseball patch on either the left sleeve or left chest of his uniform will be removed from the game until they comply with the rule. A number of at least 6 inches high must be carried on the back of the uniform shirt. The front of the shirt may carry lettering that identifies the Post, Department, town, city, community or sponsor that the team represents. Such lettering must be acceptable to the sponsoring Department. Patches may be obtained through Emblem Sales by calling 888-453-4466.
  12. Only rostered players, scorekeepers, managers or adult coaches, rostered, in full uniform of the team are permitted in the dugout. An adult must be in the dugout at all times. A batboy or batgirl (no more than two) is the only other individuals allowed in the dugout. Full uniform consists of cap, shirt, pants and team hose. Manager, coaches, and scorekeepers must have a background check.
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## GENERAL INFORMATION (CONT'D.)

13. Courtesy jackets: it has been permissible at all levels of American Legion baseball for coaches and players to wear a courtesy jacket (wind shirts, jackets, or alternate jerseys) because of adverse weather conditions. These jackets must have an American Legion Baseball insignia patch on left sleeve or left chest. Coaches and players not in proper uniform will be restricted to the dug-outs.
14. Every American Legion Baseball team must be covered by group accident and liability insurance as outlined in the insurance section of this handbook. All Indiana American Legion Baseball teams must purchase insurance from an exclusive S.A. Van Dyk carrier named by the American Legion in order to participate in the program of American Legion Baseball.
15. The Department of Indiana Baseball program and all teams playing in the state are governed for recruiting purposes by the National American Legion Player Recruitment Plan B, which is explained in the Plan B section of this handbook.
16. **Each team must have in its possession a properly supplied first aid kit.**
17. In all games, at least two (2) competent umpires shall be utilized. All umpires must hold membership in an accredited Umpires Association or be certified by the IHSAA.
18. No firm or Company whose advertisement reflects the sale or use of alcoholic beverages, or tobacco products shall be permitted to display such advertising on team uniforms.
19. Dual participation. During the regular season, American Legion Baseball players or teams may participate in any other amateur baseball programs. The Team Manager and the player must obtain written approval from the Department Baseball Chairman, prior to participating in the event and/or tournament.  
  
**Clarification:** Dual participation shall in no way interfere with a player's responsibility to his American Legion Baseball Team. Once tournament play has begun (Sectional Tournament up and through American Legion World Series) the Department Baseball Chairman cannot grant permission to participate in non-Legion sanctioned baseball event, baseball tournaments, exhibition games, showcases or combines. The American Legion believes team loyalty is a key ingredient for any team sport. Any American Legion Baseball player participating in another non-sanctioned baseball event such as exhibition games, tournament showcase, combine or other youth programs shall be ineligible for post season tournament play.
20. **Baseballs.** An American Legion Baseball authentication logo is required on all baseballs that will be used in regular and post season completion. A current list of authentic products can be found on the website: [www.emblem.legion.org](http://www.emblem.legion.org).
21. **Collisions at home plate.** A runner attempting to score may not deviate from his direct pathway to the plate in order to initiate contact with the catcher (or other player covering home plate), or otherwise initiate an avoidable collision. If, in the judgement of the umpire, a runner attempting to score initiates contact with the catcher (or other player covering home plate) in such a manner, the umpire shall declare the runner out (regardless of whether the player covering home plate maintains possession of the ball). In such circumstances, the umpire shall call the ball dead, and all other base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the collision. If the runner slides into the plate in an appropriate manner, he shall not be adjudged to have violated Rule 1.G.

All requests for interpretation of any rule, either Department or National, found in this handbook, must be made in writing to the Department Baseball Chairman at the following address: The American Legion, Department of Indiana, ATTN: Baseball Chairman, 5440 Herbert Lord Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46216.

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL CODE OF ETHICS  
FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**

American Legion Baseball is a game played at numerous levels of competition. The function of all participants to include players, coaches, umpires, officials and workers in American Legion Baseball is to abide by only the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct.

The participants must be aware that they have tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the development of the baseball player, and thus, shall never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.

All participants must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of American Legion Baseball. In all personal contact with the athletes, umpires, officials, administrators, the overall American Legion at all levels, the media, and the public, all participants shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

1. Bench jockeying, which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing and obscene language towards opponents, umpires or spectators is prohibited.
2. All participants shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use.
3. No coach **shall use** alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players.
4. Coaches and adult volunteers shall not make statements that are false, deceptive, misleading or fraudulent concerning work activities, personal and organization affiliations.
5. Coaches and adult volunteers shall be thoroughly acquainted with American Legion Baseball rules and are responsible for their interpretation to team members.
  - a. Coach and adult volunteers shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
  - b. Coaches and adult volunteers shall not permit ineligible player(s) to participate, practice or be a part of any team function.
  - c. Players should be taught to respect the dignity of the game, umpires and opponents and the places and properties wherever the game is played.
6. Coaches should confine their discussion to the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment
7. Coaches and adult volunteers shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship to their athletes and spectators.
8. Umpires will be treated with respect and support by all participants.
  - a. Coach and adult volunteers shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or spectators against the umpires.
  - b. Criticism of umpires or players is unethical.
9. Umpires shall treat all participants with a courteous and dignified attitude.
10. Coaches shall not engage in any type of sexual harassment, abuse, or any other type of illegal conduct.
11. All participants should develop and promote a spirit of cooperation among the American Legion Baseball family, including sponsors and any persons connected with the program.

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## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL CODE OF ETHICS (CONT'D).

12. Any manager, coach, player or umpire who fails to abide by the above American Legion Baseball Code of Ethics shall be ejected from the game and/or may be removed from the American Legion Baseball program by review of an incident reported and acted upon by the Department Executive Committee.
13. Managers and coaches who fail to adhere to deadlines for submission of rosters and accompanying paperwork may also be removed from participation in the baseball program.
14. All game-ejected individuals will not be allowed to remain in the ballpark. The ballpark includes the fans seating area. The manager shall designate an adult to accompany the ejected player.
15. In State supervised sectional and regional tournament play, any manager, coach or player ejected from a game will not participate in the remainder of that game and will only be reinstated in the remainder of the tournament at the discretion of the tournament director. The tournament director's decision will be based on the severity of the cause of ejection.
16. In the state finals tournament any manager, coach or player ejected for the remainder of the tournament, unless reinstated by the state baseball chairman or his authorized representative. Severity of an individual's action for ejection will determine length of suspension given by the proper official.

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## NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES PLAYER RECRUITMENT . . . PLAN B

1. All teams must have a base school from which they start recruiting. NEW TEAMS must request and receive approval of a base school from the Department Chairman. EXISTING TEAMS may request to change their base school. This request must be in writing and approved by the Department Chairman by January 1 of any given calendar year.
2. Teams may select players from their base school plus any combination of adjacent schools and should have a try-out when possible. Department Chairman has authority to grant a transfer waiver should a coach refuse to sign after given ample opportunity.
3. No private, private boarding or non-boarding, technical, vocational, regional or preparatory high school may be a BASE SCHOOL.
4. New combinations of schools must be approved annually by the Department Baseball Chairman and the Department Baseball Committee. This includes adding, dropping, or changing a school or schools. All requests for new combinations of schools must be in writing and received NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 2019. Teams failing to comply with this rule will be declared ineligible to compete in the 2019 DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.
5. It is a National American Legion rule that a figure of 5,000 total enrollments in grades 10, 11, and 12 cannot be exceeded in a combination of schools.
6. As a manager, depending on the size of your community and the size of your school systems, you may recruit from a single school or from a combination of secondary schools, but you cannot exceed 5,000 total enrollment in grades 10, 11, and 12 of either/or.
7. If the total enrollment of grades 10, 11, and 12 of a single school you wish to recruit from exceeds the total 5,000 enrollment figure set by the National Organization, you cannot recruit from any other school(s). You can, however, utilize players from the same school who have gone on to college or who are out of school, providing they do not exceed the age requirements.
8. As a manager, the enrollment figures must be the total 10, 11, and 12 grade enrollment figures as found on [www.ihsaa.org/Portals/0/ihsaa/documents/quick%20resources/021317Enrollments.pdf](http://www.ihsaa.org/Portals/0/ihsaa/documents/quick%20resources/021317Enrollments.pdf). If a school is not listed on the website, please contact the Department Program Director at [bmiller@indianalegion.org](mailto:bmiller@indianalegion.org) or by phone at (317) 630-1391.
9. If a player's school is not a base school, the player shall play with the team whose base school is nearest his parent's legal residence. **To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest.**

- a. A player attending a school outside the high school boundary of his parent's legal residence, (i.e. public, parochial, private non-boarding, technical, vocational, etc.), has an option of playing for the base school team nearest the school he attends, or playing for the base school team nearest his parent's legal residence.
  - b. A player must declare, in writing, which team he wishes to play for and complete National Form #77. **THE TEAM MANAGER MUST SIGN AND FORWARD THE FORM #77 TO THE DEPARTMENT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN BY JUNE 15, 2019.** Such election shall be final and valid for the player's remaining eligibility.
  - c. In the event a new team is formed which is nearer a non-base school players legal residence, that player has a one-time option the year the new team is formed to play with the team for which he played last year or for the new team. Option to exercise is on Form #77.
  - d. A player who plays for the base school team located in the same high school boundary as his parent's residence. The ENTIRE ENROLLMENT of the school he attends, grades 10, 11 & 12, will be counted.
10. No team may recruit a player from another team's BASE SCHOOL. However, if a player is cut or fails to make the team, he may be granted a transfer by the BASE SCHOOL team manager to play for the next nearest team. If two or more teams are sponsored by the same American Legion Post, or outside sponsor, the Department Baseball Chairman will assign the BASE SCHOOL.
  11. Players now in college or players out of school must play for the American Legion team that they played for while in high school unless properly released, providing they do not exceed the age requirement.
  12. A player, except those in their last year of eligibility, whose parents have moved since he last played American Legion baseball, shall play for the team nearest his parent's new legal residence. Those players who have one year of eligibility remaining and whose parents have moved since he last played American legion baseball, have a choice of playing with the team nearest their parent's new legal residence or returning to play with their original team.
    - a. The enrollment of the high school the player attends on March 31, 2019 shall be counted.
    - b. Written permission must be obtained by the Department Baseball Chairman and indicated on Form #77 prior to placing the player on Form #1.
  13. A player who is home-schooled may compete for the team nearest their parents or guardian's legal residence. Written permission for such competition must be obtained from the state chairman prior to placing the player on Form #1. Enrollment figures for such players shall be those of the high school boundary of his parents or guardian's legal residence.
  14. If a player played last year for an American Legion team that has now disbanded, he may play for the American Legion team nearest to his parent's legal residence. In such cases, the player should write to the Department Baseball Chairman asking for approval of such a move. **All such requests must be received by JUNE 15, 2019.**
  15. 2018 Graduated Student. Players who graduated in 2018 shall play for the last American Legion team they played for. If a team should fail to form and/or exist, or the graduated player last played for a junior program, the player must play for the team nearest their parents' domicile. Players who graduated in 2018 shall not be eligible to be transferred (Forms #76 or #77). Their names must have appeared on a previously approved American Legion Baseball team roster.
  16. Players per Team. No American Legion Baseball team may have more than 18 registered players once National Form #1 is registered with the department. Each team must register players on National Form #1 via the online registration program with their department by June 20 or the department closing date, whichever comes first. The department baseball chairman must certify teams to National Headquarters by June 25 to be eligible for national competition. A non-Legionnaire may serve as coach.
    - 1) In cases of death, a player may be replaced on National Form #1.
    - 2) A player may be replaced if that player is placed on active duty in the U.S. armed forces following the submission of the certified National Form #1.

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## PLAYER TRANSFER FORM #76

A Player Transfer form is provided at the back of this handbook. They are also available online at [www.indianalegion.org/baseball](http://www.indianalegion.org/baseball).

If a player is unable to participate with the nearest Legion Team, that player may request a transfer from the team manager and play for the team next nearest his parent's legal residence. The transfer form must be signed by the releasing team manager, parent and player and sent to the Department Chairman for approval.

### **A NEW TRANSFER MUST BE GRANTED EVERY YEAR.**

Clarification: Players who try out for, and fail, to make the nearest team can request a transfer to the second closest team to their parents' domicile. If cut again, that player may try-out for the third closest team, until which time the player is able to play on a team. The enrollment of the high school a player attends on March 31, 2019, shall be counted.

A player, who resides and attends school in Indiana, and who is unable to play for the nearest team but desires to play for a team in Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio or Michigan must have a Transfer Form #76 signed by the releasing manager. This form **MUST** be submitted to the Indiana Department Chairman for his approval prior to the Department closing date, and then submitted to the Department Chairman of the state the player desires to play in for his approval.

A player, who resides and attends school in Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio or Michigan, and desires to play with an Indiana team, **MUST** send a completed Form #76 to the respective Department Chairman of his state. That player must then send that approved Form #76 to the Department of Indiana Chairman for his approval prior to the Department closing date.

The Executive Baseball Committee will consider all above requests for transfer on an individual basis. The decision of the Baseball Executive Committee shall be final.

All team managers submitting transfer forms #76 will receive a copy of the transfers **APPROVED** or **DENIED** following the Department closing date (June 20, 2019). After the closing date, copies of all form #76's received by the Department American Legion Baseball Committee will be distributed to every applicable team registered in the Department, and the members of the Department American Legion Baseball Committee.

### **IN ALL CASES, SCHOOL ENROLLMENT RULE WILL BE ENFORCED.**

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## PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL RULES

### 1. PERTAINING TO TRY-OUT CAMPS

- a) No American Legion player shall be permitted to participate in any try-out camp conducted by any Major League or National Association ball club if such participation would interfere with any of the player's American Legion activities.
- b) Participation in try-out camps by American Legion players will only be permitted with a letter of approval presented at the try-out camp, which has been signed by the manager of the American Legion team or the Post Commander of the Post the player represents in American Legion play.
- c) No expenses shall be given directly or indirectly to any American Legion player taking part in a try-out camp by the professional ball club holding the camp.

### 2. PERTAINING TO COACHES HELMETS & COACHES BOX

As you know The American Legion follows official baseball rules, therefore our teams (coaches) shall be mandated to wear a helmet when in the coaching box. MLB is leaving the decision as to what type of helmet the coach wishes to wear up to the coach or club. The coach has to wear a protective helmet while in the coaching box. He can wear a single, double or no flap helmet. If he does not have a helmet - that coach can not remain on the field.

Another new rule will mandate the coaches remain in the coach's box until the ball is put into play. (For safety reasons MLB will not allow coaches to creep towards home plate until the ball is in play). Coaches must have both feet inside the front of the coach's box. However, if the coach wants to move away from the plate - out the back of the box, MLB will not mandate he remain in the box. MLB again considers this a safety rule. If a coach is outside the box (closer to home plate) he will be warned once and 2nd infraction he will be ejected. If he is out of the back of the coach's box this is not considered an infraction.

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## TEAM & PLAYER CERTIFICATION PREPARATION OF NATIONAL FORM #1

Each team that has submitted an entry form and entry fee online **MUST COMPLETE** the American Legion NATIONAL FORM #1, which will be found on line at [www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball).

The NATIONAL FORM #1 must be completed on line by **JUNE 20, 2019**.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. The NATIONAL FORM #1 **MUST BE SUBMITTED ON LINE**.
  2. The names of the players MUST be listed **ALPHABETICALLY** by their last names, first names, and middle names or initial.
  3. The NATIONAL FORM #1 must be completed online **NO LATER THAN JUNE 20, 2019**.
  4. **The Department American Legion Baseball Committee will verify the total enrollment of all recruited players' schools, grades 10, 11, and 12, as of MARCH 31, 2019.**
  5. The total 10, 11, and 12 grade enrollments of all the school(s) listed on your NATIONAL FORM #1 must not exceed 5,000. **This is a National rule that is followed to the letter!**
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**PREPARATION OF THE NATIONAL PLAYER AGREEMENT,  
PARENT CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM (FORM #2)**

Every player must complete and file a NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL FORM #2. FORM #2 **MUST BE NOTARIZED!** Although The National American Legion does not require the notarized copies, it is required by the Department of Indiana. This notarization is extremely important for seeking medical attention for a player.

A copy of the Form #2 can be found at the back of this handbook, or online at [www.indianalegion.org/baseball](http://www.indianalegion.org/baseball).

After being notarized, a copy must be sent to the Americanism Office of Department Headquarters. The original is to be kept by the team manager. Any team or player failing to complete and file FORM #2 shall be disqualified from further play.

Copies of FORM #2's must be received at Department Headquarters NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 2019, or your first game whichever comes first and mailed to:

The American Legion, Department of Indiana  
Attn: American Legion Baseball  
5440 Herbert Lord Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46216

**These forms must be present with the manager or coach at all games and practices.**

**It is highly recommended that team managers make and save copies of all paperwork sent to Legion headquarters. It is also recommended that all mailings be sent registered.**

**All recommendations will help in proof of mail and copies to cover for lost or damaged mail.**

**BIRTH CERTIFICATES**

**Regional and State Finals Tournament competition, you will be required to submit to the Tournament Director, or have available for his review, the birth certificates or a state issued driver's license or state issued ID or passport that complies with the new Federal ID Law for all your players. Plus, one copy of each certificate or license.**

Their record of birth must be by certificate bearing the appropriate seal or a certified copy of such from the BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS or DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH or an accepted certified copy birth-recording agency in Indiana. Official DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE certificates are acceptable.

In case of foreign birth, the player can present any document issued to the bearer by the U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE or the STATE DEPARTMENT that shows the players birth date. Birth certificates issued by foreign countries are acceptable when accompanied by an English translation.

A properly notarized copy of that portion of legal adoption papers showing the place and date of a player's birth shall be acceptable in those cases involving foster parents.

The following are not acceptable as legal birth records and will not be accepted by the National American Legion Headquarters:

- a. Baptismal certificates.
- b. School certificates or records.
- c. Hospital records.

If a player that was born in the state of Indiana does not have a birth certificate and wishes to obtain one, he or his parents can write to the following agency:

VITAL RECORDS DIVISION  
Indiana State Health Department  
1330 W. Michigan Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Please include a check or money order for \$6.00.

A birth certificate may also be obtained over the phone by calling (317) 233-2700. When purchasing a birth certificate by phone, an additional charge of \$5.00 is added and a credit card must be used. Persons requesting birth certificates by phone must be at least 18 years of age.

When writing to the VITAL RECORDS DIVISION, ask the player to furnish the following information:

- a. Full name at birth.
- b. Place and date of birth.
- c. Full name of father and maiden name of mother.
- d. Relationship of requester to individual.
- e. Purpose for which certificate is needed.
- f. Self-addressed, stamped envelope showing name, address and zip code of individual to whom the certificate should be mailed.
- g. In a check or money order made out to the Indiana State Health Department
- h. Request should include your signature and other form of identification.

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### INSURANCE COVERAGE & BACKGROUND CHECKS

All insurance must be purchased through SA Van Dyk Insurance. Applications for insurance are available during team registration on the following website.

[www.baseball.legion.org](http://www.baseball.legion.org).

In November 2011 representatives for the insurance agent of record for The American Legion and the provider of liability insurance approached The American Legion National Headquarters to advise that implementation of risk management policies, to include a background screening/monitoring program for paid and volunteer staff of youth programs of The American Legion, was necessary to continue liability insurance coverage at its current and prudent level.

While The American Legion has the utmost trust and confidence in its staff and volunteers, the need for implementing such measures is a stark manifestation unfortunately reflective of today's social reality. Any organization entrusted with the safety and welfare of youth must mitigate its overall risk and liability, and that of its participants and volunteers, by taking measures aimed at sustaining program integrity and safety.

To that end, the Department of Indiana requires **all individuals who have one-on-one contact with a participant of any Department sponsored and conducted youth program, to have a background check.** Background checks may be requested online at [www.opportunities.averity.com/aldeptofindiana](http://www.opportunities.averity.com/aldeptofindiana). If you do not have online capability you should contact Department Program Director Butch Miller at [bmiller@indianalegion.org](mailto:bmiller@indianalegion.org) or (317) 630-1300. Background checks are performed at no cost to the volunteer and are valid for one (1) calendar year from the date of issuance.

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## DEPARTMENT PLAYING REGULATIONS

### THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IS PROHIBITED AT ALL GAME SITES. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE FAN'S SEATING AREA OR IN THE PLAYING FIELD AS DEFINED IN THIS HANDBOOK.

1. Under no circumstances will any team be required to play more than two (2) games in any one (1) playing day. A playing day begins at 8:00 a.m. local time.
2. All players are required to wear a double-flapped ear protective helmet while batting, running the bases or on deck. \*All batting helmets must meet the NOCSAE specifications and bear the NOCSAE stamp on the outside of the helmet. Bat girls and boys must wear a double-flapped ear protective helmet while on the playing field at all times.
3. Catchers are required to wear, in addition to normal catcher's equipment, a safety helmet, throat protector and protective cup.
  - a) Any catcher's mask that does not have an extended throat protector of at least 2 inches in length is required to have an attachable dangling throat protector. Umpires and tournament officials shall halt the game until this rule is complied with.
  - b) While warming up a pitcher, either in or out of the bullpen, the person or catcher must wear a mask. Any person who refuses to do so will be ejected from the game.
4. Only bats may be used in warming up in the on-deck area. Weighted bats and devices designed to attach and remain part of the bat, such as weights and wind resistant foils are permitted. For safety reasons, the following are not permitted to be used; sledge hammers, weighted pipes and other heavy paraphernalia.
5. Any batting order given to the official score keeper (prior to the time the batting order is given to the umpire-in-chief) may have changes made to it without penalty. Any changes made to the batting order after it is received by the umpire-in-chief will be counted as substitutions.
6. Pitching Rule.
  - a) No player may pitch more than a total of 105 pitches per day. A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if he reaches or exceeds the maximum limit during an at-bat but must exit the position after that hitter. No player may enter the game as a pitcher without having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in the chart below. No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. PENALTY – The pitcher is removed from the game and head coach shall be ejected from the game and serve an additional game suspension.

Daily max (pitches in game)		Required rest (pitches)				
		0 day	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days
ALB Senior Program	105	0-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+

- b) Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed from the position when a coach makes a second trip to the mound in the same inning, and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game. PENALTY – Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.
    - c) If a player returns as a pitcher in the same game, he will be charged with another appearance.
    - d) A day is defined as 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.
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7. Points of Emphasis. American Legion Baseball adopts the philosophy and principles of the MLB/USA Baseball Pitch Smart initiative of practical, age-appropriate guidelines to educate parents, players and coaches to avoid overuse injuries and foster long, healthy careers for youth pitchers. Learn more online at [www.pitchsmart.org](http://www.pitchsmart.org).

The following are recommendations and suggested guidelines:

- a) Consideration should be given to not exceed 100 combined innings pitched in any 12-month period.
- b) Take at least four months off from competitive pitching every year, including at least two to three continuous months off from all overhead throwing.

- c) Coaches should consider the pitcher's age and recommended guidelines for that age group (i.e., a 15-year-old pitcher on a senior team should be limited to 95 max pitches, although 105 is allowed).
- d) Once a pitcher is removed, consideration should be given to what position he is assigned once he is done pitching, as well as the throwing requirement of the fielding position once the pitcher vacates the mound.
- e) Make sure to properly warm up before pitching.
- f) Avoid playing for multiple teams at the same time.
- g) Avoid playing catcher while not pitching.
- h) Avoid pitching in multiple games on the same day.
- i) Make sure to follow guidelines across leagues, tournaments and showcases.
- j) Monitor for other signs of fatigue.

8. The American Legion Department of Indiana has adopted the following NCAA bat rule to read as follows:

- a) **Wood Bat.** The bat must be a smooth, rounded stick not more than 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches in diameter at its thickest part nor more than 42 inches in length. There must be a direct line from the center of the knob to the center of the large end. Any material to improve the grip may be used for a distance not to exceed 18 inches from the end of the handles. It is mandated that all bats have an identification mark 18 inches from the end of the handle. An indentation in the end of the bat up to 1 inch in depth is permitted (cupped bats). All bats other than one-piece solid white ash must be certified in accordance with the NCAA certification program.

b) **Non-wood Bat.**

- 1) The entire bat must be round with a constant radius at any point and the finish of the hitting area must be smooth
- 2) There must be a direct line from the center of the knob to the center of the large end.
- 3) The maximum length is 36 inches and the maximum diameter is 2 5/8 inches.
- 4) The knob and end plug (if applicable) must be firmly attached.
- 5) A bat may not weigh, numerically, more than three units less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 34-inch bat cannot weigh less than 31 ounces).
- 6) It is mandatory that all bats have an identification mark 18 inches from the end of the handle.
- 7) **All non-wood bats must be BBCOR certified. If any bat fails to meet this requirement, said bat shall be removed from the game, the batter shall be declared out and the head coach or team manager shall be ejected from the game. This rule changes follows the 2012 NFHS rule, which mandates that the head coach or manager is responsible for all equipment in the dugout.**

c) No foreign substance that will in any way discolor the ball may be added to the surface of the bat beyond 18 inches from the end of the handle.

d) For a game and practice use, all aluminum bats must have leather, rubber or taped grip securely attached to the bat handle.

**CLARIFICATION:** Penalty for c and d – If the bat is not marked 18 inches from the knob or has pine tar or a foreign substance beyond the 18-inch mark, the bat must be removed from the game and the player warned. If the practice continues, the player is to be removed from the game. If a bat's handle should become loose and the bat must be removed from the game, the same practice is to be followed. Neither of these infractions is cause for calling the batter out.

9. **BLOOD RULE:** Any player who suffers from a laceration or where the wound is oozing blood, the game shall be stopped at the earliest possible time and the athlete must be treated immediately. If the bleeding requires extensive treatment, a substitute shall replace the injured player. (Umpires are directed to give reasonable amount of time to allow injured player to be treated.)

## DEPARTMENT PLAYING REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

10. **FORCE-PLAY SLIDE RULE:** The intent of the force-play slide rule is to ensure the safety of the defensive player. This is a safety, as well as an interference rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation regardless of the number of outs.
- a) On a force play at any base, including home plate, the runner must slide on the ground and in a direct line between the two bases. It is permissible for the slider's momentum to carry him through the base in the baseline extended. Exception – A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder.
    - 1) "On the ground" means either a headfirst slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground.
    - 2) "Directly into a base" means the runner's entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in a straight line between the bases.
  - b) Contact with a fielder is legal and interference shall **not** be called if the runner makes a legal slide directly to the base and in the baseline extended. If contact occurs on top of the base as a result of a "pop-up" slide, this contact is legal.
  - c) It is an illegal slide if:
    - 1) The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder.
    - 2) The runner uses a rolling, cross-body or pop-up slide into a fielder. (A pop-up slide is a legal slide as long as the runner does not make contact with, or alter the play of the fielder).
    - 3) The runner's raised leg is higher than the fielder's knee when in a standing position.
    - 4) The runner goes beyond the base and makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder. (Beyond the base refers to any part of the offensive player's body that makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder beyond the base).
    - 5) The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg.
    - 6) Or, the slide is flagrant. (If the runner's slide is flagrant, the individual shall be ejected from the game.)
  - d) If the runner, on a force play, makes an illegal slide at any base, including home plate, interference shall be called. **PENALTY** - With less than 2 outs, the batter-runner, as well as the interfering runner, shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance. With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
11. **COLLISION RULE:** When there is a collision between a runner and a fielder who clearly **is in possession** of the ball, the umpire shall judge:
- a) Whether the collision by the runner was avoidable (could the runner have reached the base without colliding) or unavoidable (the runner's path to the base was blocked) or,
  - b) Whether the runner actually was attempting to reach the base (plate) or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder.
  - c) **PENALTY:** If the runner, a) could have avoided the collision and reached the base, or b) attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner shall be declared out even if the fielder loses possession of the ball. The ball is dead and all other base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of interference.

**Ruling 1:** If the fielder blocks the path of the base runner to the base (plate), the runner may make contact, slide into, or collide with a fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base or plate.

**Ruling 2:** If the collision by the runner was **flagrant**, the runner shall be declared out and ejected from the contest. The ball shall be declared dead.

## DEPARTMENT PLAYING REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

**Ruling 3:** If the defensive player blocks the base (plate) or base line **clearly without the ball**, or is not in the immediate act of catching the ball, obstruction shall be called. The runner is safe and a **delayed dead ball** shall be called.

**Ruling 4:** If the runner collides flagrantly, he shall be declared safe on the obstruction, but will be ejected from the contest. The ball is dead.

12. **MALICIOUS CONTACT:** The National Baseball Subcommittee is concerned that some coaches may not have explained to their players that malicious contact is illegal. The majority of intentional collisions occur at home plate where the catcher is blocking the plate. Runners should be instructed to slide directly to the plate, or away from the catcher, or to avoid making contact with the catcher especially when the defender is in possession of the ball. Any player who, in the judgment of the umpire, maliciously runs into another player is automatically ejected, and is declared out. Our Tournament umpires have been instructed that if there is any intentional and excessive force, or if there is any intent to injure another player, the offending player shall be removed from the game.

### 13. LIGHTNING RULE

- a) Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
- b) Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
- c) Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
  - 1) When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
  - 2) Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed, prior to resuming play.
  - 3) Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count resets the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

14. **EJECTION RULE:** Any player, coach, manager, or fan ejected by an umpire is automatically removed from the Department Tournament, unless the Department Tournament Director reinstates that person.

15. **RE-ENTRY RULE:** Departments may use the following re-entry rule for their respective department baseball program during regular season play only: "Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-enter once, including a player who was the designated hitter, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may NOT re-enter."

### 16. 10-RUN RULE.

- a. During the regular season, the department committee may grant permission to both junior and senior teams/leagues to use a 10-run rule for league games and invitational tournaments.
- b. During the regular season, the department committee may allow senior and junior teams to play seven-inning games with a 10-run mercy rule after five innings of play or 4½ innings if the home team has the last at-bat.
- c. All senior American Legion tournaments shall use a 10-run rule after seven innings, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 6½ innings, at which time that game will be halted.

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## PROTESTS - - - REGULAR SEASON PLAY

1. Protests occurring in regular season games must be in writing and filed with the Department Baseball Chairman, 5440 Herbert Lord Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46216, within 24 HOURS after the completion of the game in question. A telegram or an email is considered to be "in writing".
2. Complete information, including a report from the umpires, must accompany each protest.
3. Each protest must be filed with a check or money order in the amount of \$45.00, made payable to the Department of Indiana. If protest is allowed, the money will be returned to the protester. If the protest is disallowed, the money will be deposited in the Department Baseball Account.
4. No protest will be heard which is based upon the official's judgment decision.
5. **The decision of the Department Baseball Chairman is final. A record of all protests shall be filed with the minutes of the Department Baseball Committee.**
6. If a player is found to be ineligible, he shall be disqualified immediately. All games in which a disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.
7. All protests of player ineligibility must be specified with definite written proof and first be presented to state chairman for a ruling. Rulings of chairmen may be appealed to the Executive section.
8. All protests filed to the National Appeals Board must be sent via the Department Baseball Chairman and the decision will be routed back through the Department Baseball Chairman. No protest or rules interpretation request will be accepted at National Headquarters from a team manager, coach or parent. Any person violating this rule is subject to the discipline of the Department Baseball Committee, which may include a suspension or a fine.

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## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION - GENERAL

All rules stated under the section DEPARTMENT PLAYING REGULATIONS shall apply to tournament games as well as regular season games.

TOURNAMENT GAMES SHALL BE A REGULATION NINE (9) INNINGS. In the event a tournament game is suspended due to inclement weather, or any other reason, this game shall be resumed where interrupted, retaining its place in the tournament schedule and shall continue until a total of at least nine (9) innings have been played or 8 ½ innings if the home team is leading.

In an effort to expedite the playing of Regional Tournament games and to protect the welfare of players involved, the Department Baseball Committee has adopted the 7-inning/10 run rule as printed below. The Committee has also adopted only the 7-inning/10 run rule for the State Finals Tournament.

**7-inning/10 run rule:** The game will be officially ended at the end of the bottom half of the seventh inning when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning.

**A designated hitter (DH) will be permitted in regional or state final play. (PITCHERS ONLY)**

The professional designated hitter baseball rule is an option to be used at the National Tournament level.

During the state tournament, the host team shall play the 4<sup>th</sup> game on the first day. Host teams' playing schedule during regional tournament will be by luck of the draw.

The championship round, that is when two (2) games are left, shall not be started on the same day that an elimination game has been played.

One hour prior to the start of any tournament game, a coin flip will decide the home team and visitors. The winner of the flip will have the choice of dugouts. **EXCEPTION:** When the Post hosting a tournament has a team in that tournament, that team shall have its choice of dugouts when playing.

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### PROTESTS...TOURNAMENT PLAY

Tournament Directors or their approved representatives shall rule on protests regarding rule applications. During the operation of the State Baseball Tournament, the Department Baseball Chairman will rule on all protests. Umpires will hear no protest in any tournament that involves judgment calls.

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### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Department Baseball Committee will place the teams in Regional Tournaments using geographic location when possible.
2. The Department Baseball Chairman shall appoint someone to supervise each Regional Tournament. It shall be the duty of this person to organize and arrange all details of the Regional Tournament.
3. At 3:00 p.m. on the opening day of the Regional Tournament, the Regional Tournament Director shall call a meeting of representatives of all (4) teams. At this meeting, the team must submit to the Tournament Director the original copies of all players birth certificates or driver's license plus one (1) photocopy of each birth certificate or driver's license, all team copies of players Form 2's and, four (4) 8x10 black and white or color glossy pictures of the team with all players identified by name on separate sheets of paper. **If your team or a representative is not at the meeting, your team could be eliminated from the tournament.** No team will receive travel money.
4. All players shall wear the uniform number designated on the form 1 unless approved by the tournament manager.
5. The Regional Tournament Director will be furnished photocopies of the NATIONAL FORM #1's of each team playing in that Tournament by the Department Americanism Office.
6. **Any protests as to the eligibility of any player on any team in the regional tournament must be made at the meeting of the Regional Tournament Director or his approved representative and Team Managers.** Protests as to the eligibility of any player will not be accepted after the pre-game meeting. At the request of the Tournament Director, the State Baseball Chairman will make final approval/disapproval of any eligibility protests.
7. Regional Tournament Directors shall rule on protests regarding rule applications. No protests will be heard which involve judgment calls by an umpire.
8. Regional Tournament Directors will report the schedule of games and final scores to the Department Program Director by e-mail to [bmiller@indianalegion.org](mailto:bmiller@indianalegion.org) or by phone to (317) 630-1391, for posting on the department website.
9. The 7-inning/10 run rule will be in effect for all Regional Tournaments.
10. At the completion of the Regional Tournament, the Tournament Director shall return to the team managers all forms, birth certificates (originals and copies) and photographs.
11. The Regional Tournament Director shall call the Department Chairman on the first working day following the Tournament to notify him of the Regional winner.
12. A designated hitter (DH) **will be permitted** in regional or state final play. A team must use the American League Designated Hitter Rule as published by the Official Baseball Rules. **(DH FOR PITCHER ONLY!).**
13. Two umpires shall be at every game.

14. ONLY American Legion authorized and sanctioned baseballs will be used for tournament play.
  15. Teams participating in a REGIONAL tournament MUST have nine (9) available and eligible players to begin their first tournament game.
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### STATE FINALS RULES

1. The Regional winners, along with the host team for the State Finals, will play in the State Finals. In the event the host team is also the Regional winner, the runner-up team in that Regional will also play in the State Finals.
  2. The Department Baseball Chairman or the designated Vice Chairman shall be the Tournament Director of the State Finals.
  3. The Department Americanism Office will furnish the State Finals Tournament Director with a copy of the NATIONAL FORM #1 for each team playing in the Tournament.
  4. **Any protest as to the eligibility of any player on any team in the State finals tournament must be made at the meeting of The Tournament Director and Team Managers.** Protests as to the eligibility of any player will not be accepted after the pre-game meeting. The State Baseball Chairman will make final approval/disapproval of any eligibility protest.
  5. All players shall wear the uniform number designated on the form 1 unless approved by the tournament manager.
  6. The State Finals Tournament Director, along with members of the Department Baseball Executive Committee present during the State Finals, will rule on any protest involving rule applications. No protests will be heard which involve judgment calls by an umpire.
  7. The host team will play the 4<sup>th</sup> game on the 1<sup>st</sup> day.
  8. At 9:00 a.m. on the opening day of the State Final Tournament, the Tournament Director shall call a meeting of representatives of all teams. At this meeting, the teams participating must submit all player's birth certificates or driver's licenses plus one photocopy of each birth certificate or driver's license. Each team must also submit four (4) 8x10 glossy black/white or color photographs with all players and coaches identified on separate sheets of paper. **If your team or a representative is not at the meeting, your team will forfeit any travel money and the team could be eliminated from the tournament.** Teams within 75 miles of the state site will not receive travel money.
  9. Following the completion of the State Tournament, the Department Baseball Chairman shall advise the State Champion team on all necessary actions needed to be taken to certify that team into National competition.
  10. The 7-inning/10 run rule will be in effect for all State Tournaments.
  11. A designated hitter (DH) **will be permitted** in regional or state final play. A team must use the American League Designated Hitter Rule as published by the Official Baseball Rules. (**DH FOR PITCHER ONLY!**)
  12. Three umpires shall be used at every game.
  13. All teams participating in the STATE tournament must have nine (9) available and eligible players to begin their first tournament game.
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## A.D. PHILLIPS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The American Legion, Department of Indiana gives the A.D. Phillips Sportsmanship Award each year, to a participant in the Department State Baseball Tournament.

The award, which was created in 1964, honors longtime Legionnaire and member of the State Baseball Committee, A.D. Phillips.

The criteria for the award are as follows:

1. Must be nominated by Team Manager.
2. Must be in last year of Legion eligibility.
3. Must have displayed good sportsmanship consistent with the ideals of Legion Baseball.
4. Must excel in playing the game.

A committee of knowledgeable baseball people appointed by the State Chairman selects the recipient at the State Tournament. The award is made at the Tournament awards ceremony.

### D. Phillips Award Winners:

1964 - Jack Walkey (Lafayette 11)	1965 - Glen Speedy (Princeton 25)	1966 - Steve Kirkpatrick (Lafayette 11)
1967- Gene Avery (LaPorte 83)	1968 - Kevin Powers (South Bend 284)	1969-
1970 - Rich Foli (Terre Haute 346)	1971 -	1972 - Alan Kowalewski (South Bend 357)
1973 -	1974 - Greg Tooley (Rockport 254)	1975 - Joe Carson (Indianapolis 355)
1976 - Greg Baker (Kokomo 6)	1977 -	1978 - Joe Beason (Kokomo 6)
1979 - Chuck Antony (Kokomo 6)	1980 -	1981 -
1982 -	1983 -	1984 - Sean Welsh (Richmond 65)
1985 -	1986 - Scott McTaggertt (Lafayette 11)	1987 -
1988 - Todd O'Neal (Madison 9)	1989 -	1990 - Jermaine Allensworth (Anderson 127)
1991 -	1992 -	1993 -
1994 - Eric Tryon (Terre Haute 346)	1995 - Bart Liter (Madison 9)	1996 - Tommy Johns (Anderson 127)
1997 -	1998 - Jonathon Carey (Anderson 127)	1999 - Nick McIntyre (Lafayette 11)
2000 - Joel Novack (Anderson 127)	2001 -	2002 -Kyle Smith (Evansville 265)
2003 - Chris Macke (Terre Haute 346)	2004 -	2005 -
2006 -	2007 - Christopher Wanty (Madison 9)	2008 - Michael Mosby (Rockport 254)
2009 - Brett Keeler (Hammond 168)	2010 - Jacob Hayes (Terre Haute 346)	2011 - Brock Sprinkles (St. Leon 464)
2012 - Daniel Snyder (Valparaiso 94)	2013 - Caleb Stayton (Bristol 143)	2014 - Tyler Goudy (Kokomo 6)
2015 - David Z. Francis (Newburg 44)	2016 - Spencer Deom (Rockport 254)	2017 - Noah Richardson (Lafayette 11)
2018 - Brenden Bube (Floyds Knob 42)	2019 - ??????????????????????????????	

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### The Code of Sportsmanship

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I will keep faith with my teammates.  
I will keep my temper.  
I will keep myself fit.  
I will keep a stout heart in defeat.  
I will keep my pride under in victory.  
I will keep a sound soul, a clean mind and a healthy body.

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## JR. TEAM BASEBALL PLAYING REGULATIONS

Indiana also offers an American Legion Baseball Jr. Team program for players 17 years old and younger. Teams will be governed by the same rules as Senior Legion teams plus any additions listed below.

- 1) Entering a team into American Legion Jr. Team competition is covered in the instructions on the entry form.
  - 2) All teams must be registered by March 31, 2019, online at [www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball).
  - 3) Entry forms, Form #1 and #2's, proof of insurance purchased from S.A. Van Dyk Insurance Company and birth date rosters will have the same deadline as Senior Legion teams.
  - 4) The Baseball Executive Committee will appoint an individual to serve as Junior Tournament Director.
  - 5) All action by the Jr. Team Committee must be approved by the Department Baseball Executive Committee prior to being implemented.
  - 6) **Junior Legion Baseball Players Age:** Junior American Legion Baseball competition in 2019 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 2002. Junior Legion Baseball shall be limited to ages 17 and under.
  - 7) **Junior Legion players are eligible to be transferred for one year.** Players must play for the Jr. Team whose base school is nearest to his home.
  - 8) The combined total enrollment of the schools cannot exceed 5,000 students for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Junior Legion Baseball is the same as Sr. Legion Baseball: The combined total enrollment of the school cannot exceed 5,000 students for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades.
  - 9) **All games, including post-season tournaments, will be scheduled seven inning games.**
  - 10) **Pitching Rule.** Junior American Legion Baseball shall follow the same rules as the Senior American Legion baseball. Reference "Department Playing Regulations", paragraph #6.
  - 11) **Courtesy runners.** Teams have the option to use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher at any time. For speed-up purposes, it is recommended that the courtesy runner be used with two men out in all games.
  - 12) **Designated hitter.** A hitter may be (not mandatory) designated for any one starting player (not just pitchers) and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game. A starting defensive player cannot be listed as the designated hitter in the starting lineup. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his name shall be included on the lineup cards presented to the umpire-in-chief and to the official scorer. Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter in that game.
  - 13) **Re-entry.** Any of the starting players, with the exception of the pitcher and the designated hitter, may withdraw from the game and re-enter once, provided such players occupy the same batting position whenever they re-enter the lineup. Starting pitchers and designated hitters that change positions later in the same game are NOT eligible to re-enter.
  - 14) Depending on the number and locations of teams entered, the Department Baseball Committee will rule if preliminary tournaments are necessary to determine teams that will play in the State Championship Tournament.
  - 15) The location of the State Championship tournament will be determined by a cash bid submitted by any Jr. team registered in good standing. The minimum cash bid will be \$500.00 and the bid form must be received by the Department Baseball committee prior to the annual Department Spring meeting in April. The tournament bid form will be published on the Department website at [www.indianalegion.org](http://www.indianalegion.org).
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## STATE FINAL BIDS

Each year the Department of Indiana Baseball Committee encourages and actively seeks the interest of The American Legion Posts in the Department to host the Department State Finals Tournament.

The hosting of a Department State Finals can be very beneficial to a Post in terms of money that can be realized from the operation of such a tournament. The American Legion Post which hosts a Department Tournament will realize income in gate admission, concessions, program sales, as well as monies that will be spent in the Post by visiting Legionnaires.

## BIDDING PROCESS

Each November the Department Americanism Office will mail to all American Legion team managers and Posts in the Department a bid form to complete if that Post wishes to be considered by the Department Baseball Committee to host a State Tournament.

The procedure for submitting a bid for the State Finals is basically the same, with the following exception: By the action of the Department Baseball Committee, all bids to host the State Finals will be on a cash bid basis. \$4,000.00 will be the minimum bid accepted.

A certified check or Post check for \$4,000 or any higher amount a Post wishes to bid, must be attached to the Department bid form. All State Finals bids must be into either the Department Americanism Office or the Department Baseball Chairman prior to the Department Baseball Committee meeting at the Mid-Winter Meeting. Any bids received after that time will not be considered. A sample of the STATE FINALS BID form is included in this handbook.

The cash bid accepted by the Baseball Committee will be used to defray the cost of those teams playing in the Tournament. All cash bid money is returned back to the participating teams, excluding the host team and those teams within 75 miles.

The State Finals Tournament will be under the supervision of the Department Baseball Chairman and the Department Baseball Executive Committee.

As a courtesy, the team hosting the State Final Tournament shall provide lodging, as approved by the Department Chairman, for the duration of the Tournament for the Department Chairman or the designated Tournament Director.

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## 2019 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT REQUEST & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Department Regional Tournaments must be completed by July 22, 2019.
2. The host Post will be responsible for obtaining and providing a lighted regulation baseball diamond, as well as obtaining qualified umpires to umpire each game of the Tournament. Umpires may be used for more than one game of the Tournament.
3. The host Post will have the responsibility for the upkeep of the diamond during the Tournament and arrange for all support personnel.
4. The host Post agrees, when submitting the request, that a person appointed by the Department Baseball Committee Chairman, shall serve as the Tournament Director and will have direct control of all matters pertaining to the actual playing of the Tournament games.
5. The host Post agrees to pay the cost of obtaining umpires and **must use two umpires** for each game, as well as miscellaneous expenses related to the operation of the Regional Tournament.
6. A host Post may set ticket prices for the Tournament and will keep all income from the sales of tickets.

7. A host Post may operate concession stands during the Tournament and keep all income from same.
  8. A host post may sell program books during the Tournament and will keep all income derived from same.
  9. All Tournaments will be double elimination. Reference the official American Legion Tournament Brackets.
  9. A host Post agrees that no alcoholic beverages will be sold, given away, or consumed at the ball park
  10. The host post agrees to pay the cost of obtaining umpires, furnishing baseballs, as well as miscellaneous expenses related to the operation of the State Tournament.
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**2019 STATE FINALS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT BID**

**MUST be submitted to the Department Baseball Committee  
prior to the Department Mid-Winter Conference, held annually in January**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

The American Legion, Department of Indiana  
ATTN: American Legion Baseball  
5440 Herbert Lord Drive  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46216

Gentlemen:

\_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_, hereby submits a bid to host the 2019 State Baseball Tournament, to be played Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We have read and understand the State Tournament bid requirements and agree to comply and adhere to such.

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ submits a cash bid of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (By action of the Department Baseball Committee, the minimum acceptable cash bid amount is \$4,000. There is no bid maximum amount limit.)

**IMPORTANT: POST CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF THE BID MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS BID FORM, PLUS ANY DOCUMENTATION YOU WISH TO SUBMIT.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Commander

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Baseball Chairman

Post Baseball Chairman Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS AREA FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY!**

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Bid approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Bid Rejected: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Baseball Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT!**

**BIDDERS SHOULD REVIEW THE FOLLOWING BID REQUIREMENTS IN DETAIL!**

## 2019 STATE FINALS TOURNAMENT BID REQUIREMENTS

1. The Department State Championship Baseball Tournament will be played on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> thru Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. These dates are subject to change depending upon number of teams entered. Reference the official American Legion Tournament Brackets.
2. If the host Post has an American Legion Baseball team, that team will automatically be in the State Finals as the host team. By the action of the Department Baseball Committee, all bids to host the State Finals Tournament will be cash bids. Any American Legion Post wishing to host the State Baseball Finals, must submit, attached to the official State Tournament bid form, a Post check or money order for the amount of the cash bid they wish to present. **A minimum cash bid of \$4,000 must be submitted. A Post may submit any maximum amount they desire.**
3. The money raised through the cash bid, along with a portion of all team entry fees received by the Department, will be used by the Department Baseball Committee to defray the expenses of those teams playing in the Tournament, with the exception of the host team and any team within 75 miles.
4. The host Post will be responsible for obtaining and providing a lighted regulation baseball diamond, which must be approved by the Department Baseball Committee.
5. The host Post will have the responsibility for the upkeep of the diamond during the Tournament and arrange for all support personnel.
6. The host Post agrees, when submitting this bid, that the Department Baseball Chairman or his representative, shall serve as the Tournament Director and will have direct control over all matters pertaining to the actual playing of Tournament games, including hiring of Tournament umpires.
7. The Department Baseball Committee will obtain all baseballs for the Tournament as well as trophies and will pay for the cost of umpires.
8. A host Post may set ticket prices for the Tournament and will keep all income derived from same.
9. A host Post may operate concession stands during the tournament and will keep all income derived from same.
10. A host Post may sell program books during the Tournament and will keep all income derived from same.
11. A host Post will make appropriate arrangements with hotels and motels in their area to block rooms to house visiting teams, managers, etc. during the Tournament. NOTE! Teams participating in The American Legion Department of Indiana State Baseball tournament are encouraged to take advantage of these arrangements.
12. The host Post will furnish a complimentary room to the State Chairman for the duration of the tournament.
13. A host Post agrees that no alcoholic beverages will be sold, given away, or consumed at the ballpark.
14. As a courtesy, the team hosting the State Final Tournament shall provide lodging, as approved by the Department Chairman, for the duration of the Tournament for the Department Chairman or the designated Tournament Director.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

### **AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL** **OFFICIAL FORMS AND** **TOURNAMENT BRACKETS**

- A. Player Agreement (Form #2)
- B. Player Transfer (Form #76)
- C. Team Declaration (Form #77)
- D. Player Information Sheet
- E. 2019 Baseball Scholarship Nomination Form
- F. Official American Legion Tournament Brackets

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