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2009 Rule Book



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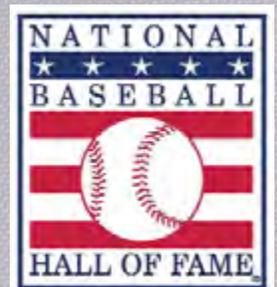
Artifacts from Bob Feller's major league career (top), items from the 1967 Red Sox World Series which was 2008 inductee Dick Williams' first season as a manager (lower left) and Williams' bronze Hall of Fame plaque

AMERICAN LEGION ALUMNI INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Bob Feller (1962)	Al Kaline (1980)	Carl Yastrzemski (1989)	Robin Yount (1999)
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Eddie Mathews (1978)	Johnny Bench (1989)	Nellie Fox (1997)	Dick Williams (2008)

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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% 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.

Patrick Singletary

Selected as the 2008 George W. Rulon

American Legion Baseball Player of the Year

Patrick Singletary was named the 2008 George W. Rulon American Legion Baseball Player of the Year. Patrick was also selected as the North Carolina Player of the Year. He is the recipient of a total of \$3,500 in scholarship funds from The American Legion and Gatorade. Patrick played for the Henderson, North Carolina American Legion Post 77. Patrick will be invited to Cooperstown, NY and will be honored prior to the annual 2009 Baseball Hall of Fame Game. He plans to attend the University of Georgia in Athens and pursue a major in Animal Science with an emphasis on Pre-Veterinary Medicine.



2009 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES

KEY

RULE CHANGES & CLARIFICATIONS

2009 Rules Change = **Rule Changes in Red**

Junior Legion Baseball = **Rules in Green**

American Legion Baseball (both Senior and Junior Legion teams) shall be played in accordance with rules adopted by the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion. With only a few exceptions, all department (state) and national tournaments will follow the Official Baseball Rules as authorized by the Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

Changes to the Official Baseball Rules may be made by the National Americanism Commission and are noted in Rule 1 of the American Legion Baseball rules. These rules generally pertain to matters of safety, equipment and insurance and are made with the welfare of the players in mind.

These rules may be further modified by the departments (states) for regular season play only and cannot conflict with national rules. All national tournaments will follow rules established by The American Legion's National Americanism Commission.

Both Senior and Junior teams shall follow these rules with a few exceptions for Junior Legion Baseball, which shall be marked in **green**.

Senior American Legion Baseball shall be a 19 and under program.

Junior American Legion Baseball shall be a 17 and under program.

PLAYING REGULATIONS RULE 1

A. Bat Rule. Wood, metal, ceramic, or graphite bats may be used.

1. Wooden bats are permitted under Official Baseball Rules.
2. The maximum length is 36 inches and the maximum diameter is 2 5/8 inches.
3. The knob and end plug (if applicable) must be firmly attached.
4. A bat may not weigh, numerically, more than three units less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 34-inch-long bat cannot weight less than 31 ounces).
5. A non-wood bat must have an approved, coded certification mark on the barrel of the bat signifying the bat is legal for NCAA competition.
6. For all games and practice use, all non-wood bats must have leather, rubber or taped grip securely attached to the bat handle.
7. Any bat that fails to meet these specifications or, in the umpire's judgment, has been altered to affect the distance factor or cause an unusual reaction on the baseball shall be removed from the game. The batter shall be declared out. Base runners shall not advance.

B. Blood Rule. If a player suffers from a laceration or other injury where blood is visible, the game shall be stopped at the earliest possible time and the athlete treated immediately. If the injury requires extensive treatment, a substitute shall replace the injured player. (Umpires are directed to give a reasonable amount of time to allow all injured players to be treated.) No re-entry is allowed.

C. Catcher's Equipment. Catchers are required to wear a safety helmet, throat protector and protective cup, in addition to normal catcher's equipment:

1. All catcher's masks must have a built in or attachable throat guard. Umpires and tournament officials shall halt the game until this rule is complied with.
2. While warming up a pitcher, either in or out of the bullpen, a catcher must wear a mask. Any player who refuses to do so shall be ejected from the game.

D. Coaches. Only those players and coaches listed on the team's National Registration Form #1 or those approved by the national tournament director are permitted on the coaching lines. All coaches must be identified by the tournament officials prior to their participation.

E. Collisions. The intent of this rule is to encourage base runners and defensive players to avoid collisions whenever possible.

1. 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 was actually attempting to reach the base (plate) or was he attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder.

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 base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the 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.

2. If the defensive player blocks the base (plate) or base line without the ball, obstruction shall be called. The runner is safe and a delayed dead ball shall be called.

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

Clarification

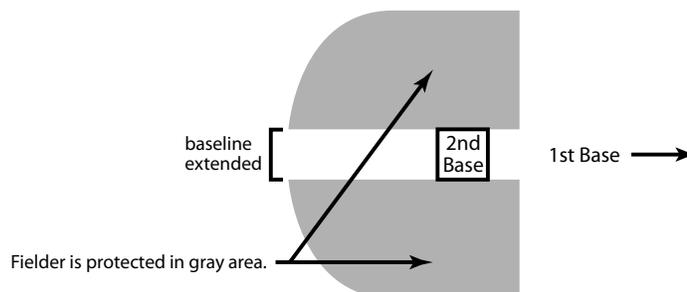
Malicious Contact. Any player who, in the judgment of the umpire, maliciously runs into another player is automatically ejected and is declared out. The American Legion is concerned that some coaches may not have explained to their players that malicious contact is illegal. The majority of intentional 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, to avoid making contact with the catcher, especially when the defender is in possession of the ball. 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 ejected from the game. The malicious contact penalty will be enforced whether committed by an offensive or defensive player. Any player ejected by an umpire is automatically removed from the tournament, unless the tournament director reinstates that player.

F. Designated Hitter Rule. All Senior national tournaments shall use the American League Designated Hitter Rule as published by Official Baseball Rules.

The Junior Legion Baseball program will use the same DH rule as the Senior Legion program.

G. 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. Whether the defense could have completed the double play has no bearing on the applicability of this rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation at any base, regardless of the number of outs.

1. On any force play, 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. (see diagram)



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.

- a) “On the ground” means either a head-first slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground.
- b) “Directly into a base” means the runner’s entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in a straight line between the bases.

Clarification 1

If a runner goes into a base standing up and does not make contact or alter the play of the defensive player, interference shall not be called.

Clarification 2

If the runner goes into a base standing up and is safe or out, but makes contact with or alters the play of the defensive player, interference shall be called.

2. 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.

Clarification

If contact occurs on top of the base as a result of a “pop-up” slide, this contact is legal.

3. Actions by a runner are illegal and interference shall be called if:
 - a) The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder;
 - b) The runner uses a rolling, cross-body or either makes contact with or alters the play of a fielder;
 - c) The runner’s raised leg makes contact higher than the fielder’s knee when in a standing position.
 - d) The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg;
 - e) The runner illegally slides toward or contacts the fielder even if the fielder makes no attempt to throw to complete a play.

PENALTY for a-e

1. With less than two outs, the batter-runner, as well as the interfering runner, shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
2. With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
3. If the runner’s slide or collision is flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the game.

Clarification

If the bases are loaded with no outs, a double-play attempt is made, and interference is called, all other runners must return to their original bases.

H. First Aid Kit. Each team must have a first aid kit with them in the dugout at each game.

I. Games per day. No team shall be required to play more than two games in one day. Playing days will begin at 8:00 a.m., local time.

J. Helmets. All players are required to wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while batting, running the bases, and on deck.

1. Bat boys or girls must wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while on the field.
2. All batting helmets must have the NOCSAE seal of approval stamped on the helmet, and such seal must be visible on the outside of the helmet.
3. **Base coaches are required to wear a standard batting helmet, with or without earflaps (safety rule: Ejection for non-compliance after one warning). Batters are required to wear a standard batting helmet with earflaps.**

Clarification

Any helmet that has a crack or the inside padding is worn or missing cannot be used and must be removed from the game.

K. Insurance. Every American Legion Baseball team (**both Junior and Senior**) must purchase both group liability and accident insurance from The American Legion's agent of record (S.A. Van Dyk, Inc.). Coverage must be purchased prior to registering with the department baseball committee. Proof of such coverage must be submitted to the department baseball committee at the time of registration. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification from any further competition.

L. National Senior Tournament Rules. The Americanism and Children & Youth Division may prescribe such rules for the playing of any national tournament as it considers necessary. Copies of those rules are available from the tournament director.

1. **National Junior Tournaments:** There shall be no nationally supervised post-season tournaments for the Junior Legion Baseball program. The National Americanism Commission understands that several departments host department tournaments and there are several regional "invitational" tournaments, however, these tournaments are supervised by the host department. A copy of the Senior Legion Tournament Rules and Policies can be obtained from the department chairman or downloaded from the baseball Web site: www.baseball.legion.org With few exceptions, Junior Legion tournaments shall follow the tournament procedures and policies of the Senior Legion Baseball program.

M. On Deck Equipment. Equipment permitted in the on deck area include bats, weighted and unweighted, and devices designed to attach to and remain part of the bat, such as weights and wind resistant foils. Sledge hammers, weighted pipes and other "homemade" heavy items are not permitted. Devices deemed unsafe by the umpires and/or tournament director cannot be used.

N. Senior Legion Pitching. No player may pitch more than a total of 12 innings during any consecutive three-day period. No player may make more than four appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. PENALTY: Game shall be forfeited if protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

1. Should a double or triple play cause a pitcher to exceed the permitted 12 innings in three consecutive days, that action in and of itself shall not be construed as a violation of this rule.
2. Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed when a coach makes two trips 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.

Clarification

For this rule violation the official scorekeeper must record 12 and 1/3 innings.

3. Rule 1.N shall be used in all District, Area, Zone, State and National tournaments.

Clarification

Suspended Games: At all National, Regional and World Series tournaments, any game suspended by the on-site tournament director will become a suspended game and will be completed from the point of suspension.

When a game is suspended on one day and completed the following day(s), the pitcher will be charged for the innings pitched on that day. Any innings pitched by that pitcher the next or following day(s) will be charged to that next or following day(s). If a pitcher pitches 6 innings on day one and 3 innings on day two, following a suspended game, he may only pitch 3 additional innings on day three. One appearance will be charged unless there is a change of pitchers.

Junior Legion Pitching: No player may pitch more than a total of 10 innings during any consecutive three-day period. No player may make more than three appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. **PENALTY:** Game shall be forfeited if protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

1. Should a double or triple play cause a pitcher to exceed the permitted 10 innings in three consecutive days that action in and of itself shall not be construed as a violation of this rule.
2. Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed when a coach makes two trips 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.

Clarification

For the purpose of this rule violation the official scorekeeper must record 10 and 1/3 innings.

3. Rule 1.N shall be used in all District, Area, Zone, and State tournaments.
4. The Junior program shall use the same suspended game rule as the Senior program. However, the Junior program is only permitted to pitch ten innings in three days.

O. Tobacco. The use of any form of tobacco by a player, coach, manager or umpire while on the playing field, benches, in the bullpen or dugouts is prohibited. Any individual violating this rule will be ejected from the game.

P. Ten (10)-Run Rule.

1. 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 6 1/2 innings at which time that game will be halted.
2. All Junior American Legion tournaments shall use a 10-run rule after five innings, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4 1/2 innings at which time that game will be halted.

Q. Uniforms. Players and coaches must be in uniforms of the same color and style when competing in department (state) and national tournaments.

1. Any player, coach or manager who does not have an American Legion Baseball insignia on either the left sleeve or left chest of his uniform shirt will be removed from the game.
2. The front of the uniform 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.

Clarification

Courtesy jackets: it is 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. However, a uniform top must still be worn under these jackets. Coaches and players not in proper uniform will be restricted to the dug-outs.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS RULE 2

A. Players Age. Senior American Legion Baseball competition in 2009 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 1990.

Junior American Legion Baseball competition in 2009 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 1992. Junior Legion Baseball shall be limited to ages 17 and under. Any player born in 1991, 1990 or 1989 is NOT eligible to play in the Junior Legion Baseball program.

B. Player's Domicile. A player's legal domicile shall be established before March 31, 2009.

1. A player's domicile shall be his parent's or permanent court-appointed guardian's permanent and legal domicile.

Clarification

Temporary guardianship does not apply unless a court having jurisdiction over such matters has determined the parents to be incapable of supervision and care until the player reaches the age of majority (18 years of age).

Emancipated college or university players are required to play for the team nearest their parent's domicile or the team they last played for. The American Legion does not allow emancipated players to be "free agents".

2. If the parents are divorced by a court order, that player may play for a team of either parent's legal and permanent domicile provided:
 - a) The player must declare, in writing, the team of his choice and file that declaration with the department chairman prior to the department closing date. The player's declaration shall be final and valid for the remainder of the player's eligibility.

Clarification

The enrollment of the school in which a player is enrolled on March 31 shall be counted. The completing of a National Form #2 shall be proof of the player's choice. Once a player is deemed qualified and plays for a team under Rule 2.B.2, that player is not eligible to qualify for Rule 4.D (Transfer Rule). The player's eligibility is tied to that team.

3. In the event that both parents are deceased or incapable of caring for and supervising the player during minority, the player's domicile will be determined by the domicile of the permanent legal guardian appointed by the courts having jurisdiction to make such an appointment.
4. Should a situation arise which is not covered by the provision of this rule, the department chairman will, with the concurrence of the National Appeals Board, determine the player's legal domicile for the purpose of his participation in The American Legion Baseball Program. Such decision shall be in writing and filed with National Headquarters.

C. Professional Baseball Contract. Players who are 18 years of age may be signed to a professional baseball contract in accordance with the rules of professional baseball.

D. Amateur Rule. Only amateurs shall participate as players in American Legion Baseball. To be considered an amateur, players must not:

1. Receive money, favors or gratuities, direct or indirect, for playing baseball.
2. Accept money or favors for reimbursement for time lost at work while playing or for expenses incurred while playing.
3. Participate in an all-star baseball game that is not approved by the authorized department official.
4. Accept, directly or indirectly, money or any favors from anyone for their baseball services, past or present. This also applies to a player's parents, trustees, guardians, etc.
5. Try out for any professional team without the written permission of their American Legion Baseball coach or post commander.

Clarification

It is important that teams select and register players that will complete their obligation to their American Legion team. Any player that signs a professional contract cannot be replaced on the National Form #1. Departments, districts or posts planning an all-star game should contact their state high school athletic association to ensure that each player's high school eligibility is protected.

E. Proof of Age. The American Legion will accept as proof of age:

1. Records of birth that are an original or a certified document by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health or other governmental agency authorized to certify birth documents.
 - a) Notarized photocopies of birth certificates, hospital records, baptismal records, school records or certificates are not acceptable proof of age and will disqualify a player and/or the team.
2. A state issued driver's license or state issued ID that complies with the Federal Real ID Law.
3. A U. S. Government issue passport.
4. A U. S. Government issue military ID card or dependent ID card.

5. An American Legion Baseball ID card issued by those departments that use the American Legion Baseball registration computer program and who have filed the data with the national office no later than July 15th of the current year. The American Legion Baseball ID card shall be purchased from the national office and shall be recognized by the embossed sportsmanship code on the back of the card.
6. In case of foreign birth, a player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the Department of Homeland Security or by the Department of State that shows the birth date of the bearer. Official birth certificates issued by a foreign country are acceptable when accompanied by a letter with an English translation, and such birth certificate must have an official seal.
7. A court certified copy of that portion of permanent legal adoption papers showing the place and date of a player's birth shall be acceptable in cases involving adopted players.

PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN "A" RULE 3

Plan "A" recruiting rules are based on zones and are usually designed for large cities or areas where Plan "B" [base school recruiting] would be impractical. Plan "A" rules require a specific area to be drawn on a map. Secondary school enrollments [grades 10, 11 and 12 for both the Senior **and Junior** Legion teams] in that area are then added together and divided by 5,000 [enrollment cap] to determine the number of zones within an area. For example, if there are 10,257 students in a specific area, the number is divided by 5,000, which equals 2.05. This will require a minimum of three zones to be established within that area. Players, including emancipated players, whose parents' domicile is within a zone, must play for the team in that zone unless properly waived to an adjacent zone. All zoning is subject to approval by the National Americanism Commission.

A. Zoning. Zoning of cities, counties and/or school districts may be requested by a team(s).

1. The department baseball committee shall review and approve requests for such zoning. It shall be the responsibility of the department baseball committee to forward zone maps for final approval to the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division before April 15, 2009.
2. A detailed street map showing specific boundaries, as well as the locations and enrollment figures of all high schools, must accompany such requests.
3. If a team's boundaries are changed, a new map and letter of explanation must be submitted for approval prior to April 15, 2009.

B. Player Recruiting. A post may select players whose parent's domicile was established in their zone on or before March 31, 2009 and players whose parents have moved and established a new domicile in their zone after March 31, 2009.

1. Players not selected to play with the team in their zone may play for the next nearest Plan A team provided the player has obtained a written transfer (Form #76) from the team manager in their zone.
2. Players in their final year of eligibility whose parents have established a new domicile shall have the option of playing for their old team or playing for the new team of their parent's new domicile. A written request must be filed with, and approved by, the department chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1. This request must be accompanied by the parent's affidavit stating that the move is permanent and listing the previous and present domicile addresses.
3. In the event a new team is formed and new zones are established that change a player's eligibility, those players previously registered on National Form #1 are permitted a one-time option of playing for the team of their old zone or playing for the team of their new zone.
 - a) Zones must be adjacent to each other.

- b) Transfers are permitted only in the Senior program when the combined enrollment of each zone is less than 5,000. **Transfers are not permitted in Junior Legion Baseball.**
 - c) Transfers in the Senior program shall be final and valid for the player's remaining eligibility, unless there is a permanent change of address of the parents' domicile.
 - d) The department baseball chairman must approve all transfers prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.
 - e) A written request for a transfer must be filed with, and approved by, an authorized baseball official prior to listing the player on the National Form #1. (This request must be accompanied by the parent's affidavit stating that the move is permanent and listing the previous and present domicile addresses.)
4. A written request must be filed with, and approved by, the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.

PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN "B" RULE 4

Plan "B" base school recruiting allows both Senior and Junior Legion Baseball teams to select players who attend nearby high schools. High schools are combined to form a recruiting area. A player, whose parents' domicile is nearest a base school, is eligible to try out and play for the team if the player meets all other eligibility requirements and the combined enrollment of the recruiting area (combination of schools) does not exceed 5,000 students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Note: Plan "B" recruiting rules are more flexible but more complex than the Plan "A" (zoning) rules. Study these rules carefully.

A. Base school. All teams must have a base school.

1. New teams must request and receive approval for a base school from the Department baseball committee at the time the team registers with the department baseball committee.
2. Existing teams may request to change their base school. This request must be in writing and approved by the department baseball committee prior to submitting the National Form #1.
3. If two or more teams are sponsored by the same American Legion post or outside sponsor, the department baseball committee will assign the base school for each team.

B. Player Recruiting. Teams may select players who are enrolled on March 31, 2009, in any public, private, technical, vocational, regional, or preparatory high school, or any combination of these schools.

1. Existing teams may request a new combination of schools from the department baseball committee; however, approval must be given prior to listing any player on the National Form #1.
2. Teams may not recruit a player(s) from another team's base school.

Clarification – Teams may select:

1. Non-base school players whose parents' or guardians' domicile is nearest the team's base school. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by **Mapquest® (www.mapquest.com)**.
2. Player(s) who qualify under Rule 4.C.

3. Teams may select Senior Legion player(s) who qualify under Rule 4.D.

Junior Legion players are not eligible to be transferred.

- a) The combined total enrollment of the schools cannot exceed 5,000 students for 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

4. Enrollment for a school(s) is determined using the number of 10th, 11th and 12th grade students officially recorded on March 31, 2009, by the state board of education or other state agency that has jurisdiction over school enrollment. Note: Every student registered shall be counted; including special education students, physically challenged students, bilingual students, and students over the age of 19.
5. When single high school enrollment exceeds 5,000 students, the team that has such a school as its base school, shall not recruit from any other school.

Clarification

The enrollment of the high school the player attends will be counted. Emancipated players such as college or university students or players no longer in high school must play for the team nearest their parents' or guardian's domicile or for the team they last played. Teams shall count the enrollment of the last high school attended. The school enrollment for middle schools, junior high schools and high school freshmen classes shall not be counted.

C. "Option" Rule. Players attending a high school (including 9th grade freshmen) outside a team's recruiting area, may have the option of playing for the team nearest the high school the player attends or playing for the team nearest the parent's legal domicile. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by **Mapquest® (www.mapquest.com)**.

1. The player must complete National Declaration Form #77 on which the player declares in writing the team for which he wishes to play.
 - a) Such election shall be final and valid for the remaining player eligibility (unless that player changes school or domicile). Such declaration is final and permanent.
 - b) The team manager must forward Form #77 to the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.

Clarification

Players who qualify under Rule 4.C. are not eligible in future years to qualify for Transfer Rule 4.D.

The enrollment of the high school the player attends will be counted. Emancipated players and players enrolled in college must play for the team nearest their parents' or guardian's domicile or for the team nearest the high school last attended. Teams must count the enrollment of the last high school attended. The school enrollment for middle schools, junior high schools and high school freshmen classes shall not be counted.

D. Transfer Rule. A player released from a team must obtain permission on National Transfer Form #76 from that team's manager to play for the team that is closest to his parents' domicile.

1. To determine the nearest team from among several, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by **Mapquest® (www.mapquest.com)**.
2. The player must provide Transfer Form #76 to the new team manager, which must be forwarded to the authorized department baseball official for approval, prior to listing the player on the Form #1. All transfers shall be final and binding through the remainder of a player's eligibility.

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 such time the player is able to play on a team. The enrollment of the high school a player attends on March 31, shall be counted. **Junior Legion players are not eligible to be transferred.**

3. Any transfers across state lines require mutual written permission of both department chairmen.
4. Players who have qualified and played for a Legion team under Rule 4.C. are not eligible for a transfer under Rule 4.D.
5. **Junior Legion players are not eligible to be transferred.**

E. School Enrollment Expansion. Players who are unable to complete their eligibility because enrollment expansion eliminated their school from previously approved combinations, may continue on the team for which they last played, provided no new players are recruited from their school.

1. Written permission for a player to continue under these circumstances must be obtained from the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.
2. Teams cannot form different combinations of schools.

F. Change of Address. Players who realize a permanent change in their parents' or guardians' domicile shall be eligible to compete for the team nearest their parents' new domicile.

1. A notarized statement from the player's parents must list previous address and new permanent address. Written permission must be obtained from the authorized department baseball official in which the "new" team is located, prior to listing the player on the National Form #1. If released, a player may be transferred to the next nearest team as provided for in Rule 4.D. (Transfer Rule).
2. The enrollment of their previous high school as of March 31, 2009 shall be counted.

G. Final Year of Eligibility. Senior Legion Baseball players who have one year of eligibility remaining, whose parents move out of the team's recruiting area, shall have an option of playing for the team nearest their parent's new domicile or returning to their former team. **This rule shall not apply to Junior Legion teams.**

1. The enrollment of the high school the player attends on March 31, 2009 shall be counted.
2. Written permission to play for their previous team must be obtained from the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.

H. Home-Schooled Players. A player who is home-schooled may compete for the team nearest their parents' or guardian's legal domicile. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by **Mapquest® (www.mapquest.com)**.

1. Written permission for such competition must be obtained from the authorized department baseball official prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.
2. Enrollment figures for such players shall be that of the high school boundary of his parents' domicile.

I. New Team Formation. In the event a new Legion team is formed which is closer to a player's parents' domicile, that player has a one-time option of playing with the team for which he last played or for the new team.

1. The department baseball chairman, prior to listing the player on the National Form #1, must grant written permission.
2. The enrollment shall be added to the team's total enrollment.

PROTESTS RULE 5

- A. Protest Procedures.** All department baseball committees shall, in their rules, define procedures for filing protests. This rule will specify how protests are to be filed, time limits, fees, if any, and with whom protests are to be filed.
- B. Written Proof.** All protests of player eligibility must be specific, with written proof. All protests shall be filed with the department in accordance with department baseball rules. All protests must indicate the specific rule that is alleged to have been violated.
- C. Forfeitures.** If a player is ruled ineligible, he shall be disqualified immediately and all games in which the disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.
- D. Game Protest.** Protests of Official Baseball Rules during actual game conditions must be filed with the chief umpire before the next legal pitch.
- E. Appeals to National Headquarters.** All protests involving player eligibility and filed with the National Appeals Board must be sent via the department chairman. (See Rule 10).

TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION RULE 6

- A. Player and Team Registration.** American Legion Baseball teams must register with their department baseball committee.

Clarification

National Forms #1 and #2 must be fully completed and typed. The department baseball chairman must certify the team before the Department closing date and ensure the team is properly registered and properly insured. Certificates of insurance (both liability and medical) must be filed with department officials at the time of registration.

- B. National Form #1.** American Legion Baseball players must enroll on Player Roster of Eligibility (National Form #1). This form must be typed and completely filled out to include each player's full name and the address of their parents' permanent legal domicile. The department baseball chairman must forward the **ORIGINAL Form #1** to National Headquarters by July 15, 2009.
- C. National Form #2.** All players, their parents or court-approved legal guardians must complete Player Agreement and Parent's Consent Form #2. The Team Manager will retain the original Form #2. The second copy must be filed with the department baseball chairman. Any team or player who fails to complete and file Form #2 shall be disqualified from any further play.
- D. Dual Participation.** During the regular season, American Legion Baseball players or teams may participate in other **amateur baseball programs**, however 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 (district tournament up and through American Legion World Series) the department baseball chairman cannot grant permission to participate in **non-Legion sanctioned baseball events**, 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 missing any portion of an American Legion tournament because that player participated in another **non-sanctioned baseball event** such as exhibition game, tournament showcase, combine or other youth programs shall be ineligible for post-season tournament play.

E. Players Per Team. No American Legion team may have more than 18 registered players once the National Form #1 is registered with the department. Each team must register before the department closing date. A member of the post should have charge of the team as manager, except in the case of outside sponsorship. A non-Legionnaire may act as coach.

1. In cases of death, a player may be replaced on a National Form #1.
2. A player may be replaced if that player is placed on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States following the submission of the certified National Form #1.

F. Non-American Legion Post Sponsorship. Non-Legion (outside) sponsorship is permissible, subject to the approval and supervision of the department baseball committee.

SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT RULE 7

A. Conduct. Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of the Department Chairman or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the department baseball committee. The department baseball committee's decision will be final.

B. Heckling. No player, coach, manager or other party associated with an American Legion Baseball team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players, team officials or umpires. The umpire shall immediately eject from the game any individuals violating this regulation.

C. Sportsmanship. Any player, coach, manager or other party accompanying a team will be ejected from the game from the time of the infraction, if they:

1. Use profane language.
2. Throw bats or other equipment.
3. Make unnecessary or obscene gestures to umpires, fans or opposing players.
4. Commit unnecessary roughness on the playing field.

D. Reinstatement. Any player, coach or manager suspended from a game in tournament play by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct is suspended for the remainder of the tournament unless reinstated by the tournament director. The tournament director's decision is final.

E. Ejection from the Ballpark. Any player, coach or manager ejected by an umpire must leave the ballpark.

DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION RULE 8

A. Department Rules and Regulations. It is the duty of the department (state) baseball committee to formulate rules and regulations that are not in conflict with national rules.

1. Department **recruiting** rules may be more restrictive than national rules.
2. Department rules will include procedure for protests. (The protection and stimulation of competition must be used in setting these regulations.)
3. Five copies of the department rules must be filed with national headquarters before April 15, **2009**.

B. Department Rulings. The department baseball committee shall decide all questions, disputes and protests within a department. The department baseball committee shall have the authority to disqualify or suspend anyone violating a department or national rule.

C. National Player Eligibility Rule Interpretations. The National Americanism and Children & Youth Division shall make interpretations of national rules.

1. All requests for interpretations must be in writing and routed through the appropriate department baseball chairman or state adjutant. Telegrams, e-mail and fax copies are considered written requests. Failure to follow this procedure may result in suspensions and/or forfeiture of fees.

SENIOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS RULE 9

A. National Tournament Registration. The department championship team must be certified to the National Americanism Commission by the authorized department baseball official. Certification must be faxed no later than midnight, **August 2, 2009**.

Note: National headquarters will only be financially responsible for a maximum of 18 players and two adults who are included on the National Form #1.

B. National Competition. Tournament competition is open only to Senior American Legion teams that have registered with the state baseball committee. The department (state) baseball committee is responsible for filing the **ORIGINAL** National Form #1 with the Baseball Section, The American Legion, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, postmarked no later than July 15, **2009**, in accordance with department regulations.

C. National Tournament Supervision. All national tournaments will be played under the supervision of the National Americanism Commission. All disputes and questions shall be referred to the national tournament director. Any situation not specifically covered by national rules or regulations will be referred to the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division, whose decision shall be final.

D. National Tournament Player Eligibility Protest. Eligibility protests of players involved in national tournaments must bear written proof of ineligibility and must be filed with the national tournament director at each such tournament no later than 9:00 a.m., local time on the first day of the tournament involved, except upon the discovery of fraud. When fraud is discovered, the eligibility protest and a written description of the alleged fraud must be filed immediately. All other protests shall be filed as specified in the Official Baseball Rules.

E. National Tournament Play. Teams competing in national tournaments will play every day.

1. The national tournament director has complete instructions concerning double-elimination.
2. No national tournament games will begin after 11:00 p.m., local time.

F. Regional Tournament Host. No regional host team shall be denied the opportunity of participating in tournaments leading up to the regional tournament. Nor shall any team hosting a department or national regional tournament refuse to participate in any such tournament.

Clarification

The host team for a department or national regional tournament is mandated to participate in the district and/or state tournament until such time as the team is eliminated from competition. Host teams will not be permitted to rest their team creating an unfair advantage at either a department or national regional tournament.

G. Tournament Photographs. Department baseball officials are required to furnish national headquarters and the local regional tournament chairman two (2) high quality glossy (color) photographs, 5" x 7", of the department championship team with players and coaches identified.

1. The department chairman must express mail to the local regional tournament host, two photographs, no later than **July 31, 2009** to ensure the championship team's photo will appear in the regional tournament souvenir program and local newspaper.
2. Digital photographs are acceptable. Please send with the highest resolution possible. E-mail digital photos to baseball@legion.org.

H. Department Championship Play. No department may enter a team in a national tournament without first conducting an official department tournament that had two or more certified teams participating.

1. At least eight **Senior** teams must be officially registered in regular season play for a department to enter a team in a national tournament.

I. Artificial Noise-makers Prohibited. The National Americanism Commission has an established policy that prohibits artificial noisemakers at all times. Fans who operate artificial noisemakers will be asked not to do so. A second warning will cause those fans to be removed from the stands.

J. Suspended Games. Suspended games will be completed from the point of suspension.

1. When games are suspended on one day and completed the following day the pitching records shall be charged as played the previous day.
2. The pitcher will be charged for innings pitched on the first day. Innings pitched on the following day will also be charged to the first day. One appearance will be charged unless pitchers change.
3. A suspended game completed on the following day will not count toward two (2) games in Rule 1.I. These teams can still play an additional two (2) full games.

K. Minimum Active Players. Teams competing in ALB Senior national tournaments must have 12 players available for participation. Teams with less than 12 players are permitted to transfer up to three players registered on their affiliated Junior American Legion team roster to the Senior team. Any players transferred from Junior team to Senior team must be approved and certified by the department baseball chairman. The junior roster must be registered with the national office by July 15. Any Senior team that does not have 12 players will forfeit their right to participate and the National Appeals Board, in consultation with the department baseball chairman, shall determine a suitable replacement team. This rule shall not apply to host teams at national regional tournaments.

NATIONAL BASEBALL APPEALS BOARD

RULE 10

A. National Appeals Board. There is a National Baseball Appeals Board (hereafter referred to as “the Board”) composed of (1) the chairman of the National Americanism Commission; (2) the chairman of the Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee; and (3) a third member appointed by the chairman of the National Americanism Commission. The chairman shall also appoint two alternate members. The term of office for board members and alternate members shall be one year.

B. Time Limit. An appeal filed under this rule must be made within 24 hours of the time when the rule interpretation of the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division is issued. Such appeal may be made by telegram, fax, e-mail or mail-a-gram and shall state the precise points of contention that are the basis for the appeal. If an appeal is not filed within 24 hours to the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division, an interpretation will not be considered.

C. Filing An Appeal. All appeals must be in writing and addressed to The American Legion, National Baseball Appeals Board, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Faxes and e-mail protests are acceptable when sent in by the department baseball chairman or department adjutant. National headquarters fax number is (317) 630-1369. baseball@legion.org.

D. Final Authority. The Board shall have sole jurisdiction over any appeal filed following a decision involving American Legion Baseball rule interpretations rendered by the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division. The decision of the Board shall be final and may be enforced by a court of law. The concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board shall constitute the ruling by the Board.

E. Approved Interpretations. During tournaments supervised by national headquarters, the Board shall approve interpretations rendered by the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division before publication of the interpretation.

F. Appeal Procedure. No appeal shall be considered by the Board until all established appeal procedures within the respective department’s rules have been exhausted, as certified in writing by the department baseball chairman.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DEFINITIONS

BASE SCHOOL: A public or private high school that will serve as the starting point to recruit players, if eligible. When a player’s parents’ domicile is located within a base school boundary, that base school is considered the nearest team.

CERTIFIED BIRTH RECORD: A document issued by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, or other authorized state or federal government office, which lists the player’s date and place of birth. This document usually has a raised state seal and there is usually a fee to obtain a copy.

Clarification

Notarized birth certificates or hospital certificates are **not** acceptable proof of age for American Legion Baseball.

Clarification

A U.S. Passport (or any U.S. government issued documentation) qualifies as an acceptable Record of Birth.

CERTIFICATION: A written document or act validating what has or has not been done. Certifying a department champion or runner-up does not qualify a team for national competition if an ineligible player is discovered. When certifying the department champion or runner-up, the authorized department official is attesting to the fact a department tournament was held in accordance with national and department baseball rules. An authorized baseball official, in certifying a team entry form, is attesting to the fact that the national form #1 was registered with the chairman on or before the date required by the department rules. This does not guarantee that the team is eligible for league or tournament play.

COMBINED TOTAL ENROLLMENT: The entire enrollment on March 31, 2009, of all students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades of those schools from which players are recruited for one team. This shall include all male, female, special education, physically challenged and bilingual students enrolled on March 31, 2009.

COUNTY: a subdivision of the district. County chairmen may prescribe rules if approved by the department baseball committee.

DEPARTMENT BASEBALL OFFICIAL: A volunteer appointed or elected to oversee and supervise the department baseball program within a given department.

DEPARTMENT CLOSING DATE: A specific date by which a team must have their National Form #1 and other documentation registered with the proper department baseball official. The date is determined by the department baseball committee and published in the department rulebook.

DEPARTMENT: The American Legion is a nonprofit veterans' organization with 55 departments or subdivisions (one in each state, plus Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, the Philippines and the District of Columbia). Each department is an independently operated subdivision of The American Legion, with its own Constitution and Bylaws.

DISTRICT: A subdivision of the department. Several districts make up the department.

DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN: An individual appointed or elected to oversee and supervise the district baseball program, under the general rules and regulations of the department baseball committee. District chairmen may prescribe rules if approved by the department baseball committee.

DIVISION OR ZONE CHAIRMAN: a subdivision, as authorized by the department constitution and bylaws. As noted earlier, individual Legionnaires may be authorized as a volunteer agent of the department organization to help administer the baseball program in their area. Division or zone chairmen may prescribe rules if approved by the department baseball committee.

LEGAL PERMANENT DOMICILE: A player's legal domicile shall be the same domicile of his parents or permanent court-appointed guardian's domicile. This definition means living in a particular locality with intent to make it a fixed and permanent home. A post office box does not qualify as a domicile.

NOTARIZED DOCUMENTS: Adoption papers, divorce or legal separation papers, if notarized, are acceptable documents for determining a player's domicile as of March 31.

PERMANENT COURT-APPOINTED GUARDIAN: An individual appointed by a court for a minor, due to the loss of or incapacity of the natural parents and until attainment of full age. Temporary guardianship is not acceptable in American Legion Baseball, unless the courts have determined the parents incapable of supervision and care of the minor, or parents are deceased.

REGISTERED TEAM: Any team that has properly filed the necessary documents and purchased the proper liability and medical insurance as required by the national and department rules.

SPONSORSHIP: The American Legion post is always recognized as the primary and exclusive sponsor, regardless of financial support of the team. A support group, booster club, company, private association or corporation is recognized as a financial supporter for a local American Legion team. Those teams that do not have a post sponsorship shall come under the sponsorship of the department or district baseball committee having jurisdiction over team discipline. An outside supporter or co-sponsor has no legal jurisdiction over a team. The American Legion post or department baseball committee that sponsors any team retains the exclusive legal sponsorship of the team.

TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL: A tax-supported institution for secondary education.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: The entire enrollment of one high school of all students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades. This includes all male, female, special education, physically challenged, and bilingual students enrolled on March 31, 2009.

TRANSFER: A written document that provides a means of transferring a player from one team to another. Note: Transfers are final and binding, as long as the player does not have a change of address or a change of school. Any change in parent's residency or a change in schools voids the transfer and will require the player to re-qualify in accordance with the existing rules (See Rule 4.D). Transfers require tryout and release by the team manager or American Legion post commander in consultation with team manager.

Clarification

Players who qualify under Rule 2.B.2. (divorced parent's rule) and Rule 4.C. (Option Rule) are not eligible for transfer (Form #76) once they have competed with an American Legion team, unless that team fails to exist or if either parent has a new permanent change of address.

ZONE: A specific territory determined on a map, by the authorized department baseball official, for recruiting players under Plan "A."

"You're not going to win by automatically going out there. It's hard to know what people really expect of you, and I've never tried to live up to expectations anyway. That's no way to play baseball."

– Greg Maddux

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



2009 ALB Graduate of the Year - Nomination Form

Any American Legion post or coach may nominate any active Major League Player for The American Legion Graduate of the Year Award. Please understand that the most important aspect of this selection is based on community service, as well as the player's accomplishments on the field.

Nomination forms should be completed and mailed to Department Baseball Chairman for consideration and endorsement.

Name:

Current Major League club:

American Legion Team:

Legion Coach:

Describe player's community service work:

Describe player's baseball accomplishments:

Years Played in American Legion Baseball:

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

“In this city on July 17, 1925, by action of the South Dakota Department of The American Legion, the nationwide organization of Legion Junior Baseball was first proposed as a program of service to the youth of America.” Those words are inscribed on a marble monument in the community of Milbank, South Dakota as a reminder of the beginning of this fine Americanism program. The program’s years of existence can be explained best by a portion of that inscription: “A program of service to the youth of America.” Since its beginning, over ten million young men have played Legion Baseball.

American Legion Baseball became a national program by convention action in 1925, and the first national tournament was held in 1926. Only 16 states were represented in this first year of national operation. In 1928, Mr. Dan Sowers, the Director of the National Americanism Commission, appeared before the Executive Council of Baseball in Chicago, which agreed to underwrite the national program up to \$50,000. With the exception of two years, the Major Leagues have continually supported American Legion Baseball. Major League Baseball continues to make a financial contribution each year.

During the 1929 season, every state entered teams into competition. Nineteen thirty-one marked the first appearance in championship play of a player who was later to become a big-league great. Kirby Higbe hurled a complete game for Columbia, South Carolina, and lost the final game in the 14th inning, 1-0. Ten years later, he was the National League’s top pitcher.



World Series – 1938 – Gastonia, NC

For nearly 80 years, America’s largest veteran’s organization, The American Legion, has sponsored a baseball program. During these eight-decades over 10 million players have learned about teamwork, team loyalty, leadership, and sportsmanship. American Legion Baseball has been a very organized and competitive baseball program. The American Legion has a strong history for hosting outstanding tournaments. Whether these tournaments are invitational tournaments hosted by individual teams or The American Legion World Series, the competition will be outstanding and the event well orchestrated.

Nineteen-forty and 1941 marked the years that American Legion Baseball became an established national institution for American youth. During the war years, the program was restricted but continued its service to our nation’s youngsters. The post-war years saw the continued growth of the program and the nation’s realization of the importance of this type of activity for boys of all age groups.

In 1949, the selection of an American Legion Player of the Year was originated. This was arranged through the cooperation of Mr. Robert Quinn, Director of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York. The sixties saw the program grow stronger under the leadership of George W. Rulon, Program Coordinator for American Legion Baseball, who held that post from 1961 until 1987. Upon his retirement, The American Legion Player of the Year Award was renamed the George W. Rulon Player of the Year in honor of the late Program Coordinator.

The seventies saw three more national awards established by the National Americanism Commission. The Dr. Irvin L. (Click) Cowger RBI Award, Rawlings Big Stick Award, and the Bob Feller Pitching Awards were established based on players’ statistics in regional and World Series tournaments.

In 1982, the National Americanism Commission adopted the eight-site, eight team, double elimination regional tournament format. Sixty-four of the best teams in the country begin national competition at the Regionals.

In 1998, The American Legion established a national baseball scholarship. A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to each participating department. A total of \$30,000 is awarded annually to outstanding American Legion Baseball players based upon leadership, character, scholarship and financial need. The Quaker Oats Company, makers of Gatorade® annually contributes \$10,000 towards scholarships to help us honor eight Regional Players of the Year as well as The American Legion Player of the Year.

Over 97,000 players, ages 15 to 19, participated last year. Since 1925 over 10 million young people have played American Legion Baseball. Since 1985, over 1,900 new teams have registered to play American Legion Baseball. Local American Legion posts also support and sponsor some 2,500 younger-age teams who are registered with Little League, Babe Ruth, Pony, Dixie as well as many other youth sports teams such as soccer, bowling, hockey, etc.

On an average, 55 percent of Major League Baseball players played American Legion Baseball as teenagers.

Nearly 75 percent of all college players played American Legion Baseball as teenagers.

Over 50 American Legion Baseball graduates have been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Since 1926, Major League Baseball has honored The American Legion World Series Champions at the Major League World Series. The Commissioner's Office annually presents a plaque to The American Legion champions on the field at the Major League World Series. The 2008 National Championship team, from Las Vegas, NV attended the MLWS in Tampa, FL and was presented the Commissioner's Award by Jimmy Lee Solomon, Sr. Vice President of Major League Baseball.

This season marks the 83rd Anniversary of competition in the program. Its purpose today continues to be the same as it was in 1925, "An investment in America's youth." The history of American Legion Baseball has proven that America's youth receive on the baseball diamond a thorough understanding of the true value of sportsmanship, leadership and individual character building.



The American Legion is the only amateur baseball program that provides 100% of the expenses for meals, travel and housing for teams participating at the national tournaments. The number of registered American Legion Baseball teams continues to grow each year. This growth is due to the fact that volunteers who run American Legion Baseball are committed to providing an outstanding experience for all those who wear an American Legion Baseball uniform. American Legion Baseball is a "winning tradition".

"Even eagles need a push."

**– David McNally,
former Legion player and MLB Star**

SUGGESTED AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

The American Legion strongly encourages each post sponsoring a team to establish an alcohol and drug policy. Local posts are encouraged to work with their State High School Federation and local school district to establish an alcohol and drug policy that mirrors their policies. The suggested policy on pages 24 and 25 is used by an American Legion post in Minnesota. The National Americanism Commission recommends and encourages every American Legion post to establish a similar policy.

Abuse of drugs and alcohol is a nationwide problem that affects persons of every age, race, gender and ethnic group. It poses risks to the health and safety of both the individual and the community, and The American Legion is committed to taking steps to reduce these risks.

To do so, The American Legion Post baseball team has adopted this policy that establishes standards that all team members must meet, and sets out consequences for those who violate this policy.

All team members must attend an educational program, developed by The American Legion Post coaching staff, on drugs and alcohol. (Read and sign off that they've read materials on drugs and alcohol.)

No team member shall report for any team related activity (practice, games, other sponsored functions) if they have used alcohol or any controlled substance, except when a physician has prescribed medication for a valid medical condition and the team member is taking it as prescribed.

Team members who are seen by a member of the coaching staff or another adult in a position of authority, using or possessing drugs or alcohol, or in possession of drug paraphernalia (as defined in prevailing state law), during a team event will be subject to the discipline outlined below.

In instances where another person, such as another team member, family member, or fan, reports a violation of this policy, the violation will be investigated on a case by case basis. If the person reporting the violation is willing to provide a written statement and /or testify in court (if needed), the report may be treated the same as if the violation was observed by a member of the coaching staff or an adult in a position of authority.

Alcohol: Possession or use of alcohol is a violation of state law for persons under 21 years of age. While alcohol is a legal substance for persons over age 21, alcohol abuse is a serious health problem, and violations will be treated seriously. Therefore, possession or use of alcohol by a team member will result in State High School Federation Rules being applied.

Discipline:

First Offense will result in the player being suspended for 2 weeks.

In addition, for a first offense, the team member will be required to obtain an evaluation by a chemical use counselor, and to provide a consent to that counselor to let a team official know of the assessment results, recommendations, and team member compliance.

The American Legion Post will not tolerate a second offense.



NOTIFICATION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

I acknowledge that I have seen and read the American Legion Baseball *Team Drug and Alcohol Policy*. I hereby consent to abide by it and abstain from alcohol and drug use, as outlined in the policy.

I understand that any violation of this drug and alcohol policy may be discussed with and/or made available to my parents or legal guardians. I further understand that any violation of this policy may mean I will be removed from the team and/or it will affect my ability to become a team member in the future.

If/when I take over-the-counter or prescription medications, I agree to take them according to the directions, and to only take prescription medications prescribed to me for a valid medical condition.

Name <i>(Please Print)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/>
Signature	<input type="text"/>
Parent/Guardian Name <i>(Please Print)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/>
Signature	<input type="text"/>



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

CASE SECTION

Foreword to Team Manager

Since 1925, The American Legion has sponsored a nationwide youth baseball program. During these past eight decades, over 10 million players have enjoyed playing the game of baseball. The American Legion and the 2.5 million members have raised millions of dollars each year to give young baseball players an opportunity to learn the importance of teamwork, team loyalty, discipline, leadership and good sportsmanship.

The purpose of American Legion Baseball has always been to help develop America's youth that will someday step forward and become the future leaders. The American Legion hopes each manager and coach will teach the same philosophy as they interact with their players.

The department (state) baseball committee has tremendous authority and jurisdiction within their state. In ninety-nine percent of all problems and protests, the state baseball committee is the final ruling authority. The department baseball committee must comply with a National Appeals Board ruling, but the department baseball committee does have the authority to adopt more restrictive recruiting rules. The department baseball committee is comprised of volunteer members and they are responsible to protect the safety of the players and fans, as well as to ensure the integrity of the program. These volunteers are charged to ensure fair competition, set up tournament play, establish state rules, operating procedures, handle interpretations and protests. They do all this, literally year around with no pay and little thanks.

“A team is where a boy can prove his courage on his own. A gang is where a coward goes to hide.”

– Mickey Mantle

RULE ONE

Rule 1 Explanation: One of the unique characteristics of American Legion Baseball, especially during national tournaments, is that American Legion Baseball follows Official Baseball playing rules with few modifications. From time to time, local rules and department (state) rules have been modified for league play, however during tournament play (district tournament and above) American Legion teams follow Official Baseball rules, except those changes authorized by the National Americanism Commission. These modifications are safety rules, which are addressed in Rule 1: Wood, metal, ceramic, and graphite bats, rule 1.A; blood rule, 1.B; catcher's equipment, rule 1.C; first aid kits, rule 1.H; pitching limits which is rule 1.N; tobacco rule 1.O; and the slide rule 1.G & 1.E, which are not addressed by Official Baseball Rules. The National Americanism Commission traditionally adopts various safety rules used by NCAA. For player's safety, coaches, umpires and American Legion tournament officials are instructed to enforce these rules throughout the season.

Rule 1.K – Liability and Medical Insurance; Explanation: Teams interested in playing American Legion Baseball must have liability and accident insurance in force prior to the first practice or team try-out. The American Legion National Executive Committee has mandated that insurance must be purchased from the agent of record for The American Legion, which is S. A. Van Dyk, Inc. Specific questions concerning insurance coverage must be directed to the agent of record directly at 1-800-323-7326.

Any team (both **Junior** and Senior) that wishes to play American Legion Baseball must purchase insurance from the agent of record, S. A. Van Dyk, Inc. (1-800-323-7326 or see advertisement in this rulebook) prior to registering with the department baseball committee.

RULE TWO

Rule 2.A Explanation: January 1 is the universal cut-off date observed by the U.S. Olympic Committee. The American Legion will observe a January 1 cut-off date. If a player was born in **1989**, that player IS NOT ELIGIBLE for the Senior Legion Baseball program. If a player was born in **1991 or 1992** that player IS NOT ELIGIBLE for Junior Legion Baseball.

Rule 2.B Explanation: Since 1925, American Legion eligibility has always been tied to the team nearest the parent's domicile or the school the player attends, provided the team complies with all other rules. The player's domicile or emancipation status (over age 18) has no bearing on that player's eligibility. If a player wishes to play American Legion Baseball, that player and the parents must comply with our domicile rules. The American Legion recruiting rules do not permit a temporary domicile; or Post Office boxes; or an address of a relative; nor do our rules allow temporary guardianship. The American Legion does allow a player, if eligible under all the rules, to try out for the team nearest to the player's parent's legal domicile or the school that player attends. Players who attend college must play for the Legion team nearest their parent's or court appointed guardian's domicile or for the team nearest the high school they attended. The Legion team shall count the enrollment of the high school last attended by this player.

Rule 2.B.2 Explanation: If a player's parents are legally divorced, by a court having jurisdiction over such matters, The American Legion allows that player to make a choice of which team that player wants to play for. The player must decide which team he/she wishes to play for, the team nearest the mom or dad's domicile. Players are not allowed to change teams the following year. The enrollment of the player's school shall be counted. We recommend the player and his coach write a letter of declaration to the state chairman in advance. If a player fails to declare, the address listed in his first year of eligibility will be used as his declaration.

Rule 2.E Explanation: If the birth certificate is produced and bears a seal of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics or by a federal government agency, The American Legion will accept that document. Driver's license (if the state driver's license meets the federal Real ID law) is now acceptable however, hospital records, or baptismal records are not acceptable. Note: Players or coaches who need to obtain an official birth certificate should contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics, this information is listed in the rulebook and on our Internet Web site www.baseball.legion.org. Requests for birth certificates should be sent early since many states require four to six weeks to process and provide such documentation. The American Legion requires a government-produced document. The two "documents" that cause players to be declared ineligible are hospital certificates and photocopies of birth certificates that have been notarized.

Rule 2.E.2 Explanation: The American Legion will accept a document issued by a U. S. Government Agency or a foreign government issued birth certificate if that document is an original or has a raised seal or stamp with an English translation. The American Legion will accept documents from any federal government agency.

"Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is."

– Bob Feller

RULE THREE

Rule 3 Explanation: Zoning of cities, counties, school districts or even states is common practice where outside influence such as cross-town busing and open school enrollment, make Plan B recruiting rules difficult. The National Americanism Commission suggests that those teams who wish to establish PLAN A zoning, work with the other coaches in your area, or league, as well as with the department and district baseball committees to establish fair and equal zones.

Establishing a Plan “A” zone is not difficult. Below is an example where four zones were formed. The coaches within this league proposed the boundaries or zones. The number of zones or teams were determined by adding the enrollment of all schools, both private and public, in the zone and dividing the total enrollment by 5,000. The team managers then drew four boundaries. The map with agreed-to boundaries must be reviewed by the department (state) baseball committee and the National Baseball Subcommittee. The key to setting up a zone is to add the total enrollment of all schools and divide by 5,000. This establishes the number of zones within the area. Under Plan “A”, teams DO NOT use a base school but are assigned a specific territory or area from which to recruit players. Territories or zones cannot overlap into another team’s territory.

On the Plan “A” map (page 29), the four team managers agree to follow the existing high school boundaries as near as possible. It is not necessary to follow the high school boundary lines, but the practice is strongly recommended.

Teams may only recruit players whose parent’s legal domicile is located within the zone. Transfers are permitted only if the combined zone enrollments do not exceed 5,000. The department (state) baseball committee and the National Americanism Commission must approve all new zoning or rezoning by April 15 of that year.

“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t be worth a dime.”

– Babe Ruth, former American Legion Baseball Consultant

Note: Plan A recruiting and Plan B recruiting are neither compatible nor interchangeable. The domicile of the parents shall determine if a player is eligible under Plan A or Plan B. For example, if a player lives in a territory that follows Plan B rules, however he attends a school that is under Plan A, that player cannot play for the school he attends. Teams under Plan A are only able to recruit players whose parents live within that zone. Since this player does not live within the Plan A zone, he must return home to play if he is eligible under Plan B rules. This is also true for players living in a Plan A zone and attending a school that is under Plan B jurisdiction. Players who live in a Plan A zone and attend a school outside their zone, must return home and play for their “Zone” team. The domicile of the parents determines where the player is eligible to play. Waivers or transfers are not permitted between Plan A and Plan B teams. Transfers are only permitted from Plan A to Plan A or Plan B to Plan B teams.

PLAN "A" MAP



*"Finding good players is easy.
Getting them to play as a team is another story."*

- Casey Stengel

PLAN "B" – BASE MAP 1



RULE FOUR – PLAN "B" RECRUITING

	Base School
	Public School
	Private/Parochial School

Rule 4.A. Explanation: Selecting a base school is the starting point for recruiting additional players if the team chooses to recruit additional players. The intent of this rule is to ensure each team has a starting point to begin their recruiting and, more importantly, it provides a basis on determining eligibility for each player. Once a team has established a base school, that base school is "locked in", unless special written permission is requested and granted by the department (state) baseball chairman to change base schools. On rare occasions, teams are permitted to share a base school, if the department (state) baseball chairman grants permission. The National Americanism Commission strongly discourages the practice of two or more teams sharing a base school. An American Legion post may sponsor more than one team, and several posts can sponsor a single team.

Rule 4.B. Explanation: This rule affects every player; and it prioritizes those players that a team can recruit.

1. Players who attend the team's base school.
2. Players who attend a nearby school or their parent's domicile is nearest the team's base school. (Non-base school players.)

PLAN "B" – BASE MAP 2



3. Players who have been cut (released) and transferred to the next nearest team.

Starting with the base school, team managers may recruit additional players from nearby high schools. It is important for coaches to be aware of their recruiting boundaries. The manager must be aware of other Legion teams, their base school and their recruiting area.

	Base School
	Public School
	Private/Parochial School

It must be understood, whenever a team selects a player, the team shall count the enrollment of the high school that player attended on March 31. If college or university players are selected, the team will treat these players as if they were still in high school and count the enrollment of their previous high school. The high school will be listed on the National Form #1 (do not list the college or university).

In Plan B Map, the three Legion teams have selected a base school. From this starting point, these teams may extend out and recruit additional players, provided the team does not exceed 5,000 in total enrollment of 10th, 11th and 12th grades. The Base Maps 1 & 2 illustrate different base schools. These maps show the importance of how the selection of a base school can change recruiting boundaries. It is important to remember the teams must request permission from the department (state) baseball committee to change base schools.

As demonstrated, the selection of the base school is critical and must be approved in writing by the department (state) baseball committee.

PLAN "B" – NON-BASE SCHOOL PLAYERS MAP



SELECTING NON-BASE SCHOOL PLAYERS

When selecting non-base school players, coaches may recruit players whose parent's domicile is nearest the team's base school. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by **Mapquest®** (www.mapquest.com). This Web site will calculate the quickest time or shortest driving distance. The American Legion shall use the shortest driving distance (miles) to determine the closest team. Any dispute over player eligibility shall be determined by the department baseball committee using **Mapquest®** (www.mapquest.com).

	Base School
	Public School
	Private/Parochial School
	Residence

On the Recruiting Non-base School Players map (above) you see how a line is drawn from the player's home to the base schools. Even though some players attend the same school, they are in fact required to try out for two different Legion teams. The best examples are the two players who live in City High School District. Because there are two nearby base schools, these players will try out for two different teams. Both Team 1 and Team 3 shall be charged with the full enrollment of City High HS, which is 802. No partial enrollment or shared enrollment is permitted. Each team shall be charged with the full enrollment. As shown on the Recruiting Non-base School Players map, each team is given an area to select players who are attending nearby schools. For a team to select a player from another team's "area" or base school, requires a transfer. If no transfer is granted, those players are ineligible to play.

Sample Mapquest® Map

In this sample Player A lives near Dallas. There are two nearby base schools (noted by yellow blocks). The MapQuest® Web site has determined the nearest team is North Salem HS. North Salem HS is .55 miles closer than South Salem HS. The shortest driving distance as determined by MapQuest® will determine the nearest team for all non-base school players.

Rule 4.A; 4.B; 4.B.1; 4.B.2; 4.B.3; 4.B.4; 4.B.5 Explanation: Rule Four is the primary guideline for recruiting. We have highlighted some of the important major aspects of recruiting players outside of the base school.

Below is an example of combining schools and changing combinations of schools. Please note the base schools (West, Eisenhower and East HS) are locked-in and can only be changed with written permission from the chairman. Rule 4.A.2 - requires the team manager to get written permission from the department (state) baseball chairman prior to recruiting players from a different combination of schools.

2008 Team Combinations

Team 1		Team 2		Team 3	
West HS (Base School)	5 1,808	Eisenhower HS (Base)	6 1,618	East HS (Base)	8 1,611
Camden Catholic HS	6 297	Pleasant Grove HS	6 901	Northeast HS	4 1,511
City High HS	5 802	Greenwood HS	4 626	Center Grove HS	3 699
West Branch HS	1 1,118	St. John Catholic HS	1 299	City High HS	3 802
Center Grove HS	1 699	Johnson Co. Voc HS	1 656		
Total	18 4,724	Total	18 4,100	Total	18 4,623

2009 Team Combinations

Team 1		Team 2		Team 3	
West HS (Base School)	11 1,808	Eisenhower HS (Base)	5 1,618	East HS (Base)	11 1,611
Camden Catholic HS	1 297	Pleasant Grove HS	3 901	City High HS	3 802
City High HS	1 802	Southeast HS*	5 698	Northeast HS	2 1,511
Greenwood HS*	3 626	Southwest HS*	5 711	Pleasant Grove HS*	2 901
St. John Catholic HS*	1 299				
Johnson Co. Voc HS*	1 656				
Total	18 4,488	Total	18 3,928	Total	18 4,825

*Denotes new school added to different combinations of schools for team in 2009. Department (state) baseball chairman must approve prior to placing player on National Form #1. Permission is not necessary to drop a school, only to add a new school.

Note: The majority of players do not need to be from the base school unless department (state) rules require this.

Plan “B” allows your team the flexibility to change school combinations to recruit nearby players. It is important to note that teams can only recruit players who attend or live closest their base school. Players who live near another base school’s territory are required to try out for the other Legion team, and if cut, they may be transferred to your team.

Rule 4.C – Option Rule; 4.C.1; 4.C.1.a; 4.C.1.b Explanation: The purpose of this rule is to allow players who attend a high school outside the team’s recruiting territory, to have an option to return home and play for the team nearest his parent’s domicile, or to play for the team nearest the school the player attends. For example – a player attends a private boarding school several states away, The American Legion provides a player in this situation, an option to play for the Legion team nearest the school he attends or for the team nearest the parent’s domicile. This rule also applies to those players who attend any public or private school that is located outside their team’s recruiting territory. This rule gives those players an option, with an understanding that once a decision is made, then the player and the parents are bound by their decision.

There are two critical issues involved with this rule:

1. The player’s school enrollment will be added to the total enrollment.
2. The player must complete a Declaration Form #77 and understand that such election is final, provided the player does not change residency or schools.

The map on page 35 demonstrates this rule. Player “A” lives in the (Team Two) Eisenhower High School boundary but attends Camden Catholic HS. Player “A” has an option of playing for Team Two (team nearest his parent’s domicile) or Team One (team nearest the school he attends). The player must declare that decision on Form #77 and have permission from the department (state) baseball chairman prior to being placed on the National Form #1.

No matter which team player “A” plays for, that team shall count the enrollment of the high school (Camden Catholic) the player attends.

Player “B” lives in the Greenwood HS boundary and also attends Camden Catholic HS. Player “B” does not have an option to play for Team Two. Since the school he attends and his parent’s domicile is within Team One’s “recruiting area” Player B must play for Team One. Player B does not need to complete National Form #77.

Rule 4.D – Transfer Rule; 4.D.1; 4.D.2; 4.D.3; 4.D.4 Explanation: Following are key points to keep in mind when seeking a transfer:

- The player must try-out for the nearest team in accordance with the rules. If a player fails to try out, that player is not entitled to transfer to the next nearest team. Note - Some department (state) baseball committees prohibit transfers or restrict transfers within the department (state) boundaries or across state lines, which is within the department baseball committee’s authority.
- Any transfer in which a player crosses a state boundary requires prior approval of both department (state) baseball chairmen (use Transfer Form #76).
- Transfers are final and permanent for the players remaining eligibility, provided there is no change in schools or parent’s domicile.
- The player’s high school enrollment will always be counted. Players who are no longer in high school (college players) are treated as if they are still in high school. The team will count enrollment of the high school that player last attended.
- To determine the next team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by **Mapquest®** (www.mapquest.com). A post commander or post athletic officer, which has supervisory authority over the team and coaches, can also sign a transfer form.

PLAN B – OPTION RULE MAP



- Players who try-out for and fail to make the nearest team can request to transfer to the second closest team to the parents' domicile. If cut again, that player may try-out for the third closest team, until such time the player is able to play for a team. The enrollment of the high school a player attends on March 31, shall be counted. In theory a player can be cut from a team in Maine and play for a team in Washington, however that player must obtain a release or transfer form from 5,400 other teams that are nearer. If a player fails to obtain a release (Transfer Form #76), that player shall be declared ineligible and all games in which that player participated shall be forfeited.

	Base School
	Public School
	Private/Parochial School
	Residence

Note: Some department (state) baseball committees prohibit transfers or restrict transfers within the department (state) boundaries or across state lines, which is within the department baseball committee's authority.

Rule 4.E – School Enrollment Expansion; 4.E.1; 4.E.2 Explanation: This rule allows players on last year’s roster to finish their Legion Baseball careers, with their team when an increase in school enrollment occurs. Following are critical points in qualifying players under this rule:

1. Only players listed on the previous year’s roster can qualify.
2. The team must have the same combination of schools. (If a team changes school combinations, players are no longer qualified under this rule.)
3. No new players can be recruited from the school or schools that are dropped.
4. Prior permission from the department (state) baseball chairman is given.

2008 Team			2009 Team		
School	Enrollment	# Of Players	School	Enrollment	# of Players
East HS (Base)	1,611	5	East HS (Base)	1,611	5
Northeast HS	1,511	6	Northeast HS	1,525	6
City High HS	802	5	City High HS	889	6
Pleasant Grove HS	901	2	Pleasant Grove HS	1,000	1
Total	4,825	18	Total	5,025	18

In the example above, all four school enrollments grew in population thereby causing the team to exceed the 5,000-enrollment cap. Those players who appeared on the 2008 roster may continue to play. However, this team must drop a school from its approved combination in 2009 and inform the department (state) baseball chairman which school it is dropping from their approved combination. The team must seek written permission from the department (state) baseball chairman to utilize those players who did appear on the 2008 roster and place an * by those names and attach the letter of approval to the National Form #1. No new players can be recruited from the dropped high school. In the example above, the team would probably drop the Pleasant Grove HS and “grandfather” the single player since Team Three recruits several players from the other schools.

Rule 4.F – Change of Address Rule; 4.F.1; 4.F.2 Explanation: This rule allows a player whose parents have moved and established a new permanent domicile to play for the nearest team. Enrollment of the school that player attended on March 31 shall be counted. The intent is clear; if the parent’s move and establish a new permanent domicile, then the player is permitted to play for the team from the new location. The player’s eligibility is tied to his parent’s domicile, not to the player’s domicile, as is the case with many college and university players. Department (state) baseball officials have been advised that temporary leases, short-term rentals and post office boxes are not permanent domiciles. Department (state) baseball chairmen can request additional evidence as proof of this permanent change of domicile. Teams must seek permission from the department (state) baseball chairman prior to placing the player on the National Form #1.

Rule 4.G – Final Year of Eligibility; 4.G.1; 4.G.2 Explanation: Senior Legion Baseball players who have one year of eligibility remaining, whose parents move out of the team’s recruiting area, shall have an option of playing for the team nearest their parent’s new domicile or returning to their former team. **This rule shall not apply to Junior Legion Teams.**

1. The enrollment of the high school the player attends on March 31, 2009 shall be counted.
2. Written permission to play for their previous team must be obtained from the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.

“There are three types of baseball players: those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happens.”

– Tommy Lasorda

Rule 4.H – Home School Player; Explanation: Rule 4.H provides explanation as to enrollment that will be counted for home-schooled players. To ensure parity in the program, The American Legion requires the team to count the enrollment of the nearest public school. For example, player “C” is home schooled, and wishes to play American Legion Baseball. Player “C” lives in the Northeast HS boundary. Team Three will count the Northeast HS enrollment as well as the base school enrollment (East HS).

Rule 4.I – New Team Formation; Explanation: Rule 4.I provides instructions when a new team is formed causing player’s eligibility to change. For example, if a fourth team is started in the area and that team selects North HS as its base school, any player, whose domicile is closer to North HS shall be eligible to try-out for Team Four. If a player is listed on the previous Legion team, this rule permits those players a one-time option of deciding to try out for Team Four or to continue their eligibility with previous team. The player needs to send a letter to the department (state) baseball chairman informing the chairman of his final decision. This rule does not apply to existing teams that change their base school and only applies to players registered on 2008 existing teams.

Questions concerning any rule interpretation are to be directed either by the team manager or the head coach to the department (state) baseball chairman.



Since 1926 Major League Baseball and The American Legion have teamed up to honor The American Legion National Championship team to attend the Major League World Series. Las Vegas, NV, sponsored by American Legion Post 76, players and coaches pose for a photo prior to game 2 of the 2008 Major League World Series in Tampa. The American Legion provides game tickets, housing, meals and transportation for the team. Presenting the Commissioner’s Award of Excellence to the team is Executive Vice President of Operations, Jimmy Lee Solomon. Also pictured is Don Zimmerman, former Chicago Cubs Manager whose Legion team won the 1947 American Legion World Series and was treated to the MLB World Series 62 years ago.

WHERE TO ORDER BIRTH CERTIFICATES

For additional information visit the Vital Chek website at: <http://www.vitalchek.com/?clicked=1>

State	Where to Send Request For Birth Certificate	Amount
Alabama	Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Dept. of Health, PO Box 5625, Montgomery, AL 36103-5625	\$12.00
Alaska	Bureau of Vital Statistics, 5441 Commercial Blvd, Juneau, AK 99801	\$20.00
Arizona	Arizona Dept. of Health Services, 150 N 18th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007	\$10.00
Arkansas	Division of Vital Records, 4815 W. Markham St., Little Rock, AR 72205-3867	\$12.00
California	Dept. of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, MS 5103, PO Box 997410, Sacramento, CA 95899	\$14.00
Colorado	Dept. of Health, Vital Records Sect/HSVRD-VR-A1, 4300 Cherry Creek Dr S, Denver, CO 80246-1530	\$17.75
Connecticut	Dept. of Public Health, Vital Records Sect., MS# 11VRS, PO Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308	\$15.00
Delaware	Office of Vital Statistics, PO Box 637, Dover, DE 19903	\$10.00
DC	Vital Records Branch, 825 N. Capitol St. NE, 1st Floor, Rm. 1312, Washington, DC 20002	\$23.00
Florida	State Office of Vital Statistics, 1217 Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32202	\$14.00
Georgia	Vital Records Service, Dept. of Human Resources, 2600 Skyland Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30319	\$10.00
Hawaii	Office Health Status Monitoring, Health Dept., PO Box 3378, Honolulu, HI 96801	\$10.00
Idaho	Vital Statistics, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036	\$13.00
Illinois	Division of Vital Records, 605 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62702-5097	\$15.00
Indiana	IN State Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Records, PO Box 7125., Indianapolis, IN 46206	\$10.00
Iowa	Dept. of Public Health, Vital Records, Lucas Bldg., 1st Floor, Des Moines, IA 50319	\$15.00
Kansas	Vital Statistics, 1000 SW Jackson, Ste. 120, Topeka, KS 66612-2221	\$12.00
Kentucky	Office of Vital Statistics 1E-A, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40621	\$10.00
Louisiana	Vital Records Registry, PO Box 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160	\$15.00
Maine	Vital Records Office, 221 State House, Station 11, Augusta, ME 04333-0011	\$15.00
Maryland	Division of Vital Records, 6550 Reistertown Road, Baltimore, MD 21215	\$12.00
Massachusetts	Registry of Vital Statistics, 150 Mt. Vernon St., 1st Floor, Dorchester, MA 02125-3105	\$18.00
Michigan	Dept. of Public Health, Vital Records, PO Box 30721, Lansing, MI 48909	\$26.00
Minnesota	Minnesota Dept of Health, PO Box 64882, St. Paul, MN 55164	\$16.00
Mississippi	Vital Records, 571 Stadium Dr., PO Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39215	\$15.00
Missouri	Bureau of Vital Records, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102	\$15.00
Montana	Vital Records, 111 N. Sanders, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604	\$12.00
Nebraska	Vital Statistics, PO Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509	\$12.00
Nevada	Office of Vital Records & Statistics, 4150 Technology Way, Suite 104, Carson City, NV 89706	\$13.00
New Hampshire	Division of Vital Records, 71 South Fruit St, Concord, NH 03301	\$12.00
New Jersey	NJ Dept. Health, Vital Statistics, PO Box 370, S Warren & Market St., Rm. 504, Trenton, NJ 08625	\$25.00
New Mexico	Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, PO Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110	\$10.00
New York	Office of Vital Records, 125 Worth St CN 4 Room 133, New York, NY 10013	\$15.00
North Carolina	NC Vital Records, 1903 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699	\$15.00
North Dakota	Division of Vital Records, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 301, Bismarck, ND 58505-0200	\$7.00
Ohio	Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics 246 N. High St 1st Floor Columbus, OH 43215	\$16.50
Oklahoma	Division of Vital Records, 1000 NE 10th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73117	\$10.00
Oregon	Oregon Vital Records, 800 NE Oregon St., Ste #205 - PO Box 14050 Portland, OR 97293	\$20.00
Pennsylvania	Division of Vital Statistics, 101 S. Mercer St., 4th Floor, New Castle, PA 16101	\$10.00
Puerto Rico	Demographic Registry, PO Box 11854, Fernandez Juncos Station, San Juan, PR 00910	\$ 5.00
Rhode Island	Dept. of Health, Div. of Vital Records, Room 101, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908-5097	\$20.00
South Carolina	Division of Vital Records, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201	\$12.00
South Dakota	Vital Records, 207 E Missouri, Suite 1-A, Pierre, SD 57501	\$10.00
Tennessee	Office of Vital Records, 421 5th Ave., 1st Floor, Central Service Bldg., Nashville, TN 37247-0450	\$12.00
Texas	Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1100 W 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756	\$22.00
Utah	Bureau of Vital Records, PO Box 141012, 288 N 1460 W., Salt Lake City, UT 84114-1012	\$15.00
Vermont	VT Dept of Health, Vital Records PO Box 70, 108 Cherry St., Burlington, VT 05402	\$10.00
Virginia	Division of Vital Records, P. O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23218-1000	\$12.00
Washington	Dept. of Health, Center for Health Statistics, PO Box 9709, Olympia, WA 98507-9709	\$20.00
West Virginia	Division of Vital Statistics, 350 Capitol St., Rm 165, Charleston, WV 25301	\$10.00
Wisconsin	Vital Records, 1 W. Wilson St, PO Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309	\$20.00
Wyoming	Vital Records Services, Hathaway Building, Cheyenne, WY 82002	\$13.00

**U. S. citizens born abroad, with U.S. citizenship at birth: Passport Service, Vital Records Section, 1111 19th St. NW, Washington, DC 20522

\$30.00

NATIONAL BASEBALL – HALL OF FAME COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK

American Legion Baseball players and their families are encouraged to visit Baseball's Hall of Fame and Museum at Cooperstown, New York, where 50 American Legion Baseball graduates are enshrined. More American Legion Baseball graduates have been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame than any other amateur baseball program.

Former American Legion Baseball players inducted into National Baseball Hall of Fame include:

Joe Gordon - 2009; Jim Rice - 2009; Dick Williams - 2008; Tony Gwynn - 2007; Bruce Sutter - 2006; Wade Boggs, Ryne Sandberg - 2005; Paul Molitor - 2004; Gary Carter - 2003; Eddie Murray - 2003; Dave Winfield - 2001; Sparky Anderson, Carlton E. Fisk - 2000, Robin Yount, George Brett - 1999; Phil Niekro, Nellie Fox - 1997; Jim Bunting - 1996; Richie Ashburn - 1995; Steven Carlton - 1994; Reggie Jackson - 1993; Gaylord Perry - 1992; Tom Seaver - 1991; Rollie Fingers - 1991; Hal Newhouser - 1991; Jim Palmer - 1990; Joe Morgan - 1990; Carl Yastrzemski - 1989; Johnny Bench - 1989; Willie Stargell - 1988; Jim "Catfish" Hunter - 1987; Bobby Doerr - 1986; J. Hoyt Wilhelm - 1985; Peewee Reese - 1984; Donald Drysdale - 1984; Harmon Killebrew - 1984; Brooks C. Robinson - 1983; George Kell - 1983; Frank Robinson - 1982; Robert Gibson - 1981; Al Kaline - 1980; Eddie Mathews - 1978; Bob Lemon - 1976; Ralph M. Kiner - 1975; Warren Spahn - 1973; Lawrence (Yogi) Berra - 1972; Early Wynn - 1972; Louis Boudreau - 1970; Roy Campanella - 1969; Stanley F. Musial - 1969; Joseph M. Medwick - 1968; Theodore S. Williams - 1966; Robert E. Feller - 1962.

American Legion Baseball - Graduates of the Year

Each year The American Legion honors a former American Legion player who is currently playing in the Major Leagues for his character, leadership, playing abilities and community service. Individuals are recommended by their respective Post.

Lyle Overbay - 2009; Justin Verlander - 2008; Chris Carpenter - 2007; Albert Pujols - 2006; Scott Rolen - 2005; Darin Erstad - 2004; Jeff Bagwell - 2003; Luis Gonzales - 2002; Todd Stottlemire - 2001; Chipper Jones - 2000; Steve Finley - 1999; Tony Gwynn - 1998; Mo Vaughn - 1997; Paul Molitor - 1996; Bob Tewksbury - 1995; Greg Maddux - 1994; Billy Swift - 1993; Terry Steinbach - 1992; Sid Bream - 1991; Harold Reynolds - 1990; Alan Trammell - 1989; Roger Clemens - 1988; Don Mattingly - 1987; Dale Murphy - 1986; Jeff Reardon - 1985; Ryne Sandberg - 1984; Andre Thornton - 1983; Jim Sundberg - 1982; Gary Carter - 1981; George Brett - 1980; Mike Flanagan - 1979; Don Guidry - 1978; Dave Winfield - 1977; Rick Monday - 1976; Carlton Fisk - 1975; Wilbur Wood - 1974; Johnny Bench - 1973; Al Kaline - 1972; Steven Carlton - 1971; Dave McNally - 1970; Harmon Killebrew - 1969; Mickey Lolich - 1968; Carl Yaztrzemski - 1967; Frank Robinson - 1966; Eddie Fisher - 1965; Brooks Robinson - 1964; Warren Spahn - 1963; Bobby Richardson - 1962; Stan Musial - 1961; Ted Williams - 1960; John Lollar - 1958.

"In order to become a leading home run hitter, a batter must be surrounded by good hitters, otherwise, the pitchers will 'pitch around' him. Likewise, many successful people became that way from being on a good team."

- Laing Burns Jr.

2009 NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

SITES, DATES, & LOCAL CHAIRMEN

Regional Tournaments will be played August 6-10, 2009

Northeast Region

Host: Post 2

Location: Manchester, NH – Gill Stadium

George Smith, Local Chairman – (603) 623-9145

Participating Departments: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey (B), Rhode Island, Vermont

Mid-Atlantic Region

Host: Post 2

Location: Morgantown, WV – Hawley Field

Dale Miller, Local Chairman – (304) 291-5988

Participating Departments: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania (A), Virginia, West Virginia

Southeast Region

Host: Post 15

Location: Sumter, SC – Riley Park

Jimmy Hodge, Local Chairman – (803) 481-2137

Participating Departments: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee

Mid-South Region

Host: Post 4

Location: Enid, OK – David Allen Memorial Ballpark

Bill Mayberry, Local Chairman – (580) 548-7941

Participating Departments: Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska (B), Oklahoma, Texas

Great Lakes Region

Host: Post 38

Location: Appleton, WI – Don Hawkins Field

Don Hawkins, Local Chairman – (920) 450-5140

Participating Departments: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota (B), Ohio, Pennsylvania (B), Wisconsin

Central Plains Region

Host: Post 259

Location: Minnetonka, MN – Veterans Field

Charlie Kanan, Local Chairman – (952) 474-5594

Participating Departments: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota (A), Missouri, Nebraska (A), North Dakota, South Dakota

Northwest Region

Host: Post 15

Location: Medford, OR – Harry & David Field

Gary Miller, Local Chairman – (541) 261-7089

Participating Departments: Alaska, California (B), Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming

Western Region

Host: Post 182

Location: Fairfield, CA – Laurel Creek Field

Brad Hanson, Local Chairman – (707) 451-2640

Participating Departments: Arizona, California (A), Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah

Additional information about the National Regional Tournaments can be found on our Web site www.baseball.legion.org.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2009

January 1	Bids for 2010 Regional Tournaments due to national headquarters.
March 1	2009 Rulebook and forms distributed to department headquarters offices.
March 31	Establishment of player's legal domicile (parents' domicile) and school enrollment.
April 15	File Plan "A" recruiting maps and explanation (w/ national headquarters. See Rule 3.A.)
April 15	Deadline for department chairmen to e-mail or file five (5) copies of Department rules.
May 1	Department tournament information (dates & location) must be filed with or e-mailed to national headquarters.
July 15	Department baseball committee must file all National Registration Form #1s.
July 31	Department chairmen must Express Mail team photographs of teams still participating in department tournament to regional tournament chairman (See Rule 9.G).
August 2	Department tournaments must be completed by 12:00 midnight.
August 5	Regional banquet
August 6-10	Regional tournaments
August 13	World Series banquet – Fargo, North Dakota
August 14-18	World Series – Fargo, North Dakota

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion is the largest veteran’s organization in the world, with a membership of more than 2.5 million wartime veterans in the United States, District of Columbia and four foreign countries.



Members of The American Legion are honorably discharged men and women who served their country on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf War and the War on Terror.

The American Legion was founded and organized in 1919. Since that time, The American Legion has touched virtually every facet of American life, fulfilling its main objective of service to the community, state and nation.

Last year:

- Needy children and families received more than \$11 million in cash and gifts from The American Legion posts.
- Legion posts provided nearly \$5 million in emergency aid to veterans last year.
- Deserving high school students were awarded \$5.3 million in college scholarships.
- Almost \$7.1 million was spent by The American Legion and its affiliated organizations for the benefit of children and youth last year.
- Local charity campaigns received over \$16 million in donations from local American Legion posts.
- Legionnaires across the country donate more than a million hours each year in the Veteran’s Administration “Voluntary Service Program,” helping patients in VA Medical Facilities.
- Legion members donated over 3 million hours of service to their communities.

The American Legion has also, for many years, conducted programs that have been designed to benefit the youth of our nation. Some of these programs are:

High School Oratorical Contest	American Legion Baseball
American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation	American Education Week
Eagle Scout Scholarships	Flag Education
Scholarship Information Booklets	Substance Abuse Prevention
Junior Shooting Sports Program	Special Olympics
American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	Missing Children
Temporary Financial Assistance	Teen Suicide Prevention
National Emergency Fund	Family Support Network

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



2009 ALB Registration Form #1

Registration Form #1 MUST BE TYPED

Team Name: Jr. Legion (ages 17 & under) Sr. Legion (ages 19 & under)

American Legion Post #: Athletic Officer's Name:

City and State: Phone #:

Financial Booster: Legion Card No:

Insurance Carrier: S.A. VAN DYK INS. CO. *This insurance carrier is mandatory*

Accident Insurance Cert. #: Liability Insurance Cert. #:

Outside Sponsoring Organization *(Complete this area if local Legion Post chooses not to affiliate as team sponsor).*

Organization: Phone No:

Address: President:

City, State, Zip: E-mail:

Notice: This form must be filed with department baseball chairman, along with the following forms:

1. Parents' Consent and Release (Form #2)
2. Player's Transfer (Form #76) or Declaration Form (Form #77) if applicable
3. Yellow Copy of Insurance Certificates

Team Certification: By checking here, I as team manager hereby certify that the players listed under PLAYER ROSTER (page 2 of this form) have signed with this American Legion Baseball team and that all information listed is correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Manager: E-mail:

Address: Phone:

Coach: E-mail:

Address: Phone:

Coach: E-mail:

Address: Phone:

The department baseball chairman shall certify and provide enrollments for each team. Enrollments must be filed in national office by June 1.

Name of School (base school *)	School Classification	As of March 31 - Total Enrollment of Grades 10, 11, 12
*		

If additional schools need to be listed, attach separate sheet of paper.

Player Roster

Registration Form #1 MUST BE TYPED

Jr. Legion (ages 17& under) Sr. Legion (ages 19& under)

Team Name

American Legion Post #:

City and State:

(Type in alphabetical order)

Registration Form #1 must be typed. Only 18 players per team are permitted.

1: Name-Last, First, Middle Initial 2: Parent's Address City, State, Zip	Date of Birth Phone #	Uniform Number	Position	Height	Weight	Batting & Throwing	Year Graduate
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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



2009 Form #2

Player Indemnification Agreement

Please **PRINT** or **TYPE**

Full Name
First, MI, Last

Position P C IF OF Bat R L S Throws R L Height Weight
check one check one check one

Parent's Address

High School Graduation Year Enrollment
Name 10th, 11th & 12th

I certify that the information shown above regarding me is correct and I agree to devote my entire service as an American Legion Baseball player this season to (Team name), and I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of American Legion Baseball. I agree to accept the sole, exclusive and final jurisdiction and authority of The American Legion National Appeals Board over any ruling(s), dispute(s), disagreement(s), or subject matter having to do with or having any impact or effect upon The American Legion Baseball Program, rules, tournaments, administration or games. Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate as a member of The American Legion Baseball Team. I understand that the very nature of baseball has its hazards that can cause serious injury and/or death.

Finally, I release, discharge and agree not to take any legal action against the team, team sponsor, The American Legion or the field, or owner on which baseball is/was practiced or played by my team. I further agree that I shall hold harmless and fully indemnify The American Legion, its officers, employees, or any person connected with the team, its agents, coaches, or managers.

Player's Signature Player's SS#
(Last four digits only)

Home Phone
include area code

Birth Date
Month/Day/Year

Parent's Consent and Release Form

To be signed by parent or guardian. If parents are divorced or legally separated, this form must be signed by the parent having legal custody as established by a court.

1. I/we have read the player agreement, and release of liability / indemnification agreement above, and agree to allow our son/daughter to participate in American Legion Baseball.
2. I/we understand and acknowledge and appreciate the risks and dangers involved in allowing our son/daughter to participate in American Legion Baseball and I/we assume all risks of injury and damage incident to his/her participation in American Legion Baseball. I/we further in consideration of the privilege to play American Legion Baseball, hereby release, discharge and relinquish The American Legion, its officers, agents, their representatives, employees and officials of and from all claims, demands, actions and cause of action of any sort, for any injuries sustained by our son/daughter.
3. I/we agree to the sole, exclusive and final jurisdiction and authority of The American Legion National Appeals Board over any question, dispute, disagreement or ruling involving our son/daughter or their team.
4. I/we agree in the event of illness or injury to my son/daughter during an American Legion Baseball game or practice, I/we hereby give consent for the performance of such diagnostic, medical and/or surgical treatment on my child as may be deemed medically necessary in order to assure the safety of my child.

Signature Relationship:

Emergency Contact Person , Emergency Phone Number

Parent's Medical Insurance & Policy Number:

Date Family Physician & Phone Number

It is strongly recommended that this form be notarized – most hospitals require consent form to be notarized.

Copy To Department Chairman - Team Manager Shall Retain Original

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2009 Player Transfer Form #76

Please PRINT or TYPE

This form is to be used by players who have been cut and released by an American Legion team. Released players may be eligible to transfer under Rule 4.D.to the next closest team.

1. American Legion Baseball Senior players are required to play for the closest team, unless released, in which case the player shall need to determine the next closest team utilizing Mapquest® (www.mapquest.com).
2. If the player is unable to earn a spot on the roster of the second team, that player shall be allowed to play for the third closest team etc.
3. All parties involved understand that this transfer is final throughout the player's remaining eligibility. No additional transfers are permitted.
4. All parties understand that the department baseball chairman must approve this transfer prior to placing player on the National Form #1.
5. Junior players are not eligible for transfer.

Permission is hereby requested for	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Player's Full Name	Player's Date of Birth
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Parent's Address, City, State, Zip	Parent's Phone#	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Player's High School	High School Enrollment	Team's Total Enrollment

Player is hereby released from the following team	<input type="text"/>
	Name of Old Team (print/type)

<input type="text"/>

Player's Signature (Please print & sign)

<input type="text"/>

Parent's Signature (Please print & sign)

<input type="text"/>		
Name of NEW Team (print/type)		
<input type="text"/>		
Team Manager's Signature & Printed Name (old team)		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Manager's Signature - Team 1 (Please print & sign)	Manager's Signature - Team 2 (Please print & sign)	Manager's Signature - Team 3 (Please print & sign)

<input type="text"/>

Department Baseball Chairman Signature & date

This form must be filed with the National Form #1; team manager shall retain copy for his files.
This form shall be filed with department headquarters.

If transfer crosses a state border, both department chairmen must approve prior to placing player on Form #1.
<input type="text"/>
Concurring Department Baseball Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



2009 Team Declaration Form #77

Please PRINT or TYPE

This form is to be used by players who may have an option to

1. Play for The American Legion Baseball team nearest parent's or court ordered guardian's legal domicile OR,
2. Play for the team nearest the school the player attends.

Authorization for this choice is outlined under Rule 4.C of The American Legion Baseball Rules. See American Legion Rulebook for further clarification.

Player's Name (Please print or type)

Parent's Address (Please print or type)

Phone Number

I declare I am eligible under the National American Legion Baseball Rule 4.C, to play for:

Name of American Legion Team and sponsoring American Legion Post Number

Team's base school & enrollment

Player's high school & enrollment

My parents and I understand that such declaration is required by American Legion Baseball Rules. My parents and I also understand that such election shall be final. No additional transfers or declarations will be permitted. See Rule 4.C.

Player's Signature (Please Print & Sign)

Parent's Signature (Please Print & Sign)

Team Manager's Signature & Printed Name (Please Print & Sign)

- The department chairman must approve this form prior to placing the player on the National Form
- To determine the next team; The American Legion shall use Mapquest® (www.mapquest.com). The shortest driving distance between the parent's domicile and/or the player's base school(s) shall determine the closest team.

Signature of Department Baseball Chairman

Date

**Team Manager shall retain a copy for his files.
Second copy shall be filed with Form # 1 and filed with the department office.**

2009 AMERICAN LEGION OFFICIALLY SPONSORED AND ENDORSED SENIOR AND JUNIOR BASEBALL ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY TEAM INSURANCE PLANS

\$100,000 BLANKET MEDICAL PLUS \$10,000 ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT

\$1,000,000 GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE

Who is covered? All registered players, coaches, managers, batpersons, Athletic Officers and Post Commanders while involved in activities associated with American Legion Baseball.

What is covered? Accidental injuries sustained during tryouts, practices, games, and tournaments approved by the American Legion that are supervised by the proper American Legion authority and while traveling directly to and from such activities.

What are the Benefits? \$100,000 accident medical expense benefits - without a deductible (\$5,000 limit on injury to sound natural teeth). Covered expenses include the reasonable charges for treatment made by a legally qualified physician, hospital confinements in a duly licensed hospital, including out-patient care, registered graduate nursing care, emergency ambulance up to \$200, prescribed legend drugs, medicines, and other therapeutic services and supplies as prescribed by a legally qualified physician or surgeon, which are incurred within three years after the date of the accident.

What is not covered? Accident medical expense does not cover expenses incurred for dental treatment (except as a result of injury to sound, natural teeth, exclusive of cosmetic dentistry), service or treatment rendered by a physician, nurse or other person retained by the team, loss caused by war or act of war or losses sustained by an insured person while in the military service, or loss caused or contributed by alcohol or drug misuse. WHEN AN INSURED PERSON IS COVERED UNDER MORE THAN ONE INSURANCE PLAN, BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THIS PLAN WILL BE EXCESS OVER ANY OTHER VALID AND COLLECTIBLE INSURANCE.

Term of Insurance: A team's insurance will become effective March 1, 2009, or any later date on which a completed enrollment form and check are received by S.A. Van Dyk Insurance at Oak Brook, IL. The term of insurance for seasonal coverage will be extended to cover the 2009 Major League World Series, or will terminate as of the completion of the Team's season, when the individual insured is no longer a member of the team, or September 1, 2009, whichever is earlier.

Premium: \$160.00 per Senior team for seasonal coverage \$235.00 per Senior team for year-round coverage \$140.00 per Junior team for seasonal coverage \$205.00 per Junior team for year-round coverage

(See Policy 680-162 reprint 10 for complete details)

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Who is covered? The team and its sponsors, managers, coaches and any other volunteer workers or auxiliaries while acting on behalf of the team. Field owners may be covered as additional insureds under the policy.

What is covered? The plan covers potential liability created by sponsorship of a baseball team arising out of:

- 1. The use of baseball fields and playing areas. 2. All activities necessary or incidental to the conduct of tryouts, practices, exhibitions schedules and post season games. 3. Consumption or use of food and other products 4. Insured contractual agreements. 5. Year round activities such as fund raising, meetings and awards banquets.

What is not covered? The plan does not cover:

- 1. Liability arising out of the use of any owned or non-owned motor vehicles. 2. Property of others in care, custody and control of insured. 3. Injury or death of an employee. 4. Activities such as tryouts, practice, exhibition or post season games conducted between the last day of the American Legion World Series and March 1, 2010, unless the accident coverage is in place during that period.

Term of Insurance: Will become effective on March 1, 2009 (or any later date on which a completed enrollment form and check are received by S.A. VAN DYK INSURANCE) and continues to March 1, 2010. Once your coverage has begun, there will be no return of any premium. For your continuous on and off-field protection, it is important that your policy stay in effect from year to year.

Premium: \$145.00 per Senior team. Premium: \$100.00 per Junior team. (Refer to the policy for specific coverage and exclusions)

2009 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY INSURANCE ENROLLMENT FORM

(Each insured team will receive a Certificate of Insurance which contains a complete description of the benefits, conditions and provisions)

Please Print or Type Clearly

Post Number _____ Exact Legal Identity _____

Name of Team _____

Post Address _____ Team Official to whom insurance certificate is to be sent.

Post Name (if different) _____

Name _____ PLEASE PRINT

Please check coverage desired:

ACCIDENT INSURANCE [] SR Seasonal \$160.00 [] SR Year-round \$235.00 [] JR Seasonal \$140.00 [] JR Year-round \$205.00

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

LIABILITY INSURANCE [] SR \$145.00 [] JR \$100.00

Liability Certificates of Insurance are available at no charge. (Number) _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

ADMINISTRATION FEE (NON REFUNDABLE) \$10.00

(In addition to the premium, an additional \$10.00 administration fee payable to S.A. Van Dyk Insurance, will be charged per team.)

Is your team officially registered with the appropriate American Legion baseball official and playing by American Legion rules? [] Yes [] No

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make check payable to: S.A. VAN DYK INSURANCE P.O. Box 4806 Oak Brook, Illinois 60522-4806 1-800-323-7326



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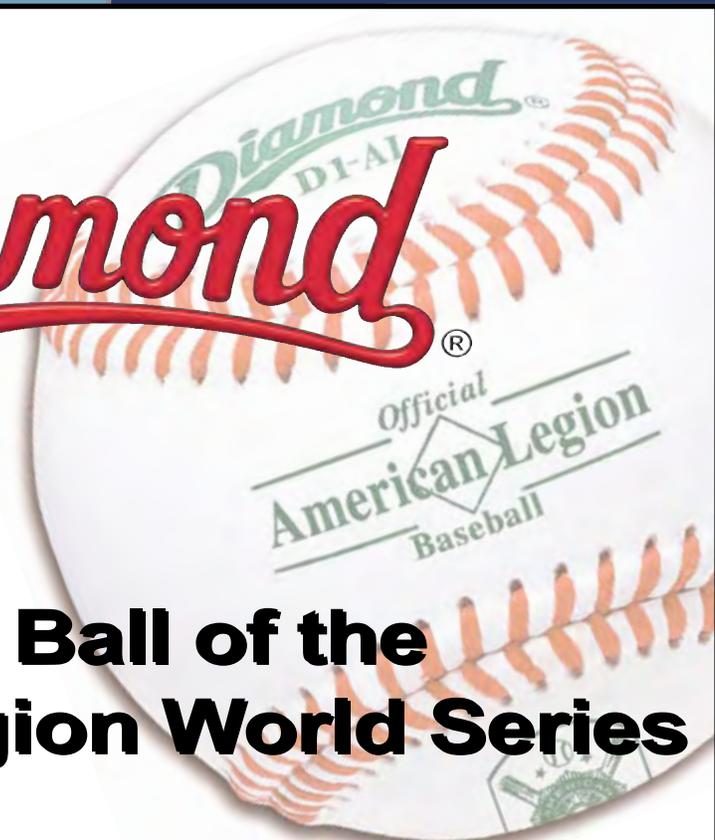
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