



The American Legion  
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## 2013 – 2014 American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament Bid Information

The Americanism Commission is seeking bids from any American Legion post, team, or community within their respective region to host a Regional Tournament for a two year period (2013 & 2014). The regional alignment can be found on page four.

As official host, the local American Legion team will participate in this eight team, double elimination tournament. This is a five day tournament. The current tournament format utilizes a double elimination tournament in which all eight teams will play four games on days one and two. Three games will be played on day three. Two games played on day four and one or two games on day five (subject to weather related changes).

The host committee shall retain all gate receipt, souvenir sales, concession stand sales, and local sponsorships.

Bid packages must be endorsed by Department Commander and Baseball Chairman.

A bid package (and nine copies) shall be due to the national office no later than February 1, 2012.

Bids will be reviewed by the staff and forwarded onto the National Americanism Commission for their recommendation and finally approved by the National Executive Committee in May of 2012 at their Executive Committee proceedings.

### Key Tournament Information

- A two year contract to be signed for 2013 -2014
- Dates of the tournaments will be:
  - **August 7 to 12, 2013**
  - **August 6 to 11, 2014**
- A minimum bid is \$15,000 per year (the annual \$15K payment is due 30 days after the final game.)
- A complete financial report is due to the national office 30 days after the tournament
- Full tarp for infield - preferred
- Covered grand stand - preferred
- Stadium lighting, 70 candlepower in the infield and 50 candlepower outfield – equal to Class A professional ballpark lighting
- A practice field - that is maintained
- Two batting cages (w/lights)
- Warning track - preferred

## Suggested Ballpark dimensions:

- Power alley - 350'
- Right field line - 300'
- Left Field line 300'
- 400' Centerfield
- Backstop to home plate - 45' radius
- Outfield grass line to pitching rubber 95' radius
- Sideline fence - 4' high
- Outfield fence - 6' high
- Baselines to grand stand fences or dugouts - 30'
- Two bullpens - preferably outside the playing area
- Dugouts - 40' x 6' with helmet and bat racks
  - Protective screen in front of dugout preferred
- Umpires dressing room (on site showers preferred)



## Press Box

- Press box – 18' x 6' (must comfortably hold at least six people)
- High Speed access internet access in press box
  - A local internet account must be available to the official scorekeeper to allow him/her to send scores to newspapers as well as to the National Headquarters web site.

## Stadium Seating

- Permanent seating for 500 (minimum) & temporary seating for an additional 500

## Stadium Office

- Tournament Headquarters office – a small office (must be located near the ballpark), with desks, chairs, copier, and a private phone for the tournament director and assistant.

## Hotel

- Hotel(s) should be located within 30 miles of the ballpark.
- Hotel should be able to house all teams. (60 rooms per night, 40 double beds, and 20 single beds).
- Additional housing for fans (100 additional rooms) within 30 miles of ballpark.

## Community Support

- The host committee must provide local transportation for teams, coaches, and tournament staff and pick up and return to airport for those teams that fly into site.
- Two (2) cell phones are required for the Tournament Director and assistant. One (1) additional telephone line (hardwire), at host committee's expense, must be installed to accommodate the press box and Official Scorer.
- For many years, The American Legion required the host to sponsor a banquet and meal expenses for teams were paid for by national office. The banquet is an option of host team; however the national office shall not reimburse the host committee for any expenses connected with the banquet.

- The annual national budget for the eight national American Legion Baseball Regional Tournaments typically exceeds \$500,000. Meals for the 1,280 participants exceed \$125,000. The two thousand hotel rooms cost the national organization over \$200,000. The American Legion provides transportation to the nearest airport or charter bus service to and from the regional site. The American Legion also provides teams meals, hotel expense. Players, coaches and staff are provided a souvenir shirt & hat pin. The umpire crew and national staff appointed to work this tournament are provided with hotel room, meals and transportation.
- By establishing the tournament for two years, The American Legion will continue the strong tradition of hosting outstanding tournaments and provide for an outstanding experience for teams, fans and volunteers. A two year contract will permits The American Legion to increase attendance, improve public awareness, boost sponsorship, reduce expenses and to improve this marquee event for the host committee and for The American Legion.
- The economic impact for communities varies from \$500,000 to over 1 million dollars.

For a host manual or a sample contract please contact:

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**Tentative Future Tournament Dates**

2015 – Department play-off deadline – August 2; Regional: August 5 to 10;  
 World Series – Shelby, NC – August 14 to 18  
 2016 – Department play-off deadline – August 1; Regional: August 3 to 8;  
 World Series – Shelby, NC – August 12 to 16

# 2013 – 2014 Regional Tournament Alignment

Eight Regional Tournament Sites . Under existing American Legion policy, the five Departments with most registered teams shall send a second team onto regional play. Currently, PA, NJ, MN, NE and WI are entitled to a second team to complete the 64 team tournament pairings.

## REGION 1 (Northeast)

1. Connecticut
2. Maine
3. Massachusetts
4. New Hampshire
5. New York
6. Rhode Island
7. Vermont
8. Host

## REGION 5 (Great Lakes)

1. Illinois
2. Indiana
3. Michigan
4. Kentucky
5. Ohio
6. Wisconsin (A)
7. Wisconsin (B)
8. Host

## REGION 2 (Mid-Atlantic)

1. Delaware
2. Maryland
3. New Jersey (A)
4. New Jersey (B)
5. Pennsylvania (A)
6. Pennsylvania (B)
7. West Virginia
8. Host

## REGION 6 (Central Plains)

1. Iowa
2. Minnesota (A)
3. Minnesota (B)
4. Nebraska (A)
5. Nebraska (B)
6. North Dakota
7. South Dakota
8. Host



## REGION 3 (Southeast)

1. Alabama
2. Florida
3. Georgia
4. North Carolina
5. Puerto Rico
6. South Carolina
7. Virginia
8. Host

## REGION 7 (Northwest)

1. Alaska
2. Hawaii
3. Idaho
4. Montana
5. Oregon
6. Washington
7. Wyoming
8. Host

## REGION 4 (Mid-South)

1. Arkansas
2. Kansas
3. Louisiana
4. Mississippi
5. Missouri
6. Oklahoma
7. Tennessee
8. Host

## REGION 8 (Western)

1. Arizona
2. California
3. Colorado
4. Nevada
5. New Mexico
6. Texas
7. Utah
8. Host

*Alignment is subject to change depending on the number of registered team.*