

American Legion Department of Illinois Baseball Committee Report

October 24,2019

The Baseball Committee met on a teleconference call on October 23,2019 at 730PM. All members of the committee participated in the conference.

We reviewed the information shared at the Americanism Conference held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis on September 27-29. Chairman Don Wallis, Vice-Chairman John Gosney and 2nd Division Chairman James Huisel attended the conference.

There was a handout sent to each member that outlined how to pay for the insurance in 2020. A 2020 Claim Reporting Handout given out at the meeting will be copied and mailed to the three other committee members.

These are the various fees for 2020

	Senior	Junior
National Fee	\$50	\$25
Admin Fee	\$35	\$35
General Liability	\$104	\$71
Personal Accident - Seasonal	\$130	\$110
Personal Accident - Annual	\$200	\$160

One new requirement for every manager/coach/volunteer working with a legion teams players will be to complete a class concerning child abuse awareness and reporting procedures. This class will be available through Protect Youth Sports and USA Baseball.

There were several proposed rule changes for 2020. These were adopted.

Rule 1.R.3. Pitching Rule - to read "If a pitcher throws 45 or fewer pitches in game one of multiple games on the same day, he may return to pitch in game two, up to 105 pitches total for the day. If a pitcher were to throw more than 45 pitches in game one, he would be ineligible to pitch in game two"

Rule 2.B.4. Graduated Students – to read "Players who graduate in 2019 shall play for the last American Legion team they played for or the team nearest their parents' domicile."

Rule 3 & 4 Player Recruiting – Combined total enrollment of high schools cannot exceed 6,000 for 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Rule 6.E. Players Per Team – add paragraph "4. In cases of season ending injury, a player may be replaced on National Form #1 prior to the end of regular season play with department baseball chairman approval and with proper supporting medical doctor's note and documents

The 2020 Great Lakes Regional will be hosted by Elmhurst. Games will be played at the Plunkett Athletic Complex in Elmhurst

The 2020 Senior Legion State Tournament will be hosted by Mattoon. Games will be played at Grimes Field a premier Illinois baseball field.

The 2020 Junior Legion State Tournament will be in Decatur. Games will be played at Milliken University Workman Family Baseball Field.

REGIONAL BIDS – Reminder that 2021-2022 regional bids are due February 1.

Barrington hosted the Senior Legion State Tournament. Special thanks to Legionnaire Robert Kruse for all his work to make this a success. This past summer saw Barrington play Danville in the Championship game in the Senior Legion State Tournament hosted by Barrington. Danville won that game and advanced to the Great Lakes Regional held at Charleston's Eastern Illinois University. Danville beat the Ohio State Champion twice on the last day and advanced to the World Series. They were one of the last four teams in the Tournament. Congratulations to Danville under Alan Sheperd's leadership for representing our state in an exemplary manner.

I met with the Great Lakes Regional Tournament Director in 2019 at the Americanism Conference. He was very complimentary about everything that the Charleston Host Committee did to prepare and host the Tournament. Congratulations to the Charleston Host Committee for a job well done and Host Chairman Dave Runyon.

The Junior Legion State Tournament was held at Milan. Vice-Chair John Gosney was the Tournament Director. Bethalto beat Moline in the Championship game. All reports were positive. Special thanks to Milan's Darren Bizarri for all his work to make the tournament a success.

Yours in service,
Donald Wallis
Department of Illinois Baseball Chairman