

AMERICAN LEGION

Department of ILLINOIS

Official Baseball Rules & Regulations



2023

Certified Baseball Teams



American Legion 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 control in victory;
Keep a sound soul, A clean mind, and a
healthy body.

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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

RULES AND REGULATIONS

2023

The rules printed herein shall apply to the Illinois American Legion Senior Legion and Junior Legion Baseball programs in Illinois. Competition shall be played under rules set forth and adopted by The American Legion Baseball Committee, to be eligible to compete in The American Legion Baseball Program, all Leagues and Teams must abide by these rules. Failure to abide by these rules will result in immediate disqualification.

American Legion Baseball competition shall be played under rules set forth and adopted by the National Americanism Commission. The American Legion, National Headquarters, 700 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, and as permissibly amended by The American Legion Baseball Committee, Department of Illinois. All teams in the Department of Illinois, Senior and Junior, must file a registration form showing proof of insurance and pay a fee of \$100.00 (Seniors) and \$75.00 (Juniors) to National and \$35.00 for each team to Department of Illinois.

Registration should be done at www.legion.org/baseball and should be completed by May 15.

Every American Legion Baseball team (Senior and Junior) must purchase both group liability and accident insurance from The American Legion's agent of record (K&K Insurance) Coverage must be purchased on or before May 15. Failure to pay the insurance by May 15 will result in a \$200 penalty with that fine going to the Department of Illinois Baseball Committee. Failure to pay your insurance by June 1 will result in disqualification for the season. Beginning in 2013, the Legion began implementing a background screening/monitoring program for coaches, managers, and volunteer staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball teams. Interpretations/Questions concerning who needs to complete a background check should be directed to the department chairman. Pursuant to the guidelines issued under Resolution 16 and the updated background screen guide issued December 17, 2013 from the National Americanism Committee a decision will be rendered. The respective division chairman from the division the interpretation/question came from will consult with the Department Chairman. He will make a recommendation to the Department Baseball Committee. Their decision will be final. It is recommended that all managers/coaches/volunteers who interact directly with the players read and review the Risk Management Policies of our program available online at this link - <http://www.legion.org/publications/212564/risk-management-policies-baseball>.

RENDERING RESPECT

RESOLUTION No. 16: Proper Respect for the American Flag—Violation is removal from our program.

Expectations for Rendering Proper Respect when participating in programs of The American Legion passed by the NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION at the October 12-13, 2016 meeting will be enforced by the Illinois American Legion Baseball Committee and their designees.

SENIOR TEAM RULES - 2023

RULE 1 - PLAYING REGULATIONS

All games shall be played under Official Rules-Major League Baseball to (as published by Triumph Books, Inc), except as follows:

A. Teams (players, coaches, and managers) must be in like uniforms (Caps, Shirts, Pants) for the entire season which includes post season.

1. Coaches must wear a helmet to be on the field. A hard helmet is required; no-flap, single flap, and double flap helmets are permitted, while “sullies” and cap inserts are not permitted.

During AMERICAN LEGION Baseball sanctioned events, if a coach comes out to his position without a helmet (as if to begin an inning), the umpire should direct the coach to put on a helmet immediately.

If the coach does not immediately move to comply with the umpire’s direction, the individual is to be ejected from the game.

2. During AMERICAN LEGION Baseball tournaments, until a batted ball passes a coach, a coach is not permitted to position himself closer to home plate than the coach’s box nor closer to fair territory than the coach’s box.

The umpire shall instruct a coach who is not in accordance with this rule to position themselves on an acceptable position immediately.

If the coach does not immediately comply with the umpire's direction, the individual is to be ejected from the game.

3. The American Legion Emblem can be screen printed on the left sleeve or left breast.
4. The American Legion Baseball Insignia must be worn on the left sleeve or left breast of the uniform shirt. Any player, coach or manager who violates this rule will be removed from the game.
5. A coach or manager may wear outerwear over their uniform shirt provided The ALB Insignia is displayed on either the Left sleeve or Left chest of outerwear (wind shirts, jackets, and alternative jerseys).

PENALTY— ANY COACH, MANAGER OR PLAYER THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THIS RULE SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE GAME UNTIL THEY COMPLY WITH THE RULE.

6. The front of the uniform shirt may carry lettering or wording that identifies the Post, Department, town, city, community, or sponsor which the team represents.
7. A number at least six inches high must be carried on the back of the uniform shirt.
8. All teams **MUST** use baseballs with the Legion logo on them. A current list of authentic products is online at emblem.legion.org

B. Only Form #1 registered players or coaches in uniform or Coaches on Drop/Add Form # 5 of the team are permitted on the coaching lines. Coaches and players must be in a like uniform in the regular season and while in District, Division, Department and National competition to go on the playing field, unless emergency appointment is approved by Tournament Director (Department Baseball Chairman or his designee). All bat boys or girls must be **TWELVE YEARS OLD**, or older, to be in the dugout. Only one bat boy or girl in the dugout at one time. They must wear official head gear protection.

C. Playing days will begin at 8:00 A.M. local time after coaches in uniform or Coaches on Drop/Add Form # 5. A game suspended the previous day does not count as one of these two games. A team may be required to complete the suspended game and still play two (2) additional complete games on the same day.

D. All players are required to wear a double-flapped, ear protective helmet while batting, running the bases or on deck. All batting helmets must meet the NOCSAE specifications and bear the NOCSAE STAMP on the outside of the helmet. Bat boys or girls must wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while on the playing field always. Catchers must wear some type of safety helmet, protective cup, and mask with an extended metal throat protector at least two (2) inches in length. *(If built-in throat protector is less than two inches, then mask must be or out of the bullpen.* Any player refusing to do so will not be permitted to continue play. This rule applies to all American Legion Baseball games.

E. **PITCHING: No player may pitch more than the limits shown below.** *(Exception would be if this is exceeded to retire his last batter)*

A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if he reaches or exceeds the maximum limit during an at-bat but must exit the position after the hitter completes his at bat. No player may enter the game as a pitcher unless having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in our National Rules. No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period.

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. This rule will apply to those players who are eligible to pitch 105 pitches (check the Pitching Age Chart).

PENALTY —The pitcher and team manager shall be ejected from the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

Please review **Points of Emphasis** for pitchers in the National Rulebook.

Players born in 2004, 2005 or 2006 are limited to a Daily max of 105 pitches per day. Players whose DOB is 2007, 2008, 2009 or 2010 are limited to a Daily max of 95 pitches per day. (DOB is an abbreviation for Date of Birth).

Additionally, the no-pitch intentional walk rule adopted by Major League Baseball will also apply to our program.

The National Pitching Rules will apply to our program when the Senior State Tournament begins.

During regular season play and District/Division post season this pitching chart will be the required rest Periods.

| Age/YOB | Daily Max (Pitches in Game) | Required Rest (Pitches) | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | 0 Days | 1 Days | 2 Days | 3 Days | 4 Days |
| 13-14 (2009–2010) | 95 | 1-20 | 21-35 | 36-50 | 51-65 | 66+ |
| 15-16 (2007–2008) | 95 | 1-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-75 | 76+ |
| 17-18-19 (2004–2006) | 105 | 1-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-80 | 81+ |

A pitch is a called strike, a swinging strike, a called ball, a wild pitch, and a foul ball.

Dual rostered pitchers pitching limits are age based and should be tracked accordingly to the respective team(s) they pitch for with the totals being cumulative.

1. It is the duty of the official scorekeeper or Tournament Director to notify the Umpire-In-Chief when a pitcher may exceed his pitch count the inning prior to this occurrence.
2. Any pitcher may be removed as a pitcher and remain in the game at another position. However, if that pitcher is removed automatically by a second appearance to the mound by the coach in the same inning, that pitcher cannot return as a pitcher in that game.

PENALTY —Forfeiture of game if protest is filed with umpires before last out of game.

3. Each of you are to become familiar with the Pitch Smart Guidelines. This initiative is backed by Major League Baseball. This is available at pitchsmart.org. I am asking that you become familiar with this program and use it as a tool to prevent injuries to your pitchers. You are also responsible for sharing this information with the players parents.

F. All Tournament games in District, Division and Department will be played as double elimination.

G. All Tournament games in the District, Division and Department for both the Junior and Senior Legion shall be seven (7) innings.

In the event a game is suspended due to inclement weather or other reason, the game shall be resumed where interrupted, retaining its place in the Tournament schedule, and continued until seven (7) innings are completed. (Also, see Rule 1 Q. 10 Run Rule).

Department /Division/District Tournament game length may be changed by Department Committee because of weather conditions.

1. All teams must compete in District and Division Tournaments including the host team to be eligible for the Department Tournament.
2. **A Coach or Manager shall list the last names and uniform numbers of all players, including non-starters on the line-up cards.**
3. All players will be required to be able to present a picture identification card prior to any District/ Division/State Post Season Tournament game. This can be a driver's license, a school ID, ROTC ID, or a Passport. Failure to comply with this rule can disqualify the player from participating in the game in question.

H. All District and Division Tournament games shall have at least two (2) competent umpires. The Department Tournament shall require three (3) competent umpires for each game.

I. **All teams, both Senior and Junior, must be covered by group accident and liability insurance, and, the insurance must be purchased from The American Legion's agent of record, the K&K Insurance**

1. **Insurance coverage must be for the entire season. The season begins with the first day of tryouts, first practice or June 1, whichever comes first.**
2. **Any team which fails to purchase insurance from K&K Insurance by June 1 of this year shall be disqualified from any further competition. The Commander of a post failing to purchase insurance by June 1 will be notified of their team's suspension by their Division Baseball Chairman.**

3. **American Legion Baseball Insurance provides coverage for all players who try out for a team, practice with a team, or play in a preseason game; however, once the regular season has begun, only those players listed on the national electronic roster shall be covered.**

J. Teams shall, at all games, carry Appropriate first aid kits.

K. 2023 Batter and Pitching Rules

1. Batter:
- a. The batter shall not leave his position in the batter's box after the pitcher comes to set position or starts windup.
- b. The batter shall keep at least one foot in the batter's box throughout the batter's time at bat unless one of the eight exceptions applies (*see below*), in which case the batter may leave the batter's box but not the dirt area surrounding home plate.
- The batter swings at a pitch;
 - The batter is forced out of the batter's box by a pitch;
 - A member of either team requests and is granted "Time";
 - A defensive player attempts a play on a runner at any base;
 - The batter feints a bunt;
 - A wild pitch or passed ball occurs;
 - The pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound after receiving the ball;
 - The catcher leaves the catcher's box to give defensive signals.

L. **BAT RULE: (SEE NATIONAL RULE BOOK) /On deck equipment: Only bats may be used in warming up in the on deck area or in any other location. Weighted bats, devices designed to attach to and remain part of the bat, such as weights or wind-resistant foils are permitted. Sledgehammers, weighted pipes, and other heavy paraphernalia are not permitted. Safety of other players and spectators is paramount. Unsafe devices cannot be used.**

M. The use of any form of tobacco by a player, coach, manager, or umpire while on the playing field is prohibited. Any violation of this rule will cause the individual to be removed from the game. For the purposes of this rule, dugouts, player's bench, and bullpens will also be considered part of the playing field.

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

O. **COLLISION RULE: The American Legion National Baseball Subcommittee is concerned about unnecessary and violent collisions with the catcher at home plate, and with Infielders at all bases. 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 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 attempting to reach the base (*plate*) or 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 other 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 **clearly without the ball or** is not in the immediate act of catching the ball, obstruction shall be called. The runner is safe, and a **delayed dead ball shall** be called.

Ruling 1: If the runner collides flagrantly, he shall be declared safe on the obstruction, but will be ejected from the contest. The ball is dead.

MALICIOUS CONTACT: The National Baseball Sub-committee 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 specially when the defender is in possession of the ball. Any player who, in the judgment of the umpire, maliciously runs into another player is automatically ejected, and is declared out. Our Tournament umpires have been instructed that if there is any intentional and excessive force, or if there is any intent to injure another player, the offending player shall be removed from the game. 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 respective District/Division/State Post Season Tournament, unless that player is reinstated by the Director of the respective Post season Tournament.**

P. FORCE-PLAY SLIDE RULE: The intent of the force-play slide rule is to ensure the safety of the defensive player. This is a safety, as well as an interference rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation regardless of the number of outs.

1. On a force-play at any base, including home plate, the runner must slide on the ground and in direct line between the two bases. This is a legal slide even if contact is made with the fielder.
 - a. On the ground either can be 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. (*A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the individual slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the defensive player*)
2. Contact is allowed if the runner:
 - a. Makes a legal slide directly to the base, or
 - b. Is on the ground at the time of contact and the fielder moves directly down the line between the two bases to attempt a play. Interference **shall not be called**.
3. It is an illegal slide 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 pop-up slide into a fielder. (*A pop-up slide is a legal slide as long as the runner does not make contact with or alter the play of the fielder.*)
 - c. The runner's raised leg is higher than the fielder's knee when in a standing position.
 - d. The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg, or
 - e. The slide is flagrant. (*If the runner's slide is flagrant, the individual shall be ejected from the game.*)
4. If the runner, on a force-play, makes an illegal slide at any base, including home plate, interference shall be called.

5. (NEW RULE) A fake tag is an act by a defensive player without the ball that simulates a tag. A fake tag is considered obstruction.

PENALTY— 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. With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.

- Q. 10-RUN RULE:** All District, Division, and Department tournament games shall utilize a 10-run limit rule after five (5) innings, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4½ innings. This rule applies to Senior, Junior, and Prep.
- R. DESIGNATED HITER RULE:** All District, Division, and Department tournament play shall utilize the American League designated hitter rule as stated in the Official Rules Major League Baseball (*The rule states that the plate umpire shall be informed as to who will be designated hitter for the pitcher. If the umpire is not informed, then the team will play without a designated hitter/DH.*)
- S.** An Illinois American Legion team is defined as being composed of up to 18 players, a manager, coaches, and the sponsoring Post, all of which are responsible for following Department and National Baseball Rules.
- T. COURTESY RUNNERS:** Departments may use the courtesy runner rule for their respective American Legion Baseball program during regular season only: “Teams have the option to use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher at any time. The umpire-in-chief shall record courtesy runner participation and announce it to the official Scorer. For speed-up purposes, it is recommended that the courtesy runner be used with two men out in all games.
- U. RE-ENTRY RULE:** Departments may use the following re-entry rule for their respective department baseball program during regular season play only: “Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-enter once, including a player who was the designated hitter, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may NOT re-enter.
- V. LIGHTNING SAFETY:** The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning.
1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
 2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
 3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard or a lightning bolt is seen within 8 miles, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. For any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and start another 30-minute count.
 4. If available, electronic detection devices should be used as additional tools to determine the severity of the weather. However, such devices should not be used as the sole source when considering terminating play.
 5. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.
- W. Suspended Games.** Suspended games will be completed from the point of suspension.

1. A suspended game completed on the following day will not count toward two games. These teams can still play an additional two full games.
2. Pitch count rules applies to suspended games.

RULE 2 - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIRMENTS

- A. American Legion Senior Baseball competition in **2023** is open only to **players born on or after JANUARY 1, 2004.** *(A player born before January 1, 2004, is not eligible.)* Any team using over-age players will be barred from further competition.

Graduated Students: Players/students who graduated from high school in 2022 shall have additional eligibility restrictions.

- a. Players who graduated in 2022 shall play for the last American Legion team they played for or for the team nearest his parents' domicile.
1. The parents or court appointed guardian's legal residence establishes a player's eligibility. No other form of guardianship accepted
 - a. For the purpose of this rule: A player's legal residence is determined by his parents permanent and legal residence.
 - b. In the event that a boy's parents are divorced or separated, that player may play for a team of either parents legal and permanent residence. That player must declare in writing the team of his choice and file that decision with the appropriate Department Official, prior to the Department Form #1/Form #2 roster closing date. That decision is final and valid for the remainder of the players eligibility.
 - c. In the event that both parents are deceased, then the players residence will be determined by the permanent address of the legal guardian appointed by the court having jurisdiction to make such an appointment.
 - d. Should a situation arise which is not covered by the provision of this rule, the appropriate Department Baseball Committee member will, in his sole discretion determine the players legal residence for the purpose of his participation in The American Legion Baseball Program.
2. Players competing who are 18 years of age may be signed to a professional baseball contract according to Professional Baseball Rule 3-(i).
3. The signing of player 17 years of age and under is governed by Professional Baseball Rule 3 - (i).
- B. Competition is open to amateurs. To be an amateur a player must not:
 1. Receive money, favors or gratuities, direct or indirect, for playing baseball.
 2. Play with or against anyone who receives money, favors or gratuities.
 3. Accept money or favors for reimbursement for time lost at work while playing or for expenses incurred while playing.
 4. Participate in an All -Star Baseball game not American Legion approved by the appropriate Department Baseball Committee member.

NOTE: Divisions, Districts or Posts planning on an All - Star game should contact the Illinois High School Athletic Association to clarify a player's high school eligibility.

5. Be represented by an agent in marketing their athletic ability.
 6. Accept pay for the use of their name or picture for advertising of commercial products or services.
 7. Accept directly, indirectly or agree to accept money or any favors offered by anyone for their baseball services, past, present, or future. This also applies to a player's parents, trustees, guardians, etc.
 8. Try out with any professional team without written permission of their American Legion Baseball Coach or Post Commander. (*Professional Baseball Rule 3 - (i) governs tryouts and merits of contracting with Professional Clubs*).
 9. The only exceptions to this rule are college scholarships, such as those awarded by the Department Baseball Committee at Division and Department Tournaments, and those awarded at the National Tournaments by the American Legion.
- C. BIRTH CERTIFICATE** - Record of birth must be by an original or a certificate document from the State Bureau of Vital Statistics or Department of Health or other Governmental Agency authorized to certify birth documents.
1. In case of foreign birth, the player must present a certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service or by the Department of State which shows the birth date of the bearer. Official birth certificates issued by a foreign country are acceptable when accompanied by an English translation.
 2. A properly notarized copy of that portion of legal adoption papers showing the place and date of a player's birth shall be acceptable in cases involving foster parents.
 3. Certain Illinois drivers' licenses issued July 2017 and later (*with double image pictures*) now comply with Federal Real ID laws and are now legal proof of age.
 4. **The following are never acceptable as legal birth records for American Legion Baseball purposes: Baptismal Certificates, School Certificates or Records, Notarized Copies or Hospital Records or Xerox color copies. Their use will disqualify the player and/or team.**
 5. Any Post, manager or coach that submits a fraudulent birth certificate or puts an illegal birth date for a player on his team's ALB Form #1 will be suspended indefinitely by the appropriate Division Baseball Chairman, or his committee.

RULE 3 - PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN "A"

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 7,500 [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 parent's domicile is with 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, 2023.
 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, 2023.
- B. PLAYER RECRUITING:** A post may select players whose parent's domicile was established in their zone on or before March 31, 2023, and players whose parents have moved and established a new domicile in their zone after March 31, 2023.
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 parents' 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 changes 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 the 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 7,500.
 - c. Transfers in the senior or junior program shall be FOR A SINGLE SEASON AND SHALL EXPIRE ON **DECEMBER 31, 2023.**
 - d. The department-based chairmen 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.

RULE 4 - PLAYER RECRUITMENT - Plan "B"

- A. All teams must have a base school from which to start their recruiting as approved by the Division Baseball Chairman.**
1. New teams must declare their base school in writing, prior to March 31. This base school must be approved in writing by the Division Baseball Chairman.

2. No team may recruit a player from another team's base school, however if a player is cut or if he is not asked to play for a team, he will be granted an ALB Form #76 waiver by the team manager, to play for the next nearest team.

3. Any change in a base school must be approved, in writing by separate letter to the Division Chairman, prior to January 31 of any year.

B. Teams may recruit players who are regularly enrolled in any public, parochial, private non-boarding, technical, vocational, regional, or preparatory high school or a combination of these schools, provided that the combined total enrollment of the schools does not exceed 7,500 students or 2,500 if the schools are restricted to all male enrollments. If co-educational schools are combined with all-male enrollment schools, the enrollment must not exceed 7,500 of which no more than 2,500 may be from all-male schools. Players who are enrolled in a "home study" program and do not attend a public, private or parochial school, must play with the base school team nearest his parent's residence.

C. The school enrollment totals of only the **10th, 11th, and 12th** grades shall be set by the actual enrollment totals recorded on March 31, of this year in the State Board of Education or other STATE or COUNTY agency having jurisdiction over school enrollment. Enrollment numbers are taken from this site <http://high-schools.com/directory/il/>.

1. The schools in this combination must be ADJACENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, (For plan A teams).

2. Player's attending school, other than the school of their parent's residence i.e., parochial, private non-boarding, etc., have an option of playing for the base school team nearest the school they attend, or playing for the base school team nearest their parent's legal residence. (For the purpose of clarification, if the parent's residence is located within a base school boundary, that base school is the next nearest team).

a. The players election must be specified on ALB Form #77 as to which team he wishes to play for prior to each District Form #1/Form #2 roster closing date. Each request for election must go first to the District Chairman and then to the Division Chairman for approval. Such election shall be for the 2023 season and shall expire on December 31, 2023.

b. If they select to play for the team nearest their parent's residence, **the entire enrollment of the school they attend will be counted.** If they select to play for the team nearest their SCHOOL, the enrollment of the school of their residence will not be counted.

3. Players in grammar schools, middle schools, junior high schools, or 9th graders must play for the base school team nearest their legal residence. Enrollment totals of these schools WILL NOT be counted. In arriving at total enrollment listed under high school combinations, players will be considered as "in school" if regularly enrolled on March 31 of this year.

4. College, University students, and other players who are not in high school **must** play with the American Legion Baseball team for which they last played while in high school or the team nearest his parents' domicile.

5. In areas where a school enrollment exceeds 7,500 students, that team must not recruit from any other source except grammar schools, middle school and junior high schools, or players who qualify under paragraph three (3) above.

6. If no program is available in the SCHOOL DISTRICT of a player's legal residence, or the school a player attends, that player **must** play with the team nearest his parent's permanent, legal residence. If he does not make the team closest his parent's residence, he must be granted a release (*Form #76*) to play for next nearest team.

D. WAIVERS: All players are expected to try out for and to play for the Post base school team nearest their parent's legal residence. A waiver allowing a player to play for the next nearest team to his parents residence is available to a player only under four conditions (1) a player must be cut (released) from the base school team nearest his parents legal residence after trying out; (2) a player whose base school team nearest his parents legal residence does not hold tryouts, and only invites players to play, and he is not asked to play for the team; (3) Players who, in the judgment of their Division Chairman, must travel out of their way to reach the base school team nearest their parents legal residence (such as a river or other barrier which causes excess travel); and (4) players in situations which in the judgment of the Department Baseball Committee warrant a waiver; (5) also, waivers must be in writing. **If you have 18 players on your roster already, you must release any additional ball players to allow them to play for another team.**

1. A team manager cannot issue a waiver to a player unless a player meets one of the four conditions listed above. Team managers have the responsibility to explain the waiver rule to players who inquire about playing with a base school team which is not nearest to their parent's legal residence.
2. If a player is cut from or is not asked to play for the base school team nearest his parent's legal residence, an automatic waiver will be granted when requested in writing using American Legion Baseball Form #76. Under these conditions, a manager must sign Form #76 when requested by the player.
3. All request for waivers must be in writing on ALB Form #76 prior to each District's Form #1/Form #2 roster closing date. Each request for election must go first to the District Chairman and then to the Division Chairman for approval.
4. Copies of all approved waivers must be attached to a team's Form #1 roster, which must be filed with the District Chairman, and a copy to the Division and Department Chairman.
5. All waivers issued for the 2023 season will expire on 12/31/23.
6. The enrollment of the school involved with a waived player must be counted toward the 7,500 limit.
7. If the waiver crosses state lines and involves two states, mutual written permission of both Department Chairmen is required.
8. If the waiver crosses Division lines and involves two Divisions, mutual written permission of both Division Chairmen is required.

RULE 5 - SPECIAL RULES - Plan "B" only

- A.** Players, through no fault of their own, unable to complete their eligibility because the Post they last played does not sponsor a team, may compete for the team nearest their parents or guardians' legal residence. **Written permission for such competition must be obtained from his District and Division Chairman prior to Department Closing Date. ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR THEIR SCHOOL MUST BE COUNTED.** Department Form #1/Form #2 **Roster Closing Date is June 25.**
- B.** Players, through no fault of their own, unable to complete their eligibility because enrollment expansion eliminated their school from previously permitted combinations, may compete for the team they last represented provided no new players are recruited from their school. **Written permission for such competition must be obtained from the Department Chairman and prior to the Department Roster Closing Date, June 25.**
- C. 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 this parents' domicile

D. 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.

1. The enrollment of the high school the player attends on **March 31, 2023**, 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.

Previous ineligibility includes former enrollment in high schools from which players could not be recruited by a particular team due to excessive enrollment or prior commitment to another American Legion Baseball team.

NOTE: THE ENROLLMENT OF THE PLAYER'S FORMER HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE COUNTED IN THIS RULE.

E. NEW TEAMS: If a new team is organized where an established team recruited players, players must play with the base school team nearest their parents' legal residence. *(Exception: A player who previously played for an established team, but lives nearer to the new team's base school, has a choice of playing with his previous team or playing with the new team, providing he has eligibility remaining. The player needs to write a letter declaring which team he will play for, and that letter is sent to the Department Chairman prior to the season starting).* Also, see Rule 4. A. 2, which outlines how players can be recruited from another team's base school. All other rules apply to new teams.

RULE 6 - PROTESTS

- A.** If a player is found to be ineligible, they shall be disqualified immediately. All games which the disqualified player participated in shall be forfeited.
- B.** Eligibility protests of players involved in the state tournament must bear written proof of ineligibility and must be filed with the department baseball chairman at such tournament no later than 9 am local time on the first day of the tournament involved, except upon discovery of fraud. When fraud is discovered, the eligibility protest and a written description of the alleged fraud must be filed immediately and if fraud was committed, the player shall be ineligible, and the team manager shall be suspended until further notice.
- C.** All protests must be in writing and must be filed with the responsible District or Division Baseball Chairman after the completion of the game in question **WITHIN 24 HOURS**. An email or text message is considered to be in writing. Complete information, including a report from Umpires, must accompany each protest, *(Hearsay evidence will not be considered)*. No protest will be accepted which is based on an umpire's judgment decision. The decision of the Department Baseball Committee will be final, the only recourse being that as prescribed hereafter as "National Baseball Appeals Board."
- D.** All protest arising in any regular scheduled games must be filed with the local or District Chairman **WITHIN 24 HOURS**. all protest arising in a District Tournament will be filed with the District Chairman. All protests arising in the Division Tournament will be filed with the Division Chairman. All protest arising in the Department Final will be filed with the department Baseball Committee and will be ruled upon at that time. Protest fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in cash or certified check, made payable to Department Baseball Committee, must accompany each protest. If the protest is allowed, the fee will be returned to the protester. If the protest is not allowed this fee shall be deposited in the baseball fund at the level the protest was filed.
- E.** Protests of official baseball rules during actual game conditions must be before next legally pitched ball is thrown from the mound.

F. All protests must be filed under National Rule 7, “Department Jurisdiction” as follows

1. It is the duty of the Department Baseball Chairman and his Committee to formulate such rules, regulations and boundaries not in conflict with National Rules, for all play within that Department (*this to be done prior to the certification of the Department Championship team*). The protection and stimulation of competition must be used in setting these regulations. Five (5) copies of the Department Rules must be filed with National Headquarters before April 15, 2023.

2. All questions, disputes, and protests within a Department, shall be decided by the Department Baseball Committee in charge who shall have the power to disqualify or suspend anyone violating Department or National Regulations.

3. Interpretation of National Rules will be made by the National Director. All requests must be in writing. Such request must come through the Department Baseball Chairman, and interpretation will be routed back through that official.

RULE 7 - TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION

A. Each team must certify with its respective Division Chairman using the Roster printed from the online Legion Baseball website. This roster should show the players general information including name, date of birth, address, high school, year of high graduation, etc. A legible copy of the Form 2, completed by each player and parent must accompany the roster. The original birth certificate must also be submitted for review and will then be returned. Any Form #76 and/or Form #77 needed for **2023** must also be submitted in this packet. This entire packet must be submitted for each player by June 25, 2023. Unless this entire packet is submitted and approved by the deadline, a player will not be permitted to participate in any post season tournament games. Any exception to this, due to unusual circumstances, must be approved in writing by the Division Chairman.

B. All teams must complete Form 2. A legible copy is to be given to the Department Baseball Chairman. Teams that advance to the State Tournament need to have the Form 2 notarized. The closing date is June 25, 2023.

C. Date for establishing where a player attends school is March 31, 2023.

D. American Legion Baseball players or teams may participate in other Amateur Baseball programs subject to Department Baseball Committee approval. **It is important that such permitted dual participation will not, in any way, interfere with a player’s responsibility to American Legion Baseball. Failure to obtain approval from the Department Committee, may result in suspension from the American Legion Baseball program.**

The department will allow players who play for a high school summer program to participate in post season District and Division Tournaments and continue to play for their summer high school summer program without penalty. Once the State Tournament begins no Dual participation is allowed for any player. Failure to follow this rule will disqualify a player from playing in the State tournament. Dual participation forms should be submitted to the teams respective District Chairman and if there is no District Chairman to your Division Chairman by **June 25, 2023**.

They in turn will determine if the summer program qualifies for an exception. If it does not, they will return the Dual Participation form marked—DOES NOT QUALIFY—copy to the manager, copy to the player, copy to the Department Baseball Chairman, and retain the original.

- E. Players can be replaced in the team roster after the closing date under three situations.
 - 1. In cases of death of a player.
 - 2. A player who goes on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.
 - 3. 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.

RULE 8 - GAME / TOURNAMENT CONDUCT

THE CONDUCT OF THE ENTIRE TEAM IS THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REGISTERED TEAM MANGER.

RESOLUTION No. 16 addresses Proper Respect for the American Flag—Violation is removal from our program (Noted on pg. 13).

- A. No player, coach, manager, or any party associate with any American Legion Baseball team shall ride, abuse, heckle or make any uncomplimentary remarks whatsoever to any opposing player or team official. Any individual violating this regulation shall be ejected immediately from the game by the umpire or game/tournament official and shall be suspended from; the next game/tournament game in which his team participates in. This does not carry into the next succeeding game/tournament.
- B. **CONDUCT ON THE FIELD:** Any player, coach, team manager or party accompanying a team will be suspended for the remainder of a game from the time of the rule infraction if they:
 - 1. Use profane language in any way.
 - 2. Make any unnecessary gestures in protesting an umpire's decision (*only the managers or coach may ask for clarification of a rule but must never argue*).
 - 3. Throw bats or any other equipment.
 - 4. Make unnecessary gestures to fans or opposing players.
 - 5. Are responsible for unnecessary roughness on the playing field.
 - 6. Players cannot wear jewelry (players participating in the game) or wear bandannas (*this includes coaches*). Jewelry shall not be worn except for religious or medical medals. A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform. A medical alert must be taped and may be visible.
- C. **CONDUCT OFF THE FIELD:**
 - 1. All parties connected with the teams are expected to always conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any party causing unnecessary disturbance at any time and not abiding by the rules will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament and returned home by the first available transportation.
 - 2. All players must be in their rooms prior to 11:00 p.m. or in the event of a late-night game, one hour after completion of the game. An earlier curfew will prevail if the team manager or coach so desires.
 - 3. The team manager or coach will make a bed check each evening for the duration of the tournament.

4. There will be no unnecessary remarks or playfulness, such as shoving, tripping, etc. in the rooms or at the restaurants.
 5. No player may leave the tournament to go home before his/her team is eliminated, until permission is granted by the Department Chairman.
 6. Responsibility of teams conduct during the Department Finals rests solely with the managers and coaches. Damages at the Motels and Hotels will be the responsibility of the Post, team manager, coach, and players. A check of all rooms will be made prior to a team checking in and prior to departure, spot checks of rooms may be conducted, also.
 7. Teams shall eat all meals as a team and be accompanied by at least one (1) adult member of that organization.
 8. Any player, or group of players, caught in possession of alcoholic beverages, drugs, firearms, or other weapons shall be immediately suspended from further play.
 9. Players shall always maintain personal neatness. Teams must keep motel/hotel rooms as neat as possible with cans, food containers and other garbage put into waste containers. Rooms will be checked.
 10. The preceding rules shall be rigidly enforced by the Department Baseball Committee during all periods the teams are under the Committee's jurisdiction.
- D.** Players, coaches, or managers suspended for action on or off the field must obtain approval from the supervising District or Division Baseball Chairman or Department Baseball Committee to be reinstated for the purpose of participation in subsequent games.
- E.** At the State Senior Tournament all teams that are playing that day are expected to have a manager/coach at the morning coaches meeting. Failure to have a team manager/coach present will result in forfeiture of that day's meal money for the team and two adult team members. The exception would be if they are excused by the majority of the Baseball Committee members present at the tournament agreeing in advance of that morning's meeting to allow the absence.
- F.** If the Senior Legion State Tournament needs to be played after the scheduled four (4) days to determine a champion the teams remaining will be responsible for the housing expense of their team and meal money. The host will be responsible for a field, umpires, and baseballs.
- G.** All Managers/Coaches/Volunteers must have successfully completed and passed the test for the course "Abuse Awareness For Adults" or its equivalent in order to participate in the State Tournament.

RULE 9 - DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION

- A.** It is the duty of the Department Baseball Committee (*prior to certification of the Department Championship Team*) to formulate such rules, regulations, and boundaries NOT IN CONFLICT WITH NATIONAL RULES, for all play within that Department. Such Department Rules may be more restricted. This will include rule of procedures on protest. The protection and stimulation of competition must be used in setting these regulations. Five (5) copies of the Department rules must be filed with National Headquarters before **April 15 of this year.**
- B.** All questions, disputes and protests within a Department shall be decided by the Illinois Department Baseball Committee who have the power to disqualify or suspend anyone violating Department or National regulations.

C. Interpretations of National Rules will be made by the National Americanism Commission. All requests must be in writing. Telegrams and Facsimiles are considered as being in writing. **Such requests must come through the Department Baseball Chairman and interpretations will be routed back through that official.** Any person violating this rule is subject to the discipline of the Illinois Department Baseball Committee, which may include suspension and/or a fine.

D. Tournament Photographs. Each department baseball championship team is required to furnish National Headquarters and the local regional tournament chairman a high-quality glossy (color) photograph via www.legion.org/baseball.

RULE 10 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- A. The Illinois Department Championship team must be certified by the Department Baseball Chairman to the National Americanism Commission no later than 11:59 PM, **July 29, 2023**. National Headquarters will only be financially responsible for a maximum of eighteen (18) players and two (2) adults.
- B. Competition will be only among teams who have placed their players on the National electronic roster and printed out a copy that has the players general information including date of birth, submitted the Form 2, copies of the Birth Certificates (Certified copies reviewed by a member of the Department Baseball Committee), any Form #76 or Form #77 to their respective Division Baseball Chairman. Minimum active players.
- C. All National Tournaments will be played under the direction of the National Americanism Commission. All disputes and questions arising shall be referred to the Americanism Commission Representative or to the National Americanism Division for a decision (***See Rule 10. C***).
- D. No Department will be permitted to enter a team in a National Tournament unless it holds an official Department Tournament with two or more regularly certified teams participating to determine the Championship.
- E. Any situations arising not covered by National regulations will be under the jurisdiction of the National Americanism Commission. This decision shall be final. (***See Rule 10. C***).
- F. No Regional Host Team shall be denied the opportunity of winning earlier championships at the County, District, Division or Department levels.
- G. All teams competing in Department and National Tournaments must have completed Player's Emergency Information (***ALB Form #2***), signed by parents or Court Appointed Legal Guardians, with them and available to the Representative at each such tournament upon their arrival at the tournament site.
- H. Eligibility protests of players involved in Regional and National Tournaments must be filed in writing, accompanied by written proof of the question being raised, with the National Representative at each such tournament no later than 9:00 A.M. (*local time*) on the first day of the tournament involved, except where there is a discovery of fraud. When fraud is discovered, the question; of eligibility to play must be filed immediately upon discovery, along with a written description of the alleged fraud. All other protest shall be filed as specified in the Official Baseball Rules (***See Rule 1, page 4***).
- I. Teams in National Tournaments will play every day. If a Bye is required after the fourth day's play in an eight-team field, the team last defeated will automatically receive the Bye. No National Tournament games will begin after 11:00 P.M. (*local time*).

RULE 11 - NATIONAL BASEBALL APPEAL BOARD

A. There is hereby created a National Baseball Appeal Board (*hereafter referred to as the Board*) which shall be composed of: (1) the Chairman of the National Americanism Commission; (2) the Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee Chairman of the National Americanism Commission; and (3) a third member who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the National Americanism Commission. The Chairman shall also appoint two (2) alternate members to the Board to act in the absence of one or more of the Board members.

1. The term of office of Board members and alternate members shall be one (1) year.

B. An appeal filed under this rule must be taken within 24 hours from the time that the interpretation of the National Americanism Commission is assured. Such appeal may be by telegram, FAX or mailgram and shall incorporate the precise point or points of contention which are the basis for the appeal. No appeal shall be honored which is not filed within the foregoing time limitation.

C. All appeals filed under this rule shall be directed to the National Baseball Appeal Board, National Headquarters, The American Legion, 700 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

D. The Board shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction over any appeal taken from a decision involving American Legion Baseball rule interpretations rendered by the National Americanism Division. The determination of the Board on any matter brought before it for decision shall be final and conclusive and may be enforced by a court of competent jurisdiction. The concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board shall constitute the final determination of the Board.

E. Interpretations by the National Americanism Commission rendered during tournaments supervised by National Headquarters will be approved by the National Baseball Appeal Board before publication.

F. **No appeal shall be considered by the National Baseball Appeal Board until all established appeal procedures within respective Department rules have been exhausted, as certified in writing by the Department Baseball Chairman.**

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American Legion

Junior Baseball Teams

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JUNIOR TEAM RULES - 2023

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Player Age. Junior American Legion Baseball competition in 2023 is open only to players born on or after Jan. 1, 2006.

Jan. 1 is the universal cut-off date observed by the U.S. Olympic Committee. The American Legion will observe a Jan. 1 cut-off date. A player born in 2004 or 2005 is not eligible for Junior Legion Baseball. Players born in 2011 or later are not eligible to play American Legion Baseball.

PITCHING RULES

Players born in 2006 are limited to a Daily max of 105 pitches per day. Players whose DOB is 2007, 2008, 2009 or 2010 are limited to a Daily max of 95 pitches per day. A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if he reaches or exceeds the maximum limit during an at bat but must exit the position after the hitter completes his at bat.

No player may enter the game as a pitcher unless having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in our State Rules. No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period.

If a team has multiple games scheduled on the same day, a pitcher who pitches more than 45 pitches in Game 1 may not pitch in a subsequent game that day and will be required to follow the rest of the protocol listed.

PENALTY - The pitcher and team manager shall be ejected from the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

Please review Points of Emphasis for pitchers in the National Rulebook.

| Age | Daily Max (Pitches in Game) | Required Rest (Pitches) | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| | | 0 Days | 1 Days | 2 Days | 3 Days | 4 Day | |
| 15-16 (2007-2008) | 95 | 1-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-75 | 76+ | |
| 17 (2006) | 105 | 1-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-80 | 81+ | |
| Age | Daily Max (Pitches in Game) | Required Rest (Pitches) | | | | | |
| | | 0 Days | 1 Days | 2 Days | 3 Days | 4 Days | |
| 13-14 (2009-2010) | 95 | 1-20 | 21-35 | 36-50 | 51-65 | 66+ | |

Any team using over-age players will be barred from further competition.

The National Rule book has listed rules that Junior Legion teams may adopt for the 2023 season with Department/Division approval. This year each Division Chairman will have the authority to use these rules as they see fit.

Junior teams need to certify with National as “Senior” teams do but they must be labeled as Junior teams.

1. Junior teams Form #1/Form #2 rosters are limited to 18 players.
2. Junior teams must carry K & K Insurance, and like Senior teams, must obtain American Legion accident and liability insurance by June 1 or teams are disqualified from further competition.
3. All double rostered players must be eligible to play at the Senior level for that team. Double rostered players are limited to three unless approval granted by the Department Baseball Chairman.
4. Junior teams are prohibited from taking part in regular Senior team post-season tournaments at the District, Division or Department level. Department of Illinois Junior teams are allowed to participate in American Legion sanctioned post-season tournaments for Junior type teams in Illinois and other states.
5. All Junior District, Division, Department Tournaments shall have at least two (2) competent umpires.
6. Junior team players are required to follow rules involving Form #76 and #77 waiver/choice forms.
7. All other American Legion rules apply to Junior teams.
8. Junior Legion teams can use the designated hitter rules for the entire season including post season as outlined in the National Rulebook.
9. Junior Legion teams can use the courtesy runner rules for the regular season only.
10. Junior Legion teams can use the re-entry rules for the entire season including post season as outlined in the National Rulebook.

Junior Rule A Division/District can use the DH rule outlined in the National Rulebook for Junior Legion.

This must be declared before the season begins by the respective Division/District Chairman

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PAST DEPARTMENT CHAMPIONS

* Team won the Regional's that year

** Team won the World Series that year

*** Co-Champions

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>CITY</u> | <u>POST</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>CITY</u> | <u>POST</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1926 | CHICAGO | | 1975 | BELLEVILLE | 58 |
| 1927 | ----- | | *1976 | DES PLAINES | 36 |
| 1928 | CHICAGO | 273 | 1977 | ARLINGTON HEIGHTS | 208 |
| 1929 | SPRINGFIELD | 32 | 1978 | BARRINGTON | 158 |
| 1930 | ZEIGLER | 177 | *1979 | BARRINGTON | 158 |
| **1931 | SO. CHICAGO | 493 | *1980 | WAUKEGAN | 281 |
| 1932 | CHICAGO | 47 | 1981 | MARISSA | 172 |
| **1933 | CHICAGO | 467 | 1982 | CARLYLE | 404 |
| 1934 | BERWYN | 422 | 1983 | TRENTON | 778 |
| 1935 | CHICAGO | 356 | 1984 | MT. PROSPECT | 525 |
| 1936 | CHICAGO | 7 | 1985 | BARRINGTON | 158 |
| 1937 | BERWYN | 422 | 1986 | BARRINGTON | 158 |
| 1938 | BELLEVILLE | 58 | 1987 | LINCOLN | 263 |
| *1939 | BERWYN | 422 | 1988 | BARRINGTON | 158 |
| 1940 | CHICAGO | 98 | 1989 | PALATINE | 690 |
| *1941 | BERWYN | 422 | 1990 | ROCK ISLAND | 200 |
| 1942 | ROCKFORD | 60 | 1991 | BARRINGTON | 158 |
| 1943 | BERWYN | 422 | *1992 | ARLINGTON HEIGHTS | 208 |
| 1944 | WAUKEGAN | 281 | 1993 | ELGIN | 57 |
| *1945 | OAK PARK | 15 | 1994 | ARLINGTON HEIGHTS | 208 |
| 1946 | OAK PARK | 15 | 1995 | BARRINGTON | 158 |
| 1947 | BELLEVILLE | 58 | 1996 | MORTON | 318 |
| *1948 | BELLEVILLE | 58 | *1997 | ROCK ISLAND | 200 |
| 1949 | BELLEVILLE | 58 | **1998 | EDWARDSVILLE | 199 |
| 1950 | PEKIN | 44 | 1999 | ROCK ISLAND | 200 |
| 1951 | BERWYN | 422 | 2000 | LIBERTYVILLE | 329 |
| 1952 | SPRINGFIELD | 32 | 2001 | DEERFIELD | 738 |
| *1953 | WINNETKA | 10 | 2002 | LIBERTYVILLE | 329 |
| 1954 | BELLEVILLE | 58 | 2003 | MATTOON | 88 |
| 1955 | MOLINE | 246 | 2004 | WILMETTE | 46 |
| 1956 | MAYWOOD | 133 | 2005 | MURPHYSBORO | 127 |
| 1957 | CHICAGO HEIGHTS | 131 | 2006 | ARLINGTON HEIGHTS | 208 |
| 1958 | WAUKEGAN | 281 | 2007 | ARLINGTON HEIGHTS | 208 |
| 1959 | MURPHYSBORO | 127 | 2008 | BELLEVILLE | 58 |
| *1960 | BERWYN | 422 | 2009 | PALATINE | 690 |
| 1961 | HIGHLAND PARK | 145 | *2010 | MOLINE | 246 |
| 1962 | GALESBURG | 285 | 2011 | ROCK ISLAND | 200 |
| 1963 | NORTHBROOK | 791 | *2012 | MOLINE | 246 |
| 1964 | BLOOMINGTON | 56 | 2013 | EDWARDSVILLE | 199 |
| *1965 | ARLINGTON HEIGHTS | 208 | 2014 | BARRINGTON | 158 |
| *1966 | NORTHBROOK | 791 | 2015 | ELGIN | 57 |
| *1967 | NORTHBROOK | 791 | 2016 | DANVILLE | 210 |
| 1968 | BELLEVILLE | 58 | 2017 | EDWARDSVILLE | 199 |
| 1969 | WAUKEGAN | 281 | ***2018 | MT. PROSPECT | 525 |
| 1970 | ELGIN | 57 | | DANVILLE | 210 |
| 1971 | GALESBURG | 285 | *2019 | DANVILLE | 210 |
| 1972 | ARLINGTON HEIGHTS | 208 | 2020 | SEASON WAS CANCELLED (COVID) | |
| 1973 | HIGHLAND | 439 | 2021 | ROCK ISLAND | 200 |
| 1974 | MAGNOLIA | 254 | 2022 | AVISTON | 1239 |



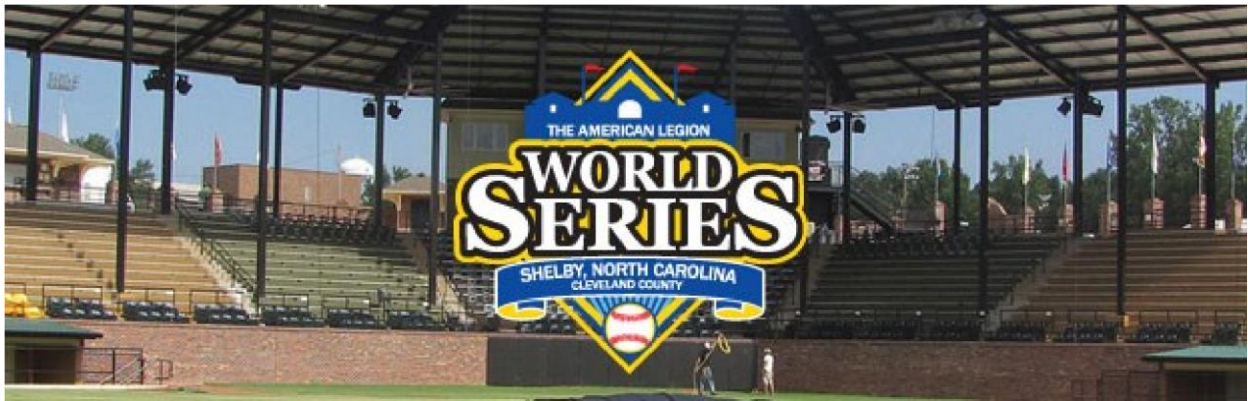
2023 Tournaments Date to Remember

- *Division: July 20 - July 23 (Senior)*
- *Division: July 13 - July 16 (Junior)*
- *State Senior Legion: July 26 – July 29 (Galesburg)*
- *Banquet: July 25*
- *State Junior Legion: July 20 – July 23 (Wheaton)*
- *Regional: Great Lake Regional, August 2 – 6 (Midland, MI)*
- *World Series: August 10 - 15 (Shelby, NC)*
- *Missouri-Illinois Senior Legion Game, Busch Stadium, St. Louis, MO August 6, 2023*



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