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Minnesota American Legion Baseball Rule Book



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National American Legion Graduates of the Year

1958 - John Sherman Lollar, Chicago White Sox	1980 - George Brett, Kansas City Royals	2002 - Luis Gonzalez, Arizona Diamondbacks
1959 - No award was made	1981 - Gary Carter, Montreal Expos	2003 - Jeff Bagwell, Houston Astros
1960 - Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox	1982 - Jim Sundberg, Texas Rangers	2004 - Darrin Erstad, Anaheim Angels
1961 - Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinals	1983 - Andre Thornton, Cleveland Indians	2005 - Scott Rolen, St. Louis Cardinals
1962 - Bobby Richardson, New York Yankees	1984 - Ryne Sandberg, Chicago Cubs	2006 - Albert Pujols, St. Louis Cardinals
1963 - Warren Spahn, Milwaukee Braves	1985 - Jeff Reardon, Montreal Expos	2007 - Chris Carpenter, St. Louis Cardinals
1964 - Brooks Robinson, Baltimore Orioles	1986 - Dale Murphy, Atlanta Braves	2008 - Justin Verlander, Detroit Tigers
1965 - Eddie Fisher, Chicago White Sox	1987 - Don Mattingly, New York Yankees	2009 - Lyle Overbay, Toronto Blue Jays
1966 - Rank Robinson, Baltimore Orioles	1988 - Roger Clemens, Boston Red Sox	2010 - Brandon Inge, Detroit Tigers
1967 - Carl Yastrzemski, Boston Red Sox	1989 - Alan Trammell, Detroit Tigers	2011 - Cory Hart, Milwaukee Brewers
1968 - Mickey Lolich, Detroit Tigers	1990 - Harold Reynolds, Seattle Mariners	2012 - Mark Ellis, Los Angeles Dodgers
1969 - Harmon Killebrew, Minnesota Twins	1991 - Sid Bream, Atlanta Braves	2013 - Chad Billingsley, Los Angeles Dodgers
1970 - Dave McNally, Baltimore Orioles	1992 - Terry Lee Steinbach, Oakland Athletics	2014 - Michael Cuddyer, Colorado Rockies
1971 - Steve Carlton, St. Louis Cardinals	1993 - Billy Swift, San Francisco Giants	2015 - Alex Gordon, Kansas City Royals
1972 - Al Kaline, Detroit Tigers	1994 - Greg Maddux, Atlanta Braves	2016 - Cliff Lee, Philadelphia Phillies
1973 - Johnny Bench, Cincinnati Reds	1995 - Bob Tewksbury, Texas Rangers	2017 - Brian Dozier, Minnesota Twins
1974 - Wilbur Wood, Chicago White Sox	1996 - Paul Molitor, Minnesota Twins	2018 – Brian Duensing Chicago Cubs
1975 - Carlton Fisk, Boston Red Sox	1997 - Mo Vaughn, Boston Red Sox	2019 – Neil Walker Pittsburgh Pirates
1976 - Rick Monday, Chicago Cubs	1998 - Tony Gwynn, San Diego Padres	2020 – No award was made
1977 - Dave Winfield, San Diego Padres	1999 - Steve Finley, San Diego Padres	2021 – Jacob DeGrom New York Mets
1978 - Ron Guidry, New York Yankees	2000 - Chipper Jones, Atlanta Braves	
1979 - Mike Flanagan, Baltimore Orioles	2001 - Todd Stottlemyre, Arizona Diamondbacks	

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please Refer to the Addendum to This Rule Book
(available on the Minnesota
American Legion Baseball Web Page)
Regarding Covid-19 Guidelines and Protocols
that are in Place for the 2021 Season,
in Accordance with Health Department Directives

Due to the fact that the information
is subject to ongoing update,
please refer to it frequently.

www.MinnesotaLegionBaseball.com

A 2021 Season Message from the State Director

Thank you for participating in the 2021 American Legion Baseball season. This updated rule book is your essential guide to American Legion Baseball rules and pertinent information for Minnesota. Each year, we try to make modifications in the language to make the rules more clear – and to reflect changes in National rules and / or action taken by the State Baseball Committee. It is strongly recommended that you review this Rulebook thoroughly, cover-to-cover. Some highlighted items:

- 1. Background Checks & Concussion Training.** (See Rule 2.A.) All adult team staff must pass an ANNUAL background check through National's designated provider. Thus, it is imperative that you enter every coach on your staff into the national registration system and that they all complete background checks. District (and Tournament) Directors will be monitoring team compliance, at games and tournaments. Concussion training certification is valid for three (3) years. Make sure that all new coaches (as well as any coaches whose certification may be expiring this season) complete the free training. Certificates must be emailed to Vice Director Brandon Raymo, braymo22@gmail.com, and to your District Director, as requested.
- 2. NEW Abuse Awareness Training.** Under a new federal law, beginning in 2020, all rostered team staff must also complete child safety training relating to identifying and preventing abuse. Renewal is required every two (2) years. Within 24-72 hours of completing the annual background check, team staff who need to complete the training will automatically receive an email that contains a link to the free training, which must then be completed within 30 days. If questions, contact Brandon Raymo, braymo22@gmail.com. (See Rule 2.A., and Appendix C.)
- 3. Pitching Rules.** (See Rule 1.P.) For the 2021 season, the maximum number of pitches allowed remains at 105 per day (applies to both Senior and Junior teams); the "Day of Rest" schedule also remains unchanged. Please make sure to review specific language related to multiple games played on the same day, as well as the appearance rule. It is urged that teams self-enforce pitch count rules during the entire season, in the interest of player safety.
American Legion Baseball teams are EXEMPT from the new Major League Baseball "3-batter-minimum rule" (implemented in 2020 and designed to speed the pace of play.)
- 4. Courtesy Runners, Player Re-Entry.** (See Rules 1.M. and 1.N.) Courtesy Runners and Player Re-Entry is permitted for all teams, but, for Division I teams, during the regular season only.
- 5. Designated Hitter Rule.** (See Rule 1.O.) Senior teams may DH for the Pitcher ONLY, during the entire season (regular and post-season). Senior Teams, however, may opt to use a 9-player lineup in which the pitcher occupies the position of both pitcher and DH; "P/DH" must be listed on the lineup card prior to start of the game.
- 6. Player & Coach Uniforms.** All player uniforms must display the American Legion Baseball emblem patch on the left sleeve or left chest. Coaches must be in a like uniform of the team to go onto the field. Uniforms, wind shirts / jackets worn by coaches must also display the American Legion Baseball emblem patch. (See Rule 9A.)
- 7. Team Registration.** In order to compete in 2021, teams must again register, pay fees and purchase insurance through the national registration system website: www.baseball.legion.org. (**NOTE:** The State registration fee increases by \$50 in 2021 -- to \$175 for Sr. teams; \$150 for Junior teams.) The payment of fees and purchase of insurance is a two-part process; teams must forward (via email) their receipt for insurance purchase to Vice Director Brandon Raymo, braymo22@gmail.com. Questions regarding registration and/or the purchase of insurance should be directed to your District Director. Help is also available on our State web site.
- 8. Forms.** In addition to registering electronically with National, you must submit forms to your District Director by the date requested (normally by June 15), as well as to your Sub-State Tournament Director, if a different person.
NOTE 1: You must secure a fully-completed Form 2 from every player (signed by a parent), before they commence participation in any practices or games with your team. Your District Director will ask you to submit the originals for review, which will then be returned to you. (It is advised that teams retain them for at least 5 years.) During playoff (and state) tournament check-in, you will be required to present each player's original Form 2, along with proof of age (original birth certificate or passport). (See Rule 2.G. and Rules 10-11.)
NOTE 2: If you plan to roster any player through a Form 76 Transfer (waiver), separate, advance approval (e.g., by email, verbal discussion) must first be obtained from the State Director by June 10. Work through your District Director on this. (For clarification, Declaration Form 77 is used in situations in which a player has the choice, under the Option Rule, of playing for two different teams; for example, he lives in one team's Base School Attendance Area, but attends school in another. Once this election is made, it is valid for the duration of the player's Legion eligibility. Transfer Form 76, on the other hand, is used in situations in which a neighboring team, which is carrying a full roster of 18, waives a player, so that he can tryout with the next closest team to his home address -- a team which otherwise would not have any rights to that player. Transfers are valid for the current playing season only. See Rule 4 for further details.)
NOTE 3: This season, prior to the start of playoffs, a team will be able to replace a rostered player who incurs a season-ending injury. (See Rule 7, C, #2.)
- 9. High school enrollment figures** for 2021 are available on our state website or from your District Director. used when entering a school's enrollment into the registration system for each player -- and in calculating the team's Combined Total Enrollment, which CANNOT exceed 3,600.

As always, your District Directors and members of the State Baseball Committee are available to provide assistance. We hope you have a great season, and we appreciate your ongoing participation in American Legion Baseball!

Randy Schaub
Minnesota State Baseball Director

2021 DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

These deadlines apply uniformly to all American Legion teams – Senior (Division I and Division II) and Junior -- unless noted or communicated otherwise. Hardcopies of the forms and information below must be submitted through your District Director (thus, must be submitted to him / her earlier than the dates shown below, in order to reach the State Director by the indicated deadline.)

March 31: Senior teams who qualify and wish to participate in the Division II program must report that intention to their respective District Director by this date.

April 1: By this date, teams should have applied to compete in 2021, by submitting their Team Application through the National Registration system. (Note: Minnesota Baseball kits will be mailed to teams after that Team Application has been approved.)

April 15: Deadline for newly forming teams to submit their intent to participate, in writing, including sponsor information, team name, base school, primary team contact person, etc. If existing teams have a change in sponsorship, base school or other critical information, it must also be submitted by this date, for approval by the State Director. (The form for such is available on the MN State baseball web page.) Any requests made to the State Director (through your District Director) for exemption from certain rules, for hardship reasons, must also be submitted by this date (emailed, postmarked, etc.).

May 15: All existing teams must purchase insurance by this date from the designated carrier -- and pay the National fee [\$50 for Sr. Legion, \$25 for Jr. Legion in 2021] and the Minnesota fee [\$175 for Sr. Legion, \$150 for Jr. Legion in 2021]. A \$200 late fee will be assessed by National after May 15.

June 1: Final deadline for new and existing teams to purchase insurance and pay fees. Failure to do so by this date will result in team disqualification from American Legion Baseball for the season. June 1 is also the deadline for District Directors to file District Rules with the State Director.

June 10: Separate, advance approval of any Form 76 Transfer (waiver) must be obtained from the State Director by this date, before a team may roster a player under this circumstance.

June 15: Hardcopies of all Transfers / Releases (Form #76) and hardcopies of all Declarations (Form #77), must be fully completed and signed by all those required and submitted to the District Director.

NOTE: Prior to allowing player participation in any activity, all teams must collect a fully-complete and properly-executed Form 2 from each player; a player is otherwise deemed ineligible and use of any such player will result in game forfeitures. Each respective District Director shall establish the deadline date for teams to produce or submit hardcopy originals of Form 2's for inspection; such deadline must be prior to the start of each team's first playoff game (including play-in games).

Teams that are not in compliance with all of the above will be disqualified from participation / competition.

July 25: Deadline for each Sub-State Tournament Director to declare, to the State Director, its representative(s) for State Tournament participation.

2021 CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT DATES

Junior Legion:

Jr. Legion Division I: Hosted by Bloomington, Post 550.
State Tournament: Games played Thursday, July 29 to Sunday, Aug. 1.
Teams qualify through Sub-State Playoff Tournaments

Mid-State Regional: No 2021 Tournament is being held

Jr. Legion Division II Hosted by Montevideo, Post 59.
State Tournament: Games played Friday, August 6th through Sunday, August 8th.
Teams qualify through Sub-State Playoff Tournaments

Senior Legion, Division II:

State Tournament: 34th Historical; Hosted by Sacred Heart, Post 229.
Team reporting / banquet: Thursday, July 29th.
Games played Friday, July 30th through Sunday, August 1st. (8-team, bracketed format).
Teams qualify through Sub-State Playoff Tournaments.

Central Plains Hosted by Waupun, WI Reporting date: Thurs., August 5th.
Regional Tournament: Games played Friday, August 6th through Sunday, August 8th.
Minnesota will be represented by State Champ.

Senior Legion, Division I:

Sub-State Playoffs: Week of July 19th (exact dates vary by Sub-State)

State Tournament: 95th Historical; Hosted by St. Cloud (Chutes), Post 76.
Team reporting / banquet: Wednesday, July 28th.
Games played Thursday, July 29th through Sunday, August 1st.

Central Plains Region Hosted by Sioux Falls, SD. Team reporting / banquet: Tuesday, August 3rd.
6 Tournament: (MN Champ and Runner-up both participate.)
Games played Wed., Aug 4th through Sunday, August 8th.

World Series: 94th Historical; Hosted by Shelby, NC. Team reporting: Tuesday, August 10th.
Banquet / events: Wed, Aug. 11th. Games played Thurs. Aug. 12th through Tues. Aug 17th.
Pool play format; Coverage available through ESPNU / ESPN3.

Sr. Legion Division 1A Hosted by Eagan Post 594
State Tournament: (For qualifying teams opting out of Division I Sub-State Playoffs & State Tournament).
Games played Wednesday, July 28th through Sunday, August 1st.

Important Internet Resources:

Minnesota Baseball web site: www.MinnesotaLegionBaseball.com

National Baseball Information web site: www.legion.org/baseball

National Team Registration web site: www.baseball.legion.org

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NOTE: See map on inside of back cover for illustration of District boundaries.

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 46206. Policies not covered in the Rulebook may be found in the Department of Minnesota Baseball Policy Manual. Any variation between the information contained in this Rulebook and the Baseball Policy Manual or the intent of the Minnesota Department Baseball Committee (hereinafter "State Baseball Committee"), whether it be due to typographical error, accidental misstatement, omission or inclusion, or user misinterpretations of language, does not alter or change the intent of any such Rule or policy, as originally adopted by the State Baseball Committee. In such situations, the Minnesota Department Baseball Director (hereinafter "State Director") has full and final authority with respect to clarifying or correcting any information contained herein. Policies or issues not covered in writing at all will be considered by the State Director, who has full authority for issuing a final decision.

RULE 1 PLAYING REGULATIONS

Participation in the program is restricted to American Legion Baseball teams that have 1) properly registered, 2) completed and filed a Form 1 Roster, 3) secured a fully-completed and properly signed Form #2 from each player and coach, 4) purchased team insurance, 5) paid required fees, and 6) otherwise completed all other requirements for participation in the Program.

- A. Game rules.** All games shall be played under OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES, as authorized by the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, except as otherwise noted herein or in National American Legion Baseball Rules, as applicable. (See Rules Sections herein that pertain to the Division II and Junior Legion Programs as well.)
- B. Voluntary Program.** All players and many coaches, managers, and other personnel participating in the American Legion Baseball program do so on a voluntary basis.
- C. Insurance.** All teams shall secure group accident and liability insurance coverage through S.A. Van Dyk prior to the first day or tryouts or practice -- or May 15 (June 1 in the case of newly forming teams) -- whichever comes earliest. Teams who fail to purchase insurance by the specified deadline date shall be subject to additional penalties or disqualification from American Legion Baseball.
- D. Player Roster; Player Agreement & Consent.** A properly-completed and full-executed original Player Agreement (National Form #2) for each player, coach, manager, or other official associated with the team shall be in the possession of the Team Manager at all baseball games, available for inspection. The original Form 2 for each player should be retained by the team for five (5) years.

A copy of the Player Roster of Eligibility (National Form #1) must also be in the possession of the Team Manager at all times, available for inspection. **Note:** Once filed, only approved players who are listed on the team's official Form #1 Roster (and who have submitted a properly-executed Form #2) may participate in any games played by the team. (See Rule 7 for further information on player and team registration requirements.)
- E. Tobacco Use.** The use of any form of tobacco by a player, coach, manager, umpire, official, scorekeeper, or persons accompanying a team while on the playing field is prohibited. Any violation of this Rule will cause the individual to be removed from the game. For the purpose of this Rule, dugouts, player benches, and bullpens are considered part of the playing field.
- F. Controlled Substances.** The use of any controlled substance by participants will not be tolerated and is grounds for expulsion from the Program.
- G. Game Limits.** Playing days will begin at 8:00 a.m. local time. No team shall be required to play more than two (2) games in any one day.
 - 1. In the event of a suspended game, innings played to complete a game that was suspended on a prior day shall not count towards this maximum; each team may play an additional two (2) games on the day the suspended game is completed.
- H. On the Field.** Only registered players or adult coaches will be permitted in the coaching boxes on the field. Team managers shall be responsible for supervising bat and / or ball persons (who must be at least 12 years of age and properly outfitted per Equipment Rules) and ensuring that their time on the field of play is kept to a minimum.
- I. Player Safety, First Aid / Blood Rule.** If a player suffers a laceration or any other injury whereby blood is visible, the game shall be stopped at the earliest possible time and the player treated immediately. If the bleeding requires extensive treatment, a substitute shall replace the insured player. (Umpires are directed to give reasonable time to allow injured players to be treated; the umpire's judgment shall rule.) Players removed due to injury shall not be eligible to re-enter the game, unless Rules allow for such.

1. Each team must have a properly-supplied first aid kit in its possession at all baseball games.
2. Per Minnesota law, all coaches and officials must be properly trained in the identification and handling of possible concussions, in the interest of player safety. (See Appendix B.)
3. Per Minnesota American Legion Baseball's Youth Protection Policy (and applicable related MN Dept. National Policies), all Designated Individuals (e.g., adult managers, coaches, assistant coaches, and other team staff / volunteers who have regular, direct player contact, who are in a role of authority, and / or who travel / lodge with the team) must undergo and successfully pass annual background screening, prior to participating in any meeting, event, activity, practice and / or games that involve youth participants. (See Appendix C.)

J. Force-Play Slide Rule. The intent of the force-play Rule is to ensure the safety of the defensive player. This is a safety rule, as well as an interference rule. Whether or not the defense could have completed a double-play has no bearing on applicability. 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 before the base – and in a direct line between the two bases. It is permissible for the slider's momentum to carry him through the base, in the baseline extended. **Exception:** A runner need not slide directly into a base, as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder, to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder. In this case, interference shall not be called.
 - a. "On the ground" can either be a head-first slide, or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground before the base.
 - b. "Directly into a base" means the runner's entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in a straight line between bases. 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. If the runner goes into a base standing up (and is either 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. If contact occurs on top of the base as a result of a "pop-up" slide, such 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 baseline in the direction of the fielder and alters the play of the fielder (with or without contact);
 - b. The runner uses a rolling or cross-body slide 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 the fielder is in a standing position;
 - d. The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg, and / or
 - e. The runner illegally slides toward or makes contact with the fielder, even if the fielder makes no attempt to throw to complete a play.

The **penalty** for the violations 3a-3e, immediately above, are as follows:

- a. 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.
- b. With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out, and no other runner(s) shall advance.
- c. If the runner's slide or collision is deemed to be flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the contest.
- d. 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.

K. 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 (e.g., could the runner have reached the base without colliding) or unavoidable (e.g., the runner's path to the base was blocked), or
 - b. Whether the runner was actually attempting to reach the base (or plate) or if he was attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder.

Penalty: If it is deemed that 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.

- a. Ruling 1: If the fielder blocks the path of the base runner to the base (or 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.
 - b. Ruling 2: If the collision by the runner is 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.
 - a. Ruling: If the runner collides flagrantly, he shall be declared safe on the obstruction, but will be ejected from the contest. The ball shall be declared dead.
 3. Malicious Contact is illegal. Any player who, in the judgment of the umpire, maliciously contacts another player shall be automatically ejected, and if the offender is a runner, shall be declared out.
 - a. The majority of intentional collisions occur at home plate, where the catcher (or other player covering home plate) is blocking the plate. Runners are 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. If there is any intentional and excessive force, or if there is any perceived intent to injure another player, the offending player shall be ejected from the game. This applies regardless if committed by an offensive or defensive player.
 - b. Beginning with State Competition (Sub-District tournament play and forward), any one ejected from a game is considered to be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, unless reinstated by the respective tournament authority, whose decision is final.

L. Length of Games. All teams (Junior and Senior) teams may play seven-inning games (versus nine), as well as extra innings, beyond seven, due to the score.

1. A 10-run rule may be applied after five (5) full innings have been played, unless the home team is ahead after four and one-half innings, at which time the game will be considered complete.
2. In the event of inclement weather or other conditions beyond control, a game of less than seven (7) innings may be called and considered complete, but in no event less than four and one-half innings.
3. Any game that does not go the required number of innings (or that is tied after going the required number of innings) may be considered a suspended game and may be resumed at the point it was stopped.
4. For District league play, each respective District Director shall establish the specific Length of Game rules that shall apply, subject to the above.

M. Courtesy Runners. During the regular season, all teams (Junior and Senior) may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and / or catcher at any time during games.

1. Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners. Should a courtesy runner pinch-hit, pinch-run or enter the game at any position, he is no longer eligible to be a courtesy runner.
2. The same runner may not be used as a courtesy runner for both the pitcher and the catcher in the same inning.
3. A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or the catcher, and then be used as a substitute for another player in that half-inning (unless an injury, illness or ejection occurs and no other runners / players are available.)
4. A courtesy runner may not be used for a pinch-hitter for the catcher, unless the catcher has been re-entered.
5. A player who is placed on base as a courtesy runner may not be removed from a base to become a pinch-hitter, nor be replaced with another courtesy runner (unless injury, illness or ejection requires that he be replaced.)
6. Violation of these courtesy runner rules shall be deemed to be an illegal substitution.
7. For post-season play, Senior Division I teams must adhere to National rules, as outlined within the applicable post-season play section of this rule book for Senior Division I teams. (For Division II and Junior Legion post-season play provisions, see the Division II and Junior Legion sections of this rule book.)
8. For District league play, each respective District Director shall establish whether or not courtesy runners will be utilized.

- N. Re-Entry.** During the regular season, all teams (Junior and Senior) may utilize player re-entry.
1. Any starting player (including the designated hitter, if utilized, but excluding re-entry of the starting pitcher as pitcher) may withdraw from the game and then re-enter once, provided that such player occupies the same batting position when re-entering (and whenever in) the lineup.
 2. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter, unless injury or illness occurs and no other eligible players are available.
 3. Violation of these re-entry rules shall be deemed to be an illegal substitution.
 4. Beginning with post-season play, Senior Division I teams must adhere to National rules, as outlined within the applicable post-season play section of this rule book for Senior Division I teams. (For Division II and Junior Legion post-season play provisions, see the Division II and Junior Legion sections of this rule book.)
- O. Designated Hitter.** If desired, all teams (Junior and Senior) may utilize a designated hitter rule. (See Junior Legion section of this rule book also.)
1. If used, Senior American Legion teams must utilize the MLB American League designated hitter rule (i.e., for the pitcher only), as published in Official Baseball Rules, throughout the entire season.
 2. If desired, throughout the season (regular and all Minnesota post-season play), Senior American Legion teams may optionally utilize a 9-player lineup utilizing a designated hitter -- whereby the pitcher bats for himself and occupies both the positions of Pitcher and of Designated Hitter.
 - a. Use of this rule must be signified by listing the pitcher as "P/DH" on the official line-up card.
 - b. If, during the course of the game, the P/DH is replaced as the Pitcher, he may remain in the game in the role of the Designated Hitter -- and he may only bat in the DH slot.
 - c. If, during the course of the game, the P/DH is replaced as the Designated Hitter, he may remain in the game as the Pitcher. The new Designated Hitter may only bat in the DH slot.
 - d. If a pinch hitter or pinch runner is substituted for the DH, that player becomes the new P/DH -- or the DH only -- which must be declared at the time of the substitution.
 - e. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting order.
 - f. The player initially occupying the position of P/DH may re-enter the game once, the same as any other starter, although he may not re-enter as Pitcher. (NOTE: Senior Division I teams may NOT utilize the re-entry rule during post-season play, however, unless permitted by National rules.)
 - g. The role of the designated hitter is terminated for the remainder of the game when 1) the defensive player, or any previous defensive player for whom the designated hitter batted, subsequently bats, pinch-hits or pinch-runs for the designated hitter; or 2) the designated hitter (or any previous designated hitter) assumes a defensive position (except when the P/DH moves to the role of designated hitter only); or 3) if the starting pitcher moves to any defensive position, other than Pitcher.
 3. Beginning with the Division I Regional Tournament and beyond, Senior Division I teams must adhere to National rules, as outlined within the applicable post-season play section of this rule book for Senior Division I teams. (For Division II and Junior Legion post-season play provisions, see the Division II and Junior Legion sections of this rule book.)
- P. Pitching Rules.** As with other playing regulations, pitching rules shall be consistent with Official Baseball Rules (such as the hand-to-mouth provisions, illegal feints to first or third base, etc.), except as noted herein (or in National American Legion Rules, as applicable.)

1. For the 2021 season,
 - a. As outlined below, no player (Junior or Senior) may pitch more than a total of 105 pitches per day (defined as 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.) Those who pitch will also be subject to required days of rest:

Daily Maximum (pitches per day*)	Required Days of Rest, depending upon pitches thrown on a given day*				
	<u>No Day of Rest</u>	<u>1 Day of Rest</u>	<u>2 Days of Rest</u>	<u>3 Days of Rest</u>	<u>4 Days of Rest</u>
105	0-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+

*Note 1: 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 same day and is required to follow the listed rest protocol.

- b. A pitcher, however, will be allowed to finish a batter, if he reaches or exceeds the maximum limit during an at-bat; the pitcher must exit the position after the conclusion of that batter's at-bat.

- i. NOTE: If a Pitcher exceeds the maximum limit during an at-bat, all pitches thrown must be counted in that Pitcher's accumulation of pitches thrown. For example, if a pitcher throws 107 pitches as part of finishing a batter, all 107 pitches must be counted (not 105) in accumulating his total pitch count; similarly, if a pitcher is removed after finishing a batter to whom he has thrown 33 pitches, all 33 pitches must be counted (not 30) in accumulating his total pitch count.
 - c. No player may enter a game as a pitcher, unless he has fulfilled the required days of rest, as outlined above.
 - d. ALL pitches must be counted in the accumulations outlined above, including any pitches delivered to intentionally walk a batter, if any. (Note that, per Official Baseball Rules, batters may be intentionally walked, without pitches needing to be thrown.)
 - e. A throw from pitcher to catcher that is declared a "no-pitch" by the umpire [e.g., due to time being called / granted], is not a "pitch".
 - f. No player may make more than two (2) appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period.
 - i. One pitch (or more) to a batter constitutes an appearance.
 - ii. After one visit to the mound, if a Pitcher is moved to a defensive position during a game -- and is later returned to the mound as Pitcher during the same game -- a second appearance is charged.
 - iii. When a game is suspended on one day and completed on another following day, pitches (and appearances) will be counted on the day in which the pitches are thrown.
 - g. Violation of the above rules shall cause the pitcher to become an illegal pitcher; the penalty for such is ejection of the pitcher and Manager/Head Coach, if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game. The Manager/Head Coach will also serve an immediate, additional one-game suspension.
2. A pitcher may have only eight (8) warm-up pitches between innings and not over eight (8) for the first inning that he pitches. A new pitcher brought in from another defensive position shall have ample time to warm up. The number of warm-up pitches shall be designated by the chief umpire; this provision shall be liberally applied by the chief umpire.
 3. When time out is called to talk to a defensive player, upon the second visit to the mound by a coach in the same inning, that pitcher must be removed from the mound. The player may stay in the game at another defensive position, but he cannot return as pitcher in that game. Penalty for violation of this Rule is forfeiture of the game, if protest is filed with the umpire before the last out of the game.
 4. For the 2020 season and beyond, American Legion Baseball teams are exempt from adhering to the Major League Baseball rule (implemented in 2020 and designed to speed the pace of play), which requires pitchers to pitch to a minimum of three batters (or pitch to the end of the half-inning) before a pitching change can be made.

Q. Competition Policy. It is intended that Minnesota American Legion Baseball teams will compete against other American Legion Baseball teams, as well as other teams that participate in similar nationally-organized and sanctioned, community-based, youth baseball programs in the United States and Canada (e.g., Babe Ruth, VFW). In an effort to encourage the growth of such programs (and discourage their degradation), any Minnesota American Legion Baseball team that competes against other types of Minnesota-based teams (e.g., traveling all-star teams that are not participants of such nationally-organized, community-based youth baseball programs, hereinafter "travel team"), or that admits such a "travel team" into a tournament that it (the Minnesota American Legion Baseball team) is sponsoring, shall be subject to the following:

1. Any Minnesota American Legion Baseball team Head Coach, whose team plays any game against a Minnesota-based "travel team," shall be suspended for three (3) of his team's games against other American Legion Baseball teams. Playing two or more such games will result in the Head Coach's suspension from participating in his team's American Legion playoff games for the respective season.
2. Any Minnesota American Legion Baseball team that sponsors a tournament, and that admits a Minnesota-based "travel team" into such tournament, shall be suspended from participating in its team's American Legion playoff games for the respective season.
 - a. If the sponsoring Minnesota American Legion Baseball team admits one or more such Minnesota-based "travel teams" to its tournament regardless, all Minnesota American Legion Baseball teams participating in the tournament are expected to forfeit their games against such "travel team(s)" and / or withdraw from the tournament, in order to avoid being subject to provision #1, above.

- b. In the case of tournaments sponsored by non-Minnesota American Legion Baseball teams, participating Minnesota American Legion Baseball teams will similarly be expected to forfeit games and / or withdraw from participation, even though the sponsoring American Legion Baseball team is not be subject to this provision. Provision #1, above, will still apply, if the Minnesota American Legion Baseball team competes against a Minnesota-based "travel team"; every Minnesota American Legion Baseball team has a responsibility to know its opponents, as well as such opponents' classification status.
3. In the case of tournaments sponsored by non-Minnesota American Legion Baseball teams, and in which one or more non-Minnesota-based "travel teams" is participating, Minnesota American Legion Baseball teams will not be subject to the above provisions. It is hoped, however, that Minnesota American Legion Baseball teams would opt to not compete against such teams.

For other important information (such as pertaining to Uniform and Equipment Rules; Conduct; Team, & Player Registration requirements; District, Playoff and State level competition; Division II and Junior Legion program provisions), see the other applicable sections of this Rulebook.

RULE 2

STAFF AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Team Manager, Coach, Staff Eligibility.

1. A non-Legionnaire may act as team manager or coach.
2. Per Minnesota law, in the interest of player safety, all coaches (head and assistant) must be properly trained in the identification and handling of possible concussions. Those who do not possess, and submit ongoing valid proof of training to the State Director (or to his designated representative) shall be ineligible to serve as an American Legion Baseball Coach in Minnesota. (See Appendix B.)
3. Per Minnesota American Legion Baseball's Youth Protection Policy (summarized in Appendix C), as well as all applicable related MN Department and National Policies, all Designated Individuals (prior to participating in any meeting, event, activity, practice, tryout and/or game that involves youth participants) must
 - a. Undergo and successfully pass an Annual Background Screening through the Designated Provider, AND
 - b. Complete Abuse Awareness Training (and provide proof thereof) through a Designated Provider, per Public Law 115-126 (Protecting Youth Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sports Authorization Act of 2017). Such training is valid for two (2) years and must be renewed thereafter in order to maintain compliance and eligibility to participate in American Legion Baseball.

B. Player age.

1. American Legion Baseball competition in 2021 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 2002. Those born in 2001 or earlier are not eligible.
2. The 2021 Junior American Legion Baseball program is open only to players born on or after January 1, 2004. Those born in 2003 or earlier are not eligible to participate in Junior American Legion Baseball. It is a 17-and-under program.
3. For the 2021 season, players born in 2009 and after (those age 12 and under) are not eligible to participate. Players must be 13 years of age as of January 1, 2021, to be eligible.

C. Player School Enrollment Status.

2. American Legion Baseball participation is open to age-eligible players who are enrolled in high school as of March 31 of the respective year of competition.
3. American Legion Baseball participation is also open to age-eligible players who have already graduated from high school, as of March 31 of the respective year of competition.
 - a. Returning graduated, age-eligible players are restricted to playing for the team upon which they were rostered during the prior season, unless a subsequent event allows for a permissible change (e.g., new team formation).

- b. Any request for exemption from this restriction, due to hardship or unforeseen circumstances, must be submitted in writing (including all applicable supporting documentation) to the State Director (through the applicable District Director), and approval must be granted, prior to the player's inclusion on the team's National Form #1 Roster. (Such exemption requests also require National approval.)

D. Player's Residence (Domicile). A player's legal residence shall be established as of **March 31** of the respective year of competition.

1. A player's legal residence shall be his parents' (or permanent court-appointed guardian's) permanent and legal residence (Domicile). This means living in a particular locality with the intent of it being a fixed and permanent home; a post-office box, secondary short-term rental property or temporarily-leased space does not qualify as a Domicile. **Note:** *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.)*
2. If an eligible player's parents are divorced or legally separated, that player may elect to play for a team based upon the permanent residence (Domicile) of either parent, provided that:
 - a. The player declares such Domicile / team election in writing, and files it with the State Director, through the respective District Director, prior to the designated deadline date. Such declaration shall be final and valid for the remainder the player's Legion eligibility (and subject to all other applicable provisions and conditions of Rule 4), unless a subsequent event allows a permissible change.
 - b. The Total Enrollment (10, 11, 12th grades, as defined in Rule 4) of the school attended by the player as of March 31 of the respective year of competition must also be counted by the rostering team in its Combined Total Enrollment, as outlined in Rule 4.
3. In the event that both parents are deceased or incapable of caring for and supervising the player during minority, the player's residence will be determined by the Domicile of the permanent legal guardian, as appointed by the Court that has jurisdiction to make such an appointment.
4. Should a situation arise that is not covered by the provisions of this Rule, the authorized State Official will, at his / her sole discretion, determine the player's legal residence for the purposes of participation in the American Legion Baseball program.
 - a. Such decision shall be communicated in writing and filed with National Headquarters.
 - b. All applicable conditions and provisions of Rule 4 shall apply, and the Total Enrollment of the school attended by the player as of March 31 of the respective year of competition shall be counted by the rostering team in its Combined Total Enrollment.
5. For an eligible player who is not enrolled in secondary (high) school, including those who are emancipated and / or attending college, technical or trade school, the Player's Domicile shall continue to be determined as outlined above (i.e., based upon parent / guardian's permanent Domicile), even if the Player is temporarily residing elsewhere as of March 31 for the purpose of pursuing an education or any other reason. American Legion Baseball does not allow emancipated players to be "free agents."

E. Professional Baseball Contract Rule. Players who are 18 years of age may be signed to a professional baseball contract in accordance with the Rules of Professional Baseball. Such players may not be replaced on a team's National Form #1 Roster after the State or National submittal deadline has passed, whichever is earliest.

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

1. Receive money, favors, or gratuities, direct or indirect, for playing baseball.
2. Accept money or favors for reimbursement of time lost at work while playing, or for expenses incurred while playing.
3. Accept, directly or indirectly, money or any favors by anyone for his baseball services, past or present. This also applies to a player's parents, trustees, guardians, etc.
4. Try out for any professional team without the written permission of his American Legion Baseball coach. (Professional Baseball Rules govern tryouts and merits of contracting with professional clubs.)

Note: *State Departments, Districts, or Posts planning all-star games are advised to contact their state high school athletic association (e.g., Minnesota State High School League) to confirm or clarify the effect upon each player's high school eligibility.*

- G. Proof of Age.** With respect to American Legion Baseball participation, the State Baseball Committee will only accept, as proof of age
1. A U.S. Government issued passport.
 2. Records of birth that are **originals or certified documents** from the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, or other government agency authorized to issue / certify birth documents; these documents typically have a raised seal or certifying authentication of the issuing agency.
 - a. Notarized photocopies of birth certificates, hospital records, baptismal records, school records, or other such records are NOT acceptable proof of age and will result in disqualification of the player and / or team.
 - b. In the case of foreign birth, the player will present the applicable certificate or document, duly issued to the bearer by the Department of Homeland Security (such as a NEXUS card) or Department of State, which documents that agency's accepted, official birth date of the bearer. Official birth certificates issued by a foreign country are acceptable, when accompanied by a letter with a certified English translation; such a birth certificate must have an official seal.
 - c. A Court-certified copy of that portion of a permanent legal adoption record, showing the place and date of a player's birth, shall be acceptable in cases involving players who have been adopted.
 3. A U.S. government-issued military ID card or dependent ID card.
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RULE 3 PLAYER SELECTION – PLAN “A”

The “Plan A” Player selection method (as outlined within National American Legion Baseball Rules) is not applicable within the Minnesota American Legion Baseball program.

RULE 4 PLAYER SELECTION – PLAN “B”

Only the “Plan B” Base School player selection method is used within the Minnesota American Legion Baseball program, allowing both Senior and Junior Legion Baseball teams to select players based upon 1) the high school attended by the eligible player and / or 2) the Player's Domicile (as defined in Rule 2.)

Note: While “Plan B” player selection Rules are flexible, they are very complex; therefore, teams are advised to study the following Rules carefully in order to prevent issues of player ineligibility and / or team disqualification. These rules uniformly apply to all Minnesota Legion teams, unless an exception is otherwise noted herein (based upon the team's classification) or unless a special exemption has been granted / approved by the State Baseball Director.

A. Definitions of Key Terms.

1. **Base School.** A high school located within Minnesota, public or private, that is officially declared by a participating American Legion Baseball team as its home base for the selection of eligible players.
2. **Non-Base School.** Any high school located within Minnesota, public or private, that is not a declared home base for a participating American Legion Baseball team.
3. **Public High School.** Any state-supported secondary high school with a traditional or alternative curriculum, which enrolls students through Grade 12 (or its equivalent) on a tuition-free basis.
4. **Private High School.** Any secondary high school located within Minnesota, with a traditional or alternative curriculum, which enrolls students through Grade 12 (or its equivalent), and which typically charges tuition for student attendance.

5. **Private Boarding School.** Any private secondary high school, with a traditional or alternative curriculum, which enrolls students through Grade 12 (or its equivalent), which charges tuition for student attendance, and which houses the majority of students (51%) at the school during the school year.
6. **Attendance Area (Boundary).** The populated area surrounding a particular public high school, established by the applicable public school system, using a designated method or boundary system to identify the one high school a student (player) is to normally attend. Typically, a high school's Attendance Area is tied to street lines or similar boundaries, and student addresses are mapped to a particular high school using such – or it is tied to similarly-mapped attendance at elementary or middle schools that feed directly into one particular high school.
 - a. When a player's Domicile is located within the Attendance Area of a Base School, that Base School is automatically deemed to be the closest Base School to the player's Domicile, regardless of the actual calculated distance between the player's Domicile and the Base School, in comparison to calculated distances between the player's Domicile and other schools in the area.
 - b. If a public school district does not have an established method for assigning resident students to normal high Schools of Attendance (in other words, if all students can only enroll in, and attend, high school by making application to a school of their choice within the school district), Attendance Areas / boundaries for each public high school within that public school district will be established by the State Baseball Committee.
 - c. A private high school or private boarding school (that does not have a defined Attendance Area / boundary of its own), which is located within the Attendance Area / boundary of a public high school, will assume the Attendance Area / boundary of that public high school.
7. **Open Enrollment.** A process through which a student (player) applies with the applicable public school district(s) to attend a different high school, traditional or alternative, than the one he would normally attend under the school district's method of assigning students to specific public high schools.
8. **School of Attendance.** The high school in which an eligible player is enrolled, as of **March 31** of the respective year of competition.
 - a. **Non-Graduates, Not Attending High School.** For players who have not yet graduated from high school, but who were also not enrolled in high school as of March 31 of the respective year of competition (including those who are home-schooled, who attend an elementary, middle or junior high school, and those who normally would be enrolled in high school, but who are not), a player's School of Attendance shall be based upon the player's Domicile as of March 31. In other words, his School of Attendance is the high school he normally would be attending, based upon his Domicile, if enrolled in high school.
 - b. **High School Graduates.** For those no longer in high school on March 31 of the respective year of competition because of graduation from high school (including those attending a college or other post-secondary school), a player's School of Attendance shall be the last high school attended by that player (i.e., the school in which the player was enrolled as of March 31 of the year of competition immediately prior.) See the subsequent section entitled "Combined Total Enrollment Adherence" for information on the Total Enrollment to be attached to such a player.
9. **Total Enrollment (of a School).** Enrollment for a school is determined by using only the number of 10th, 11th and 12th grade students, as officially recorded and published by the Minnesota Department of Education for the applicable school attendance year, inclusive of March 31 of the respective year of competition. (Such enrollment data for schools throughout Minnesota, as published by the Minnesota Department of Education, will be made available to participating teams by the State Baseball Committee, through the District Directors.)
 - a. Every student registered shall be counted by participating teams, including special education students, physically-challenged students, bilingual students and students over the age of 19.
 - b. Single-gender student-bodied schools' enrollment must be doubled by teams, when declaring that particular school's Total Enrollment. (For example, an all male school with 1,000 enrollees must be declared / recorded by the team as having an enrollment of 2,000.)
10. **Combined Total Enrollment.** The accumulated, combined Total Enrollments of all public, private, and private boarding high schools that are represented by players on a team's roster through
 - a. The player's actual attendance at a particular high school,
 - b. The addition of a high school's Total Enrollment through the fact that the player would otherwise normally attend a particular school (if enrolled in high school), per the School of Attendance provisions above, and

- c. The accumulation of Total Enrollments for particular high schools under the Option and Transfer & Bypass Rules.

In no event will the Combined Total Enrollment of schools represented on a team's roster exceed the following:

- a. For Junior and Senior Division I teams, 3,600, unless the Base School itself exceeds 3,600 and all players attend that school. (See the School Enrollment Expansion Rule, however, for certain exceptions related to previously-rostered players.)
- b. For Division II teams, 400, except as specifically noted in Division II Program Rules.

B. Base School Designation. Each team must designate a Base School, which serves as its basis, or core area, for selecting and rostering players.

1. Each team may designate only one high school as its Base School; it may be a public or a private high school. (**Note:** See important information below regarding player selection restrictions that apply to certain types of Base School teams.)
2. At time of formation, a new team must request advance approval of its Base School designation from the respective District and State Director.
 - a. A team that designates a private high school as its Base School may only roster players who attend its Base School.
 - b. A team that designates a Base School with Total Enrollment that exceeds the maximum Combined Total Enrollment (as defined above) may only roster players who attend its Base School.
3. An existing team may request a change in its Base School. Such request must be in writing, and be approved by the respective District Director and State Director, prior to submittal of the team's National Form #1 Roster for the applicable year of competition. A change in a team's Base School constitutes the discontinuance of a team that existed with the originally-designated Base School, as well as the creation of a new team, concurrently.
4. If two or more teams are sponsored by the same American Legion Post or Outside Sponsor, the respective District Director and State Director must approve the Base School assigned for each team in advance.
5. If participation interest is such that one Base School can support more than one team (i.e., two or more different teams wish to designate the same Base School), such teams must outline, in writing, the agreed upon method for registering, assigning and / or selecting players between the teams. Such method is subject to approval by the respective District Director, as well as the State Director, prior to the rostering of any players. Once each team's National Form #1 Roster has been submitted and filed, no Transfers or interchanging of players between such teams during the season is allowed.

C. Player Selection and Rostering. Teams may select and roster eligible players (through registration / tryout methods of their own choosing), who are enrolled, as of March 31 during the respective year of competition, in any public, private, technical, vocational, regional, preparatory or other type of secondary / high school (or in any combination of these schools). Teams may also select eligible players who are enrolled in college, technical or trade schools, who are emancipated, who do not attend any school, who attend elementary, middle or junior high schools, and / or who are home-schooled.

1. **Player Selection.** More specifically, except as outlined in Player Selection Exceptions below, provided that all other eligibility conditions and provisions of these Rules are met, in any combination, a team may select and roster any eligible player
 - a. Who attends that team's own designated Base School;
 - b. Who attends another team's designated Base School, provided that such player, as applicable
 - i. Has the properly executed written Transfer Form(s) #76, or
 - ii. Qualifies under the Option Rule and has properly executed Declaration Form #77;
 - c. Who attends a Non-Base School, provided that, as applicable
 - i. The player's Domicile is located within the Attendance Area of the selecting team's Base School; or
 - ii. The player's Domicile is closer in distance (per Google Maps) to the selecting team's Base School than to any other team's Base School (if the player's Domicile is not actually located within any Base School's Attendance Area); or
 - iii. The player has the properly executed written Transfer Form(s) #76; or
 - iv. The player qualifies under the Option Rule; and has properly executed Form #77;

- d. Who does not attend a Base or Non-Base School at all (including those who are home-schooled, who have graduated from high school, and / or who attend a school below the grade level of a high school, such as an elementary, middle or junior high school), provided that, as applicable
 - i. The player was properly rostered by the selecting team in the year(s) immediately prior, in the case of a player who has graduated from high school, and / or
 - ii. The player's Domicile is located within the Attendance Area of the team's Base School, and thus, he would normally be assigned to attend that Base School if enrolled in high school, or
 - iii. The player's Domicile is closer in distance (per Google Maps) to the selecting team's Base School than to any other team's Base School (if the player's Domicile is not actually located within any Base School's Attendance Area), or
 - iv. The player has the properly executed written Transfer Form(s) Form #76; or
 - v. The player qualifies under the Rule 4 Option Rule and has properly executed Declaration Form #77.
2. **Player Selection Exceptions / Restrictions.** The following player selection restrictions apply to certain Base School teams:
- a. A team whose Base School is a private high school may only select and roster players who attend its Base School.
 - b. A team whose Base School's Total Enrollment exceeds the maximum Combined Total Enrollment of 3,600 may only select and roster players from its Base School. (Note: see the School Enrollment Expansion Rule for exceptions related to certain previously-rostered players.)
 - c. A team whose Base School Total Enrollment exceeds 400 (i.e., 401 or more) may only select and roster players from its own Base School, as well as players who attend Private High Schools and who are eligible to make a one-time election under the Option Rule.
 - i. This rule applies only to Senior Division I teams which began their participation in the Minnesota American Legion Baseball program (or that made a change in their Base School designation), effective with, or after, the 2009 season.
 - ii. Teams covered by this rule, however, may select and roster up to one player under the Transfer & Bypass Rule OR one player who attends a Non-Base School.
 - iii. Any request for a team's exemption from this rule, for extenuating or hardship reasons, must be submitted to the State Baseball Director, in writing, no later than April 15 of the respective year of competition. Such exemption is subject to future revocation by the State Baseball Director.
 - iv. This intent of this rule is to encourage the creation of more teams, and thus, more opportunities for youth to play American Legion Baseball.
3. **Distance Calculations.** To determine distance between prospective player Domiciles and Base Schools, and / or Schools of Attendance, a calculation in miles (and decimal fractions thereof) shall be performed using Google Maps, utilizing its option for shortest driving distance.
- a. A school shall have only one location, as determined by its official, legal mailing address.
 - b. In the course of determining closest Base School(s), most boundary lines, such as American Legion Baseball District lines and school district boundaries, shall be ignored and not taken into account. (The only pertinent boundary lines applicable in the application and administration of Rule 4 are those used by school districts to define Attendance Areas for individual high schools.)
 - c. In the event that different internet browsers might deliver different results, Google Chrome shall be the standard browser used in performing distance calculations.
4. **Combined Total Enrollment Adherence.** In selecting players for its roster, the Total Enrollment of each player's Base or Non-Base School of Attendance shall be counted by the rostering team in accumulating the Combined Total Enrollment of schools represented on its roster.
- a. In no event shall the Combined Total Enrollment of the schools represented on the team's roster (including any bypassed schools under Transfer & Bypass Rule herein), exceed the maximum Combined Total Enrollment, as defined above.
 - b. If a single high school's Total Enrollment exceeds the maximum Combined Total Enrollment, the team that uses such school as its Base School shall not be permitted to select players from any other high school. (**Note:** see *School Enrollment Expansion Rule*, however, for exceptions related to certain previously-rostered players.)

- c. For those players who do not attend a high school at all (including those enrolled in college, technical or trade school, as well as those who are home-schooled or who attend elementary, middle, or junior high schools), in accumulating Combined Total Enrollment, a team shall count the Total Enrollment of the applicable School(s) of Attendance; that is,
 - i. the high school that the player last attended as of March 31 of the year of competition immediately prior; or
 - ii. the high school that the player would otherwise normally attend, based upon his Domicile, if the player was not attending a high school at all on March 31 (such as in the case of a home-schooled student, or one attending an elementary, middle or junior high school). In the case of the latter, the enrollment of the elementary, middle or junior high school that the player actually attends shall not be counted at all.

The inclusion of such players on a team's Player Roster (National Form #1) is subject to prior approval by the respective District Director and State Director. Explanation / notation of the player's high school attendance status (as well as Total Enrollment used for that player) shall be included with the team's Player Roster (Form #1).

- d. Teams that exceed the maximum Combined Total Enrollment, and that participate in American Legion Baseball competitions during the season regardless, shall face disciplinary action, up to and including game forfeitures, suspension from the Program (including from playoff participation), and / or permanent expulsion.

D. Option Rule. This Minnesota Rule applies only to those players 1) whose Domicile is outside the Attendance Area of their School of Attendance (regardless if the School of Attendance is a Base School or not); and / or 2) who attend private high schools that are located within another Base School's Attendance Area (regardless if the private school is a Base School or not, and / or if the Player's Domicile is located within the private school's assumed Attendance Area or not.) Specifically,

- 1. In the case of a player whose attends a public or private high school that a) is a Base School itself, or b) lies within the Attendance Area of a Base School, but the player's Domicile is located in a different school's Attendance Area, the player may elect to play for
 - a. The Base School team whose Attendance Area encompasses his Domicile, or if the player's Domicile is not actually located within a Base School's Attendance Area, the Base School team that is closest to the player's Domicile, or
 - b. The Base School team associated with his School of Attendance, i.e.,
 - i. If his School of Attendance is a Base School, the team based at his School of Attendance;
 - ii. If his School of Attendance is not a Base School itself, the Base School team whose Attendance Area encompasses the physical location of his School of Attendance.

Note 1: If a player attends a school (public or private) that is not a Base School itself, and it is not physically located in a Base School team's Attendance Area, the player is not eligible to make an election under this Option Rule. (He may only play for the Base School Team that is closest to his Domicile, unless properly released by that team under the Transfer Rule.)

Note 2: If a player attends a private boarding school in another state, through the Option Rule, the player has the opportunity to return home and play for the team that encompasses (or is nearest to, as applicable) his Domicile.

- 2. Such players must make this Option election in writing, using National Declaration Form #77. (In the event a player fails to physically complete Form 77, his first, initial appearance on a team's roster constitutes such election.)
 - a. The election shall be final and valid for the remainder of the player's American Legion Baseball eligibility, unless a subsequent event allows for a permissible change (i.e., the player becomes eligible to make a new election under the Option Rule.)
 - i. Examples of events that allow a permissible change include 1) a player's transfer to a new School of Attendance, 2) a player's change in Domicile (home address), 3) a player being cut from the team for which he was playing (or not being re-rostered by such team in a subsequent season) and that team's roster is otherwise full, 4) the formation of a new team in the area, 5) the discontinuance of the team for which the player played. (See related provisions later in this Rule 4 section.) **NOTE:** School of Attendance and Domicile are always determined as of March 31.

- ii. Players who made an election under the Option Rule as a Junior Legion player are entitled to make a new Option Rule election as a Senior player.
- b. Before a player may be included on the team's National Form #1 Roster, Declaration Form #77 must be submitted to the State Director for final approval, through the respective District Director -- and be included with the team's National Form #1 Roster, in the season in which the player is initially rostered. (To prevent future questions of eligibility, it is advised that a copy of the player's Form #77 also be included with the team's Form #1 Roster submittal in subsequent seasons.)
- c. In accordance with the provisions for determining a team's Combined Total Enrollment, the applicable Total Enrollment of the player's actual School of Attendance shall be counted.
- d. A player rostered through the Option Rule shall not then also (and / or subsequently) be eligible for Transfer to a different team through the Transfer Rule, unless 1) he is cut from the roster of the team for which he previously played (is not re-rostered in a subsequent season by the team he had elected under the Option Rule) and that team's roster is otherwise full, and 2) he is also, likewise, not rostered by his other Option Rule team, whose roster is also otherwise full.

Due to the complexity of Plan B Player Selection Rules, the following examples are provided in an effort to provide clarity, with respect to determining a player's beginning Base School team. All other eligibility Rules and requirements must also be met, without exception.

Note: By definition, a Base School is located within its own Attendance Area.

Situation 1:

- A player attends (or would normally attend) any high school that is located in a Base School's Attendance Area.
- The Player's Domicile is also located in that Base School Attendance Area.
- Accordingly, the player can only play for that Base School team.

Note: If the player's School of Attendance is a private Base School, and it is located within another Base School's Attendance Area (e.g., a public Base School's Attendance Area), the player is eligible to make an Option election to play for the private Base School team – or for the public Base School team whose Attendance Area encompasses his School of Attendance (see Situation 6 below.)

Situation 2:

- A player attends (or would normally attend) any high school that is located in a Base School's Attendance Area. (**Note:** See Situation 6 for instances in which a player attends a private school, which is a base school itself.)
- The Player's Domicile is located outside of that Base School's Attendance Area – in a different Base School's Attendance Area.
- The Player has a one time option, under the Option Rule, to play for
 - The Base School team whose Attendance Area encompasses his School of Attendance,
 - OR for
 - The Base School team whose Attendance Area encompasses his Domicile.
- His Form 77 election is valid for the life of his Legion Baseball eligibility, unless a subsequent event allows a permissible change.

Situation 3:

- A Player attends (or would normally attend) any high school that is located in a Base School's Attendance Area.
- The Player's Domicile is located outside of that Attendance Area – in which there is no Base School.
- The Player has a one-time option, under the Option Rule, to play for
 - The Base School team whose Attendance Area encompasses his School of Attendance,
 - OR for
 - The Base School team that is located nearest to his Domicile, as determined by Google Maps.
- The Form 77 election is valid for the life of his Legion Baseball eligibility, unless a subsequent event allows a permissible change.

Situation 4:

- A Player attends (or would normally attend) any high school which is not located within a Base School's Attendance Area.
- The Player's Domicile, however, is located within the Attendance Area of a Base School.
- Accordingly, the Player may only play for the Base School team whose Attendance Area encompasses his Domicile (where he legally resides).

Situation 5:

- A Player attends (or would normally attend) any high school that is not located in a Base School Attendance Area.
- The Player's Domicile is also not located in a Base School's Attendance Area.
- As such, the Player may only play for the Base School team that is nearest to his Domicile, as determined by Google Maps.

Situation 6:

- A Player attends a private high school that is a Base School.
- The Player automatically has a one-time option, under the Option Rule, to play for
 - His private Base School team,
 - OR for
 - The Base School team whose Attendance Area encompasses his Domicile (or, if his Domicile is not located in a Base School's Attendance Area, for the Base School team that is nearest to his Domicile, as determined by Google Maps.)
- His Form 77 election is valid for the life of his Legion Baseball eligibility, unless a subsequent event allows a permissible change.

Note: The above examples are intended to illustrate for which Base School team a Player is eligible to play. Once established, a team must then determine whether or not it can legally roster the player (without exceeding Combined Total Enrollment), whether it wishes to Release the player and issue a transfer (if allowed to do so), etc.

E. Transfer & Bypass Rule. Any Player, except as specifically noted elsewhere in Rule 4, may be released from (i.e., waived by) a Base School team, in accordance with the following conditions and provisions.

1. Teams shall not grant Transfers to any players
 - a. Who do not first register / tryout with the respective team;
 - b. Who already utilize the Option Rule to establish for which team they will play (see provisions of the Option Rule, as outlined earlier in this Rule section),
 - c. If the prospective releasing team does not have a full roster of eighteen (18) players on its Player Roster of Eligibility (National Form #1);
2. A released player may register / tryout with the Base School team that is next closest in distance to his Domicile (using the Distance Calculation method outlined earlier in Rule 4).
3. Before registering / trying-out with that next closest team, however, and before that team may consider or select him, the released player must obtain Transfer Form #76 from the releasing team (including required signatures), and make it available for review by the team to which he is applying.
4. If not selected, the player may then request a release from that team, and then register / tryout with the team that is consecutively the next closest in distance to his Domicile (by obtaining another Transfer Form #76), and so on, until the player is selected by a team.
5. Any team rostering a player who has been issued Transfer(s) will include, in its Combined Total Enrollment, the:
 - a. Total Enrollment of the player's School of Attendance, AND
 - b. The Total Enrollment(s) of each high school serving as a Base School for the team(s) that the player "bypassed" (i.e., the Base Schools that are closer in distance to his Domicile than the team that ultimately rosters him).
6. In no event shall the Combined Total Enrollment of the schools represented on the team's roster (including any bypassed schools), exceed the maximum Combined Total Enrollment, as defined earlier.

7. All Transfers executed in 2012 and later shall be valid for the respective year of competition only and shall expire on December 31 of that year. Transfers executed prior to the 2012 season shall remain final and binding for the remainder of the player's American Legion Baseball eligibility, unless a subsequent event allows a permissible change or unless the player is cut from the team to which he transferred; such situations require advance approval of the District and State Director, prior to the player being rostered by his original, pre-transfer (or another) team.
8. Before a player may be included on the team's National Form #1 Roster, Transfer Form(s) #76 must be submitted to the State Director for final approval, through the respective District Director -- and be included with the team's National Form #1 Roster. A new Form #76 must be completed in subsequent seasons, even if the player is re-rostered by the same team.
9. Any Transfers across State lines require mutual written permission of both respective State Directors.

F. Teams that No Longer Exist. Players who are unable to complete their eligibility, because the team for which they last played no longer exists, may register / tryout for a new team, in accordance with all other Eligibility and Player Selection & Rostering provisions, including that

1. The rostering team shall include the Total Enrollment of the player's School of Attendance in computing its Combined Total Enrollment, and
2. The inclusion of such players on the newly rostering team's National Form #1 Roster is subject to prior approval by the respective District Director and State Director, following explanation of the circumstances.

G. School Enrollment Expansion. Senior Division I players who would otherwise be unable to complete their eligibility, because enrollment expansion from one year to the next eliminated their School of Attendance from a team's previously used combination of schools in accumulating Combined Total Enrollment, may continue to play for the team for which they last played, provided that

1. No new players are recruited from that player's School of Attendance,
2. No new / additional schools are represented on the team roster, and / or
3. Written permission for a player to continue under these circumstances is obtained from the respective District Director, as well as and State Director, prior to the player's inclusion on the team's National Form #1 Roster.

For similar provisions pertaining to Division II players / teams, see the Division II Program Rules within this Rulebook.

H. Change of Address / School. Players who, from one year of competition to the next, realize a change in their school of attendance -- and / or players who (including those attending colleges, technical or trade schools) realize a permanent change in Domicile (as defined in Rule 2), which makes them ineligible to continue playing with their original team, shall be eligible to register / tryout, and play for the team based upon their new school of attendance and / or the new permanent Domicile, provided that all other eligibility provisions are met.

In only the case of a Domicile (address) change, a Senior Division player who has one year of eligibility remaining, however, shall have the option to register / tryout for a team based upon his new Domicile, or to continue to play with the team for which he had been playing.

1. Prior to the player being included on the new team's National Form #1 Roster, the player's parents or legal guardians must furnish a notarized statement to the prospective team (who must forward it for approval by the respective District Director and State Director) which
 - a. Confirms the change in Domicile (including both the old and new addresses, as well as the effective date), and, if applicable,
 - b. Specifies for which team the player wishes to play, in the case of a player in his final year of eligibility.
2. The Total Enrollment of the player's School of Attendance on March 31 of the applicable year of competition shall be counted in computing the rostering team's Combined Total Enrollment.

I. New Team Formation / Change in Attendance Area (Boundary). In the event that a new Legion team is formed - or in the event that a public school system revises the official Attendance Area (Boundary) of its high school(s) -- which then results in a new (or different) team assuming jurisdiction over (i.e., gaining rostering rights to) a player who has already been previously rostered by another team, that player has a onetime option election of continuing to play with a) the team for which he last played, or b) the new / different team for which he is now eligible to play.

1. Such election shall be final and valid for the remainder of the player's American Legion Baseball eligibility, unless a subsequent event allows a permissible change.

2. This option is available to those players who made a previous election (for the remainder of their eligibility) under the Option Rule. Making an election under this provision serves to replace such prior Option Rule election.
 3. Prior to being included on either team's National Form #1 Roster, the player must complete Declaration Form #77, which must be forwarded, through the respective District Director, to the State Director for approval.
 4. If approved, the Total Enrollment of the high school attended by the player, as of March 31 of the applicable year of competition, shall be counted in computing the rostering team's Combined Total Enrollment.
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RULE 5 - PROTESTS

- A. Jurisdiction and Authority.** It is the State Baseball Committee's duty to formulate rules and regulations for competition in Minnesota. State Player Selection and Rostering Rules may be more restrictive than National Rules. District Rules, with the exception of State Player Eligibility and Player Selection & Rostering Rules, may be more restrictive than State Rules.
1. **District.** Each District Director (or his designated representative) shall be responsible for the interpretation of District Rules and has full authority for receiving and answering all questions, disputes and / or protests occurring within, and pertaining to, District-level competition (pre-State Tournament), with no provision for appeal. Each District Director shall also have full and final authority to disqualify or suspend any person deemed to be in violation of any and all applicable Rules. In the case of the Junior Legion Program, the Junior Legion Director (or his designated representative) shall, respectively, have all such same responsibility and authority.
 2. **State.** The State Director (or his designated representative) shall be responsible for the interpretation of State Rules and has full authority for receiving and answering all questions, disputes and / or protests occurring within, and pertaining to, State Rules and State Tournament competition, with no provision for appeal. When conditions permit and / or are deemed necessary by him, the State Director (or his representative) may appoint a person or committee to assist in making decisions, appointed from neutral teams or Districts. The State Director shall also have full and final authority to disqualify or suspend any person deemed to be in violation of any and all applicable Rules.
 3. **National.** The National Americanism and Children & Youth Division shall be responsible for the interpretation of National Rules. All requests for such must be in writing (telegrams, faxes and e-mails constitute written communications, in addition to letters) and be submitted through the State Director. Responses will also be delivered through the State Director. Any appeal of a Rule interpretation issued by the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division shall follow National appeal procedures, as published by the national organization. No appeal shall be considered by the National Appeals Board until all applicable, established appeal procedures within the respective State's Rules have been exhausted, as certified in writing by the State Director; such appeals must therefore be delivered to National through the State Director.
- B. Game Condition Protests.** Protests of Official Baseball Rules and playing rule interpretations during actual game conditions must be filed with the Umpire-in-Chief before the next legally pitched ball is thrown from the pitching mound.
- C. Minnesota Protest Procedures.** All protests shall be filed in writing with the applicable Authority, and must precisely and fully outline all points of contention.
1. Communications delivered by fax, email, telegram, hand, or US Mail constitute written protests.
 2. Protests on any subject pertaining to American Legion Baseball in Minnesota must be filed by team management only. Protests received from any other person(s) will not be accepted or considered.
 3. A protest must be filed within twelve (12) hours of the time at which the Rule interpretation, answer or decision was provided, but in no event later than twelve (12) hours after the ending time of a game in which the issue arose. Such protest shall be accompanied by a certified check for \$100, made payable
 - a. In the case of a protest involving District-level competition (filed before or during Sub-District, District, or Sub-State tournaments), to the respective District's baseball fund;
 - b. In the case of a protest involving State Tournament competition (filed after the final District or Sub-State tournament), to the State Baseball fund.
 4. Protest responses will be issued as soon as reasonably possible. If the protest is not allowed, moneys paid per above shall be forfeited. If the protest is allowed, moneys paid per above shall be returned.

5. Protests pertaining to the eligibility of a team / player entered in State Competition must be filed prior to the first game of the Sub-District, District or Sub-state Tournament, (whichever is earliest), except upon discovery of fraud, in which case eligibility protests must be filed immediately upon discovery of the alleged fraud and include a fully-written description of such.
 - a. All protests regarding player eligibility must be specific, with definitive written proof provided.
 - b. If a player is found to be ineligible, he shall be disqualified immediately. All games in which the disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.
 - c. In District, Sub-state and State Tournaments, if a protest is allowed and a winner disqualified, the runner-up team shall be declared the winner. All other teams will move up in the final order. Teams could become eligible for continued play through this process.
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RULE 6 - CONDUCT

- A. Scope; Conduct Requirements.** Sportsmanship and honor are core values of the American Legion Baseball program, and thus taken very seriously. Therefore, all persons associated or traveling with American Legion Baseball teams are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and ethical manner at all times, as well as abide by established Rules. In the opinion of the respective District Director or State Director (or designated representatives), if any manager, coach, player or other person associated with an American Legion Baseball team conducts himself in an unsportsmanlike manner, creates disturbances, and / or otherwise brings discredit or disrespect to or upon the Program, such person will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including ejection from a contest, suspension, returned home (as applicable) from a competition at his own expense by the first available method of transportation, and / or removal from further participation in the Program. Director decisions shall be final.
- B. Youth Protection Policy.** American Legion youth programs are intended to encourage safe, healthy, growth-oriented, and productive interaction between staff, volunteers, and children or youth. As such, per Minnesota American Legion Baseball's Youth Protection Policy (and applicable related MN Department and National policies), abuse in any form, whether it be physical, emotional, sexual, verbal or economic exploitation, will not be tolerated. Compliance with all terms of the Youth Protection Policy by all participants and Designated Individuals is mandatory. (See Appendix C.) Minnesota American Legion Baseball also reserves the right to deny, suspend, or prohibit participation, or otherwise remove any individual from participation, if at any time the Program, in its sole opinion, deems the individual to be unfit, not properly qualified, or unsuited to working with children and youth in any way.
- C. Respect for the Flag.** A primary tenant of American Legion Baseball is instilling Americanism and its values within our Country's youth. Therefore, and in compliance with American Legion Resolution 16 (2016), Minnesota American Legion Baseball expects all participants (players, coaches, and other team staff members) to demonstrate proper respect the U.S. Flag at all times. This includes standing at attention, facing the Flag (with hat over heart) during performances of the National Anthem. Those who choose (for political, or any other reason) to not display the Program's expected level of respect for the Flag shall not be permitted to be a participant in American Legion Baseball.
- D. Sportsmanship Issues.** No player, coach, manager, or other person associated with an American Legion Baseball team shall
 1. Use any profane language during the course of competition;
 2. Throw bat(s) or any other equipment;
 3. Make any unsportsmanlike, offensive or unnecessary gestures in response to an umpire's decision. (**Note:** *only team captains, managers or coaches may ask for clarification of a Rule or decision; arguing is not allowed*);
 4. Make offensive gestures or comments to fans or opposing players;
 5. Resort to unnecessary roughness on the playing field;
 6. Abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks whatsoever to any opposing players, umpires, or team official;
 7. Use other ploys, such as chanting in unison with the intent to disturb or disrupt the play of others;
 8. Behave in any other manner that is deemed to be unsportsmanlike, in the opinion of the applicable American Legion Baseball authority.

Any individual or team deemed to be in violation is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate ejection, suspension, forfeiture of game, and / or permanent removal from the Program.

- E. Ejection and Reinstatement.** Any player, coach, manager or other person ejected by an umpire must leave the ballpark. Anyone ejected from a game during a Sub-District, District, Sub-State or State Tournament competition is considered to be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, unless reinstated by the respective authority (District Director, State Director and / or Tournament Director), whose decision is final.

Coaches are also instructed to review the Coach's Code of Ethics later in this Rulebook (Appendix A).

RULE 7

PLAYER & TEAM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Requirements. All American Legion Baseball teams must register with the State Baseball Committee. Unless otherwise specified by the State Director, the following are the minimal requirements for registration, subject to the deadline dates outlined herein or through separate communication. Additional forms, declarations, and approval requests, may be required, as outlined within these Minnesota American Legion Baseball Rules. All of the items below must be completed, and, as applicable, submitted through the respective District Director, early enough to meet the State deadline.

1. At the time of initial team formation, providing notice of intent to form a team, its sponsor, team name, base school, and primary team contact person, by submitting a New Team Formation / Change Form. Due to State Director (submitted through the respective District Director) by April 15 of the respective year. Teams seeking exemption from certain rules, such as Player Selection Exceptions in Rule 4, must also submit such request, with full justification, by April 15.

NOTE: If a team has previously participated in the American Legion Baseball Program, but three (3) or more seasons have elapsed since its last season of participation, the team must submit a New Team Formation / Change Form, to confirm its intended name, base school, sponsor, etc.

2. Annual completion of Team Application (electronically, through Nat'l system), signifying the intent to participate during the season; by April 1.
3. Purchase of accident and liability insurance coverage from the approved carrier, as well as payment of any and all National fees (for 2021, \$50 for Senior Legion and \$25 for Junior Legion) and State fees (for 2021, \$175 for Senior Legion and \$150 for Junior Legion). Required annually, by no later than May 15 for existing teams (those who participated during the prior season; \$200 late fee applies after May 15), June 1 for new teams. **NOTE:** The electronic payment receipt FOR INSURANCE must also be forwarded to the State Director (or to his designated representative), as proof of purchase.
4. Electronic submittal of the team's final Form 1 Roster through the National registration system. Required annually, no later than June 15. (If an extension is granted for hardship reasons, per National rules, such extension may not extend past June 25.)
5. Submittal of fully completed Transfer Form(s) #76 and Declaration Form(s) #77, as applicable and required for individual players, with all required signatures. Required annually, as requested, delivered to the respective District Director, no later than June 15.

NOTE: Before any player may be rostered through a Form #76 Transfer (waiver), separate, advance approval must be obtained from the State Director by June 10.

6. Collection of a fully-complete and properly-executed Form 2 from each player (as well as from each coach, manager, and other team official who travels and / or serves in an official capacity with the team); required annually, prior to any player or staff member's participation.
 - a. Any player who has not fully completed a Form 2 (signed by at least one parent / legal guardian) is deemed to be ineligible, and a team's use of any such player will result in game forfeitures and / or other team penalties.
 - b. Each District Director shall establish the deadline date for teams to submit (or produce) hardcopy originals of Form 2's for inspection and approval; such deadline will be prior to the start of each team's first playoff game (including any play-in game).
7. Ensuring that all managers, coaches and other staff members (who have regular, direct contact with players) have completed an annual background screen, prior to participating in any meeting, event, activity, practice and / or game that involves youth participants. (Proof of completion is not required to be manually submitted.)

Failure to fully comply with these registration requirements by the designated deadline dates will result in team disqualification. As requested, District Directors must deliver any of the items listed in 5-7 above to the State Director by no later than June 27 of each year, following District Director review and approval of such, ensuring accuracy and completeness.

B. Insurance. Certificates of Insurance must carry an issue / effective date that is prior to the first day of team tryouts, practice and / or play, but in no event a date that is later than May 15 for existing teams (those who legitimately participated during the prior season), June 1 for new teams.

1. Any existing team that fails to purchase insurance by May 15 shall be assessed an additional \$200 late fee.

2. Any new or existing team that fails to purchase insurance by June 1 shall be disqualified from playing American Legion Baseball for the respective season.
- C. Players Per Team.** A team's Player Roster of Eligibility (National Form #1) shall not contain more than eighteen (18) players, all of whom must have submitted an accurate, fully-completed and properly-executed National Form #2, prior to participating in any practices or games.
1. Only approved players, who are listed on the Form 1 Roster, may participate in any games played by the team.
 - a. Note: American Legion Baseball insurance provides coverage for all players who tryout or practice with the team, provided the insurance purchase date for seasonal coverage precedes the date of such activities. Once games begin, only those players listed on the team's official Form-1 Roster shall be covered.)
 - b. For those teams that have affiliated Senior and Junior teams (i.e., both teams are based at the same base school), Junior players may be dual-rostered on the Senior team's official Form-1 Roster, in addition to being listed on the Junior team's roster (neither roster to exceed 18 total players) -- and such Junior players may participate in the games of both teams. Senior players may NOT be dual-rostered on the affiliated Junior team's roster.
 2. Once filed, and after the final Form-1 Roster filing date has passed, players may not be added to a Form 1 Roster. Players may, however, be replaced prior to the end of the regular season (i.e., before the start of a Junior or Senior team's first post-season game) in only the following circumstances, with State Director approval:
 - a. In the case of a player's death;
 - b. If a player is placed on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.
 - c. In the case of a season-ending injury, provided that certification of the injury and the player's inability to continue to participate is fully supported by medical documentation from the injured player's treating medical physician, which must be submitted to the State Director.
- D. Team Sponsorship / Identification.** The sponsor of an American Legion baseball team must be identified on the team's Player Roster of Eligibility (National Form #1), as well as a Team Manager, who serves as the responsible business authority for the team.
1. For Post-sponsored teams, a bona-fide member of the Post must be officially responsible for the team at all times as Business Manager / Athletic Officer. A non-Legionnaire may act as team manager or coach.
 2. An American Legion Post may sponsor more than one team; several Posts may share sponsorship of a single team.
 3. Non-Legion ("Outside Sponsorship") of a team is permitted, subject to approval by the respective District Director, and State Director, at the time of initial team formation (as well as annual re-approval and supervision by the State Baseball Committee thereafter). Outside Sponsors may include such entities as support groups, booster clubs, associations, private/public companies or corporations. Teams with Outside Sponsors must name a responsible person to act as the team's business manager.
 4. Team names may identify the Post, City, Town, Township, Community, or Sponsor that the team represents. Appropriateness is subject to District and State Director approval.

RULE 8

PLAYER & TEAM CERTIFICATION

- A. Enrollment Form Completion and Submittal.** All teams desiring participation in State / National competition must complete National Form #1 (Player Roster of Eligibility), as well as all other specified forms and requirements that are deemed necessary, including the completion of National Form #2 (Player Agreement, as furnished by the National Americanism Commission) by all players. Completion and submittal of required information must be in accordance with prescribed procedures, which may require direct filing with both National and State Baseball Officials, allowing opportunity for proper certification by the responsible State Baseball Official.
1. **Player Roster of Eligibility (National Form #1.)** All American Legion Baseball teams must enroll players on the Player Roster of Eligibility (National Form #1), which is submitted electronically through on the National registration website; it must be complete, including each player's full name, accurate address of legal Domicile and birth date. A copy of the Form #1 Roster will be retained by the State Baseball Committee; a copy must also be in the possession of the team at all times.

2. **Player Agreement (National Form #2.)** All players, their parents (or court-approved legal guardians) must enroll by completing a Player Agreement (National Form #2). Each team manager will retain the originals; a copy must be filed with the State Director, when required. Any team or player who fails to complete and file Form #2 shall be disqualified from play.
- B. Certification by State.** The State Director shall be responsible for certifying that a team and its players were properly registered by the State's closing date. This includes certifying that a team and its players are properly covered by insurance.
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RULE 9

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- A. Uniforms.** Teams need not be uniformed until reaching State / National competition. (Note: District Directors, however, may establish their own Rules on uniforms for regular season competition.)
1. Sub-District, District, and / or Sub-State playoff tournaments constitute the beginning of State Competition, at which time certain rules pertaining to uniforms and equipment apply, as outlined in the District / Playoff and State Tournament competition Rule sections.
 2. All players, coaches and managers must be in a like uniform of the team to go on to the field.
 - a. It is permissible for coaches and players to wear a courtesy jacket, wind shirt or alternate jersey due to adverse weather conditions, provided that the American Legion Baseball Insignia (official patch or authorized silkscreen) is displayed on the left sleeve or left chest. Those not in compliance shall be restricted to the dugout.
 3. The front or back of the uniform shirt may only carry lettering or an insignia that identifies the Post, Department (State), City, Town, Township, Community, or Sponsor that the team represents. Appropriateness is subject to approval by the respective District Director and State Director.
 4. A number at least six (6) inches high must be carried on the back of the uniform shirt.
 5. The American Legion Baseball Insignia (official patch, or authorized silkscreen) must be worn on the left sleeve or left chest of all uniform shirts.
 - a. Uniforms will be inspected for such prior to the start of Sub-District, Sub-State, District and State Tournaments. Players wearing uniforms without the Insignia (or with improper placement of such), will not be permitted to play.
 - b. The official Insignia is only available through National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, P.O. Box 36460, Indianapolis, IN 46236, 1-888-453-4466, <http://emblem.legion.org>
 6. Wearing of the uniform must present a positive and professional appearance and image. Uniform shirts must be tucked in and buttoned, as applicable, at all times.
 7. Sleeves, not attached to the jersey, may be worn by any player, may contain a product logo and, if worn on both arms, must be of the same color. Sleeves, however, cannot be white in color, and may not be a distraction to the game, as determined by the chief umpire.
- B. Helmets.** All players are required to wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while batting, coaching, running the bases, or on deck.
1. All batting helmets must meet the NOCSAE (National Organizing Committee for Safety in Athletic Equipment) specifications and bear the NOCSAE stamp. Any helmet that is cracked, excessively worn, or missing inside padding, cannot be used and must be removed from usage during a game.
 2. All bat and / or ball persons must wear an approved, properly-fitted, double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while on the field.
 3. All base coaches are required to wear a standard batting helmet, with or without ear flaps. Noncompliance shall result in confinement to the dugout.

- 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 catchers' masks must have a built-in or attachable throat guard. Umpires and tournament officials shall halt the game until compliance is met.
 2. While warming up a pitcher, either in or out of the bull pen, a catcher must wear a mask. For purposes of this Rule, "catcher" means anyone (coach, player, scorekeeper, or anyone working / traveling with the team) who warms up a pitcher. He or she must wear a mask. Refusal to do so will result in removal of that person from game activities.
- D. Bats.** Wood metal, ceramic, composite, or graphite bats may be used on the playing field.
1. All non-wood bats must carry the BBCOR certification mark on the barrel, signifying legality for use. If a bat carries the BBCOR mark, but it has been decertified, it is not legal for use.
 2. Non-wood bats must not exceed 36 inches in length and 2-5/8 inches in diameter.
 3. Wood bats may be comprised of laminate or composite wood.
 4. Wood bats must not exceed 42 inches in length and 2-3/4 inches in diameter. An indentation in the end of the bat, up to one inch in depth (a cupped bat) is permitted.
 5. The entire bat must be round, with a constant radius at any point, and the finish of the hitting area must be smooth.
 6. There must be a direct line from the center of the knob to the center of the large end.
 7. All bats must have an identification mark 18 inches from the end of the handle.
 8. No foreign substance or material used to improve grip, which will in any way discolor the ball, may be added to the surface of the bat beyond 18 inches from the end of the handle.
 9. In the opinion of the umpire, any bat that fails to meet these specifications or that 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 also be declared out, any base runners shall not advance, and the player and team manager shall be ejected from the game.
- E. Baseball Standards.** All baseballs used in American Legion Baseball games must be of high quality. Approved balls include Diamond D-1 Pro, Wilson A1010, Rawlings R100, Baden 3B, and AD Starr AD800. Baseballs that display the American Legion Baseball authenticating logo are recommended for use during the regular season -- and are required to be used during post-season competition.
- F. Pitcher's Glove.** The pitcher's glove may not be white, gray, nor, in the judgment of an umpire, distracting in any manner. No pitcher may attach any foreign material to his glove that is of a color different from the glove. The umpire shall remove any glove from the game that violates this Rule.
- G. On-Deck Equipment.** Equipment permitted in the on-deck area includes 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 objects / items are not permitted. Devices deemed unsafe by the umpires and / or tournament officials cannot be used.
- H. First Aid Kit.** Each team must have a properly-supplied first aid kit in its possession for use at all baseball games. (A list of suggested contents is available on the National ALB web site.)
- I. Equipment Inspection.** Fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of each game, umpires shall be required to check for illegal or cracked helmets and bats, and to remove any illegal or damaged equipment. Illegal or broken equipment represents serious potential for injury and must be addressed prior to the start of any game. Equipment in use shall also be monitored by the umpires throughout the game, to ensure its legality and safety suitability.
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RULE 10

DISTRICT, LEAGUE & PLAYOFF COMPETITION

- A. Who May Compete.** Competition will only be among approved teams that have properly registered (per the Registration section within these Rules) for the respective year of competition.
- B. District Organization.** The State Department of Minnesota is divided into ten (10) Districts, corresponding with the Districts used for all Department of Minnesota Legion Post administration.
1. For purposes of league competition within a District, a team is a member of the District Program in which its Base School is located. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the State Director.
 2. Organization and play in each of the Districts shall be under the control and supervision of the respective District Director, appointed by the respective District Commander.
 3. Each District Director shall establish the District's final team / player registration and filing date deadlines for his own District, with such dates being early enough to accommodate meeting all subsequent State and National filing deadlines. With respect to the Junior Legion Program, the Junior Legion Director (or his designated representative) shall, respectively, have such same authority.
- C. District Rules.** Each District Director must file a complete set of District League Rules with the State Director, no later than June 1 of each respective year of competition.
1. District League Rules may be more restrictive than State and / or National Rules.
 2. Effective with the start of Sub-District, District and / or Sub-State Tournaments, however, State Competition Rules take precedent over existing District League Rules and must be applied. Of particular note are such rules related to uniforms and equipment, length of games, team / individual player eligibility, as well as requirements for dedicated attendance and participation on the part of players, as outlined in state tournament competition regulations.
- D. Protests.** In accordance with the Rules and procedures for Protests, each District Director has full authority to settle any and all questions and / or issues of dispute pertaining to American Legion Baseball within his respective District. Only protests filed by team management will be accepted; those received from any other person(s) will not be accepted or considered.
1. Eligibility Protests. Protests pertaining to the eligibility of a team / player entered in State Competition must be filed prior to the first game of the Sub-District, District or Sub-State Tournament (whichever is applicable / earliest), except upon discovery of fraud, in which case protests must be filed immediately upon discovery and include a full written description of the alleged fraud.
- E. Playoff Tournament(s).** Each District Director, his designated representative(s), or the designated Sub-State Tournament Director (as appointed by the State Director), shall direct and have full authority over the respective tournament (League, District or Sub-State) to determine the Tournament Champion(s). For the Junior Legion program, the Junior Legion Director, or his designated representative(s), shall have full authority for such.
1. **Player Post-Season Eligibility.** Only those players listed on the team's official Form #1 Roster and who submitted a fully-completed and properly-executed Player Agreement (National Form #2), shall be eligible.
 - a. Any Senior team (Division I and Division II), however, which has less than twelve (12) rostered players available prior to the start of post-season play, may add the applicable number of players to its roster from its affiliated Junior Legion team (i.e., the Junior team based at the same base school as the Senior team), in order to bring its available number of players up to twelve (12) maximum. As such, players declared as not being available to participate, and who are being replaced on the team's roster by players from an affiliated Junior team, shall thus immediately be deemed ineligible from further / future participation during that respective season.
 - b. Prior to a player being eligible to play, Team Managers must make player Form 2 and Proof of Age available for inspection, for all players who will be participating (and any other requested document, as applicable), to the Tournament Director.
 - c. On the designated Sub-State, District or Sub-State Tournament Reporting Date, all players must be present and available for participation. Any player, who is absent without permission from the Tournament / District Director (and State Director), shall not be allowed to play or otherwise participate. Subsequently, any player who is absent from the Tournament, or is otherwise unavailable to participate, without permission from the Tournament / District (and State Director), shall also lose eligibility for ongoing post-season play / participation. Requests for excused absence must be made to the Tournament Director, in writing and in advance of the first day of the

Tournament, providing full details as to why there is need for absence. (Examples of excused absences include events such as funerals, college orientation attendance, work requirements. Examples of unexcused absences include travel-team participation, showcase attendance [with the exception of USA Baseball].) Emergency absences, for which advance approval was not possible / sought, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

- d. With respect to individual games, all players who are present and available to participate must be listed on the team's line-up card to be eligible to play. A copy must be provided to the chief umpire, and, as requested, to the Tournament Director, prior to the start of the game. Players who are not listed shall not be eligible to play.
2. All teams eligible to compete in their respective playoff tournament are expected to fully participate and have an adequate number of players available throughout post-season play. If a team intends to not participate, or has concerns regarding the availability of players, communication must be provided to the applicable Playoff Tournament Director as early as possible.
 3. If two or more active Senior Division I teams are based at the same base school during a respective season of play, the "second-tier" (i.e., "1A") team may opt out of participation in the Senior Division I Playoff structure, and thus, out of eligibility for participation in the Senior Division I State Tournament for the respective season of play. Such a second-tier (1A) team may, instead, elect to participate in an alternate Senior Division 1A State Tournament. Notice of such an opt-out election must be provided to the respect District Director / State Director by no later than June 1, in order to ensure proper alignment of playoff tournaments.
 4. A State Tournament host team must participate in its assigned playoff tournament. Refusal or inability to do so will result in an alternate team being named to occupy the "host berth" during the State Tournament.
 5. The District Champion(s) or Sub-State Tournament Champion, as applicable, shall be declared to the State Director by each Tournament / District Director, no later than three (3) days prior to the reporting date established for the respective State Tournament.
 - a. The Tournament and/or District Director must also provide the State Director with pitch count information for any pitchers who are subject to restricted usage at the start of their respective state tournament.
 6. If for any reasons, a Championship team is unable to represent the District or Sub-State, as applicable, in State Tournament Competition, the Tournament / District Director will report such circumstances, as well as a replacement team, by that same date to the State Director.
 7. If a protest concerning team eligibility for State Tournament competition is allowed, and a team is subsequently disqualified, all other teams will move up in the final order, and a new Champion may be declared, qualifying such team to compete in the State Tournament.
- F. On the Bench and Field.** Only registered team Players, Team Business Manager, Team Manager, Team Coaches, one Team Scorekeeper, up to two Team Bat Persons, members of the State Baseball Committee, and / or the respective District or Tournament Director are allowed on the bench during Sub-District, District, or Sub-State Tournament Competition.
1. Team Managers shall be responsible for supervising Bat and / or Ball Persons (who must be at least 12 years of age and properly outfitted per Equipment Rules) and ensuring that their time on the field of play is kept to a minimum.
 2. Only registered players or adult coaches, in a like uniform of the team, will be permitted in the coaching boxes on the field.
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RULE 11

SENIOR DIVISION I TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- A. Who May Compete; Team & Player Eligibility.** Competition will only be among approved Senior teams that have properly registered (per the Registration section within these Rules) for the respective year of competition. Note: For purposes of this section, Sub-District, District, and / or Sub-State Playoff Tournaments constitute the beginning of State Tournament Competition.
1. Only those players listed on the team's official Form #1 Roster and who submitted a fully-completed and properly-executed Player Agreement (National Form #2), shall be eligible. Upon arrival at tournament registration and orientation, Team Managers must make the original Form #2 for each player, as well as player Proof of Age (and any other requested documentation, as applicable), available for inspection by the State Baseball Committee. Players will not be allowed to play until such is satisfactorily presented.
 - a. However, Senior teams which have less than twelve (12) rostered players available prior to the start of the State Tournament, may add the applicable number of players to its roster from its affiliated Junior Legion team (i.e., the Junior team based at the same base school as the Senior team), in order to bring its available number of players up to twelve (12).
 - b. As such, players declared as not being available to participate, and who are being replaced on the team's roster by players from an affiliated Junior team, shall thus immediately be deemed ineligible from further / future participation during that respective season.
 2. On the State Tournament Reporting Date, all players must be present during registration and orientation. Any player who is absent shall not be eligible to participate from that point forward, unless excused by the State Director. Requests for excused absence must be made to the State Director, in writing and in advance of the Reporting Date, providing full details as to why there is a need for absence. (Examples of excused absences include events such as funerals, college orientation attendance, work requirements. Examples of unexcused absences include such events as showcase attendance [with the exception of USA Baseball] and travel-team participation.) Emergency absences, for which advance approval was not possible / sought, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
 3. Any player who did not continuously participate in, or who otherwise was absent from any portion of, the Sub-District, District, and / or Sub-State Tournament, shall not be eligible to participate in the State Tournament, unless the absence was approved / excused by the respective Tournament Director, as well as the State Director.
 4. Any player who was approved to play during registration and orientation, who subsequently leaves the Tournament site and / or is absent or otherwise unavailable to participate, without advance permission from the State Director, shall lose eligibility for ongoing post-season play / participation.
 5. With respect to individual games, all players who are present and available to participate must be listed on the team's line-up card to be eligible to play. A copy must be provided to the chief umpire and official scorekeeper, and, as requested, to the Tournament or Site Director, prior to the start of the game. Players who are not listed shall not be eligible to play.
- B. Jurisdiction.** State Tournaments will be under the direction of the State Director, or the designated Tournament Director, as appointed by the State Director. Such Director shall have full and final authority for all tournament decisions, including player eligibility, the postponement and rescheduling of games due to weather or other conditions / factors, as well as the determination of the Tournament Champion, Runner-up, and Third-Place team, in the event of unplayable conditions. The Director shall also have final authority for the selection of Umpires and Official Scorekeepers.
- C. Tournament Size & Format.** Unless designated otherwise by the State Director and Baseball Committee, sixteen (16) teams shall compete in a double-elimination format at the Division I State Tournament. Effective with the 2013 season, the field of teams shall include the Champions of fifteen (15) Sub-State Tournaments. (The organization of such Sub-State Tournaments, as well as individual team assignments to such, shall be determined by the State Baseball Committee, or by its designated representative(s) and / or subcommittee.) The remaining berth in the State Tournament shall be filled by the Host Team. The State Baseball Committee shall periodically review this method of distributing State Tournament berths.
1. The Host Team is required to participate in its assigned playoff tournament; failure to do so will result in forfeiture of its Host berth.

2. No Host Team shall be denied the opportunity of winning Tournament Championships at the Sub-District, District, and / or Sub-State Tournament level. Host Teams are also required to participate in their assigned playoff tournaments.
 3. The Host Team shall always occupy the "Host" berth, as specified by time and place shown on the tournament schedule / bracket. In the event that the Host Team also earns a State Tournament Berth through the playoff process, the runner-up from the same Sub-State Playoff Tournament (or District Tournament, if applicable) will be assigned to the Host Team's "championship berth."
 4. At least two umpires shall be used for each game.
- D. Protests.** In accordance with the Rules and procedures for Protests, the State Director, or his designated Tournament Director or other representative(s), shall have full and final authority with respect to all questions and matters of dispute at the State Tournament. Only protests filed by team management will be accepted; those received from any other person(s) will not be accepted or considered. When conditions permit and / or are deemed necessary by him, the State Director (or his representative) may appoint a person or committee to assist in making decisions, appointed from neutral teams or Districts.
1. Eligibility Protests. Protests pertaining to the eligibility of a team / player entered in State Competition must be filed prior to the first game of the Sub-District, District, or Sub-State Tournament (whichever is earlier), except upon discovery of fraud, in which case, eligibility protests must be filed immediately upon discovery and include a full written description of the alleged fraud.
- E. Housing and Meals.** Only players properly registered on the Player Roster of Eligibility (National Form #1), not to exceed eighteen (18), as well as up to two (2) adults (e.g., one coach and one manager) may receive assistance with housing and meals at the State Tournament's expense. Arrangements for housing and meals for any additional individuals accompanying a team shall be the responsibility of the respective team.
1. Teams based more than fifty (50) miles from the State Tournament site will be housed at State Tournament expense. Teams based within fifty (50) miles of the State Tournament site will receive \$2.00 per mile, one way, once per day, in lieu of housing. To determine "miles" for purposes of this Rule section, Google Maps shall be used to calculate the shortest driving distance between the participating team's Base School and the street address of State Tournament Field #1, which shall be the main, primary baseball field at which the championship game is contested.
 2. Each team that is housed must post a \$500 damage deposit at or before check-in, to be retained by the Tournament's housing representative until time of team checkout, at which time accommodations will be inspected for damage. In the event of damage, the sponsoring Post or Outside Sponsor will also be contacted regarding its involvement in the resolution. Teams / players that display gross recklessness with respect to accommodations and / or that show a repetitive pattern of destructive behavior will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the Tournament / Program.
 3. Teams eliminated from State Tournament competition will vacate provided housing immediately following elimination. Exceptions to this Rule may be made by the State Director or his designated representative, based upon safety considerations, taking various facts into account, such as the time the team's final game completion time, travel distance, weather conditions, and transportation method.
 4. Meal assistance shall be provided on a per game basis, in accordance with the following:
 - a. All housed teams will be provided with \$5 per game for meals, for each tournament-housed player and coach. On days during which a housed team plays only one game, but is not eliminated, it shall receive meal assistance as if it had played two games.
 - b. All non-housed teams will be provided with a maximum of up to \$5 per day for meals (for up to each of 18 players and two adult coaches), but only for those days during which they play two games. No meal assistance will be provided for any days during which a non-housed team plays one single game.
 - c. On days during which a total of only two games or less are normally scheduled / played, however, (e.g., championship day of tournament), housed and non-housed teams will receive assistance, but only for up to one meal.
 - d. Innings to complete a previously suspended game are not considered in determining games played on a particular day. The suspended game will be considered as having been played in its entirety on the day it was begun.

Based upon a normally-scheduled, 4-day, 16-team double-elimination tournament, the following example illustrates tournament-provided meal assistance:

Day 1: All teams play twice. Housed teams receive assistance for 2 meals. Non-housed teams receive assistance for 1 meal.

Days 2 & 3: Housed teams playing 2 games receive assistance for 2 meals. Housed teams playing 1 game receive assistance for 1 meal; if not eliminated, however, they receive assistance for 2 meals. Non-housed teams playing 2 games receive assistance for 1 meal; those playing 1 game receive no meal assistance.

Day 4: Housed teams playing 1 or 2 games receive assistance for 1 meal. Non-housed teams playing 2 games receive assistance for 1 meal; those playing 1 game receive no meal assistance.

- F. On the Bench and Field.** Only registered team Players, Team Business Manager, Team Manager, Team Coaches, one Team Scorekeeper, up to two Team Bat Persons, members of the State Baseball Sportsmanship Committee, and / or the respective District Director are allowed on the bench during State Tournament competition.
1. Team Managers shall be responsible for supervising Bat and / or Ball Persons (who must be at least 12 years of age and properly outfitted per Equipment Rules) and ensuring that their time on the field of play is kept to a minimum.
 2. Only registered players or adult coaches, in a like uniform of the team, will be permitted in the coaching boxes on the field.
- G. Game Limits.** Playing days will begin at 8:00 a.m. local time. No State Tournament games will begin after 11:00 p.m. local time, unless inclement weather or other conditions make such necessary, as determined by the State Director or his designated representative. No team will be required to play more than two (2) games in any one day.
1. In the event of a suspended game, innings played to complete a game that was suspended on a prior day shall not count towards this maximum; each team may play an additional two (2) games on the day the suspended game is completed.
- H. Length of Games.** Division I State Tournament games shall be seven innings, except in the following cases:
1. Extra innings become necessary due to the score, or
 2. A 10-run rule shall apply after five (5) full innings have been played, unless the home team is ahead after four and one-half innings, at which time the game will be considered complete.
 3. In the event of inclement weather or other conditions beyond control, the State Director may call a game of less than seven (7) innings, but in no event less than four and one-half innings. If a game is stopped before four and one-half innings, it shall be considered a suspended game, and it will be resumed from the point it was stopped as soon as reasonably possible.
- I. State Competition Rules, Confirmed.** Sub-District, District, and / or Sub-State Playoff Tournaments constitute the beginning of State Competition. Of particular note:
1. Required National playing rule provisions shall apply, including:
 - a. Courtesy runners may not be used.
 - b. Re-entry is not allowed.
 2. Uniform requirements shall be strictly enforced.
 3. In addition to meeting all other eligibility requirements, a player must be in attendance on a continuous basis during the Sub-District, District, and / or Sub-State Tournaments, in order to maintain ongoing eligibility to participate, unless excused by the Tournament (and State) Director. The State Director shall have full and final authority.
- J. Code of Sportsmanship.** The American Legion Baseball Code of Sportsmanship shall be read before every game at the State Tournament.
- K. Conduct, General.** All players and persons traveling and / or participating in an official capacity with an American Legion Baseball team are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner at all times. Any person determined to be causing unnecessary disturbances or not abiding by any and all Rules, as determined by the State Director or his designated representative, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension for the remainder of the Tournament, return home by the first available method of transportation, and / or suspension / expulsion from the Program.
1. All State Tournament player participants shall continuously be in their respective housing units from 11:59 p.m. each night until 6:00 a.m. the next morning.
 2. Bed checks shall be conducted each night by the person responsible for housed teams, as identified on each team's Chaperone Form.

3. Violators of the above shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined above. Exceptions to the in-room requirements above may be made by the State Director, or his designated representative, but usually would only apply to those situations in which players are spectators at Tournament games, and under the direct supervision and accompaniment of their Coach and / or Team Manager.
 4. There shall be no shoving, pushing, fighting or any other unnecessary raucous activity in any lodging facility (including individual rooms), dining halls or other public facility / area.
 5. Any player, coach or manager or other person ejected by an umpire must leave the ballpark. Anyone ejected from a game is considered to be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, unless re-instated by the State Director, whose decision is final.
- L. Tournament Awards.** Annually, committees created by the State Director shall name recipients of the following:
1. Fred Wannamaker Outstanding Player Award.
 2. Robb Wassenaar Outstanding Pitcher Award (beginning in 2013)
 3. Father Moran Sportsmanship Award
- M. Tournament Banquet.** Players, coaches and managers of participating teams (up to 18 players and 2 adult coaches) will be guests of the State Tournament hosts at the opening banquet, held the evening prior to the first day of tournament play. Attire for players, coaches, managers and others in attendance shall be appropriate to the occasion.
- N. Tournament Host Bids.** All bids to host the State Tournament must be submitted in writing to the State Director. Requests for information on the requirements of hosting a State Tournament, or about submitting bids, should be addressed to the Department of Minnesota Baseball Secretary, as identified at the start of this Rulebook.
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RULE 12

MINNESOTA TROPHIES & AWARDS

For recipients not listed in this section, see the listings that appear earlier or later in this Rulebook publication, as well as in the Division II and Junior Legion Rule sections. In addition, visit the Minnesota American Legion Baseball web page (www.mnlegion.org, then click on Baseball) for other historic information and Tournament results, as available.

- A. Ken Skoug Championship Trophy.** Awarded annually to the Division I Champion; named in honor of a past Department Baseball Director, Kenneth Skoug of Duluth, who was lost in a plane crash over Lake Michigan, while on his way to the annual Department Convention in Duluth in 1950.
- B. Mark Haywood Runner-Up Trophy.** Awarded annually to the Division I Runner-up; named in honor of the veteran Christie de Parcq Post member, who was one of the organizers and longtime coach / manager of that fine team in the St. Paul area.
- C. Red Haddox Third Place Trophy.** Awarded annually to the third-place finisher in the Division I Tournament; named in honor of Gerald "Red" Haddox of Bloomington. Haddox pursued a lifelong passion for youth sports, including coaching the Bloomington Gold American Legion team and serving as Department Vice-Director for many years. He had also been active in other Legion activities, including chairing several State Conventions.
- D. Father Moran Sportsmanship Trophy.** Named in honor of the first District Director of American Legion Baseball in the Third District; awarded annually, as selected by committee, to the team displaying exemplary attitude and behavior, both on and off the field, during the Division I State Tournament.
- E. Fred Wannamaker Outstanding Player Trophy.** Awarded annually to the American Legion Baseball player who, in the opinion of a special selection committee, was the outstanding player of the Minnesota American Legion Baseball Division I State Tournament. This trophy is presented in memory of the longtime secretary of the American Legion State Baseball program in Minnesota.
- F. Rob Wassenaar Outstanding Pitcher Trophy.** Created in 2013, this award recognizes the American Legion Baseball pitcher, who, as determined by a special selection committee, delivered the most outstanding performance on the mound during the annual Division I State Tournament. The award's name honors an outstanding citizen and former American Legion pitcher who, in addition to being a member of Edina's 1983 National Championship team, was awarded the Fred Wannamaker Outstanding Player Trophy in two consecutive seasons (1982 and 1983).

- G. Minnesota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame.** This award is presented to those who have made extraordinary contributions to the Minnesota American Legion Baseball Program over the years. It is not necessarily presented every year, and it can be presented to more than one individual or group annually.
 - H. Coach of the Year Award.** This award is presented to a coach who has made extraordinary contributions to the American Legion Baseball Program over a number of years. This honor is not necessarily awarded every year.
 - I. Post of the Year Award.** This award is presented to a Minnesota American Legion Post that has made extraordinary contributions to the American Legion Baseball Program over a number of years. This honor is not necessarily awarded every year.
 - J. Graduate of the Year.** This award is bestowed to a graduate of Minnesota American Legion Baseball, not necessarily annually.
 - K. Shelly Hanson Championship Trophy.** Awarded annually to the Division II State Tournament Champion and named in honor for the long-time service rendered by G. Sheldon (Shelly) Hanson, of Austin, to the State Baseball Program, as Secretary from 1966 to 1987.
 - L. Bob Marshall Runner-Up Trophy.** Awarded annually to the Division II State Tournament Runner-up, and named in honor of past State Baseball Director, Robert (Bob) Marshall of Dilworth. Bob served as State Department Baseball Director from 1967 to 1981.
 - M. Tony Sipe Outstanding Player Award.** Awarded annually, as selected by a committee, to the American Legion Baseball player deemed to be the most outstanding player during the annual Division II State Tournament. This trophy is presented in honor of long-time service to American Legion Baseball by Tony Sipe of Ada.
 - N. Rocky Wedin Sportsmanship Award.** Awarded annually to the team displaying exemplary attitude and behavior, both on and off the field, as selected by committee. The trophy is named in honor of Rodney "Rocky" Wedin, for his many years of devoted service to American Legion Baseball.
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RULE 13

SENIOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

As directed by National Headquarters, the Champion and Runner-up of the Minnesota Division I State Tournament shall compete in the Central Plains Region 6 National Regional tournament. (Note: Currently there are no nationally-supervised post-season tournaments for the Division II or Junior Legion Baseball programs.)

- A. Certification.** By the designated National deadline, each year, the State Baseball Director shall report and certify the Minnesota State Champion and Runner-up teams to the National Americanism Commission, National American Legion Baseball Program, providing additional information and material, as required.
 - B. Jurisdiction.** All National Tournaments will be played under the direction and supervision of the National Americanism Commission. Any / 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.
 - C. Eligibility Protests.** 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.
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RULE 14

DIVISION II PROGRAM

The Division II program in Minnesota is intended to provide smaller communities with an opportunity for their teams to compete and advance, through District tournaments, to a state championship tournament, held at varying sites throughout Minnesota.

- A. Who May Compete.** All approved Senior American Legion teams who have properly registered in Minnesota are automatically eligible to compete in Division I. The Division II program is a voluntary program. Senior teams that qualify and wish to participate in the Division II program must report their intention to do so to their respective District Director by March 31 of each respective year of competition.
- B. Rule Adherence.** Unless noted otherwise within this Rule Section, all National, as well as all Minnesota Department American Legion Baseball Rules, requirements, and procedures outlined in this Rulebook, also apply to teams electing to participate in the Division II program. Failure to comply will result in player / team ineligibility.
- C. Eligibility.** Teams that elect to participate in the Division II Program shall not have Combined Total Enrollment (as defined in Rule 4) that exceeds 400, except as may be provided herein.
- D. Special Exceptions.** The following exceptions apply to Division II only.
 - 1. Consolidated school districts with Total Enrollment of 400 or less in grades 10, 11 and 12, where multiple teams are sponsored by multiple Legion posts, may participate in the Division II Baseball Program, provided they have advance approval from their respective District Director, as well as the State Director. Without such proper approval, teams will not be eligible for participation.
 - 2. Individual schools that are paired / combined for Minnesota State High School baseball competition may join together as a Base School for Division II American Legion team formation. The Total Enrollment of both schools shall be counted, with the largest of the schools used as the Legion team's Base School. This arrangement must be approved on an annual basis by the respective District (and State) Director.
 - a. Players who play on a paired High School team must play Legion Baseball for the Base Post Team of the paired schools. The Total Enrollment of all schools represented on the team's National Form #1 Roster shall count in determining Combined Total Enrollment. If enrollment of the two paired schools exceeds 400, the team is ineligible for Division II and must participate in Division I. On the National Form #1 Roster, the player's actual School of Attendance must be listed.
 - 3. Teams that played in the Division II Baseball Program in the year immediately prior, but whose current year Combined Total Enrollment exceeds the 400 maximum, may continue to participate in Division II, if the three-year average of its Combined Total Enrollment does not exceed 400. To calculate this average, teams must count the current year's Combined Total Enrollment, plus the two preceding years:
 - a. This exception does not apply to a team that adds a player or players from an additional or different school and, thus, must include the Total Enrollment of that school in computing its Combined Total Enrollment.
 - 4. Smaller cities and communities that are part of larger school systems / districts (normally ineligible for Division II because of the school district's enrollment size), can qualify for Division II participation under the following conditions:
 - a. The team must identify, and use, the name of the smaller community / city, as well as be sponsored by an American Legion Post or Outside Sponsor other than that used by the Division I team(s).
 - b. The team must develop a zoned area within the larger school district, from which it will select players.
 - i. Zone boundaries must be outlined / depicted on a map. (In the case in which school districts have been consolidated, the pre-consolidated, original school district boundaries may be a zoning option to consider.) Zone maps must be submitted by April 1 of each year to the respective District Director, as well as State Director, who will issue a ruling on the proposed zone boundaries by May 15 of the respective year of competition.
 - ii. If any rostered player's Domicile is outside of the designated zoned area, the team is deemed ineligible to participate in Division II, and must participate at the Division I level.

5. Teams with a Base School enrollment of less than 200, and thus are unable to fill out a roster, may submit a written request to the District Director, by May 15 of the respective year of competition, for an exception to the Bypass Rule (see Rule 4, Player Selection). Such requests are also subject to final approval by the State Director.
 - a. Teams utilizing this exception must demonstrate the need to add more players in order to field a team. The Bypassed team(s) must fully demonstrate the lack of interest / need for players, by meeting the conditions for Release / Transfer of players and issuing Transfer Form(s) #76.
 - b. Upon approval, the Total Enrollment of the Bypassed team(s) may then be waived from inclusion in the rostering team's Combined Total Enrollment. The Total Enrollment of each rostered player's School of Attendance, however, must be counted.

E. State Tournament. Unless noted otherwise herein, all rules applicable to the Division I State Tournament also apply to the Division II State Tournament.

1. The Division II State Tournament will be an eight-team, single-elimination event, unless designated otherwise by the State Director and Baseball Committee.
 - a. Due to the absence of an approved Division II National Tournament (sponsored by the National American Legion and under its jurisdiction), the Division II State Tournament is a continuation of the regular season (with teams opting out of Division I competition).
 - b. The Tournament shall be under the jurisdiction of the State Director, or his designated representative (Tournament Director.) Such Director shall have full and final authority for all tournament decisions, including player / team eligibility, the postponement and rescheduling of games due to weather or other conditions / factors, as well as the determination of the Tournament Champion, Runner-up, and Third-Place team, in the event of unplayable conditions. The Director shall also have final authority for the selection of umpires and official scorekeepers.
2. As available and approved by the State Director and Baseball Committee, Regional play may follow the State Tournament. If such regional play is in Minnesota, a champion and a host team will qualify for the regional tournament.

RULE 15 JUNIOR LEGION PROGRAM

The Junior Legion program in Minnesota is intended to provide players who are 17 and under with an opportunity to compete within their own age category and advance to a state championship tournament.

- A. Who May Compete.** Competition will only be among approved Junior Legion teams that have properly registered (per the Registration section within this Rulebook) for the respective year of competition.
- B. Rule Adherence.** Unless specifically noted otherwise within this Rulebook, all National, as well as all Minnesota Department American Legion Baseball Rules, requirements, and procedures outlined in this Rulebook also apply to teams participating in the Junior Legion program. Failure to comply will result in player / team ineligibility.
- C. Player Age.** The 2021 Junior American Legion Baseball program is open only to players born on or after January 1, 2004. Those born in 2003 or earlier are not eligible to participate in Junior American Legion Baseball; it is a 17 and under Program. Also, for the 2021 season, players born in 2009 and after (those age 12 and under) are not eligible to participate. Players must be 13 years of age as of January 1, 2021 to be eligible.
- D. Jurisdiction and Authority.** The Junior Legion Director (or his designated representative) shall be responsible for the interpretation of Junior Legion Program Rules and has full authority for receiving and answering all questions, disputes and / or protests occurring within, and pertaining to, Junior Legion Program competition, with no provision for appeal. The Junior Legion Director shall also have full and final authority to direct Junior Legion championship tournaments, including the Junior Legion State Tournament, as well as to disqualify or suspend any person / team deemed to be in violation of any and all applicable Rules.

E. Special Exceptions. In addition to specific exceptions noted within other sections of this Rulebook, the following exceptions apply only to the Junior Legion Program, and its participating teams and players:

1. Beginning with the 2014 season, Junior Legion teams may
 - a. If desired, designate a player in the starting line-up (who is not already a starting defensive player) to hit for any one starting player (not just for the pitcher) and all subsequent substitutes for that starting player in the game. If used, a designated hitter for said starting player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his name shall be included on the lineup card presented to the umpire-in-chief and official scorer. Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter in that game.
 - i. If a pinch hitter or pinch runner for the designated hitter is used, that player becomes the new designated hitter.
 - ii. A designated hitter is "locked" in the batting order; no multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation order of the designated hitter.
 - iii. The role of the designated hitter is terminated for the remainder of the game when 1) the defensive player, or any previous defensive player for whom the designated hitter batted, subsequently bats, pinch-hits, or pinch-runs for the designated hitter; or 2) the designated hitter, or any previous designated hitter, assumes a defensive position.

F. State Tournament. The Junior Legion State Tournaments will be eight-team, double elimination events, unless designated otherwise by the State Director and Baseball Committee. Unless noted otherwise herein, all rules applicable to the Division I State Tournament also apply to the Junior Legion State Tournament.

1. Due to the absence of an approved Junior Legion National Tournament (sponsored by the National American Legion and under its jurisdiction), the Junior Legion State Tournaments are a continuation of the regular season. The following regular season Playing Rules may, therefore, continue for the duration of the entire season:
 - a. The use of Courtesy Runners.
 - b. Player Re-entry provisions.
 2. The Tournament shall be under the jurisdiction of the Junior Legion Director and State Director, or their designated representative (Tournament Director.) Such Director shall have full and final authority for all tournament decisions, including player eligibility, the postponement and rescheduling of games due to weather or other conditions / factors, as well as the determination of the Tournament Champion, Runner-up, and Third-Place team, in the event of unplayable conditions. The Director shall also have final authority for the selection of umpires and official scorekeepers.
 - a. Beginning with the 2017 season, Junior Legion teams, that do not have Combined Total Enrollment (as defined in Rule 4) that exceeds 400, may opt out of participation in the Junior Legion State Tournament, and instead, participate in a Junior Legion Division II State Tournament.
 3. As available and approved by the State Director and Baseball Committee, Regional play may follow the State Tournament. If such regional play is in Minnesota, a champion and a host team will qualify for the regional tournament.
 4. Housing and Meal provisions unique to the Junior Legion State Tournament(s) shall be established annually by the Junior Legion Director and State Baseball Committee.
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APPENDIX A

Coach's Code of Ethics

Baseball is a game played at numerous levels, including professional, collegiate, interscholastic, community, and recreational – and from local to international levels of competition. Players, coaches, umpires, officials and support personnel have a duty to abide by the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct. Coaches, especially, must be aware that he or she has tremendous influence, good or bad, in the development of the baseball player, and thus, shall never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character. A coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the game and the profession. In all personal contact with athletes, umpires, officials, administrators, district, state and national organizations, the media, and the public, a coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

- A. "Bench jockeying" will not be allowed. Coaches shall prohibit bench jockeying, including personal, offensive, and malicious remarks, as well as cursing and obscene language, directed at opponents, umpires or spectators.
- B. Coaches shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse and, under no circumstances, authorize the use of such.
- C. Coaches shall not use alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players.
- D. Coaches shall not make false, deceptive, misleading or fraudulent statements concerning work activities, or personal or organizational affiliations.
- E. Coaches shall be thoroughly familiar with American Legion Baseball Rules and be responsible for their interpretation and enforcement within the team environment.
 - 1. The spirit and letter of the Rules are to be regarded as mutual agreements.
 - 2. Coaches shall not attempt to seek advantage by circumventing the spirit or letter of the Rules.
 - 3. Coaches shall not permit ineligible player(s) to participate, practice or be part of any team function. Questions concerning player eligibility should be raised with the prior Legion Coach, District Director, or State Director.
 - 4. All team and player registration procedures are to be followed closely, including gathering, completing, and filing all paperwork and forms.
 - 5. Coaches should not put their team, sponsor, or District at risk, or otherwise jeopardize player participation or set a poor example, by not following established Rules.
 - 6. Players should be taught to respect the dignity of the game, umpires, and opponents -- as well as the American Legion's principles of Americanism and respect for Flag and Country.
- F. Coaches shall confine their discussions to the Rules and not challenge umpire decisions that involve judgment.
- G. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by athletes and spectators. Before and after contests, opposing coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings in order to set the correct tone.
- H. Contest umpires will be treated with respect and be supported by coaches.
 - 1. Coaches shall not engage in conduct which will incite players or spectators against umpires or competitors.
 - 2. Coaches shall not publicly criticize umpires, players, or the opposition; it is deemed inappropriate and unethical.
- I. Coaches should expect umpires to display a courteous and dignified attitude towards them, other coaches, and players.
- J. Coaches shall not engage in sexual (or any other) harassment – or any form of verbal, mental or physical abuse.
- K. Coaches shall develop and promote a spirit of cooperation among the baseball family, including sponsors and any person connected with the program.

Baseball is a game of fun, designed to be enjoyed by the young people who participate; it is not a hobby for the adults who coach them.

Coaches are directed to refer to the National American Legion Baseball Coach's Manual, most specifically, Section 1, Coaching Ethics Code, which has complete information on expectations.

APPENDIX B

Minnesota Youth Athletics Concussion Law (effective 9/1/11)

All coaches are directed to review the full policy, as available on the Minnesota American Legion Baseball web page, www.MinnesotaLegionBaseball.com. Highlights of the requirements are shown below:

- 1) ALL participating coaches and officials must receive (and present evidence of) training on concussion symptoms. (While not required, it is recommended that other team staff, such as Directors, Business Managers and scorekeepers, complete the training also.) Training certification is valid for three (3) years, after which, coaches must undergo training again and submit a new certificate of completion.
 - a. Umpires and their Associations must also secure training on their own; coaches should use umpires who have received the required training.
 - b. A valid copy of each coach's training certificate must be on-file with the team's District and State Director (or his designated representative.) Coaches who do not have a valid certificate of training on file, will not be considered eligible to coach Legion Baseball in Minnesota.
 - c. The CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) offers a FREE on-line training video, which meets the requirements: <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>
 - d. Those who have completed concussion training through the Minnesota State High School League are considered to have met the requirement, provided that they submit a copy of the certificate of completion for that training program.
 - 2) The law does not require that teams have a medical professional or athletic trainer on-site. However, during games, practices, tryouts, etc., coaches / officials must remove players who exhibit signs of possible concussion (as outlined in the training). It is recommended that parents be advised that an injured player be evaluated by a medical professional, if concussion symptoms are exhibited or if there is concern due to the force of a hit sustained by a player.
 - 3) If a player is removed from participation due to symptoms, and if a concussion is confirmed, the player cannot resume participation without written consent from a doctor. (Coaches should maintain a copy of the medical release with other player documents.)
 - 4) Informational handouts on concussions (produced by the CDC) are available to parents, athletes, and team coaches via a link on the Minnesota American Legion Baseball and CDC web sites. (Team Managers are also encouraged to personally provide such.) It is highly recommended that coaches have these resources available for reference (hard-copy or electronic) at the ball field -- and so that pertinent information can be provided to parents of any player who is suspected to have suffered a concussion.
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APPENDIX C

Minnesota American Legion Baseball Youth Protection Policy (Effective 12/1/12, Updated 12/15/19)

Directors, Managers, Coaches and other participants are directed to review the full policy, as available on the Minnesota American Legion Baseball web page, www.MinnesotaLegionBaseball.com. Critical excerpts are as follows:

American Legion youth programs are intended to encourage safe, healthy, growth-oriented, and productive interaction between staff, volunteers, and children or youth. As such, the Minnesota American Legion Baseball Program does not tolerate abuse in any form, whether it be physical, emotional, sexual, verbal or economic exploitation. Any person who observes, or otherwise becomes aware of, any violation of this policy (including inappropriate or abusive behavior) has a responsibility to report his / her suspicion(s) or allegation(s) to the Policy Program Manager, in writing. If there is ANY reasonable suspicion that illegal child abuse has occurred, the observing and / or knowledgeable person is expected to immediately report such to law enforcement authorities, as well as to the youth participant's parent(s) or guardian(s).

Youth Protection Policy Program Manager: The person designated by Minnesota American Legion Baseball to administer this policy.

Effective December 15, 2019:
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A. BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENT. The use of criminal background screening is considered a standard protocol by youth-serving organizations -- the purpose being to verify identity and determine whether anything in a person's past might disqualify him / her from working with youth participants. Therefore, all Designated Individuals are required by American Legion Baseball to undergo background checks each season by the Designated Provider, prior to engaging in any meetings, events, activities, practices and / or games that involve youth participants. The cost of individual background screening for Designated Individuals, will be borne by Minnesota American Legion Baseball. Screening will include the following:

- 1) Social security number verification and address history trace,
- 2) Alias names national search,
- 3) National sex offender registry search,
- 4) National criminal database search.

Designated Individuals: Using guidelines in the policy, individual Team Sponsors and/or Managers shall identify persons (i.e., "Designated Individuals") within their organization (e.g., team staff members and volunteers who have regular and direct contact with youth participants), who will be subject to annual background screening, as described above.

Designated Screening Provider:

Priority Research Services, Inc., DBA "Protect Youth Sports."
14499 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Ste 201S South, Tampa, FL 33618;
(877) 319-5587 (8:30 am to 4:30 pm EST)
www.protectyouthsports.com

Application Procedure:

To apply for a Minnesota Legion Baseball background check, Designated Individuals must utilize the following link, which is also available on the Minnesota American Legion Baseball web page:

<https://www.opportunities.avery.com/MNLegionBaseball>

Results / Findings: The Designated Provider shall transmit the result of individual background screenings to the Policy Program Manager (or to his designated representative) -- only in the form of a "pass or fail" indicator. One or more of the following disqualifying criteria will be cause for a "fail" indicator, precluding a person from participating as a Designated Individual (i.e., serving as a coach, manager, or in any other volunteer or paid team staff role.)

- 1) Conviction of a felony;
- 2) Conviction of a crime involving a minor, regardless of the offense;
- 3) Conviction of a crime involving force or threat of force against a person;
- 4) Conviction of a crime in which sexual behavior is an element, including "victimless" crimes of a sexual nature (including pornography);
- 5) Conviction of a crime involving controlled substances (not paraphernalia or alcohol);
- 6) Conviction of a crime involving cruelty to animals;
- 7) Any sex offender registrant;
- 8) Refusal to undergo background screening, as mandated.

If a Designated Individual is charged with, or has a case pending that involves, any of the disqualifying criteria above, that individual will not be allowed to participate until legal adjudication has been made and until the screening has been verified as successfully completed.

If information is acquired during a season that a Designated Individual (who successfully completed background screening prior to the start of the season) may have sustained one or more of the disqualifying criteria, that Designated Individual shall be prohibited from participating as a Designated Individual until accuracy of the information has been verified / validated through the background screening process.

Appeals: If a Designated Individual has concerns or does not agree with the result of his / her background screen, he / she is to contact the Designated Provider (as listed above) directly.

B. ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING. All Designated Individuals are required to complete Abuse Awareness Training through a Designated Training Provider, and submit proof of completion. Such training expires after two (2) years and, thus then requires re-completion at that time to maintain eligibility to participate in American Legion Baseball.

If Abuse Awareness Training is required, following completion of the Background Screen, the Designated individual will automatically receive an email that contains a link to the Protect Youth Sports training program, which must then be completed within thirty (30) days. (See the Designated Training Providers section below for information on an approved alternate training program through USA Baseball.)

If a Designated Individual has completed training through some other source, from which he / she has received a valid certificate of completion, the State Director has the discretion to approve and accept such certification, in lieu of the certification available from a Designated Training Provider, provided that the training is deemed to be completely equivalent.

Designated Individuals: Per guidelines in the full policy, all team staff members, coaches, statisticians, other volunteers, or paid staff members who have regular and direct contact with youth participants -- as identified by the Team Sponsor and/or Team Manager.

Designated Training Providers:

Both of the following are at no cost to the participant.

1) Protect Youth Sports

(This is the Minnesota American Legion Baseball Program's preferred, recommended training program to be completed by Designated Individuals.)

Procedure: Following successful completion of the Background Check Screening, the Designated Individual will receive an invitation via email to complete the Protect Youth Sports "Child Safety Training" program. On behalf of the Designated Individual, proof of completion will then be automatically transmitted electronically to the Policy Program Manager (or to his designated representative) by Protect Youth Sports.

2) USA Baseball Pure Baseball

https://www.usabdevelops.com/USAB/USAB/Store/Shop_Course.aspx
Course Title: "Abuse Awareness for Adults"

Procedure: Following the Designated Individual's completion of this training program, he / she will be issued (electronically) a certificate of completion (which he / she is to save and / or print), for manual submission (electronically or by mail / fax) to the Policy Program Manager (or to his designated representative) as proof of course completion. In addition, the USA Baseball certificate of completion must later be presented to Tournament Officials by the Designated Individual, should his / her team qualify for participation in an American Legion National Regional Tournament, and, subsequently, the World Series Tournament.

This Youth Protection Policy does not, and cannot, address every situation concerning the protection of children and youth. Just because certain actions or behaviors are not prohibited under this policy does not mean that they are acceptable behaviors. Minnesota American Legion Baseball, therefore, reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any Program participant(s), volunteer(s) or organization(s) whose actions or behaviors are deemed inappropriate and / or inconsistent with the Program's principles, objectives, rules, policies, or intent. Minnesota American Legion Baseball also reserves the right to prohibit any individual from serving as a Designated Individual (or in any other role), if at any time the Program, in its sole opinion, deems the individual to be unfit, not properly qualified, or unsuited to working with children and youth.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL HISTORY & FACTS

Minnesota began its participation in American Legion Baseball in the early 1920s. Some Minnesota teams trace their continuous participation back to 1923. Minnesota's first State Tournament was held in Mankato in 1926, and it has been held every year since -- except for 2020, when the season was cancelled in its entirety due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic; otherwise, Minnesota is one of only three states in the nation that has held a tournament every year since the program's national inception in 1926. In 1959, Minnesota topped the nation, by having more registered American Legion teams than any other state. The State held this distinction for nine years. Pennsylvania then surpassed Minnesota, with Minnesota being second for many years. In 2014, however, Minnesota again topped the nation, having 306 teams; Pennsylvania was second with 299 teams, Nebraska was third with 281, Wisconsin was fourth with 207, and Illinois was fifth with 163. Minnesota has continued to lead the nation ever since -- 2019 (366 teams), 2018 (351 teams), 2017 (357 teams), 2016 (323 teams), 2015 (306 teams); no other state has exceeded the 300-team mark in the last five years of season competition.

In 94 years of play in Minnesota, materials have been supplied to roughly 26,700 teams, who provided playing opportunities to an estimated 402,250 players. (In 2019, 366 teams participated, rostering approximately 5,850 Minnesota youth as players.) There are also an estimated 10,000 players, aged 8 through 18, who play baseball within various community programs throughout the state, with the support or sponsorship of their local American Legion Posts.

Division I Champions from American Legion Districts across the State, as well as a host team, compete in the annual Minnesota American Legion State Tournament to determine the State Champion. A Division II State Tournament is also held annually, as well as a Jr. Legion State Tournament.

The Division I National playoff tournaments are a series of tournaments in eight National Regions of American Legion Baseball. A Host team, each State Champion, plus runners-up from several states, including Minnesota, make up the 64 teams competing in eight-team double-elimination regional championship tournaments. (Minnesota's Division I Champion and its Division I Runner-up both go on to compete in the Central Plains Regional Playoffs, because of the high number of registered teams in Minnesota.) The Regional Champions then compete in the World Series of American Legion Baseball to determine the National Champion. Minnesota has produced five National Champions, as follows:

- Minneapolis Richfield Post 435 in 1943;
- Edina Post 471 in 1983;
- New Brighton Post 513's Tri-City Red in 1999,
- Rochester Post 592's Rochester A's in 2003, and
- Eden Prairie in 2011.

In 2002, Excelsior Post 259 was the National Runner-up; in 2007 and 2010, Eden Prairie was the National Runner-up.

Minnesota also sends a Division II team and a Junior Legion team to regional tournaments in most seasons; there is no nationally-sponsored Championship Tournament for Division II or Junior Legion at this time, however.

MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

<p>1998: Brad Dean, Willmar Bucky Burgau, Moorhead Bruce Young, Apple Valley Jeff Gallagher, Montevideo</p> <p>1999: Dick Johnson, Anoka</p> <p>2000: Bob Streetar, Grand Rapids</p> <p>2001: George Horihan, LaCrescent</p> <p>2002: Jim Peck, Excelsior</p> <p>2003: Jim Senske, New Ulm</p> <p>2004: Charlie Godbout, West St. Paul</p> <p>2005: Ron Adams, North St. Paul</p> <p>2006: Gary Wilson, Minneapolis Northeast</p> <p>2007: Keith Kangas, Rochester A's</p>	<p>2008: Tom Yelle, Coon Rapids</p> <p>2009: Bill Kinnunen, Grand Rapids</p> <p>2010: Tom Coombe, Ely</p> <p>2011: Doug Schuette, Brownton</p> <p>2012: Mike Fogelson, Bemidji</p> <p>2013: Scott Hackett, Eden Prairie</p> <p>2015: Greg Nesbitt, Prior Lake</p> <p>2016: Bob Klefsaas, Eastview (of Apple Valley)</p> <p>2017: Mitch McLeod, Detroit Lakes</p> <p>2018: Steve Agre, Sacred Heart</p> <p>2019: Rob Hager, Excelsior</p> <p>2020: Tim Epema, Montevideo</p>
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MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL POST OF THE YEAR

<p>1998: Apple Valley Post 1776</p> <p>1999: Bloomington Post 550</p> <p>2000: Moorhead Post 21</p> <p>2001: New Ulm Post 132</p> <p>2002: Willmar Post 167</p> <p>2003: Richfield Post 435</p> <p>2004: Tri-City, New Brighton Post 513</p> <p>2005: North St. Paul Post 39</p> <p>2006: Excelsior Post 259</p> <p>2007: Marshall Post 113</p> <p>2008: Sacred Heart Post 229</p>	<p>2009: LeSueur-Henderson Posts 55 and 74</p> <p>2011: Eden Valley and Watkins Posts 381 and 453</p> <p>2012: Chaska Post 57</p> <p>2013: Bird Island and Olivia Posts 430 and 186</p> <p>2014: Luverne Post 123</p> <p>2015: Princeton Post 216</p> <p>2016: Montevideo Post 59</p> <p>2017: New London-Spicer Posts 545 & 537</p> <p>2018: Ely Post 248</p> <p>2019: St. Charles Post 190</p> <p>2020: Chanhassen Post 580</p>
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MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL GRADUATES OF THE YEAR

1988:	Terry Steinbach, New Ulm	2007:	Robb Quinlan, North St. Paul
1989:	Kent Hrbek, Bloomington	2008:	Bill Davis, Richfield
1991:	Mike Kingery, Atwater	2009:	Darin Everson, Ada
1993:	Dave Winfield, St. Paul Attucks Brooks Paul Molitor, St. Paul Attucks-Brooks	2010:	Jeff Schugel, New Ulm
1994:	Jim Eisenreich, St. Cloud	2011:	Mike Halloran, Edina Charlie Walters, Minneapolis
1996:	John Anderson, Keewatin	2012:	James Brower, Excelsior Cole Irish, Plainview
1998:	Dean Bowyer, Ada	2013:	Dean Atchison, Moorhead
1999:	Paul and John Blanchard	2014:	Wade Adamson, Willmar
2000:	Wes Westrom, Clearbrook	2016:	Jerry Terrell, Waseca
2001:	Mike Mason, Excelsior	2017:	Doug Palmer, New Ulm
2002:	Jack Morris, St. Paul	2018:	Howard Nathe, Melrose
2003:	Michael Restovich, Rochester	2019:	Steve Schneider, Willmar
2004:	Dave Goltz, Rothsay		
2005:	Todd Oakes, Caledonia		
2006:	Rob Wassenaar, Edina		

MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Recipients of the Minnesota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame are honored for outstanding contributions to American Legion Baseball in the State of Minnesota. This award was established in 1962 and presented by the State Baseball Committee to select individuals or groups. It is not necessarily awarded every year.

1962:	Frank C. Momsen, Tracy	2001:	Nick Kakos, Minneapolis Darwin Berg, Chanhassen
1963:	Dr. W.H. Mulligan, St. Cloud	2002:	Norb Winter, Watkins Jack Bloedel, New Ulm Al Zdon, Mounds View Harold Solheim, Princeton
1964:	Robert P. Marshall, Dilworth	2003:	Bob Letourneau, Osseo Dick Seal, Sauk Rapids
1965:	Mark Hayward, St. Paul	2004:	Bob Zellman, Norwood
1966:	Thomas Warner, Marshall	2006:	Huck Arneson, Barnesville Dick Johnson, Anoka Bob Garin, Crosslake
1967:	Harry Moldenhauer, St. Paul Frank Fust, Minneapolis	2007:	Tink Larson, Waseca
1968:	Dr. Robert M. Farrish, Litchfield	2008:	Roger Niebeling, Borup
1969:	Theodore "Ted" Peterson, Minneapolis	2009:	Jeff Reese, New Richland
1970:	Maurice Godsey, Winona	2010:	Gail Kalata, St. Paul
1971:	G. Sheldon Hanson, Austin	2011:	Ron Beckman, Jordan
1972:	Gaylord Zelinske, Brainerd	2012:	John Sherman, Minneapolis Bill Taunton Sr., Willmar
1973:	S.C. "Sig" Qvale, Austin	2013:	Dennis Frey, Howard Lake
1975:	M.E. "Shorty" Dekko, Gary	2014:	Jim Donahue, Edina Alberta Marth, New Ulm Bob Nistler, Albert Lea
1976:	George Medvic, Minneapolis	2015:	Mike Gort, Marshall Mike Perry, Hopkins Carl "Red" Wyczawski, New Ulm
1977:	John Koch, Trimont	2016:	Ron Nenovich, Bloomington
1978:	Dale VanDeWalker, St. Paul	2017:	Jarvis Anderson, Plainview Jim Clancy, Minneapolis Jim Larson, Minneapolis
1979:	Robert Schabert, St. Paul C.I. "Spike" Piper, Blue Earth Leonard Grill, Minneapolis	2018:	Bruce Barron, Minneapolis Harlan Nepp, Pipestone
1980:	Louise Kainz, Ely Joe Kastelic, Ely Sheldon Hanson, Austin		
1983:	Dale Timm, Owatonna Al Schmidt, Shakopee Tony Sipe, Ada		
1984:	George Marsnik, Ely Rueben Nathe, Litchfield Rodney Wedin, Wells Kenneth Swartz, Bloomington		
1986:	Halver Johnson, Moorhead		
1989:	George Bodlovick, St. Paul		

Gerald "Red" Haddox, Bloomington
 1990: Al Schoenthaler, Roseville
 1991: Tom Mattson, Albert Lea
 1992: Jim Peck, Excelsior
 1993: Tom Elliot, St. Cloud
 Ray DeZurik, Waite Park
 2000: Joe Baker, Moorhead
 Al Davis, Princeton
 George Karnas, Richfield

2019: Mike Karnas, Richfield
 Ed Stalker, Albert Lea
 Steve Timmer, Moorhead
 2020: Richard "Dick" Mueller, New Ulm
 Jeff "Slick" Miller, Ottertail / Moorhead

MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>	<u>Host / Site</u>
1926:	Crosby	St. Paul Navy-Marine	Mankato
1927:	St. Paul John de Parcq	Cambridge	Little Falls
1928:	*St. Paul John de Parcq	St. Cloud	St. Paul Lexington Park
1929:	Cottonwood	St. Paul Post 8	St. Cloud
1930:	Minneapolis North Side	Parkers Prairie	Stillwater
1931:	Winona	Minneapolis North Side	Stillwater
1932:	**Minneapolis North Side	Duluth	Minneapolis, U of M
1933:	St. Paul Post 8	Minneapolis Kyle	Minneapolis, U of M
1934:	New Ulm	Cokato	Cokato
1935:	**St. Paul Christie de Parcq	Minneapolis Laidlaw	Breckenridge
1936:	Minneapolis North Side	St. Paul Christie de Parcq	Willmar
1937:	St. Paul Railroad	Cokato	Fergus Falls
1938:	St. Paul Midway	Cokato	Rochester
1939:	Minneapolis Fire and Police	Blackduck	Minneapolis Nicollet Park
1940:	Minneapolis Fire and Police	Waverly	St. Paul Lexington Park
1941:	New Ulm	Minneapolis Courthouse	St. Paul Lexington Park
1942:	St. Paul Hamline	Robbinsdale	St. Paul Lexington Park
1943:	†† Minneapolis-Richfield	South St. Paul	St. Paul Lexington Park
1944:	** Minneapolis-Richfield	St. Paul Twin City Federal	St. Paul Lexington Park
1945:	Minneapolis Fire and Police	Winona	St. Paul Lexington Park
1946:	St. Paul Christie de Parcq	Stillwater	Duluth
1947:	St. Paul Christie de Parcq	St. Cloud	St. Paul Lexington Park
1948:	** Austin	St. Cloud	St. Paul Lexington Park
1949:	St. Paul North End	Winona	Shakopee
1950:	** St. Paul North End	Minneapolis-Richfield	St. Paul Lexington Park
1951:	St. Cloud	Austin	St. Paul Lexington Park
1952:	St. Paul North End	Melrose	St. Paul Lexington Park
1953:	Austin	St. Paul North End	St. Paul Lexington Park
1954:	St. Paul North End	St. Cloud	St. Paul Lexington Park
1955:	Edina	Minneapolis Camden	St. Paul Lexington Park
1956:	St. Paul North End	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	St. Paul Lexington Park
1957:	Mankato	St. Paul North End	St. Paul Midway Stadium
1958:	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Duluth Wisted	St. Paul Midway Stadium
1959:	Minneapolis-Richfield	Granite Falls	Austin
1960:	Fergus Falls	Norwood	St. Paul Midway Stadium
1961:	Minneapolis-Richfield	St. Paul Christie de Parcq	St. Paul Midway Stadium
1962:	St. Paul Christie de Parcq	Duluth	St. Paul Midway Stadium
1963:	St. Paul Christie de Parcq	Austin	St. Paul Midway Stadium
1964:	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Austin	St. Paul Midway Stadium
1965:	Rosetown Memorial	Brooklyn Center	Winona
1966:	North St. Paul	St. Paul Park	St. Paul Midway Stadium
1967:	St. Paul Attucks-Brooks	Minneapolis-Richfield	St. Paul Midway Stadium
1968:	St. Paul Attucks-Brooks	Minneapolis-Richfield	St. Cloud
1969:	Edina	Moorhead	St. Cloud
1970:	Winona	Minneapolis Gopher Post	Winona
1971:	North St. Paul	Winona	Moorhead
1972:	Minneapolis-Richfield	Moorhead	St. Cloud
1973:	** Minneapolis-Richfield	St. Louis Park	St. Paul Midway Stadium
1974:	St. Paul Attucks-Brooks	Bemidji	New Ulm

1975:	Grand Rapids	White Bear Lake	Ely
1976:	St. Cloud	White Bear Lake	Willmar
1977:	St. Cloud	Edina	Ely
1978:	** New Ulm	Bloomington	Austin
1979:	St. Paul Arcade-Phalen	St. Cloud	Willmar
1980:	Minneapolis-Richfield	St. Paul Arcade Phalen	Richfield
1981:	Rochester, William T. McCoy	Hastings	Ely
1982:	** Edina	Minneapolis-Richfield	Willmar
1983:	†† Edina	New Ulm	New Ulm
1984:	Waite Park	Willmar	Albert Lea
1985:	St. Paul Jacobsen	Hutchinson	Richfield
1986:	Waite Park	Rochester	Marshall
1987:	St. Louis Park	Apple Valley	Grand Rapids
1988:	** Moorhead	Rochester	Ely
1989:	Apple Valley	New Ulm	New Ulm
1990:	St. Paul Hamline	Duluth Lakeview	Richfield
1991:	Excelsior	Apple Valley	Mankato
1992:	New Ulm	Cold Spring	Willmar
1993:	Tri-City Red, New Brighton	** Osseo	New Ulm
1994:	Tri-City Red, New Brighton	Anoka	Northfield
1995:	New Ulm	** Osseo	Hibbing
1996:	Rochester A's	Excelsior	Moorhead
1997:	** Tri-City Red, New Brighton	St. Paul Hamline	Chaska
1998:	** Excelsior	South St. Paul	Hibbing
1999:	†† Tri-City Red, New Brighton	** Bloomington Blue	St. Cloud
2000:	Tri-City Red, New Brighton	Waite Park	Duluth
2001:	Coon Rapids	New Ulm	Rochester
2002:	Apple Valley	Excelsior †	Marshall
2003:	†† Rochester A's	Bloomington Blue	Rochester
2004:	** Eden Prairie	Apple Valley	Northfield
2005:	Eden Prairie	** Woodbury Blue	St. Cloud
2006:	Eden Prairie	Coon Rapids	Excelsior
2007:	† Eden Prairie	Apple Valley	Bloomington
2008:	Eastview	Eden Prairie	Burnsville
2009:	Rochester Patriots	Apple Valley	New Ulm
2010:	† Eden Prairie	Eagan	Hibbing
2011:	†† Eden Prairie	Lino Lakes	Eden Prairie
2012:	Edina	Eden Prairie	Chaska
2013:	Eden Prairie	** Burnsville	Edina
2014:	Lakeville North	St. Cloud Chutes	Eagan
2015:	Wayzata	Eden Prairie	Chanhassen
2016:	Woodbury Blue	Forest Lake	Delano
2017:	Tri-City Red, New Brighton	Ham Lake	St. Paul (Tri-City Red)
2018:	Tri-City Red, New Brighton	Wayzata	Edina
2019:	Excelsior	Edina	Cold Spring
2020:	N/A, No Tournament Held	N/A	N/A
2021:	TBD	TBD	St. Cloud (Chutes)
2022:	TBD	TBD	Burnsville

* Sectional Champion

** Regional Champion

†† National Champion

† National Runner-up

DIVISION I STATE TOURNAMENT OUTSTANDING PLAYER AWARD RECIPIENTS The Fred Wannamaker Award

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Team, Post #</u>
1960:	Barry Johnson	Pitcher	Fergus Falls, 30
1961:	Cliff Warnke	Pitcher	Winona, 9
1962:	Bob Williams	Pitcher	St. Paul Christie de Parcq, 406
1963:	Dennis Denning	Shortstop	St. Paul Christie de Parcq, 406
1964:	Jerry Wickman	Pitcher	Minneapolis Grain Exchange, 403
1965:	Dennis Coleman	Pitcher	Rosetown Memorial, 542
1966:	Jim Myers	Pitcher	North St. Paul, 39
1967:	Tim Hadro	Catcher	St. Paul Attucks-Brooks, 606

1968:	Dave Winfield	Pitcher / Shortstop	St. Paul Attucks-Brooks, 606
1969:	Mike Shea	3rd Base	Little Falls, 46
1970:	Mike Semling	Right Field	Winona, 9
1971:	Terry Johnson	Pitcher / 1st Base	Kenyon, 78
1972:	Mark Stevens	Pitcher	Duluth Lakeview, 342
1973:	Chuck Engle	Pitcher / 1st Base	St. Louis Park, 282
1974:	Peter Maus	Pitcher / Infield	Bemidji, 14
1975:	Tim Fagley	Pitcher	White Bear Lake, 168
1976:	Greg Berling	Pitcher	St. Cloud, 76
1977:	Bill Peterson	Pitcher	Edina, 471
1978:	Terry Steinbach	2nd Base	New Ulm, 132
1979:	Bill Larson	Pitcher	St. Paul Arcade-Phalen, 377
1980:	James Burns	3rd Base	Minneapolis Falldin, 555
1981:	Bill Cutschall	Pitcher	Rochester, 92
1982:	Rob Wassenaar	Pitcher / 3rd Base	Edina, 471
1983:	Rob Wassenaar	Pitcher / 3rd Base	Edina, 471
1984:	Tim Piechowski	Pitcher / Shortstop	Willmar, 167
1985:	Vince Palyan	Pitcher / Shortstop	St. Paul Jacobsen, 487
1986:	Jeremy Mendal	Catcher / Outfield	Waite Park, 428
1987:	Bob Divinski	Pitcher / 3rd Base	St. Louis Park, 282
1988:	Todd Hoffman	Center Field	New Ulm, 132
1989:	Al Stoye	Pitcher	Apple Valley, 1776
1990:	Wes Denning	Center Field	St. Paul Hamline, 418
1991:	Jason Pflaum	2nd Base	Excelsior, 259
1992:	Ben Griffin	Left Field	Cold Spring, 455
1993:	Matt McDonough	Catcher	Osseo, 172
1994:	Robb Ramacher	Center Field	Tri-City Red, 513
1995:	Brady Ranweiler	1st Base	New Ulm, 132
1996:	Joe Siple	2nd Base	Rochester A's, 92
1997:	Charlie Brookins	Pitcher	St. Paul Park, 98
1998:	Ryan Klocksien	Pitcher / Infield	Excelsior, 259
1999:	Billy Schneider	2nd Base	Tri-City Red, 513
2000:	Josh Krogman	Pitcher / Infield	Waite Park, 428
2001:	Danny Anderson	Pitcher / Infield	Coon Rapids, 334
2002:	Dan Brosnan	1st Base	Apple Valley, 1776
2003:	Steve Edlefsen	Shortstop	Bloomington Blue, 550
2004:	Justin Milo	1st Base	Eden Prairie, NA
2005:	Nate Hansen	Shortstop	Eden Prairie, NA
2006:	Aaron Senne	Outfield / Pitcher	Rochester Redhawks, NA
2007:	Dan Miller	Pitcher / Outfield	Eden Prairie, NA
2008:	Scott Lindner	Shortstop	Eden Prairie, NA
2009:	Derek Hovick	Pitcher / Outfield	Rochester Patriots, 92
2010:	Matt Halloran	Catcher	Eden Prairie, NA
2011:	Austin Malinowski	Pitcher / 1st Base	Lino Lakes, 556
2012:	Cody Wetmore	Pitcher / 1st Base / Outfield	Eden Prairie, NA
2013:	Luke Lind	Pitcher / 1st Base	Eden Prairie, NA
2014:	Jeff Fasching	Pitcher / Outfield	St. Cloud Chutes, 76
2015:	Jeff Athey	3rd Base / 1st Base	Eden Prairie, NA
2016:	Cameron Kline	Outfield / Pitcher	Forest Lake, 225
2017:	Ross Indlecoffer	3rd Base, 1st Base, Pitcher	Tri-City Red, 513
2018:	John Solfest	Pitcher, Infield	Tri-City Red, 513
2019:	Nick Thimsen	Outfield	Excelsior, 259
2020:	N/A, No Tournament Held	N/A	N/A
2021:	TBD		

DIVISION I STATE TOURNAMENT OUTSTANDING PITCHER AWARD RECIPIENTS The Rob Wassenaar Award

2013:	Matt Hopfner, Edina Post 471	2018:	Sam Westermeyer, Wayzata Post 118
2014:	AJ Sayer, Lakeville North	2019:	John Solfest, Tri-City Red Post 513
2015:	Jake Marsh, Wayzata Post 118	2020:	N/A, No Tournament Held
2016:	Tom Skoro, Wayzata Post 118	2021:	TBD
2017:	Seth Miller, Ham Lake Post 2000		

MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DIVISION IA STATE CHAMPIONS

	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>	<u>Site</u>
2017:	Andover	Minnetonka Mud Hens	Apple Valley
2018:	Eastview	Apple Valley	Apple Valley
2019:	Edina	Eagan	Eagan
2020:	N/A, No Tournament Held	N/A	N/A
2021:	TBD	TBD	Eagan
2022:	TBD		

MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL JUNIOR LEGION DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONS

	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>	<u>Site</u>
2009:	Bloomington Blue	Excelsior	Eagan
2010:	*Burnsville	Eden Prairie	Eagan
2011:	*Excelsior	Wayzata	Eagan
2012:	Excelsior	Eden Prairie	Eagan
2013:	*Eden Prairie	Excelsior #1	Eagan
2014:	Excelsior	Wayzata	Apple Valley
2015:	Excelsior	Burnsville	Apple Valley
2016:	Hopkins	Burnsville	Apple Valley
2017:	*Edina	Excelsior	Apple Valley
2018:	Excelsior	Wayzata	Apple Valley
2019:	Hopkins	Excelsior	Bloomington
2020:	N/A, No Tournament Held	N/A	N/A
2021:	TBD	TBD	Bloomington
2022:	TBD		

* Regional Champion

MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL JUNIOR LEGION DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONS

	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>	<u>Site</u>
2017:	LaCrescent	Holy Family (Victoria)	Olivia-Bird Island
2018:	Holy Family (Victoria)	Aitkin	Montevideo
2019:	Aitkin	Esko	St. Charles
2020:	N/A, No Tournament Held	N/A	N/A
2021:	TBD	TBD	Montevideo
2022:	TBD	TBD	Ely

MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONS

	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>	<u>Site</u>
1987:	Swanville	Ada	Barnesville
1988:	Swanville	Karlstad	Ada
1989:	LaCrescent	New Ulm	New Ulm
1990:	Glencoe	Lamberton	Richfield
1991:	Benson	Lamberton	Mankato

1992:	New York Mills	Benson	Willmar
1993:	Sebeka	Mt. Lake	New Ulm
1994:	LaCrescent	Cannon Falls	Northfield
1995:	Pine Island	Plainview	Litchfield-Hutchinson
1996:	Big Lake	Cannon Falls	Willmar
1997:	LaCrescent	Perham	Nashwauk-Keewatin
1998:	Milroy	Ely	Montevideo
1999:	Nashwauk-Keewatin	Paynesville	Ely
2000:	*Sacred Heart	Montgomery	Truman
2001:	Parker's Prairie	Morris	Willmar
2002:	LeSueur-Henderson	Blue Earth	Willmar
2003:	Paynesville	Nashwauk-Keewatin	Ely
2004:	Sebeka	Ely	Northfield
2005:	*Jordan	Pipestone	LeSueur
2006:	*Jordan	Montevideo	Willmar
2007:	*Jordan	Fairfax	Ely
2008:	**Jordan	LaCrescent	Sacred Heart
2009:	Eden Valley-Watkins	Pipestone	LeSueur-Henderson
2010:	LaCrescent	Jordan	Dilworth
2011:	*Eden Valley-Watkins	Ely	Ely
2012:	Plato	Ely	Sacred Heart
2013:	*LaCrescent	Morris	Bird Island-Olivia
2014:	Plato	St. James	Luverne
2015:	*Foley	Moose Lake	Morris
2016:	Minneapolis Giantvalley	Glenwood-Lowry	LeSueur-Henderson
2017:	*Pierz	Proctor	New London-Spicer
2018:	LeSueur-Henderson	**LaCrescent	Pelican Rapids
2019:	Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton	*Plato	Ely
2020:	N/A, No Tournament Held	N/A	N/A
2021:	TBD	TBD	Sacred Heart
2022:	TBD	TBD	Luverne

* Regional Champion ** Regional Runner-Up

DIVISION II STATE TOURNAMENT OUTSTANDING PLAYER AWARD RECIPIENTS The Tony Sipe Award

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>
1993: Ryan Tuorila	Sebeka	2008: Trevor Ness	Staples-Motley
1994: Kevin Breggeman	LaCrescent	2009: Matt Geislinger	Eden Valley-Watkins
1995: Joe Ohm,	Plainview	2010: Brandon Vethein	LaCrescent
1996: Jeremy Belisle	Big Lake	2011: Matt Geislinger	Eden Valley-Watkins
1997: Jamie Louwagie	Milroy	2012: Ethan Maas	Plato
1998: Rick Schlieman	Madison	2013: Ryan Tapani	Providence Academy
1999: Mark Skrunkrud	Eyota	2014: Walker Froehling	St. James
2000: Ryan Hebrink	Sacred Heart	2015: Tyler Midas	Foley
2001: Erick Koep	Parker's Prairie	2016: Andrew Wolpert	Giantvalley
2002: Reggie Stevens	St. Charles	2017: Noah Boser	Pierz
2003: Adam Kempfen	Paynesville	2018: Cole Pengilly	LeSueur-Henderson
2004: Zach Etter	Sebeka	2019: Jacobe Stetz	DGF
2005: Adam Kneble	Warroad	2020: N/A, No Tournament	N/A
2006: Steve Beckman	Jordan	2021: TBD	
2007: Joe Lucas	Jordan		

MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DIVISION IA STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

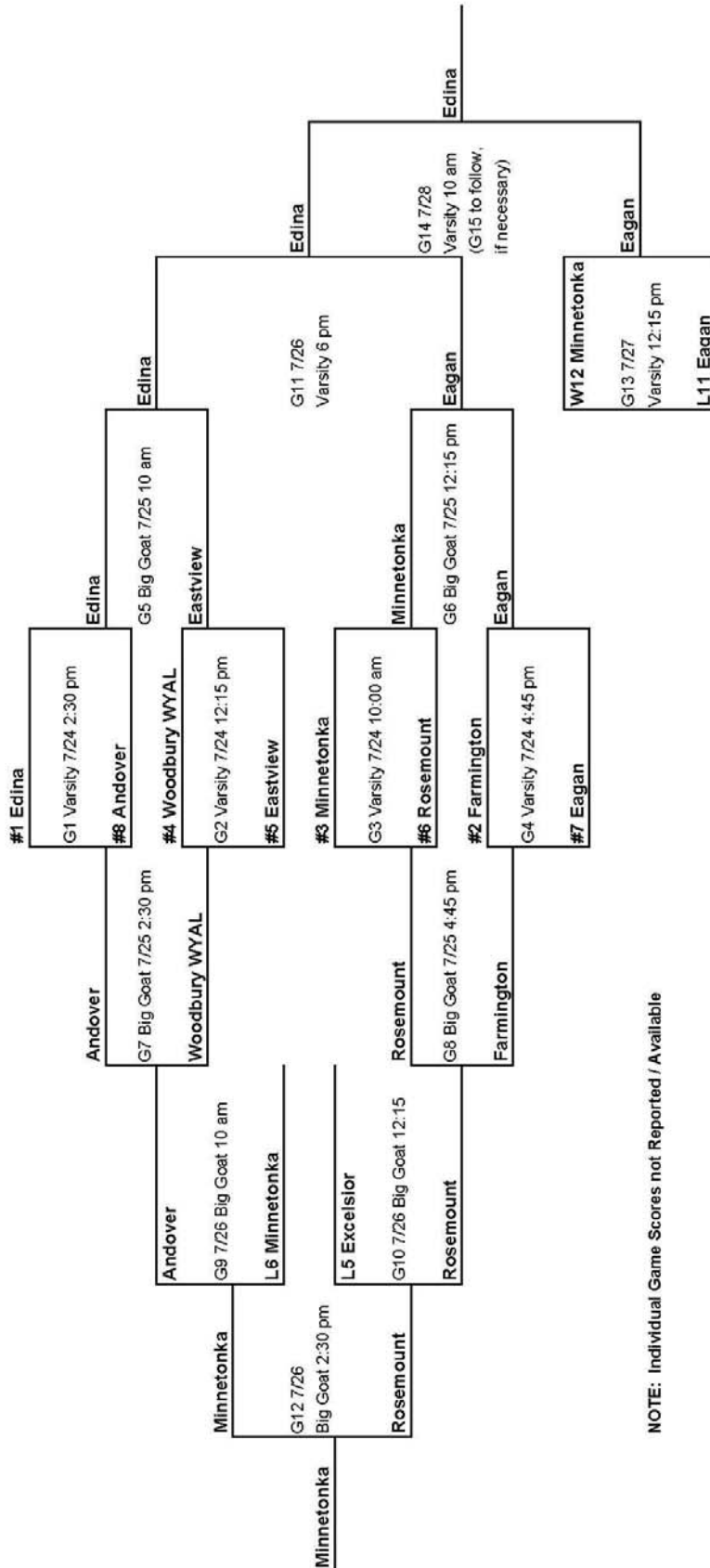
July 24 - July 28, 2019, Eagan

(No 2020 Tournament was Held)

2019 Senior Division 1A State Tournament

Wednesday, July 24 - Sunday, July 28, 2019

Hosted by Eagan



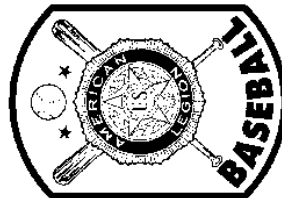
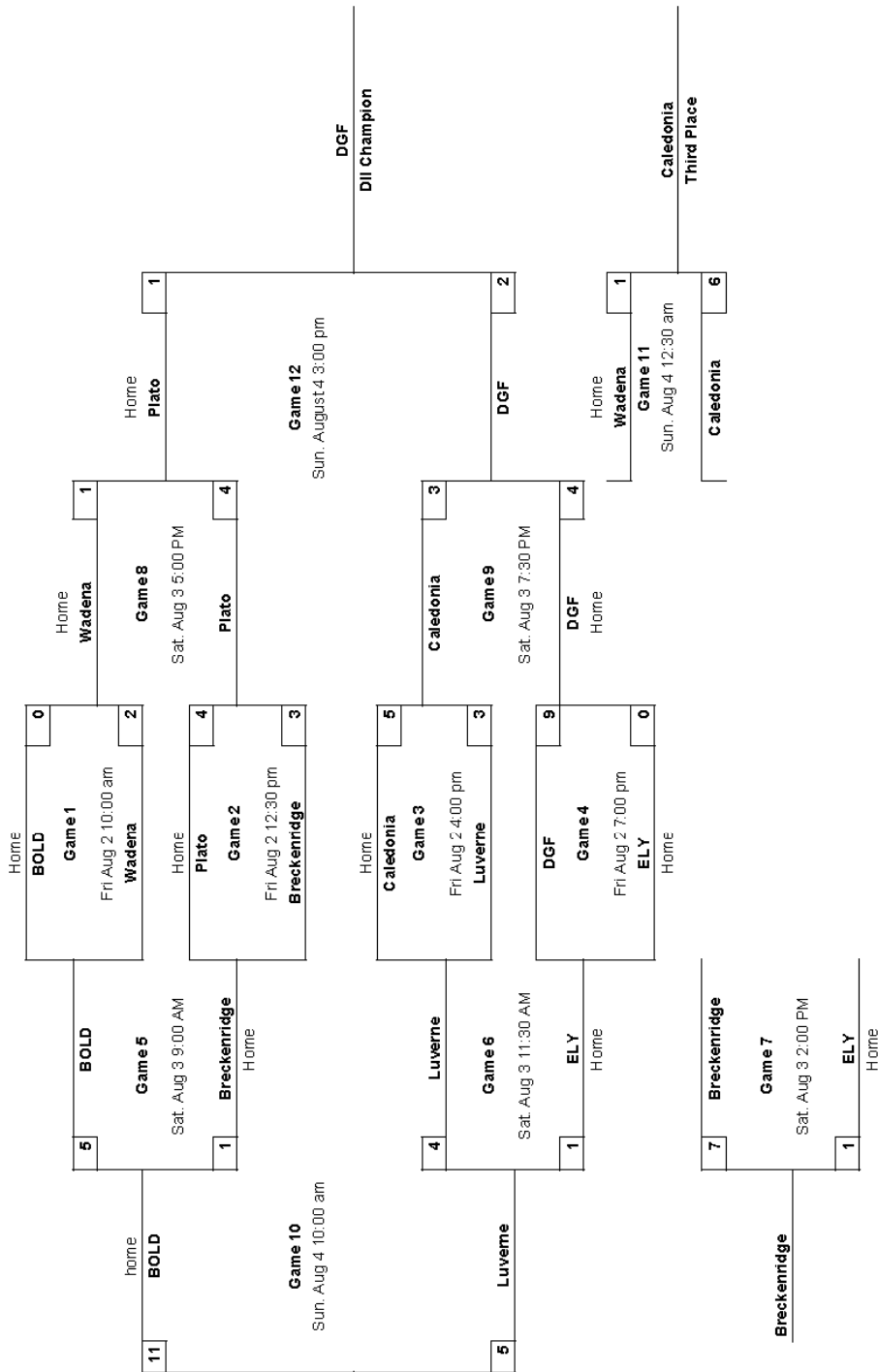
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33rd ANNUAL MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DIVISION II STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

August 2 - August 4, 2019, Ely

(No 2020 Tournament was Held)

MINNESOTA
American Legion Baseball
Division II State Tournament
August, 2,3,4, 2019
Ely, MN



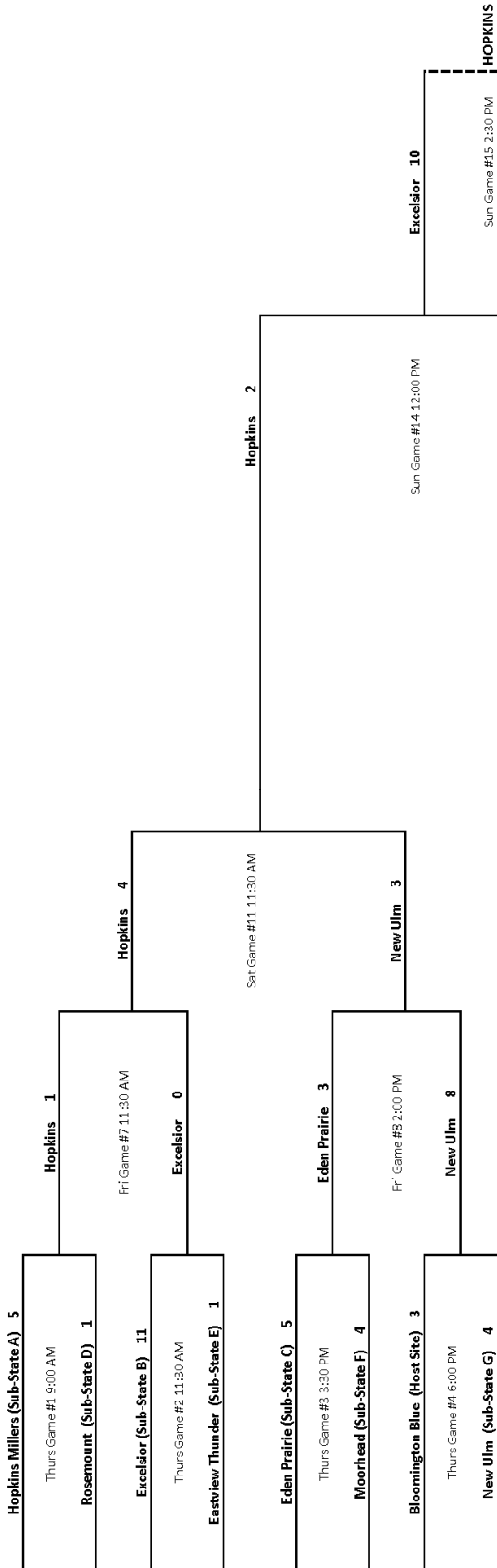
All Games Played at Ely
Home team determine by coin toss Prior to Tournament
All Home teams in 3rd Base Dugout(Except Pelican Rapids)

ANNUAL MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DIVISION I JUNIOR LEGION STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

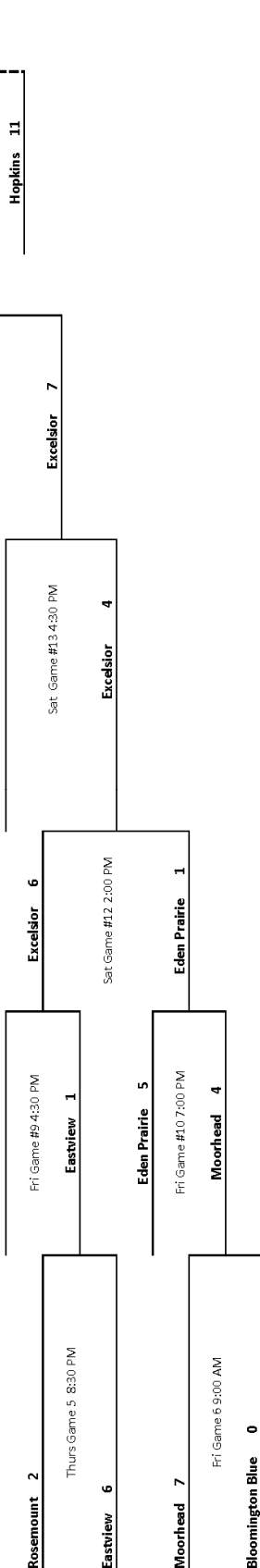
August 1 - August 4, 2019 - Bloomington
(No 2020 Tournament was Held)

2019 American Junior Legion State Tournament
August 1st - 4th, 2019 - RED HADDOX FIELD

Winner Bracket



Loser Bracket



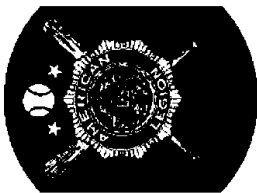
Game #	Time	Day	Team	Score	Team	Score
1	9:00 AM	Thurs	Hopkins	5	Rosemount	1
2	11:30 AM	Thurs	Excelsior	11	Eastview	1
3	3:30 PM	Thurs	Eden Prairie	5	Moorhead	4
4	6:00 PM	Thurs	Bloomington Blue	3	New Ulm	4
5	8:30 PM	Fri	Rosemount	2	Eastview	6
6	9:00 AM	Fri	Moorhead	7	Bloomington Blue	0
7	11:30 AM	Fri	Hopkins	1	Excelsior	0
8	2:00 PM	Fri	Eden Prairie	3	New Ulm	8
9	4:30 PM	Fri	Excelsior	11	Eastview	1

Game #	TIME	Day	Team	Score	Team	Score
10	7:00 PM	Fri	Eden Prairie	5	Moorhead	4
11	11:30 AM	Sat	Hopkins	4	New Ulm	3
12	2:00 PM	Sat	Excelsior	6	Eden Prairie	1
13	4:30 PM	Sat	New Ulm	2	Excelsior	4
14	12:00 PM	Sun	Hopkins	2	Excelsior	7
15	2:30 PM	Sun	Excelsior	10	Hopkins	11

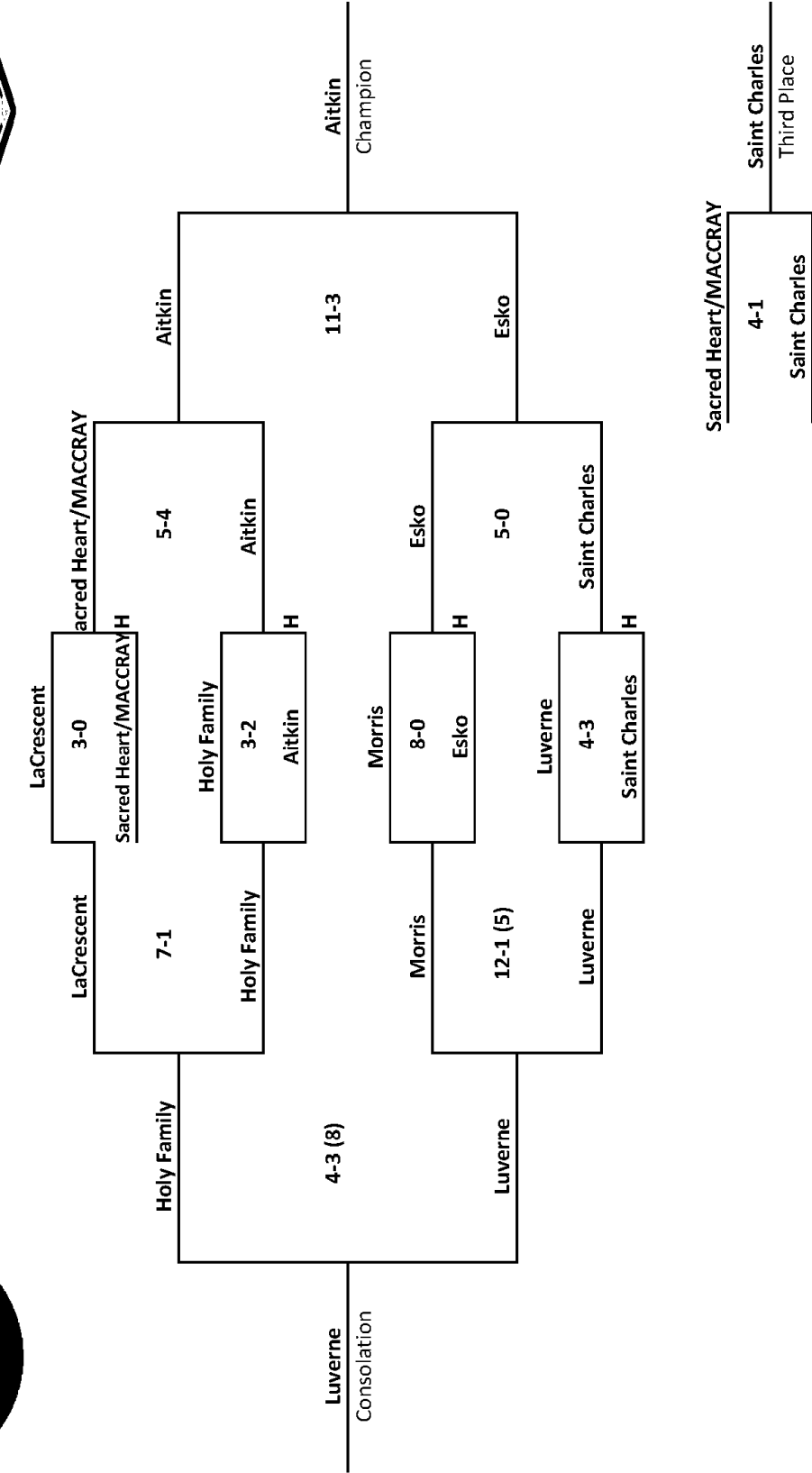
ANNUAL MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DIVISION II JUNIOR LEGION STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

August 9 - August 11, 2019 - Saint Charles
(No 2020 Tournament was Held)

American Legion Baseball Minnesota State Junior Tournament August 9, 10, 11, 2019 Saint Charles



Saturday Saturday Friday Saturday Sunday



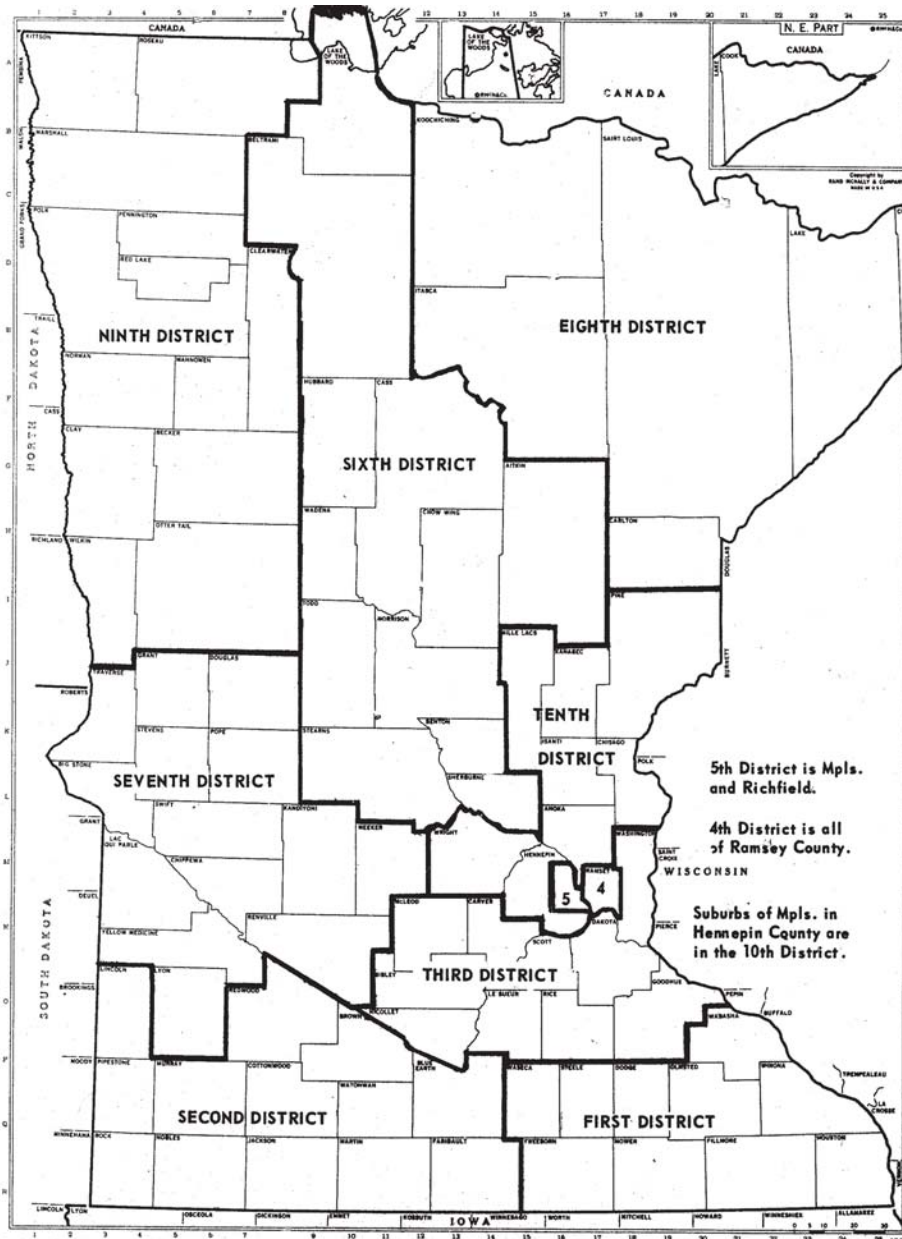
Sacred Heart/MACCRA
4-1
Saint Charles

Saint Charles
Third Place

Notes:

Notes:

The Department of Minnesota Consists of 10 Districts



THE CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

I WILL:

1. Keep the rules.
2. Keep the faith with my teammates.
3. Keep my temper.
4. Keep myself fit.
5. Keep a stout heart in defeat.
6. Keep my pride under in victory.
7. Keep a sound soul, a clean mind, and a healthy body.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP BE RECITED BY THE COMPETING TEAMS BEFORE EACH GAME.



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