

**STATE OF ALASKA
AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
RULES AND GUIDELINES**



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Purpose and Scope of American Legion Baseball

1. To inculcate in youth a better understanding of American way of life, and to promote the principles of 100% Americanism.
2. To instill in the Nation's youth a sincere desire to develop within themselves a feeling of citizenship sportsmanship, loyalty and team spirit.
3. To aid in the Improvement and development of the physical fitness of our country's youth.
4. To build for the nation's future through our youth.

American Legion Baseball

Code of Sportsmanship

I Will:

Keep the rules.

Keep the faith with my teammates.

Keep my temper.

Keep myself fit.

Keep a stout heart in defeat.

Keep my pride under in victory.

Keep a sound soul, clean mind, and a healthy body.

Alaska Department Baseball Committee

The State of Alaska American Legion Baseball Chairman Is responsible for the overall American Legion Baseball Program. No member of Alaska Legion Baseball shall contact the National Chairman without first contacting Alaska Chair Russ Baker. Anyone doing so is subject to discipline by the Department Baseball Rules Committee.

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Key Dates in 2018

March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of player's legal domicile (parent's domicile) and school enrollment. Annual American Legion Insurance Policy Expiration/Mandatory Renewal
April 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for Department Chairman to file Department Rules
May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department Tournament Information (dates and location) must be on file with American Legion National Headquarters
May 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of Mandatory Tryout Date(s)
May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to Register Online for 2018 Season
May 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New team entry forms due at Dept. Headquarters or to Dept. Chairman
May 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roster for Legion AA teams must be entered Form #2 on File for every player Developmental Season Begins
June 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEADLINE: Submit Online Team Rosters and Photos 3 Crossover Players Locked in on AA Roster
July 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for scholarship application forms to Department Headquarters
July 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Legion AA Department Tournament Banquet
July 27-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Legion AA League State Championship Matson Invitational Tournament
Aug 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department Tournament must be completed by midnight
Aug 8-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Legion AA Northwest Regional- Missoula, MT
Aug 9-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWCART Tournament –Lewiston ID
Aug 16-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES- Shelby, North Carolina

2018 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES

For more than 90 years, the Legion's National Americanism Commission has overseen the American Legion Baseball (ALB) program. This body is responsible for the playing rules, recruiting rules and all other aspects of the program. Department baseball committees ensure the rules are followed.

The commission's concerns of potential liability and safety issues remain a priority. Departments and leagues are reminded that the ALB insurance package provides coverage for all players who try out, practice or play in exhibition games; however, once the regular season has begun, only those players listed on the national electronic roster shall be covered. Additionally, ALB teams may have no more than 18 registered players after June 25 or the department closing date, whichever comes first.

One of the unique characteristics of American Legion Baseball, especially in national tournaments, is that both senior and junior Legion teams follow Official Baseball Rules with few modifications. Changes to the Official Baseball Rules may be made by the Americanism Commission and are noted in Rule 1 of ALB rules. These modifications are matters of safety, equipment and insurance; they are made with the welfare of the players in mind.

Changes for 2018 include 1.F. Coaches; 1.G. Courtesy Runner; 1.O. Lightning Safety; 1.R. Pitching; 1.S. Re-entry Rule; 1.T. Tobacco Rule 2.B.4. Graduated Students and Rule 9. Length of Senior Games, all of which are not addressed in Official Baseball Rules.

These rules may be further modified by departments for regular season play only and cannot conflict with national rules. American Legion Baseball rules are reviewed by the Americanism Commission in odd numbered years. All department policies and regulations must be annually reviewed and approved by the department baseball committee.

Teams shall follow these rules. All national tournaments will follow rules established by the Americanism Commission.

American Legion Baseball competition shall be played in accordance with rules adopted by the National Americanism Commission, the American Legion, and 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. With a few exceptions, all Department (state) and national tournament competition of American Legion Baseball will follow the Official Baseball Rules as authorized by the Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

All individuals involved in the State of Alaska American Legion Baseball program are required to have current background checks through Protect Youth Sports. The results of that check must be on file with the Department Baseball Committee.

Modifications of these rules, as noted in Rule 1, generally pertain to matters of safety, equipment and insurance. They are made with the welfare of the players in mind.

All teams competing in American Legion Baseball in Alaska **MUST** carry S. A. Van Dyke, Insurance. Failure to comply will eliminate the violating team and all coaches' associated with that team from further competition in American Legion baseball.

2018 League Regulations/Policies

Alaska American Legion League Regulations/Policies for Development Tryout Season

All "AA" tryout teams in Alaska compete in a single league during the Development Tryout season, approximately May 31, 2018, through July 21, 2018. As of June 25, 2018 form 1, rosters must be completed online. Rosters will be locked and no changes can be made.

During league championship tournament play all teams must have a minimum of 12 players rostered to compete. See American Legion Rule 9. K, page 30. Teams competing in American Legion Baseball senior national tournaments must have nine players available for participation at a national tournament at all times. Teams with fewer than 12 players are permitted to transfer players from their affiliated "A" American Legion Baseball team roster to the senior team in order to have 12 players, but may not transfer a player to exceed 12 players.

Alaska "AA" teams will be scheduled for eighteen (18) league game schedule. Each team will play 14 division league games and four crossover division league games. Games will be scheduled by the league office through the Alliance for Support of American Legion Baseball in Alaska. The developmental league season shall begin on May 31, 2018 and ends on or about July 24, 2018, depending on weather and field conditions. Final schedule will be approved by Dept. Chairman.

The winning manager will be responsible for reporting the game results to the league recording office within 24 hours of the completion of each game. Failure to report within the specified time may result in forfeiture for the team responsible for reporting. League standings will be kept current and published on the Alliance website (www.alaskalegion.com). Team standings will determine the seeding into the Department tournament. The winner of the Department tournament of "AA" teams will compete in the National NW Regional tournament and the runner up will compete in the NWCART tournament.

Should any team not complete league games as scheduled, that team shall forfeit those games and may be assessed a \$500 fine and be ineligible to participate in the Department tournament. Should this occur, fines must be in the hands of the Dept. Chairman prior to the team's next scheduled game.

Alaska "A" Program

Players born in 1999 are not eligible for "A" team participation

The purpose of the "A" program in Alaska is to provide opportunity for a variety of age players. Teams will be formed to accommodate players regardless of residency. A player MAY be assigned to a team other than the team nearest his residency. Residency will be the first criteria; however, if players are needed to make up a team in an area other than players residency the league may place them on an appropriate team.

In case of such a situation, the league will make the assignment based on where players are needed not where they wish to play. This decision will be only for the 2018 playing season.

The following playing season those players will play for the team closest to their parents domicile.

- Age restrictions apply, i.e. no 19 year olds and no more than three eighteen year olds per A team
- "A" teams will compete in at least a twenty (20) game schedule, in June and July. Additional games may be played.
- Most "A" league games will be 7 innings and include a 2 hour, 15-minute time limit.
- "A" players may be granted permission, by the league director, with coaches approval to dual participate with other leagues, such as Little League, Pony League etc.

The Post Manager of the prevailing "AA" team is responsible for assigning "A" team coaches, with league and Alaska Departmental approval.

* All Coaches must be certified, credentialed and sign the ALB Alaska Legion Coaches Code of Ethics form.

Specific league procedures and game information for Development Tryout season will be distributed in coach's memo. Development Tryout season runs approximately May 31 through July 24 for "AA" teams.

State League Championship Season follows the Development Tryout season.

1. Any Post or Sponsor requesting approval from the Department Baseball Chairman and the Baseball Committee to form a new "AA" team must have a base school and petition the committee.
2. Public tryouts are required by each program:
All teams must provide detail of open team tryouts. Location, date and time must be provided to the alliance media director by May 10th 2018. Failure to follow this procedure will result in sanctions to be determined by the department chairman.

ROSTERS

"AA" Team

A roster must be submitted to the ALB League office through online registration on or about June 11, 2018. That roster should include all "AA" players' names, address and contact information not to exceed 18 players. The "AA" team's final roster must be completed by June 25, 2018.

"A" Team

Rosters are due by June 10, 2018. Those rosters are to be finalized no later than June 25, 2018. Any "A" players added after this date must have signed an ALB Form #2.

The Department of Alaska has approved a policy that requires all teams, "A" and "AA," registered in Alaska to support the NWCART program and pay a required fee to help the participating team from Alaska traveling to the NWCART tournament defray a portion of their travel costs. That fee will be set by the Department Baseball Chairman and the baseball board committee. The fee will be used to offset the cost of airfare and hotel stay, for a maximum of 18 players and 2 coaches.

COACHES: All coaches "AA" and "A" must have a Protect Youth Sports Background check. An individual with a felony conviction may not coach or manage in Alaska American Legion Baseball. Coaches must be NFHS certified with a current FIRST AID/CONCUSSION card.

Base coaches must wear protective head gear and must remain in the coach's box until the batted ball passes their designated coaching box.

** All coaches must be registered and certified and provide coaches Data Sheet to the Department of Alaska Baseball Chairman, 1550 Charter Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99508, prior to beginning any practices or workouts for the 2018 playing season. New coaches must complete these same requirements before participating in any practices or workouts. Failure to complete the coach's data sheet may result in sanctions to be determined by the department chairman.



RULE 1 - PLAYING REGULATIONS

- A. Baseballs.** An American Legion Baseball authenticating logo is required on all baseballs used in regular season and for all post-season competition.

Bat Rule.

- 1 Wood bat. The bat must be a smooth, rounded stick not more than $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter at its thickest part nor more than 42 inches in length. An indentation in the end of the bat up to 1 inch in depth is permitted (cupped bats)
- 2 Non-wood bats. Metal, ceramic, composite or graphite bats may be used provided they do not exceed 36 inches in length and the maximum diameter is $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches.
- 3 Any non-wood bat must have the BBCOR certification code marked on the barrel of the bat.
- 4 Any non-wood that does not display the approved certification mark or in the opinion of the umpire's judgement has been altered shall be removed from the game, the player and team manager shall be ejected.

- B. The Batter.** The batter shall take his position in the batter's box promptly when it's his time at bat.

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

- C. Blood Rule.** If a player suffers from a laceration or other injury where blood is visible, the game shall be stopped at the earliest possible time and the athlete treated immediately. If the injury requires extensive treatment, a substitute shall replace the injured player. (Umpires are directed to give a reasonable amount of time to allow all injured players to be treated.)

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

- E. Coaches.** Only those players and coaches listed on the team's National (Electronic) Registration Form # 1 and or Coaches Drop/Add Form #5 are permitted on the coaching lines.
- F. Courtesy Runners.** Departments may use the courtesy runner rule for their respective American Legion Baseball program during the regular season only: "Teams have the option to use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher at any time. The umpire-in-chief shall record courtesy runner participation and announce it to the official scorer. For speed-up purposes, it is recommended that the courtesy runner be used with two men out in all games.
- G. Collision Rule.** The intent of this rule is to encourage base runners and defensive players to avoid collisions whenever possible.
1. When there is a collision between a runner and a fielder who clearly is in possession of the ball, the umpire shall judge.
 - a) Whether the collision by the runner was avoidable (could the runner have reached the base without colliding) or unavoidable (the runner's path to the base was blocked) or
 - b) Whether the runner was actually attempting to reach the base (plate) or was he attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder.

PENALTY- If the runner a) could have avoided the collision and reached the base, or b) attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner shall be declared out, even if the fielder loses possession of the ball.

The ball is dead and all base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the interference.

Ruling 1: If the fielder blocks the path of the base runner to the base (plate), the runner may make contact, slide into, or collide with a fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base or plate.

Ruling 2: If the collision by the runner was flagrant, the runner shall be declared out and ejected from the contest. The ball shall be declared dead

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

Ruling 3: If the runner collides flagrantly, he shall be declared safe on the obstruction, but will be ejected from the contest. The ball is dead.

Clarification

Malicious Contact: Any player who, in the judgment of the umpire, maliciously runs into another Clarification player is automatically ejected and if the offender is the runner is declared out. The American Legion is concerned that some coaches may not have explained to their players that malicious contact is illegal. The majority of intentional collisions occur at home plate where the catcher is blocking the plate. Runners should be instructed to slide directly to the plate, or away from the catcher, to avoid making contact with the catcher, especially when the defender is in possession of the ball. Umpires have been instructed that, if there is any intentional and excessive force or if there is any intent to injure another player, the offending player shall be ejected from the game. The malicious contact penalty will be enforced whether committed by an offensive or defensive player. Any player ejected by an umpire is automatically removed from the Tournament, unless the Tournament Director reinstates that p l a y e r

- I. **Designated Hitter (DH) Rule.** All Senior American Legion Baseball programs, National Tournaments and Alaska State League Championship Tournament will use the American League Designated Hitter Rule as published in the Official Baseball Rules.

J. Force-Play-Slide Rule. The intent of the force-play-slide rule is to ensure the safety of the players. This is a safety as well as an interference rule. Whether the defense could have completed the double play has no bearing on the applicability of this rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation at any base, regardless of the number of outs.

1. On any force play, the runner must slide on the ground and in a direct line between the two bases. It is permissible for the sliders momentum to carry him through the base in 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. Interference will not be called. See American Legion Rule Book, Page 11.

- a) "On the ground" means either a head first slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground.
 - b) "Directly into a base" means the runners entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in a straight line between the bases.
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 base as a result of "Pop-Up" slide. This slide is legal.
 3. Actions by a runner are illegal and interference shall be called if:
 - a) The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder and alters the play of the fielder (with or without contact).
 - b) The runner uses a rolling, cross-body slide and either makes contact with or alters the play of a fielder.
 - c) The runner's raised leg makes contact higher than the fielder's knee when in a standing position.
 - d) The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg; or
 - e) The runner illegally slides toward or contacts the fielder even if the fielder makes no attempt to throw to complete a play.

PENALTY for A- E

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

Clarification

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

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

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

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

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

Clarification

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

N. Insurance Rule. Alaska American Legion Baseball will purchase year round group liability and accident insurance from the American Legion's agent of record (S.A. Van Dyke, Inc.). The cost of the insurance will be billed to each team.

Alaska American Legion teams, competing in Alaska, will not play, or scrimmage any team not covered by the American Legion agent of record (S.A. Van Dyke Inc.) without department chairman's approval. Any team violating this rule may be disqualified for the 2018 playing season.

O. Lightning Safety. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning.

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a) When thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b) Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c) Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
 - d) Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

P. National Senior Tournament Rules. The Americanism Division may prescribe such rules for the playing of any national tournament as it considers necessary. Copies of these rules are available from the tournament director.

Q. 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. Sledgehammers, weighted pipes and other "homemade" heavy items are not permitted. Devices deemed unsafe by the umpires and/or Tournament Director cannot be used.

R. Pitching Rule. No player may pitch more than a total of 105 pitches per day. A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if he reaches or exceeds the maximum limit during an at-bat, but must exit the position after that hitter. No player may enter the game as a pitcher without having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in the chart below. No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. **PENALTY** – The pitcher is removed from the game and the head coach shall be ejected from the game and serve an additional 2 game suspension.

ALB SENIOR PROGRAM	Daily Max (Pitches in game)	Required Rest (pitches)				
		0 DAY	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
	105	0-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+

- Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed from the position when a coach makes a second trip to the mound in the same inning, and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game. **PENALTY** – Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

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

- If a pitcher returns as a pitcher in the same game, he will be charged with another appearance.
- A day is defined as 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

S. Re-entry Rule. Departments may use the following re-entry rule for their respective department baseball program during regular season play only: “Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-enter once, including a player who was the designated hitter, provided such a player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may NOT re-enter.”

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

U. Ten (10) Run Rule.

- During the development season, the Department committee may grant permission to both "A" and "AA" teams/leagues to use a 10 run rule for development league games and invitational tournaments.
- All "AA" American Legion state championship tournaments shall use a 10 run rule after five innings, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs after 4½ innings at which time that game will be halted. All "AA" games will have a 10-run rule after 5 innings in 7 inning games and 7 innings in 9 inning developmental games.
- All "A" American Legion Invitational tournaments shall use a 10 run rule after 5 innings unless the home team is ahead at the end or 4½ innings at which time the game will be halted.

V. Uniforms. Players and coaches must be in uniforms of the same color and style when competing in Department (State) and National Tournaments.

1. Any player, coach or manager who does not have an American Legion Baseball insignia on either the left sleeve or left chest of his uniform shirt will be removed from the game.
2. The front of the uniform shirt may carry lettering that identifies the Post, Department, town, city, community or sponsor that the team represents. Such lettering must be acceptable to the sponsoring Department.

W. Some development games and Invitational Tournament games may have time limits. In "AA" and "A"; all State Legion championship games will not have time limits. Those time limits and other specifics of development games and procedures are covered in the coach's memo.

Clarification

Courtesy jackets: It is permissible at all levels of American Legion baseball for coaches and players to wear a courtesy jacket, (wind shirts, jackets, or alternate jerseys) because of adverse weather conditions. However, a uniform top must still be worn under these jackets. Coaches and players not in proper uniform will be restricted to the dug-outs.



RULE 2 - "AA" PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT IN ALASKA

- A. Players Age.** Senior American Legion Baseball competition in 2018 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 1999.

Legion A teams in Alaska are open to players ages 13-17, with the exception of 3 players per roster who may be league age 18. Any exceptions beyond that limit must be approved by the Dept. Baseball Chairman.

- B. Player's Domicile.** A player's legal domicile and school enrollment shall be established before March 31, 2018.
1. A player's domicile shall be his parents, or permanent court-appointed guardian's, permanent and legal domicile.
 2. If the parents are divorced by a court order, that player may play for a team of either parent's legal and permanent domicile provided:

Clarification

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

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

- a) The player must declare, in writing, the team of his choice and file that declaration with the Department Chairman prior to the Department closing date. The player's declaration shall be final and valid for the remainder of the player's eligibility. If a player participates and does not declare in writing that participation shall be determined the team of his declaration.

Clarification

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

3. In the event that both parents are deceased or incapable of caring for and supervising the player during minority, the player's domicile will be determined by the domicile of the permanent legal guardian appointed by the courts having jurisdiction to make such an appointment.
4. 2017 Graduated players: Players/students who graduated from high school in 2017 shall have additional eligibility requirements.
 - A. Players that graduated in 2017 shall play for the last American Legion team they played for or the team nearest their parents' domicile. Players that graduated in 2017 shall not be eligible to be transferred (Form 76) and their names must have appeared on a previously approved American Legion Baseball team roster.

5. In situations not covered by the provision of this rule, the department chairman will, with the concurrence of the National Appeals Board, determine the player's legal domicile for the purpose of his participation in The American Legion Baseball program. Such decision shall be in writing and filed with the National Headquarters.

6. **ALASKA RULE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Players residing in rural Alaska unable to commute to the team nearest the parent's legal domicile due to geographical restrictions may by written parental request to the American Legion Baseball Chairman, reside during the American Legion baseball season with an adult relative, i.e. aunt, uncle, sister, brother or grandparents, willing to accept responsibility for the player. This relative must, in writing, accept this responsibility and agree to abide by all American Legion rules, restrictions and decisions of the Department of Alaska. The player must play for the team nearest the relative's legal domicile. The relative's legal domicile must be established prior to March 31, 2018. No request will be considered after June 10, 2018. Application and any exception of this rule will be on a case by case basis by the Department Baseball Chairman. Approval must be in writing and signed by the Department of Alaska, Baseball Chairman. Should this request be granted, it shall be for the duration of that player's eligibility. This rule has been reviewed and approved by the National Appeals Board.

Clarification

It is important that teams select and register players that will complete their obligation to their American Legion. Any player that signs a professional contract cannot be replaced on the National Form # 1.

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

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

Note: Departments, Districts or Posts planning an all-star game should contact their state high school athletic association to ensure each player's high school eligibility is protected.

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

1. Records of birth that are an original or a certified document by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health or other governmental agency authorized to certify birth documents.
 - a) Notarized photocopies of birth certificates, hospital records, baptismal records, school records or certificates are not acceptable proof of age and will disqualify a player and/or the team.
2. A state issued Driver's License, is legal if it complies with Federal I.D. law or state issued ID that is also in compliance with the Federal Real ID law.
3. A U.S. Government issued Passport.
4. A United States Government issued Military I.D. or dependent card is legal.
5. An American Legion Baseball ID card issued by those departments. The American Legion Baseball ID card shall be purchased from the national office and shall be laminated and recognized by the embossed sportsmanship code on the back of the card.
6. In case of foreign birth, a player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the Department of Homeland Security or by the Department of State that shows the birth date of the bearer. Official birth certificates issued by a foreign country are acceptable when accompanied by a letter with English translation, and such birth certificate must have an official seal.
7. A court certified copy of that portion of permanent legal adoption papers showing the place and date of a player's birth shall be acceptable in cases involving adopted players.

Proof of Residence:

The Dept. Baseball Committee may require individual players or parent/guardian to supply adequate proof of residence to certify eligibility. Failure to do so may result in participation ineligibility and team penalties.



RULE 3 - PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN A

THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY TO ALASKA

Plan A recruiting rules are based on zones (territory) and are usually designed for large cities where Plan B base school recruiting would be impractical. Under Plan A rules, a specific zone is drawn on a map. The secondary school enrollments shall be 5,000 students or less. Secondary school enrollments in a territory are added up and divided by 5,000 to determine the number of zones. For example, if in a territory there are 10,257 students (10th, 11th, and 12th grades), the number of students is divided by 5,000 (enrollment cap), which equals 2.05, which will require a minimum of three (3) zones to be established. Players (including emancipated players) whose parents' domicile is within this zone must play for the team in this zone, unless waived to an adjacent zone. All zoning is subject to approval by the National Americanism Commission.

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

1. The Department Baseball Committee shall review and approve requests for such zoning. It shall be the responsibility of the Department Baseball Committee to forward zone maps for final approval to the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division before April 15, 2018.
2. A detailed street map showing specific boundaries, as well as the locations and enrollment figures of all high schools, must accompany such requests.
3. If a team's boundaries are changed, a new map and letter of explanation must be submitted for approval prior to April 5, 2018.

B. Player Recruiting. A Post may select players whose parents' domicile was established in their zone on or before March 31, 2018, and players whose parents have moved and established a new domicile in their zone after March 31, 2018.

1. Players not selected to play with the team in their zone may play for the next nearest Plan A team provided the player has obtained a written transfer (Form #76) from the team manager in their zone.
2. Players in their final year of eligibility whose parents have established a new domicile shall have the option of playing for their old team or playing for the new team of their parent's new domicile. A written request must be filed with, and approved by, the Department Chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1. This request must be accompanied by the parent's affidavit stating that the move is permanent and listing the previous and present domicile addresses.
3. In the event a new team is formed and new zones are established that change a player's eligibility, those players previously registered on National Form# 1 are permitted a one-time option of playing for the team of their old zone or playing for the team of their new zone.
 - a) Zones must be adjacent to each other.
 - b) Transfers are permitted only when the combined enrollment of all zones is less than 5,000.
 - c) Transfers shall be final and valid for the player's remaining eligibility, unless there is a permanent change of address of the parents' domicile.
 - d) The Department Baseball Chairman must approve all transfers prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.

- e) A written request for a transfer must be filed with, and approved by, an authorized baseball official prior to listing the player on the National Form #1. (This request must be accompanied by the parents' affidavit stating that the move is permanent and listing the previous and present domicile addresses.)
4. A written request must be filed with, and approved by, the Department Baseball Chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.

RECRUITING PLAN A DOES NOT APPLY TO ALASKA



RULE 4 - PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN B

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

Note: Plan B recruiting rules are more flexible but more complex than the Plan A (zoning) rules. In Alaska a player must participate with the team whose high school attendance area is nearest his legal residence. (See page 13 Anchorage school rule)

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

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

B. Player Recruiting. Teams may select players who are enrolled on March 31, 2018, in any public, private, technical, vocational, regional, or preparatory high school, or any combination of these schools.

1. Existing teams may request a new combination of schools from the Dept. Baseball Chairman; however, approval must be given prior to listing any player on the National Form #1.
2. Teams may not recruit a player(s) from another team's base school. Outside of Anchorage all team's recruiting area is limited to a 90-mile radius of the base school

Clarification

Teams may select:

1. Non-base school players whose parent's or guardian's domicile is nearest the team's base school to determine the nearest team the shortest driving distance as calculated by Google Maps. For circumstances off the Alaska road system air mileage will be calculated by the F.A.A.
2. Player(s) who qualify under Rule 4.C. - DOES NOT APPLY in ALASKA. Players from outside of Anchorage residing outside the 90 mile radius of their Legion "AA" team may apply Rule 28.7 Alaska rule for special circumstances. Approved by the Dept. Chair.

3. The combined total enrollment of the schools cannot exceed 5,000 students for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.
4. Enrollment for a school(s) is determined using the number of 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students officially recorded on March 31, 2018, by the State Board of Education or other state agency that has jurisdiction over school enrollment. Note: Every student registered shall be counted; including special education students, physically challenged students, bilingual students, and students over the age of 19.

5. When a single high school's enrollment exceeds 5,000 students, the team that has such a school as its base school, shall not recruit from any other school.

Clarification

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

C. "Option" Rule—See Rule 4C ALB Option for Anchorage 2018

Clarification

Players who qualify under Rule 4.C are not eligible in future years to qualify for Transfer Rule 4.E. The enrollment of the high school the player attends will be counted. Emancipated players and players enrolled in college must play for the team they played for during the 2017 season. Any player that graduated in 2017 must play for the team they played for during the 2017 season

- D. Transfer Rule.** – See Rule D.6 for “A” players in Alaska. “AA” players are not eligible for transfer- A player released from a team must obtain permission on National Transfer Form #76 from that team's manager to play for the team that is closest to his parents' domicile
1. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest distance as calculated by Google Maps.
 2. The player must provide Transfer Form #76 (available at www.legion.org/baseball) to the new team manager, which must be forwarded to the Dept. Baseball Chairman for approval, prior to listing the player on the Form #1. All transfers shall be for one year. All transfers expire on December 31, 2018.

Clarification

Players who were enrolled in high school on March 31, try-out for and fail to make the nearest team can request to transfer to the second closest team to their parents domicile. If cut again, that player may try-out for the third closest team, until which time the player is able to play on a team. The enrollment of the high school a player attends on March 31, shall be counted. Junior Legion players are eligible to be transferred. Transfers shall expire on December 31, 2018.

3. Players that graduated in 2018 are not eligible to be transferred.
4. Transfers across state lines require mutual written permission of the Dept. Baseball Chairman.
5. Players who have qualified and played for a Legion team under Rule 4.C are not eligible for a transfer under Rule 4.E.
6. "AA" players are not eligible for transfer.
7. "A" players are eligible to be transferred. This will be at the discretion of the Dept. Baseball Chairman and the baseball committee. The transfer is valid for the 2018 season for "A" players. "A" players may transfer if no team exists in their team area, and/or they are not selected for their team area "A" team. Transfer is for the 2018 season only.

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

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

- F. Change of Address.** Players who realize a permanent change in their parents' or guardians' domicile shall be eligible to compete for the team nearest their parents' new domicile.
1. A notarized statement from the player's parents must list the previous address and new permanent address. Written permission must be obtained from the authorized Department Baseball Official in which the "new" team is located, prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.
 2. The enrollment of their previous high school as of March 31, 2018, shall be counted.
 3. Residency must be established by June 1, 2018.
- G. Final Year of Eligibility.** Players having one year of eligibility remaining, whose parents move out of the team's recruiting area, shall have an option of playing for the team nearest their parents' new domicile or returning to their former team.
1. The enrollment of the high school the player attends on March 31, 2018, shall be counted.
 2. Written permission to play for their previous team must be obtained from the Department Baseball Chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form # 1.
 3. Final year of eligibility does not supersede Alaska Form #78 or Form #79.
- H. Home-Schooled Players.** A player who is home-schooled may compete for the team nearest their parents' or guardians' legal domicile. To determine the nearest team, the shortest driving distance as calculated by Google Maps. Or air miles as determined by the F.A.A.
1. Written permission for such competition must be obtained from the authorized Department Baseball Official prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.
 2. Enrollment figures for such players shall be that of the high school boundary of his parents domicile.
 - 3.
- J. New Team Formation.** In the event a new Legion team is formed which is closer to a player's parent's domicile, that player has a one-time option of playing for the newly formed team or for the team which he previously played or the new team.
1. The Department Baseball Chairman, prior to listing the player on the National Form #1, must grant written permission.
 2. That enrollment shall be added to the new team's total enrollment.
 3. A new team formation may be granted additional exemptions to field a team by the Dept. Baseball Chairman.

Teams may not recruit a player(s) from another team's base school.

In Anchorage, teams are limited to their base school area boundary area for the following teams: Chugiak, Eagle River, West, East, Dimond, Service, Bartlett and South. Parent's legal domicile shall be the method for determining player eligibility for their team.

Rule 4.C ALB Alaska Option for Anchorage 2018

For 2018, any freshman and sophomores who attends or participates in sports at one of the eight Anchorage public HS schools, but does not reside in that school zone, may elect to elect for a Alaska Form #79 option form. Upon completion of the Form #79, the player MUST play for their elected HS base school AA team, for the balance of their ALB career. The Form #79 option takes precedent over final year eligibility and move of a parent domicile within the greater Municipality of Anchorage. The department chairman will have final approval in all forms.

This election of Form #79 is final for the player's eligibility as long as the parent's domicile is in Anchorage.

In Fairbanks the following boundaries apply

Post 11 will have West Valley as base school and also have Hutchison and Monroe Catholic as schools of attendance.

Post 30 will have Lathrop as the base school and North Pole and Eielson schools as additional boundary schools.

Post 22 will have Delta Junction as the base school.

ALB Alaska Option rule for Fairbanks area for 2018

There are no specific HS territorial boundaries for Monroe Catholic (private) and Hutchison (public technical). In 2018, freshmen and sophomores that attend Monroe HS or Hutchison HS will have the onetime option to play for the Legion "AA" or "A" team sponsored by Post 11 even if their residence is not in the boundaries of the Post 11 team. This Alaska Form #79 when executed is final for the remainder of their Legion career in the greater Fairbanks area. No corresponding move of parents or final year of eligibility will take precedence over this Form #79 election by the player to play for the Post 11 team for the remainder of their career in Fairbanks.

In Palmer the following boundaries apply

Palmer High School will be the base school with the additional school of Colony High School. Those high school boundaries shall comprise the area for this year's team.

In Wasilla the following boundaries apply

Wasilla High School will be the base school with Houston High School, Joe Redington High School and Su Valley High School being additional schools. Furthermore, other residencies within 90 miles except those for Palmer and Colony HS and Anchorage HS boundaries will eligible for the Wasilla Legion team.

In Kenai the following boundaries apply

Kenai Central High School is the base school with Soldotna High School being an additional school. Other parent's legal domicile residencies within a 90-mile radius of KCHS will apply as legal residencies for participation.

In Juneau, JDHS is the base school with Thunder Mountain an additional school. Other residencies and schools within a 90-mile radius of JDHS will apply as legal residencies for participation.

In Ketchikan, K.HS is the base school. Other residencies and schools within a 90-mile radius will apply as legal residencies for participation.

Alaska Option Rule for 2018 Seasons

Player attending a high school as of March 31, 2018 (freshmen and sophomores) outside a team's recruiting area based on their home residency, may have the option of playing for the team nearest the high school the players attends or playing for the team nearest the parent's legal domicile.

1. The player must complete Alaska Form #79 on which the player declares in writing the team for which they wish to play:
 - a) The election will be for the remainder of the player's eligibility in their borough for their American Legion Baseball career. No other options may be exercised within the area, including new team formation, final year of eligibility or change in parent address. A player whose parent residence changes outside of their area may apply to have their Alaska Form #79 terminated by the Dept. Baseball Chairman.
2. The date to complete the Alaska Form #79 is May 15, 2018 and forwarded to the Department Chair for approval. Failure to do so may cause team or individual penalties and ineligibility for championship play. No late applications will be accepted. Input from ALB coaches will not factor in to the Rules Committee's decision.
3. Application must state academic and social reasons that the transfer is being applied for and include current enrollment documentation at the public school that the ALB eligibility transfer is requested for. This option is available for enrolled Freshman-Sophomore high school students only.
4. The application will be reviewed by the Department Chairman, any indication of recruiting violations may impact approval of the Form #79. A maximum of 3 Form 78's may be approved for a Legion Post. The decision of the Alaska Rules Committee will be final for the 2018 season.
5. Approval of Form #79 does not guarantee the player a roster spot on any AA or A team. Form #79 guarantees the player an opportunity to participate in the American Legion tryout. In the event the player does not make the roster of the transferred AA or A team they may be assigned to another team in the general local area if age eligible by the Department Chairman. The decision to participate with that team would be the players/parents decision.



RULE 5 - PROTESTS

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

RULE 5A-ALASKA PROTEST PROCEDURE

National Rule 5: B, C, D and E apply to Alaska Section A, and B Incorporated.

- A. Procedure:** Game protests must be in filed in writing by the team manager listed on the national on line registration. Protests of eligibility must be submitted to the League Director, accompanied by a non- refundable fee of \$100 and forwarded to the Department Baseball Chairman for ruling. The baseball committee shall make the final determination and that ruling shall be final. During tournament play such protests must be filed by 9AM, local time, the first day of the tournament, except on the discovery of fraud. When fraud is discovered, 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.
- B. Department Rule Interpretation.** Interpretation of the Department of Alaska rules will be made by the Department Baseball Chairman, or his appointed representative. The department baseball chairman may investigate allegations of rules or eligibility violations.



RULE 6 - TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION

- A. Player and Team Registration. American Legion Baseball teams must register with their Department Baseball committee via the baseball website: (www.legion.org/baseball). All teams SHALL REGISTER ONLINE FROM January 1 until May 15. Any team that fails to register by May 15 shall PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$200 TO THE DEPARTMENT.

Clarification

For the 2018 season, The American Legion will utilize an on line registration program. Team managers shall register their team via the web. The team must be approved by the department. All players wishing to play American Legion Baseball must complete National Form #2. That form must be signed by the player and a parent and that form (which must be fully typed and completed) filed with the department by the registration deadline determined by the department. The Department Baseball Chairman must certify the team before department closing date.

- B. National Form #1. American Legion Baseball players must enroll on Player Roster of Eligibility (National Form # 1 via the national web site). This form must be completely filled out to include each player's full name and the address of their parent's permanent legal domicile by June 1 for documentation and address verification. The roster will be locked online by June 25, 2018.
- C. National Form #2. All players, their parents or court approved legal guardians must complete Player Agreement and Parent Consent Form #2. The Team Manager will retain the original Form #2. The second copy must be filed with the Department Baseball Chairman. Any team or player who fails to complete and file Form #2 shall be disqualified from any further play.

Documentation acceptable for proof of residence may be, utility bill, Permanent Fund Dividend application form, rental agreement etc.

PENALTY FOR FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION:

PLAYER: Eliminated from participation in American Legion Baseball in Alaska for the balance of their playing eligibility.

MANAGER: Suspended from managing an American Legion Baseball team in Alaska for the current playing year plus the next successive playing year.

TEAM: Forfeiture of all games played with an ineligible player and will not be eligible to participate in the BP invitational for the coming year.

- D. Dual Participation.

Clarification

Dual participation shall in no way interfere with a player's responsibility to his American Legion baseball team. Once tournament play has begun (department tournament up through the American Legion World Series) the department chairman cannot grant permission to participate in non-Legion sanctioned baseball events, baseball tournaments, exhibition games, showcases or combines.

D.1. ALASKA RULE IS SOMEWHAT MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN NATIONAL RULE

The American Legion believes team loyalty is a key ingredient for any team sport. Any American Legion Baseball "AA" player missing any portion of an American Legion game[s] because that player participated in another baseball event such as exhibition game, tournament, showcase, combine or other youth programs shall be ineligible for the balance of that playing season.

D.2 During the Developmental Tryout season, American Legion Baseball teams may participate in other amateur baseball games. However, the team manager must obtain with written approval from the department baseball chairman prior to participating in the event and/or tournament. This includes games outside of Alaska and in state.

1. Alaska Rule during the Development Tryout season, as in tournament play, "AA" dual participation will not be allowed. See Rule 6.G for exception for "AA" players playing in "A" games.
2. See Rule D.1 for Alaska.
Any player missing their Alaska team American Legion game or games, including the Department tournament, or Regional tournament, without the written approval of the Dept. Baseball Chairman and the baseball committee may be subject to Departmental disciplinary action.
3. Penalty: That player or players eligibility to participate in American Legion Baseball in Alaska may be suspended for the balance of the current season they may be ineligible the following years playing season including all Legion sponsored tournaments. Final determination will be made by the Dept. Baseball Chairman.
4. Coach: Should a coach encourage or participate in such action as described referring to players, that individual may be removed from the American Legion baseball program in Alaska indefinitely.

E. Team: The team with which such player or coach is affiliated will be suspended and all games they have participated in may be forfeited. Such team may be ineligible to participate in the Department State Tournament the following playing year. Final determination will be made by the Dept. Baseball Chairman.

F. Players per Team. No Legion team may have more than 18 registered players *AFTER JUNE 25*. Each team must register before the department closing date. A member of the Post should have charge of the team as manager, except in the case of outside sponsorship. A non-Legionnaire may act as coach.

1. In cases of death a player may be replaced on a National Form # 1.
2. A player may be replaced if that player is placed on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States following the submission of the certified National Form #1. Note: American Legion Baseball insurance provides coverage for all players who tryout, practice or play in exhibition games, however, once the regular season has begun, only players listed on the national electronic roster shall be covered.

- G.** Non-American Legion Post Sponsorship. Non-Legion (outside sponsorship) is permissible, subject to the approval and supervision of the Dept. Baseball Committee and as long as the definition The American Legion definition of "sponsorship" is followed.

RULE 6.G

Up until June 25, any "AA" or "A" player may play on their own Post team tryout game, following age guidelines for each season.

Beginning June 25 through July 21, up to 3 named "AA" players ages 13-18 may participate on their corresponding "A" teams games, as schedule allows. Those players must be listed with the league office, and posted on www.alaskalegion.com. Any violation of these rules may result in penalties, suspension from games or eligibility. The limit for 18-year-olds on "A" teams is three, including players playing both "AA" and "A".

Beginning July 22 through the end of that team's season, those named players may play in only "AA" Department State Tournament play only, and not "A" team games.



RULE 7 - SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

- A. **Conduct.** Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of the Department Chairman or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the Department Baseball Committee. The Department Baseball Committee's decision will be final.
- B. **Heckling.** No player, coach, manager or other party associated with an American Legion Baseball team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary, threatening remarks to opposing players, team officials, American Legion officials, umpires or volunteers. The umpire or an American Legion Official shall immediately eject from the game any individuals violating this regulation.
- C. **Sportsmanship.** Any player, coach, manager or other party accompanying a team will be ejected from the game from the time of the infraction, if they:
1. Use profane language.
 2. Throw bats or other equipment.
 3. Make unnecessary or obscene gestures to umpires, fans or opposing players.
 4. Commit unnecessary roughness on the playing field.
- D. **Reinstatement.** Any player, coach or manager suspended from a game in tournament play by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct is suspended for the remainder of the tournament unless reinstated by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director's decision is final.
- E. **Ejection from Ballpark.** Any player, coach or manager ejected by an umpire must leave the ballpark. Failure to leave ballpark will result in immediate forfeit. In the event of a coach or player not leaving the ballpark, the Post Manager will face sanctions determined by the Dept. Baseball Chair. Penalties for ejections in the State of Alaska cover players as well as coaches:
- **First Offense:** A two game suspension, the balance of the current game being played plus the next two regularly scheduled games of the level they are rostered on.
 - **Second Offense:** The offender must seek out the League Director, Department Chairman, or his representative to be re-instated.
 - **Offenses in Excess of Two:** That player or coach must appear before the Department Baseball Chairman and or the Department Baseball Committee. A determination shall be made at that time if that individual is to be re-instated or ejected from the American Legion baseball program. All ejections must be reported in writing, by the umpire making the ejection, to the Department Baseball Chairman and the league director, appropriate baseball commissioner and the Department Adjutant.
- F. **Violence:** Physical violence or threat thereof directed at an official, American Legion representative, coach, opposing player or volunteer will result in an immediate and automatic minimum three-year suspension from participating in Alaska Legion Baseball.
- G. **No Seeds, No Gum:** All Alaska equipped *FieldTurf* facilities have policies forbidding gum or sunflower seeds. Should an umpire find a player or coach disregarding this policy, the player and/or coach could be removed for the remainder of the game (Not considered an official ejection).



RULE 8 - DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION

- A. **Department Rules and Regulations.** It is the duty of the Department (State) Baseball Chairman and the Baseball Committee to formulate rules and regulations that are not in conflict with National Rules.
1. Department rules may be more restrictive than National Rules.
 2. Department Rules will include procedure for protests. (The protection and stimulation of competition must be used in setting these regulations.)
 3. Department Rules must be filed with National Headquarters before April 15, 2018.
- B. **Department Rulings.** The Department Baseball Committee shall decide all questions, disputes and protests within the Department. The Department Baseball Chairman and or Baseball Committee shall have the authority to disqualify, suspend or expel anyone violating a department or national rule.
- C. **National Player Eligibility Rule Interpretations.** The National Americanism and Children & Youth Division shall make interpretations of National Rules.
1. All requests for interpretations must be in writing and routed through the appropriate Department Baseball Chairman or department adjutant. Telegrams, e-mail and fax copies are considered written requests. Failure to follow this procedure may result in suspensions and/or forfeiture of fees.



RULE 9 - NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

- A. **National Tournament Registration.** The Department Championship team must be certified to the National Americanism Commission by the authorized Department Baseball Official. Certification no later than midnight, July 31, 2018.

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

- B. **National Competition.** Tournament competition is open only to teams that have registered via the national web site (www.legion.org/baseball) with the State Baseball Committee. The State Baseball Committee is responsible for approving the team's national on line registration.
- C. **National Tournament Supervision.** All National tournaments will be played under the supervision of the National Americanism Commission. All disputes and questions shall be referred to the National Tournament Director. Any situation not specifically covered by National rules or regulations will be referred to the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division, whose decision shall be final.
- D. **National Tournament Player Eligibility Protest.** Eligibility protests of players involved in national tournaments must bear written proof of ineligibility and must be filed with the National Tournament Director at each such tournament no later than 9:00 a.m., local time on the first day of the tournament involved, except on the discovery of fraud. When fraud is discovered, the eligibility protest and a written description of the alleged fraud must be filed immediately. All other protests shall be filed as specified in the Official Baseball Rules.
- E. **National Tournament Play.** Teams competing in National tournaments will play every day.
1. The National Tournament Director has complete instructions concerning double elimination.
 2. No National Tournament games will begin after 11:00 p.m. local time.
- F. **Regional Tournament Host.** No Regional host team shall be denied the opportunity of participating in tournaments leading up to the Regional Tournament. Nor shall any team hosting a Department or National Regional Tournament refuse to participate in any such tournament.

Clarification

The host team for a Department or National Regional tournament is mandated to participate in the District and/or State Tournament until such time as the team is eliminated from competition. Host teams will not be permitted to rest their team creating an unfair advantage at either a Department or National Regional Tournament.

- G. **Tournament Photographs.** Each department baseball championship team is required to furnish National Headquarters and the local regional tournament chairman a high quality glossy (color) photograph via the national web site.
- H. **Department Championship Play.** No Department may enter a team in a National Tournament without first conducting an official Department Tournament that had two or more certified teams participating.
1. At least eight teams must be officially registered in regular season play for a Department to qualify to enter a team in an American Legion National Tournament.

- I. **Artificial Noisemakers Prohibited.** The National Americanism Commission has an established policy that prohibits artificial noisemakers at all times. Fans that operate artificial noisemakers will be asked not to do so. A second warning will cause those fans to be removed from the stands.
- J. **Suspended Games.** Suspended games will be completed from the point of suspension.
 - 1. A suspended game completed on the following day will not count toward two (2) games in Rule 1.K. These teams can still play an additional two (2) full games.
- K. **Minimum Active Players.** Teams competing in ALB "AA" National tournaments must have 12 players available for participation at a national tournament. Teams with fewer than 12 players are permitted to transfer up to three players [one "A" player will replace one "AA" player to reach the minimum of 12 required players up to a maximum of three] on their affiliated "A" American Legion team roster to the senior team. Any player transferred from an "A" Team to an "AA" team, must be certified and approved by the Dept. Baseball Chairman. The "A" roster must be registered with the national office by June 30. Any "AA" team that does not have nine players will forfeit their right to participate, and the National Americanism Division, in consultation with the Department Baseball Chairman shall determine a suitable replacement team. This rule shall not apply to host teams at the National Regional Tournaments.



RULE 10 - NATIONAL BASEBALL APPEALS BOARD

- A. **National Appeals Board.** There is a National Baseball Appeals Board (hereafter referred to as "the Board") composed of (1) the Chairman of the National Americanism Commission; (2) the Chairman of the Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee; and (3) a third member appointed by the Chairman of the National Americanism Commission. The Chairman shall also appoint two alternate members. The term of office for board members and alternate members shall be one year.
- B. **Time Limit.** An appeal filed under this rule must be made within 24 hours of the time when the rule interpretation of the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division is issued. Such appeal may be made by telegram, fax, and e-mail or mail-a-gram and shall state the precise points of contention that are the basis for the appeal. If an appeal is not filed within 24 hours to the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division, an interpretation will not be considered.
- C. **Filing an Appeal.** All appeals must be in writing and addressed to The American Legion, National Baseball Appeals Board, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Faxes and e-mail protests are acceptable when sent *in* by the Department Baseball Chairman or Department Adjutant. National Headquarters Fax Number is (317) 630-1369. Email address: baseball@legion.org
- D. **Final Authority.** The Board shall have sole jurisdiction over any appeal filed following a decision involving American Legion Baseball rule interpretations rendered by the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division. The decision of the Board shall be final and may be enforced by a court of law. The concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board shall constitute the ruling by the Board.
- E. **Approved Interpretations.** During tournaments supervised by National Headquarters, the Board shall approve interpretations rendered by the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division before publication of the interpretation.
- F. **Appeal Procedure.** No appeal shall be considered by the Board until all established appeal procedures within the respective Department's rules have been exhausted, as certified in writing by the Department Baseball Chairman.

Vital Statistics Offices for Acquiring Birth Certificates

Where to Order Birth Certificates

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

** U.S. citizens born abroad with U.S. citizenship at birth: Passport Service Vital Records Section, 1111 19th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20522 \$30.00

State Where to Send Request for Birth Certificate Amount

- Alabama Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Dept. of Health, PO Box 5625, Montgomery, AL 36103-5625 \$12.00
- Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics, 5441 Commercial Blvd, Juneau, AK 99801 \$20.00
- Arizona Dept. of Health Services, 150 N 18th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007 \$10.00
- Arkansas Division of Vital Records, 4815 W. Markham St., Little Rock, AR 72205-3867 \$12.00
- California Dept. of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, MS 5103, PO Box 997410, Sacramento, CA 95899 \$14.00
- Colorado Dept. of Health, Vital Records Sect/HSVRD-VR-AI, 4300 Cherry Creek Dr. S, Denver, CO 80246-1530 \$17.75
- Connecticut Dept. of Public Health, Vital Records Sect., MS# 11VRS, PO Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308 \$15.00
- Delaware Office of Vital Statistics, PO Box 637, Dover, DE 19903 \$10.00
- DC Vital Records Branch, 825N. Capitol St. NE, 1st Floor, Rm 1312, Washington, DC 20002 \$23.00
- Florida State Office of Vital Statistics, 1217 Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32202 \$14.00
- Georgia Vital Records Service, Dept. of Human Resources, 2600 Skyland Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30319 \$10.00
- Hawaii Office Health Status Monitoring, Health Dept., PO Box 3378, Honolulu, HI 96801 \$10.00
- Idaho Vital Statistics, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 113720-0036 \$13.00
- Illinois Division of Vital Records, 605 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62702-5097 \$15.00
- Indiana IN State Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Records, PO Box 7125, Indianapolis, IN 46206 \$10.00
- Iowa Dept. of Public Health, Vital Records, Lucas Bldg., 1st Floor, Des Moines, IA 50319 \$15.00
- Kansas Vital Statistics, 1000 SW Jackson, Ste. 120, Topeka, KS 66612-2221 \$12.00
- Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics IE-A, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40621 \$10.00
- Louisiana Vital Records Registry, PO Box 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160 \$15.00
- Maine Vital Records Office, 221 State House, Station 11, Augusta, ME 04333-0011 \$15.00
- Maryland Division of Vital Records, 6550 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21215 \$12.00
- Massachusetts Registry of Vital Statistics, 150 Mt. Vernon St., 1st Floor, Dorchester, MA 02125-3105 \$18.00
- Michigan Dept. of Public Health, Vital Records, PO Box 30721, Lansing, MI 48909 \$26.00
- Minnesota Dept. of Health, PO Box 64882, St. Paul, MN 55164 \$16.00
- Mississippi Vital Records, 571 Stadium Dr., PO Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39215 \$15.00
- Missouri Bureau of Vital Records, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102 \$15.00
- Montana Vital Records, 111 N. Sanders, PO Box. 4210, Helena, MT 59604 \$12.00
- Nebraska Vital Statistics PO Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509 \$12.00
- Nevada Office of Vital Records & Statistics, 4150 Technology Way, Suite 104, Carson City, NV 89706 \$13.00
- New Hampshire Division of Vital Records, 71 South Fruit St, Concord, NH 03301 \$12.00

- New Jersey Dept. Health, Vital Statistics, PO Box 370, S Warren & Market St., Rm 504, Trenton, NJ 08625 \$25.00
- New Mexico Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, PO Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110 \$10.00
- New York Office of Vital Records, 125 Worth St CN 4 Room 133, New York, NY 10013 \$15.00
- North Carolina Vital Records, 1903 Mall Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699 \$15.00
- North Dakota Division of Vital Records, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 301, Bismarck, ND 58505-0200 \$7.00
- Ohio Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics 246 N. High St 1st Floor, Columbus, OH 43215 \$16.50
- Oklahoma Division of Vital Records, 1000 N E 10th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73117 \$10.00
- Oregon Vital Records, 800 NE Oregon St., Suite #205, PO Box 14050, Portland, OR 97293 \$20.00
- Pennsylvania Division of Vital Statistics, 101 S. Mercer St., 4th Floor, New Castle, PA 16101 \$10.00
- Puerto Rico Demographic Registry, PO Box 11854, Fernandez Juncos Station, San Juan, PR 00910 \$5.00
- Rhode Island Dept. of Health, Div. of Vital Records, Room 101, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908-5097 \$20.00
- South Carolina Division of Vital Records, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201 \$12.00
- South Dakota Vital Records, 207 E Missouri, Suite 1-A, Pierre, SD 57501 \$10.00
- Tennessee Office of Vital Records 421 5th Ave, 1st Floor, Central Services Bldg., Nashville, TN 37147-0450 \$12.00
- Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1100 W 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756 \$22.00
- Utah Bureau of Vital Records, PO Box 141012, 288 N 1460 W., Salt Lake City, UT 841 14-1012 \$15.00
- Vermont Dept. of Health , Vital Records, PO Box 70, 108 Cherry St., Burlington, VT 05402 \$10.00
- Virginia Division of Vital Records, PO Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23218-1000 \$12.00
- Washington Dept. of Health, Center for Health Statistics, PO Box 9709, Olympia, WA 98507-9709 \$20.00
- West Virginia Division of Vital Statistics, 350 Capitol St., Rm 165, Charleston ,WV 25301 \$10.00
- Wisconsin Vital Records, 1 W. Wilson St, PO Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309 \$20.00
- Wyoming Vital Records Services, Hathaway Building, Cheyenne, WY 82002

