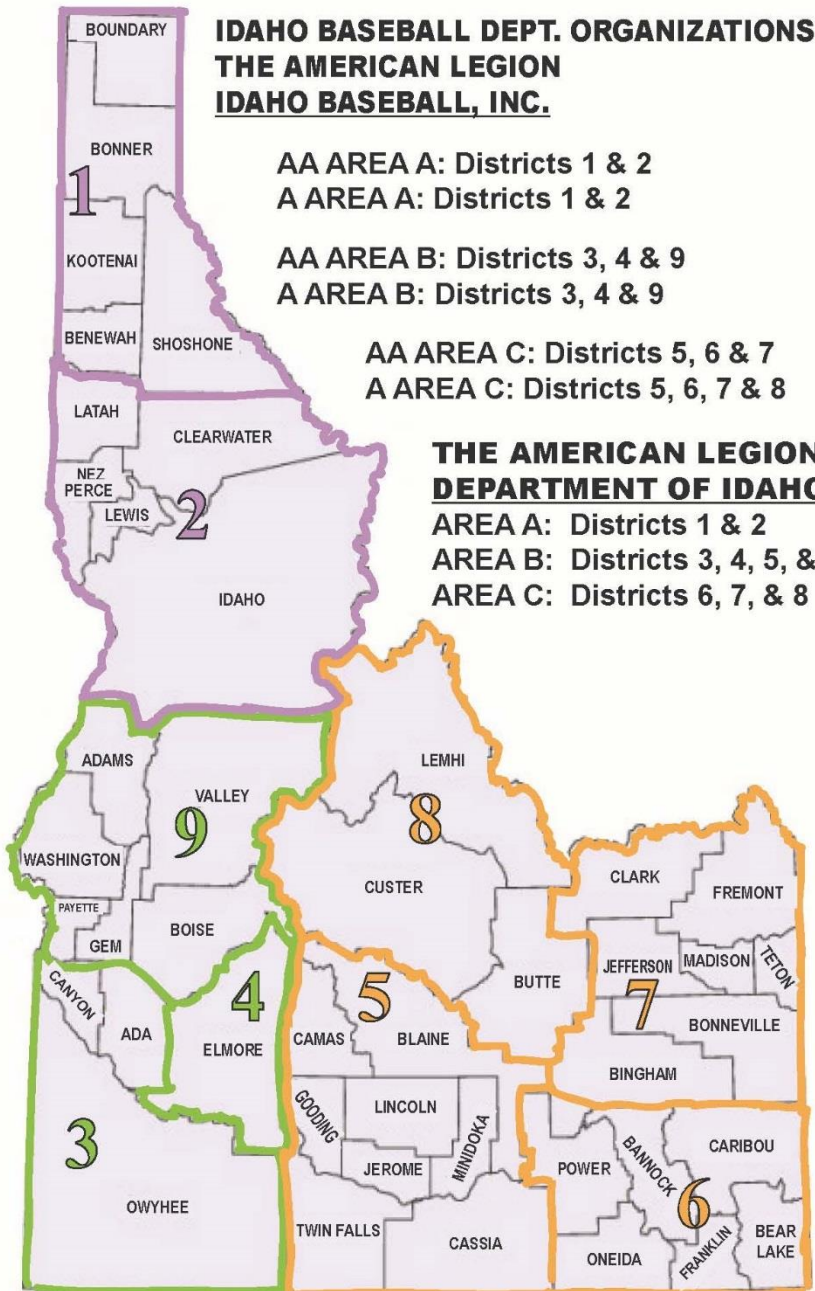


2019  
**PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS  
& BYLAWS**

for  
**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**

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IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, INC.  
IDAHO DEPARTMENT  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
and  
NORTHWEST REGIONAL "A" TOURNAMENT  
RULES and REGULATIONS





# **THE CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP**

I WILL:

Keep the rules

Keep faith with my teammates

Keep my temper

Keep myself fit

Keep a stout heart in defeat

Keep my pride under in victory

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

## **PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**

1. To inculcate in youth a better understanding of the 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.

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# 2019 IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES

## A. 2019 Idaho Tournament Schedules

### **Idaho Area District Tournaments:**

#### **Class "AA"**

**Area A @ L/C Twins**  
7/20 - 7/22

**Area B 7/17-7/22**  
All Games at  
Bishop Kelly

**Area C @ Pocatello**  
7/18-7/20

#### **Class "A"**

**Area A @ NLM - Rathdrum**  
7/19-7/22

**Area B 7/23-7/27**  
West Division A  
Valliview

East Division A  
Centennial

**Area C @ Twin Falls**  
7/22-7/24

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### **Idaho "AA" State Tournament Seedings: Dates/Locations:**

#### **Area A Host Year (A=2 seeds, B=3 seeds, C=3 seeds)**

##### **Game 1**

Area A #1 v. Area B #3

State Tournament @ Lewiston, ID  
Banquet 7/25  
Games 7/26 – 7/30

##### **Game 3**

Area B #1 v. Area C #2

Northwest Regional @ Lewiston ID  
Travel to Regional Site: 8/07  
Banquet- 8/06  
Games 8/07 -8/11

##### **Game 2**

Area C #3 v. Area B #2

World Series @ Shelby, NC  
Travel from Regional Site 8/14  
Banquet 8/15  
Games 8/16 – 8/21

##### **Game 4**

Area C #1 v. Area A #2 Host Team)

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### **Idaho "A" State Tournament Seedings: Dates/Locations:**

#### **Area C Host Year (A-1 Seed, B=3 seeds, C=4 seeds)**

##### **Game 1**

Area C #1 v. Area B #3

State Tournament @ Burley, ID  
Banquet 7/28  
Games 7/29 – Aug 2

##### **Game 3**

Area B #1 v. Area C #3

NWCART Region 7 @ Cody, WY  
Banquet 8/09  
Games 8/10 – 8/14

##### **Game 2**

Area A #1 v. Area C #2

##### **Game 4**

Area B #2 v. Area C #4 (Host Team)

## **B. "AA" TOURNAMENT BIDDING & REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The hosting for the "AA" tournament will normally be bid at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors one year prior to the baseball season to which the tournament applies, (e.g.) The 2020 tournament will be bid at the 2019 annual Idaho Department mid-winter meeting in Boise. The Lewis-Clark Twins will host the 2019 AA tournament in Lewiston, ID.
2. The Idaho "AA" State Tournament shall be rotated from in-state area A to B to C to B to A. If there is no bid from the region which has the eligible turn, priority will be given to the Area which has the next turn in the rotation. The normal rotation between Areas will NOT be changed, regardless of any change in tournament site in any year required by a "no bid" situation.
3. The bidder for the Idaho "AA" tournament shall present a check for \$250.00 to the Chairman at the time the bid is submitted, which amount will be returned if the bid is unsuccessful. An additional \$500.00 shall be presented to the Chairman by July 1 of the summer the tournament is held.
4. The tournament Host shall notify the Secretary by July 1 of the availability and cost of housing in the tournament area that might be useful for teams, coaches and fans. Such information, if presented with the bid, is helpful to the Directors in selection of the tournament Host.
5. Visiting teams to the Idaho State "AA" Tournament are required to provide all their own meals and lodging. The Host team will pay to the Chairman over and above the \$750.00 tournament fees, which are described above, a final payment of \$1,000.00. The State shall pay for all umpire fees for the Tournament at the rate of \$65.00 per game. The state shall pay mileage and per diem for the umpires from outside the Area hosting the tournament. The State shall provide thirteen (13) dozen American Legion Logo stamped baseballs for use at the tournament.
6. Tournament Host shall submit a financial statement to the Secretary and Chairman by October 1<sup>st</sup> together with the final payment.
7. The tournament Host shall provide lodging for three (3) State American Legion officials – two (2) umpires, one (1) for the Chairman or his appointed agent.
8. There shall be no entrance fee to the tournament.

### **C. "A" TEAM TOURNAMENT BIDDING & REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The hosting of the "A" Tournament will normally be bid at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the tournament of the following year. (e.g.) The 2020 "A" tournament will be bid at the 2019 annual Idaho Department mid-winter meeting in Boise. The Burley Sox will host the 2019 "A" tournament,
2. The "A" Tournament shall be rotated from Area C to B to A. If there is no bid from the Area which has the next turn, priority will be given to the Area which has the successive turn in the rotation. The normal rotation between Areas will NOT be changed, regardless of any change in tournament site in any year required by a "no bid" situation.
3. The bidder for the Idaho "A" Tournament shall present a \$100.00 check to the Chairman at the time the bid is submitted, which amount shall be returned if the bid is unsuccessful. An additional \$150.00 shall be presented to the Chairman by the Host of the tournament by July 1 of the summer in which the tournament is held.
4. The tournament Host shall also send notification to the Secretary by July 1 of the availability and cost of housing in the tournament area that might be available for teams, coaches and fans. Such information if presented with the bid will be helpful to the Directors in selection of the tournament Host.
5. There will be no tournament entrance fee.
6. Visiting teams to the Idaho State "A" Tournament are required to provide all of their own meals and lodging. The State shall pay for all umpire fees at the rate of \$65.00 per game. The State shall pay the mileage and per diem for the umpires from outside of the Area hosting the tournament. The State shall provide thirteen (13) dozen American Legion baseballs for use at the tournament. The "A" Champion will be subsidized \$3,000.00 by the Idaho American Legion Baseball, Inc. as partial support to participate in the Northwest Regional "A" Tournament (NWCART). In the event that the NW Regional "A" Tournament is hosted by the State of Alaska, the Champion's flight costs in traveling to the Alaskan tournament shall be paid for by Idaho American Legion Baseball, Inc. The Teams will be responsible for their travel costs to and from Seattle, Washington, for the flight to Alaska, and their housing, food and local transportation costs while at the tournament.
7. The Tournament managers shall provide lodging for three (3) State American Legion officials – two (2) umpires, one (1) for the Chairman or his appointed agent.
8. Tournament managers shall submit a financial statement to the Secretary and Chairman by October 1.



#### **D. GENERAL TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES FOR “A” AND AA” TOURNAMENTS:**

1. Prior to the banquet, team managers and coaches shall arrive at the Host city. Attendance at the banquet is mandatory.
2. Each team shall assume its own financial responsibilities.
3. Each team manager will present the state representative, immediately on arrival at the tournament site, their original Rosters, original or certified birth certificates or other proof of age per National Rules, their National Form 2s for each player, concussion certification and Coaches' Ethics statement.
4. Games shall be played on a lighted field approved by the State Chairman.
5. The manager or coach is responsible to ensure that a player who is ill and confined to his room or who is ejected from a game has adult supervision.
6. A managers' and coaches' meeting shall be held on the eve of the tournament, generally following the banquet or picnic.
7. There will be no dressing at the ballpark. All teams must arrive in uniform for their games.

#### **E. HOST RESPONSIBILITIES FOR “A” AND “AA” TOURNAMENTS:**

1. A banquet/picnic, at no charge for tournament team players and coaches, shall be held by the Host on the evening prior to the tournament. All teams are required to attend dressed in shoes, slacks, shirts & ties; or in nice team polo shirts all the same color and design. **Baseball caps will not be allowed at the banquet/picnic.**
2. The Host shall assist visiting teams in acquiring moderate priced lodging. (Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months prior to the tournament.)
3. The Host shall provide adequate medical assistance on the field.
4. The Host shall provide tournament packets to scouts and media who shall not be charged for admission to games.
5. The field shall be dressed properly before the start of each game.
6. The Host shall provide qualified official scorers and public address announcers for each game.
7. The Host shall provide stadium/parking security.
8. The local tournament chairman shall be responsible for the availability of and assignment of practice fields. No practice permitted on the tournament field.

9. Host teams will be required to provide dressing room facilities at the tournament site for the umpires.
10. Host shall have policy in place to warn fans and players of weather conditions specifically regarding Lightning danger. The Host team shall make an announcement of suitable cover available at the ballpark should play be suspended by the Umpires in charge of the game.

## **F. TEAM ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **1. REGISTRATION OF "AA" AND "A" TEAMS:**

Each Idaho American Legion AA and A baseball team shall pay a \$50.00 National Fee, a \$175.00 State registration fee and shall purchase Liability & Accident Insurance for a Senior team from S.A. Van Dyke. All registrations, National and State, payments and purchase of insurance shall be done on-line at the National site: <http://www.legion.org/baseball>. The DEADLINE for registration is May 15th of each season. There will be a NATIONAL late fee of \$200.00 assessed for all submissions after May 15th and you will be locked out of the on-line registration until after that fee is paid.

### **2. REGISTRATION OF "B" JUNIOR LEGION TEAMS:**

This is a league primarily designed for 8th grade and 9th grade students. The season for the Spring League Division in area "B" Division shall begin no earlier than March 1st of each year and end on or before May 15th of each year.

Teams playing only in the summer in all Areas shall follow the dates, deadlines and penalties as set forth for A and AA Division teams above.

All "B" Division teams are eligible for the JUNIOR rate for the National Fee (\$25.00) and JUNIOR rates for insurance through S.A. Van Dyke. The State Fee shall be \$50.00 for all "B" Division teams, regardless of whether they play through the Spring League and Summer League, (Areas A and C).

The enrollment cap for all B Division teams shall be 5,000.

all teams playing in the "B" division, both spring and summer leagues will follow national junior rules as set out in the national rulebook, with the exception of the age eligibility rules in Idaho, which are set out in our rules at Page 12, Paragraph G-5.

The deadline for registration for Area B Spring League teams is March 1st of each Spring season. That season shall end on or before May 15th. In Areas A or C, the registration and other deadlines are the same as for A and AA Division teams. In Area B only, regardless of whether an Organization plans on fielding a "B" Division team during the Spring League, and then using some of the same players from that Spring League in their "A" Division summer league, they shall pay both the "B" Division fees and insurance AND then pay a separate NATIONAL fee for their "A" Division team. If that Organization elects to continue on through the Summer with its "B" Division team, they may DUAL ROSTER a "B" Division team player ONLY through the date of the first game of the "A" team. However, no team may have more than 18 players on any roster at any time!

If an organization is fielding a “AA”, an “A” and a “B” division throughout the season, all roster changes between the “A” and the “B” teams MUST be done prior to the start of the “A” regular league season. Neither team may have more than 18 rostered players at one time.

**STEP ONE - BACKGROUND CHECKS:** every manager & coach must successfully complete a background check through protect youth sports, before attempting to register your team on-line, and before having ANY contact with any player. Any “Volunteer” who may have unsupervised, one-on-one contact with any player must also complete this background check (e.g. Trainers, or Bus Drivers on overnight trips). Register and pay the fee on-line at <https://www.opportunities.averity.com/IdahoALBaseball>. Background checks must be done every year and regardless of whether other background checks may have been done for any other organizations!

**STEP TWO - CONCUSSION TRAINING:** All coaches and assistants present during all practices and games MUST HAVE written documentation that they have completed either the IHSSA or the center for disease control concussion training. written certification is good for two years and then must be renewed. penalty: any coach or assistant who does not have written certification of up-to-date concussion training may not be on the field for any games or practices until that new written certification is completed. any violation of this requirement will result in the immediate suspension of that coach or assistant for a period of one year unless modified by appeal to the state chairman who will have the sole discretion, based on good cause shown, to modify the penalty.

**STEP THREE - TEAM REGISTRATION:** log on to the national site and register your team or teams. designate whether you are a senior division “A”, senior division “AA”, or a junior division B team. your registration will be approved by the state chairman within one (1) week. deadline for this registration is may 15th each year for divisions “A” and “AA” playing only in the summer leagues. the deadline for all “B” division teams and those “A” di- vision teams that are also playing in the spring league is march 1st of each year. register your team(s) as soon as possible beginning January 1 of each year!

**STEP FOUR - FEES & INSURANCE:** when you register, you should also pay your registration fees, both national and state and if you are an “A” or an “AA” division team, purchase your ~~own~~ insurance, liability and medical, from S. A. Van Dyke. if you are a true “B” division team you may purchase junior insurance through S. A. Van Dyke payment must be by debit or credit card. no exceptions! deadline for payment of fees and purchase of insurance in the “B” spring league teams in area b is March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and is good through the summer if any team continues through the summer. The deadline for “A”, “AA” and any “B” division teams playing only during the summer league is May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

If you have not paid your fees and purchased your insurance by your respective division due dates, you will automatically be locked out of the on-line system. You will not be allowed to continue the registration process until you have been reinstated. You will have to (1) Contact the State Chairman, (2) pay the \$200.00 late fee for late payment of fees, (3) and show cause why you should be allowed to continue the registration process. The State Chairman will email all Area and District Directors setting forth the reasons cited by the team for their failure to pay all fees and insurance by the deadline and the majority vote of the Directors will control whether a late paying team will be allowed to resume the registration process.

**PENALTY:** If a team plays any games without being properly registered and without having paid its fees and insurance, they will forfeit all games played to date and they may be ineligible for all post-season play.

**STEP FIVE - ROSTER/MEDICAL INDEMNITY RELEASE & TEAM PICTURES: "B" SUMMER LEAGUE TEAMS ONLY AND A & AA DIVISIONS**

Upon payment of all fees and purchase of insurance you will then complete your rosters and your medical release and indemnity forms (form 2s) and submit your team picture – all on-line and due by June 25th! if you cannot submit pictures on-line, you will have to submit four (4), 5"x7" color, team pictures with typed captions identifying all players/coaches to the state chairman, Charles "Abe" Abrahamson due by June 30<sup>th</sup>

**"B" SPRING LEAGUE TEAIN AREA "B":**

Rosters & Form 2s for the Spring B League are due by March 15th of each year. Rosters & Form 2s for the Summer B League are due by June 25th of each year. NO TEAM PICTURES are required in the B Division. no team – A, AA or B may carry more than 18 rostered players at any time.

**PENALTY:** failure to submit your complete roster by the applicable due dates will result in that team's disqualification for the remainder of the season and all games played previously will be declared forfeited

**3.Alcohol policy**

A. The Home/Host team at all games will have a game administrator available to ensure that no alcoholic beverages are sold or consumed within the confines of the ballpark.

B. If a complaint is made to any member of the Idaho American Legion Baseball, Inc. Board of Directors, an investigation will be conducted, and if the complaint is found to be accurate, any organization found to be in violation of the rule by a majority vote of the Board of Directors will be penalized as follows:

**First Offense:** The Organization will receive a letter from the State Chair- man putting them on probation for the remainder of the season.

Second Offense: If there is a second offense within one year of the first offense, the Organization will be fined \$150.00, which will be placed in the Idaho American Legion Baseball Scholarship Fund.

Subsequent Offenses: If there are subsequent violations during the three (3) year period from the time of the first offense, the Organization will be fined \$250, which will be placed in the Idaho American Legion Baseball Scholarship Fund.

## **G. TEAM COMPOSITION AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Except as provided below for “A” teams, all teams and players must conform to the National American Legion Rule Book.
2. “A” teams may be made up from any school or contiguous schools with a combined enrollment not exceeding 1,750 in grades 10, 11, and 12.
  - a. Player eligibility for the 2019 Idaho season:  
Players born on or after Jan. 1, 2000.
3. Any “AA” team may also field an “A” team subject to the following limitations:
  - a. Player eligibility for the 2019 Idaho season:  
Players born on or after Jan. 1, 1999.
  - b. Players must come from the same schools from which the “AA” team is recruited.
4. MINIMUM AGE RULE: To be eligible for playing Idaho American Legion base ball in the A and AA Divisions, players shall be age 14 on or before September 1st of each season. THERE WILL BE NO “CASE BY CASE” EXCEPTIONS.
5. To be eligible to play in the B Division players must be age 13 on or before May 1st of the current season, and must not be more than 16 years of age prior to September 1st of the current season of play. This is a league primarily designed for 8th grade and 9th grade students.
6. Team officials shall have a complete set of proofs of age per National Rules for all rostered players approved by their District or Area Director **as soon as possible after July 1, but no later than July 15** (see pages 23 & 24 - National Rule 2-E (1-7), player eligibility requirements).
7. All teams shall also be prepared to produce their Coaches Ethics’ Statement, a copy of their Certification of Concussion Training within the last 2 years, and a signed Drug Policy statement from all team members. After June 25th, no player shall be dual registered on both “AA” and “A” rosters. No player shall play in two different programs, for example, Babe Ruth and American Legion at any time without advance written approval from the State Chairman.
8. After June 25<sup>th</sup> no player shall be dual registered on both “AA” and “A” rosters. No player shall play in two different programs, for example, Babe Ruth and American Legion at any time without advance approval from the State Chairman.

## **H. PLAYING REGULATIONS:**

1. All games shall be played according to the 2019 National American Legion Rule Book and the 2019 Edition of the Official Baseball Rules as published by Triumph Books except as provided in Paragraph 1-2 below.
2. PITCHING RULE: Strictly pursuant to National Rule 1-R, pages 14 – 16, SENIOR rules and pages 60-62 JUNIOR rules. Protests should be brought to the attention of your Area or District Directors who will investigate and after consultation with the Board of Directors may, per National Rule 1-R, pages 15 – 18, assess a penalty of forfeiture of the games and/or suspension of the coach and/or player.
3. Idaho American Legion “AA”, “A” or “B” teams shall not play any Idaho “Club” team except when the Idaho “Club” team is participating in an invitational tournament hosted by a registered Idaho American Legion team or teams, and have had to travel to said tournament site and spend overnights there, in which case Idaho Legion teams may also play that traveling team on either the day before or the day after the Tournament as well. A “Club” team is defined as any team not registered as an Idaho American Legion team that season unless they are registered teams with either the National Little League or National Babe Ruth organizations.
4. All Divisions, AA, A & B, shall be allowed *DURING REGULAR SEASON ONLY* to use courtesy runners, utilize a designated hitter, or re-enter players as set out in the National Rules, paragraphs 1-G, 1-L and 1-S, pages 8, 10 & 16 in the Senior rules and pages 54, 56 and 62 in the Junior rules. AA and A Divisions follow SENIOR Rules. Only B Division teams follow JUNIOR rules.
5. DUAL PARTICIPATION: All players seeking permission to play in any other amateur baseball program MUST COMPLY with National Rule 6(D) and seek written approval from the Department Chairman PRIOR to that event. The Form for this request is on the website at [www.idaholegionbaseball.org](http://www.idaholegionbaseball.org) under FORMS.

### **• PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF RULES #3 AND #5 ABOVE:**

Any Idaho American Legion “AA” or “A” or “B” Division team found to be in violation of the above rule #3 by a majority vote of the Board of Directors will be penalized as follows:

- (1) First offense: Team fined \$300.00 (fine to be placed into Idaho American Legion Baseball Scholarship Fund)
- (2) Second offense within one year of time of first offense: Team fined \$400.00 (fine to be placed into Idaho American Legion Baseball Scholarship Fund), Head Coach suspended for all post-season play.
- (3) Subsequent violation(s) during three (3) year period from time of first offense: Team fined \$400.00 (fine to be

placed into Idaho American Legion Baseball Scholarship Fund), Head Coach suspended for all post-season play and for the following full season from Idaho American Legion Baseball.

(4) Any Idaho American Legion "AA", "A" or "B" team found to be in violation of Rule 5 above by a majority of the Board of Directors will be penalized as follows: The player will be suspended for the next three (3) league games scheduled after notification by the State Chairman of the violation. The coach shall be suspended for the next league game - unless, upon appeal to the State Chairman, it is found that the Coach did not have notice of the player's participation in the event.

(5) Protests:

- a. All protests of player eligibility must be specific with definite written proof and the protest must be lodged prior to the start of the game.
  - b. If a player is found to be ineligible, he shall be disqualified immediately. All games in which such disqualified player participated shall be declared forfeited.
  - c. Protests of rule interpretations during actual game conditions must be filed with the umpire-in-chief before the next legally pitched ball is thrown from the pitcher's mound.
  - d. Protests arising in any regularly scheduled game must be filed with the Area or District Director. All protests arising in area, regional or state final play will be ruled upon by the Chairman.
  - e. Protests arising in any regularly scheduled game must be filed with the Chairman within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game in question. Complete information, including a report from umpires must accompany each protest. The Chairman's decision of will be final without recourse. A record of all protests shall be filed with the minutes and reports of the Idaho American Legion Baseball, Inc. In handling tournaments within Idaho, tournament managers shall hold a meeting of all team managers involved in the tournament. At this meeting all team managers shall submit a copy of the team roster and proof of age pursuant to National Rules for each player on his/her team. Any protests as to eligibility of any player shall be made at this time. Protests as to eligibility of any player in that tournament will not be accepted after that time. Approval or disqualification of any player protested as ineligible will be made by the Chairman or his/her designee. A fee of \$10.00 shall accompany any protest.
6. If a coach or player uses profanity, physically abuses an umpire or refuses to leave a game when ejected, he/she is subject to suspension by any Idaho American Legion Director who shall make a written report to the

Chairman as a record. Umpires shall submit the required Umpire Ejection Report for all ejections of an American Legion Coach or Player, whether at an American Legion game or while representing American Legion Baseball during any tournament in the State of Idaho. The Umpire shall submit the report to the District and/or Area Director responsible in that area within 24 hours of the ejection. That District or Area Director will discuss the offense leading to the ejection with the Umpire submitting the report and/or the Umpire Assignor in that area, and make a recommendation on the appropriate penalty to the Chairman. Any final penalty will be assessed by the Chairman and communicated to the Coach and his organization and to the appropriate Area or District Director. Any game suspensions shall be for the next league games following that notice from the Chairman.

7. Illegal equipment shall not be worn by any player. This applies to any equipment which, in the opinion of the umpire-in-chief, is dangerous or confusing. Any Idaho American Legion Baseball, Inc. Director may authorize the use of artificial limbs which in his/her opinion are no more dangerous to players than the corresponding human limb and do not place an opponent at a disadvantage.
8. All players, coaches, managers and umpires are expected to demonstrate proper respect during the sportsmanship code and playing of the national anthem. Proper respect means to remove your cap, place it over the heart, stand at attention and no talking. A coach is also held accountable for his actions during the Code/Anthem, or not being on the line for the Code/Anthem unless he is doing administrative duties for the tournament or games. A player or coach who is subject to discipline will have a one (1) game suspension for that first offense – at that game. A second offense is suspension until a final report has been completed and the Board of Directors has ruled, all to be done within one (1) week of the offense. Alleged Violations in District, State, Regional or World Series tournaments will result in suspension of the person from the entire tournament, unless reinstated by the tournament director.

## **I. IDAHO STATE AND AREA TOURNAMENTS;**

1. The “AA” tournament shall consist of eight (8) teams determined as follows:
  - a. Area A - 1 team unless Hosting, then 2 teams
  - b. Area B - 4 teams unless Area A Hosting, then 3 teams
  - c. Area C - 3 teams every year
2. The “A” tournament shall consist of 8 teams consisting of:
  - a. Area A - 1 team unless Hosting, then 2 teams
  - b. Area B - 3 teams unless Hosting, then 4 teams
  - c. Area C - 3 teams unless Hosting, then 4 teams

In all cases, the Host team takes the lowest seed in their Area. Any team submitting a roster after June 30th is ineligible to compete in any Area or State American Legion Baseball tournament.



4. Tournament brackets may be adjusted during the tournament so that the Host team gets to play in the feature game on the first day only.
5. "AA" tournament games are seven (7) innings in length, and "A" tournament games are seven (7) innings in length.
6. State trophies and awards (championships, runners-up, sportsmanship, individuals) shall be provided by Idaho American Legion Baseball, Inc.
7. Idaho American Legion Baseball, Inc. shall pay umpires a minimum of \$65.00 per game at both AA and A Tournaments. Any umpire wishing to donate umpire services is encouraged to return the earnings.
8. The State Chairman shall select the outside-of-Host Area umpires for State "AA" and State "A" tournaments and he shall appoint the umpire-in-chief for both tournaments from the Host Area.
9. The Class "AA" tournament shall have a minimum of three (3) umpires during the entire State tournament.  
The Class "A" tournament shall have two (2) umpires until the semi-finals at which time three (3) umpires shall be required for the remainder of the tournament. At the sole discretion of the State Tournament Director, a fourth umpire may be added for the Semi-Final and Championship games.
10. Invitation to recognition of Department of Idaho American Legion officials at State tournaments shall be extended to:
  - a. Department Commander;
  - b. Host Area Vice Commander;
  - c. Department Adjutant;
  - d. National Executive Committeeman;
  - e. Alternate National Executive Committeeman;
  - f. Host District Commander;
  - g. Host Post Commander;
  - h. All District/Area Baseball Chairmen

These officials should receive all information on State tournaments, and two (2) passes. Addresses of the officials listed above are available from:

Charles "Abe" Abrahamson, Adjutant  
American Legion Dept. of Idaho  
901 Warren St.  
Boise ID  
83706  
208-681-0592  
[idlegion@mindspring.com](mailto:idlegion@mindspring.com)

**BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, INC.**

These bylaws are hereby written to guide the Idaho American Legion Baseball, Inc.

**ARTICLE I: OFFICES**

The place where the principal business of this corporation is to be conducted and transacted is at Boise, in Ada County, State of Idaho, and the location and post office address of its registered Office in the State of Idaho is 901 Warren, Boise, ID.

**ARTICLE II: MEMBERS**

**Section 1. Class of Members.** The corporation shall have one class of members.

**Section 2. Membership.** All paid up members of the American Legion, Department of Idaho, all paid up members in good standing of the Sons of American Legion and Women's Auxiliary, Department of Idaho, shall be members of the corporation.

**Section 3. Rights.** Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

**Section 4. Transfer of Membership.** Membership in this corporation is not transferable or assignable.

**Section 5. Termination of Membership.** The Board of Directors or members, by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors or of the members, may suspend a member or terminate his membership, for cause, after an appropriate hearing.

**Section 6. Resignation.** Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of any obligation to the corporation, incurred prior to such resignation.

**ARTICLE III: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

**Section 1. Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting of the members shall be held at the time and place of the annual convention of the American Legion for the Department of Idaho.

**Section 2. Special Meeting.** Special Meetings of the members may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, or by the Chairman, or by not less than five members.

**Section 3. Place of Meeting.** The place of meeting of the members shall be the registered office of the corporation in the State of Idaho. (Unless designated elsewhere within the State of Idaho by appropriate notice of meeting).

**Section 4. Notice of Meeting.** Notice of the time, place and purpose of meeting of members including annual meeting shall be given by the secretary (adjutant of the Department of Idaho) or other person authorized to do so to all members at least five (5) days prior to the day named for the meeting by written notice delivered personally or mailed to each member at his last known post office address, or by electronic mail to members' last known e-mail address.

**Section 5. Informal Action by Members.** Any action required by law taken at a meeting of the members, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members, may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

**Section 6. Quorum.** A membership meeting duly called may be organized for the transaction of business when a quorum is present. One percent of the members shall constitute a quorum. The members present at a duly organized meeting can continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum. If a meeting cannot be organized because a quorum has not attended, those present may adjourn the meeting to such time and place as they may determine, and those who attend such adjourned meetings, although less than one percent of the members, shall never-the-less constitute a quorum and may transact the business of the corporation.

**Section 7. Proxies.** Proxies shall not be recognized at any meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. General Powers.** The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors of the corporation. Directors, whether District or Area Directors, must be members in good standing of the American Legion, Department of Idaho, or members of the Sons of American Legion and Women's Auxiliary, Department of Idaho.

**Section 2a. Election of Directors.** The Directors shall be elected at the Fall District meeting by each participating District (one director per District) and an additional Director shall be appointed by the Vice Commander from each of the three areas.

**Section 2b. Fall Election.** Election at the Fall District Meeting gives a newly elected Director a chance to learn their duties before the season starts the next spring.

**Section 3. Election Terms.** Election shall be for a term of three (3) years. Starting with the year 2007 Fall District Meetings, District one (1), three (3) and five (5) shall elect an Idaho American Legion Baseball Director; in 2008 Districts two (2), four (4) and six (6) shall elect an Idaho American Legion Baseball Director; and in 2009 District seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9) shall elect an Idaho American Legion Baseball Director for terms of three (3) years. Directors shall be elected every third year thereafter. This keeps continuity when new Directors are elected.

**Section 4. Director Vacancies.** If a District has a vacancy during a three (3) year term of office, a replacement shall be elected at the next District meeting or a replacement may be appointed by the District Commander, with approval of the District Executive Committee, to fill the unexpired term of the Director being replaced.

**Section 5. Area Directors.** The Department Vice Commander representing Areas A, B or C shall appoint an American Legion Baseball Director to represent his Area for term of one (1) year immediately after his election as Department Vice Commander or reappoint the current Director from his Area. If a replacement for the Area Director is required during his term as Director, the Department Vice Commander representing Area A, B or C, with the cooperation of the District Commanders from that Area shall appoint the Idaho American Legion Baseball Director for the remaining portion of the year.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DIRECTORS OR REPLACEMENT, AS NECESSARY, SHALL BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT. AFTER EACH ELECTION OR REAPPOINTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT SHALL SEND THIS INFORMATION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, INC. AND THE SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, INC.

**Section 6. Baseball Chairman (or Representative) Duty.** The Chairman of the Idaho American Legion Baseball, Inc. shall be present, or his appointed representative, at the annual American Legion Baseball Incorporation annual meeting at the Department Convention.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS, IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, INC.**

### **A. GENERAL**

i. It is the duty and responsibility of Directors to ensure that teams in their respective jurisdictions comply with the state and national rules of the American Legion Baseball Program. Directors must also work cooperatively with other directors where mutual interests and concerns are shared. Collectively, the Directors are responsible for formulating rules and procedures for the operation of American Legion Baseball in Idaho.

ii. District Directors' primary responsibility is the AA teams; secondary responsibility is to help the Area Directors.

iii. Primary duty of Area Directors are A & B DIVISION teams; secondary responsibility is helping District Directors with AA teams.

iv. The Board of Directors shall make any rule changes as necessary. Compliance with the National Baseball rules are mandatory. Any changes authorized by the Board of Directors shall be reported to the Baseball Corporation at each annual meeting. Changes to the Bylaws must be approved at the annual meeting of the stock holders by a majority vote of those stock holders at the meeting.

## **B. ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- i. Directors must check proof of age and form #2s of all players listed on team rosters by July 15, or earlier if possible, so that any unacceptable proofs of age can be corrected prior to tournament times.
- ii. Directors must insure that Hosts for area and in-state regional tournaments are designated in a timely manner and that rules for participation in these tournaments, such as seedings, are fully understood by all baseball teams eligible to participate.
- iii. A Director or his designee must be in attendance at area and in-state regional tournaments at all times; must insure that tournament managers are fully informed in advance of the requirements for conducting an American Legion tournament; and confirm that all requirements are met during the tournament.
- iv. District and Area Directors shall report at the semi-annual district meetings to keep members informed on the activities of the program. Reports in person are, preferable, accompanied by a written report.
- v. Directors must investigate claims of inappropriate recruiting of players by teams in their respective jurisdictions.
- vi. Directors must attend the annual meetings of the Board of Directors and contribute in the formulation of policy and procedures for the management of the Idaho American Legion Baseball program.
- vii. Directors must make themselves available to promote and assist with the development of new American Legion Baseball organizations and established programs with new managers and administrators.
- viii. Directors should make sure that teams are aware when they are eligible to host a state or regional tournament. If one or more teams wish to bid on such tournaments but representatives cannot attend the Board of Directors meeting, Directors should be prepared to submit the bid checks and make recommendations to the Board.

## **C. OPTIONAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- i. Directors for each league may want to call a meeting of all teams in the league prior to the annual Board of Directors meeting. This meeting will be for the purpose of identifying problems or the need for specific changes in Idaho Directors meeting for consideration. This meeting is also an opportune time to let teams in the league bid for tournaments and to decide rules for participation in the tournaments and in league play.
- ii. Directors may want to call a second meeting of teams in the league subsequent to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of discussing rule changes or other actions by the Board.
- iii. Directors should work with teams in their leagues for developing league schedules. It may be done at one of the meetings of teams by someone preparing a draft schedule which individual teams can modify, or by letting each team independently develop their own schedule.
- iv. District/Area Directors may want to share responsibilities of meeting with local team organizations, checking proofs of age, attending tournaments, presenting trophies and such other activities that are more convenient for some than others.

**Section 3. Number, Tenure and Qualifications.** The number of Directors of this corporation shall not be less than ten (10) or more than fifteen (15), the number to be fixed at any annual meetings of the members; provided that if a number less than the (10) is fixed at any annual membership meetings the number may be increased at a later special meeting of the members and additional Directors may be elected thereat so long as the total number shall not exceed fifteen (15). Each Director elected shall hold office until his successor is duly elected and qualified except that any Director who misses two (2) successive annual meetings of the Board of Directors shall be dropped as a Director and shall not be allowed to vote on any matters being considered by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Regular Meetings.** A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held during the month of January at the annual Department mid-winter meeting in Boise. Other regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as may, from time to time, be fixed by the Board of Directors. These by-laws shall constitute notice of the annual meeting and no further notice thereof need be given. Directors shall be duly notified by the Secretary of the time, place and agenda of any other regular annual meetings. Any business which may be lawfully transacted by the Board of Directors of the corporation may be transacted at such regular meetings.

**Section 5. Special Meetings.** Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Chairman or any three Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the time and place thereof.

**Section 6. Notice.** The Secretary shall give Notice of special meetings of the Board of Directors at least fourteen (14) calendar days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail to each Director at his addressed as shown by the records of the corporation, by telephone, or e-mail. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope, with postage thereon prepaid. Any attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice to such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. The principle business to be transacted at a special meeting shall be specified in the notice of such meeting. Any business proposed to be transacted at a special meeting but not specified in the notice of meeting must be approved by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

**Section 7. Quorum.** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than a majority of the Directors is present at such meeting, then a majority of the members present at said meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

**Section 8. Manner of Acting.** The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting in which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these by-laws. Each Director present, including the president or other chairman, shall have one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 9. Vacancies.** Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors and any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors, shall be filled by the District involved or by the Area Vice Commander involved. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

**Section 10. Compensation.** Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as directors. The Board of Directors may, however, by resolution entered in the minutes reimburse a Director out of corporate funds for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties as director.

**Section 11. Executive Committee.** The Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board, designate two (2) or more of their number to constitute an executive committee, who, to the extent provided in such resolution shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Officers.** The officers of the corporation shall be a Chairman, one or more Vice Chairmen (the number thereof to be determined by the Board of Directors), a secretary, a treasurer and such other offices as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this article. The Board of Directors may elect or appoint such other officers, including one or more assistant secretaries and one or more assistant treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such other officers to have the authority to perform the duties prescribed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors. Any two (2) or more offices except the office of Chairman may be held by the same person. Officers must be members in good standing of the American Legion, Department of Idaho, or members of the Sons of American Legion or Women's Auxiliary, Department of Idaho.

**Section 2. Election and Term of Office.** The offices of the corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have been qualified. The officer shall be elected to a one (1), two (2) or (3) three-year term according to the wishes of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. Removal.** Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interest of the corporation would be served thereby. An affirmative vote of a majority of the directors shall be required to remove an officer.

**Section 4. Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term in case the Districts or Vice Commander do not fill such vacancies within sixty (60) days.

**Section 5. Chairman.** The Chairman shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these by-laws, or by statute to some other officer or agent of the corporation; in general he shall perform all duties incident to the office of Chairman and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

**Section 6. Vice Chairman.** In the absence of the Chairman or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Chairman or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 7. Treasurer.** If required by the Board of Directors, the treasurer shall give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors may determine. He shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipt for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such money in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provision of Article IV of these by-laws; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Chairman or by the Board of Directors.



**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
TREASURER, IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, INC.**

The Treasurer is responsible for collecting receipts and paying the bills of the organization. The Treasurer has a duty to keep complete records of how the organization's funds have been used. The following are some of the major duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer:

- i. Keep a checking account in the organization's name where all receipts are promptly deposited.
- ii. Prepare an expense voucher form and insist that all expenses are documented before paying.
- iii. Prepare an annual financial report for presentation to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
- iv. Keep a file of all incidental expenses of the Secretary/Treasurer such as phone calls, postage, copying office supplies.
- v. Pay such other bills and debts as authorized by the Board of Directors or the Chairman including:
  - A. Travel expenses of Directors and Chairman to annual meeting
  - B. Travel expenses of Chairman or his designee to State Tournaments
  - C. Travel expenses of Chairman or his designee to Regional Tournaments
  - D. Travel expenses of Chairman to National meeting of State Chairmen
  - E. Mileage and per diem for umpires at State Tournaments
  - F. Travel assistance to team traveling to Northwest Regional A tournament
  - G. Dues to Host of Northwest Regional A Tournament
  - H. Trophies for State Tournaments.

**Section 8. Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws and as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws; keep a register of the post office address of each Director which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such Director; and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Chairman or by the Board of Directors.

## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECRETARY, IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION, INC.

The Secretary is the primary communicator of the organization and is responsible for the following activities:

- i. Record the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, make copies and distribute copies to all who attend the annual meeting, all Directors, all teams, the Department Adjutant and to such other Legion officials who are interested.
- ii. Report to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting activities of the organization as may be pertinent.
  - iii. Have the Idaho American Legion Baseball rule book updated with rule changes from the annual meeting. Have the rulebook published by late March, or as soon as dates for tournaments are reported to the secretary.
  - iv. Prepare an annual registration form and distribute copies to all who receive copies of the minutes of the annual meeting plus others who inquire about registering under the Idaho American Legion Baseball program.
  - v. Keep a file of teams who submit registration forms and keep the Chairman and local Directors informed of who has and has not registered.
  - vi. Create listing of key people with such local baseball program.
  - vii. Inform teams that the Official Baseball Rules are available on the internet by (1) entering American Legion Baseball Home Page (2) Under INFO CENTER, click on RESOURCES (3) click on HELPFUL LINKS, (4) click on Major League Baseball, (5) Under OFFICIAL INFO click on OFFICIAL RULES, where you will find the Official Rules – rules 1.0 thru 11.00.
  - viii. Distribute to each registered team two (2) copies of the following together with a memo explaining what is to be done with each, if appropriate:
    - A. Idaho American Legion Rulebook
    - B. National American Legion Rulebook
    - C. **Official Baseball Rules – (see vii above)**
    - D. Any special insurance forms or information.
  - ix. In cooperation with the Chairman, the Department Adjutant and the Host of the annual meeting, select a time and place for the annual meeting.
  - x. In cooperation with the Chairman, prepare and distribute an agenda and a memo to all teams and Directors announcing the time and place of the annual meeting, and explain the significance of any special agenda items. This should be done three (3) weeks prior to the meeting.
  - xi. Prepare the Idaho Corporation annual report form as received from the Secretary of State by mid-October.
  - xii. Maintain the files of the organization, including a historical record of minutes, registration forms, corporation papers, by-laws changes, state rulebooks, and other information of future value.

**Section 9. Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries.** If required by the Board of Directors, the assistant treasurer shall give bonds for faithful discharge of their duties in such sum and with such sureties as the Board of Directors may determine. The assistant treasurers and assistant secretaries, in general, shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the treasurer or by the secretary or by the Chairman or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 10. Qualification of Officers.** All officers must be members of the corporation and except for the Chairman, shall be a Director.

**Section 11. Compensation.** The officers of the Corporation shall receive such compensation for their services as the Board of Directors shall determine.

## **ARTICLE VI CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

**Section 1. Contracts.** The Board of Directors may authorize any office or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation, in addition to the officers, so authorized by these laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

**Section 2. Checks, Drafts, etc.** All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation, and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, such instrument shall be signed by the Treasurer or Secretary.

**Section 3. Deposits.** All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Treasurer may select unless directed otherwise by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Gifts.** The Board of Directors may accept in behalf of the corporation any contribution, bequest, or device for the general purpose or any purpose of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VII LEAGUE PLAY**

Section 1. Participation of teams and players shall be in compliance with the rulebook published annually by the Board of Directors, copies of which will be distributed by the secretary to all Directors and to all teams registered each spring.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consider the need for and make such revisions, additions, deletions or other changes to the rulebook at their annual mid-winter meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII  
BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors, and executive committee having authority of the Board of Directors and shall keep at the residence of the secretary giving the name and addresses of the Directors. All books and records of the Corporation may be inspected by any member, or his agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

**ARTICLE IX  
DUES**

The dues shall be the annual dues for membership in the American Legion Department of Idaho that each respective Post normally charges. Upon payment of said dues, the dues in this Corporation shall be considered paid.

**ARTICLE X  
INDEBTEDNESS**

No indebtedness shall be contracted in the name of the Corporation unless authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XI  
SEAL**

The Board of Directors may acquire a Corporate seal which shall be circular in form and shall contain the name of the Corporation and the state of incorporation and the work Seal. Such seal may contain such other words as the Board of Directors may designate.

**ARTICLE XII PRESUMPTION  
OF ASSENT**

A member or Director of the Corporation who is present at a meeting of the members or of the Board of Directors, as the case may be, at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless he shall file his written dissent to such action with the person acting as secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof, or shall forward such dissent by registered mail to the secretary of the Corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to any Director who voted in favor of such action.

**ARTICLE XIII  
WAIVER OF NOTICE**

Whenever any notice is required to be given any member or Director of the Corporation under the provisions of these by-laws, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, and filed with or entered upon the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Whenever all persons entitled to vote at any meeting, whether of Directors or members, consent either by writing on the records of the meeting or filed with the secretary or by presence at the meeting, and oral consent entered in the minutes, or by taking part in the deliberations at such meeting without objection, the doings of such meeting shall be valid as if had at a meeting regularly called and noticed, and at such meetings any business may be transacted which is not excepted from the written notice or by the consideration of which no objection for want of notice is made at the time, and if such meeting be irregular for want of notice or of such consent, provided a quorum was present at the meeting, the proceedings of such meeting may be ratified and approved and rendered likewise valid and the irregularity or defect waived by a writing signed by all parties having a right to vote at such meeting.

**ARTICLE XIV  
AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be repealed or amended, or new by-laws may be adopted, at any annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting of the members, or at any special meeting of the members called for that purpose, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, provided a quorum is present, or by the written consent duly acknowledged in the same manner as conveyances of real property are required to be acknowledged of two-thirds of the members, which written consent may be in one or more instruments. No rule, amendment or by-law adopted by the Corporation shall be contrary to the rules of the National American Legion Baseball rules and regulations. In the event of any differences, the National American Legion rules and regulations shall prevail.

**ARTICLE XV  
NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

This Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit. The rights and interest of all members of this Corporation shall be equal, and no member shall have or acquire a greater interest in the Corporation than another member. This Corporation shall not issue any capital stock.

**END BY-LAWS OF IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, INC.**

**NORTHWEST**  
**CLASS "A" REGIONAL TOURNAMENT**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Section 1. GOVERNING REGULATIONS:**

1. All games shall be governed by the Official Baseball Rules (published by Triumph Books, 42 South Dearborn St. Suite750, Chicago IL 60605) except as described in the National American Legion Baseball Rules Book and as regulated by the following:
2. Rules and regulations shall be established by the Chairmen of the participating states. The tournament will be under the direction of the Regional Representative, and the Chairman of the Host state. The Regional Representatives shall have the final authority in any decisions not covered by these rules and regulations.

**Section 2. ROTATION:**

1. The tournament shall be rotated between the six (6) participating states: Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah.
2. All participating States will be represented by their State Champion. A second team from one of the six participating States will be sending a second team to the tournament on a rotating basis. The Host State will be represented by their State Champion and the Host Team.

**Section 3. TOURNAMENT DATES & HOST:**

1. The 2019 Northwest Class A Regional Tournament will be in Cody, Wyoming August 10-13
2. A banquet/picnic shall be held on August 9, 2019 prior to Tournament.
3. Contact Jerry McCarter, Director, NW Region 7 A Tournament, 208-582-0733

**Section 4. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. The tournament shall be rotated annually between states in the following order:

2019 IDAHO	2022 Montana	2026 Alaska
2019 Wyoming	2023 Oregon	2027 Utah
2020 Alaska	2024 IDAHO	
2021 Utah	2025 Wyoming	

**Section 5. TEAM & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

1. American Legion Baseball competition in 2019 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 2000. Any individual born before January 1, 2000 is not eligible.
1. A team's total school enrollment shall not exceed 1,000 students in grades 10, 11, and 12 unless they are a "feeder" team for a "AA" program.

## **Section 6. PAIRINGS:**

1. The Regional Representative shall assign team pairings.
2. The choice of game time of the Host team may be expressed for the first and second day of play only.

## **Section 7. FORFEITURE:**

1. In the event a team forfeits its tournament privilege, the state chairman of the forfeiting team shall designate an alternate.

## **Section 8. GENERAL TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. All teams, team managers and coaches shall arrive at the Host city by 5:00 p.m. on the eve of the tournament.
2. Prior to the banquet, team managers and coaches shall arrive at the Host city. Attendance at the banquet is MANDATORY. Teams not reporting to the Thursday evening Banquet will be fined \$500.00 and they will be held from tournament play until this fine is paid and their Proofs of Age, Form #1s and Form #2s have been checked.
3. Each team shall assume its own financial responsibilities.
4. Each team manager will present the regional representative, immediately on arrival at the tournament site, the original National Form 1s, proofs of age per National Rules, and original National Form 2s.
5. Games shall be played on a lighted field approved by the hosting state chairman.
6. The manager or coach is responsible to ensure that a player who is ill and confined to his room or who is ejected from a game has adult supervision.
7. A managers' and coaches' meeting shall be held on the eve of the tournament, generally following the banquet or picnic.

## **Section 9. HOST RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Host site to be required to submit to NWCART a Host fee of \$1,000.00 to be paid by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year **BEFORE** they are to Host the regional tournament. The check shall be made to NWCART; MAILED TO Jerry B. McCarter, 905 Stewart Ave, Lewiston, Idaho 83501
2. The banquet/picnic shall be held by the Host on the eve prior to the tournament. **ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND**, dressed in shoes, slacks, shirts & ties; or in nice team polo shirts all the same color and design. **BASEBALL CAPS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THE BANQUET/PICNIC.**
3. The Host shall assist visiting teams in acquiring moderate priced lodging. (Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months prior to the tournament.)
4. The Host shall arrange for two (2) motel room accommodations for the Regional Representative and be financially responsible for such accommodations.
5. The Host shall provide adequate medical assistance on the field.

6. The Host shall provide an office on the field with a restricted telephone and fax machine for the Regional Representatives.
7. The Host shall provide tournament packets to scouts and media who shall not be charged for admission to games.
8. The Host shall provide tournament packets to each state chairman four (4) weeks prior to the tournament to include availability of motels and prices, restaurants and other items of interest to visiting teams.
9. The Host shall have availability to 18 dozen baseballs.
10. The Host shall provide bat and ball persons.
11. The field shall be dressed properly before the start of each game.
12. The Host shall provide qualified official scorers and public address announcers for each game.
13. The Host shall provide stadium/parking security.
14. The local tournament chairman shall be responsible for the availability of and assignment of practice fields. No practice permitted on the tournament field.

**Section 10. DESIGNATED HITTER:**

1. All national tournaments shall utilize the American League designated hitter rule as published in Triumph Books, 6.10.

**Section 11. BAT RULE:**

1. Metal, ceramic or graphite bats may be used. Wooden bats are permitted under Official Baseball Rules as published by Triumph Books, 6.10.
2. Effective with the 2013 season, the maximum length is 36 inches; the maximum diameter is 2 5/8 inches.
3. The knob and end plug (if applicable) must be firmly attached.
4. The bat may not weigh, numerically, more than three (3) units less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 34-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 31 ounces).

**Section 12. TEN-RUN RULE:**

1. The 10-run rule shall apply after five (5) innings in all games.
2. Pitchers shall be charged for actual innings pitched by 1/3 innings.

**Section 13. INNINGS:**

1. All games shall be seven (7) innings, except when the 10-run rule is initiated.

**Section 14. UMPIRES:**

1. All games shall use at least three (3) umpires, except the semi-championship and championship games (games 14 and 15) shall use a minimum of four (4).
2. Umpires shall be coordinated and approved by the Host chairman.
3. Financial obligation for the umpire is the responsibility of the Host. (Travel mileage, rooms, meals & compensation)
4. Umpires shall be provided with dressing facilities and security at the field.



5. The umpire-in-chief shall be responsible for game assignments of the umpire crew with prior coordination with the Regional Representative and the Host chairman.

**Section 15. STATE CHAIRMEN AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. The respective state chairmen shall compensate the regional fund \$400.00 to defray expenses of the Regional Representatives and cost of awards. The amount shall be payable to the Regional Secretary by May 1st of each year. Checks shall be made out to NWCART and mailed to Jerry McCarter, 905 Stewart Ave. Lewiston. Idaho 83501. State fees will be \$300.00 per team attending the Regional Tournament, except Host state will not pay for Host.
2. The following awards will be provided by the regional fund;
  - A. Championship
  - B. Runner-up
  - C. Most Valuable Player
  - D. Team Sportsmanship
3. The Regional Representative shall insure that the tournament is conducted within the rules and regulations as adopted herein and by the National American Legion Baseball rulebook and as governed by the Official Baseball Rules.
4. The Regional Representatives will appoint a selection committee for the MVP and the Sportsmanship awards.
5. The Regional Representatives will be in charge of the pretournament meetings which should include the local tournament chairman, umpire-in-chief, grounds keeper, score keeper and others who would contribute to the tournament's success.
6. The Regional Representatives may conduct a morning managers and coaches meeting each day of the tournament.
7. The Regional Representatives have final authority in all decisions in conducting tournaments in a smooth, orderly manner.

**Section 16. TOURNAMENT BRACKET:**

1. The 8-team double elimination bracket (exhibited on the following page) shall be used as approved by the State chairmen.

**Section 17. APPROVAL OF RULES & REGULATIONS:**

1. These rules and regulations were originally approved on September 20, 1997 at Indianapolis, Indiana by the following:

Gary George	Washington Chairman
George Haegele	Montana Chairman
Jerry McCarter	Idaho Chairman
William Croco	Oregon Chairman
Paul Eastridge	Wyoming Chairman

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION BRACKET  
AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL  
NORTHWEST CLASS "A" REGIONAL TOURNAMENT**

**Cody, Wyoming  
AUGUST 10-13,**

UTAH GAME 1 9:30 AM MONTANA	LOSER GAME 1 GAME 5 9:30 AM LOSER GAME 3	WINNER GAME 6 GAME 9 12:00 PM LOSER GAME 7	Tournament Director TO DETERMINE SEEDING FOR GAMES 12 & 13	GAME 12 2:00 PM	SEE NOTE 1
OREGON GAME 2 12:30 PM WYOMING	LOSER GAME 2 GAME 6 12:30 PM LOSER GAME 4	WINNER GAME 5 GAME 10 3:00 PM LOSER GAME 8			
ALASKA GAME 3 4:30 PM IDAHO #1	WINNER GAME 1 GAME 7 4:30 PM WINNER GAME 3	WINNER GAME 7 GAME 11 6:00 PM WINNER GAME 8			IF NEEDED GAME 15 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GAME 14
MONTANA GAME 4  7:30 PM IDAHO/HOST #2	WINNER GAME 2 GAME 8  7:30 PM WINNER GAME 4	PAIRING FOR GAME 12 & 13 WILL NOT MATCH PREVIOUS OPPONENT AGAINST EACH OTHER UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. IF 3 TEAMS REMAIN AFTER GAME 13, THE WINNER OF GAME 11 AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE THE BYE. THE CHOICE OF GAME TIME OF THE HOST TEAM MAY BE EXPRESSED FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND DAY OF PLAY ONLY.			

**Saturday  
August 10, 2019**

**Sunday  
August 11, 2019**

**Monday  
August 12, 2019**

**Tuesday  
August 13, 2019**



## **RULES OF SPORTSMANSHIP FOR TEAMS AND FANS**

THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULEBOOK STATES THAT “NO PLAYER, COACH, MANAGER OR ANY OTHER PARTY ASSOCIATED WITH AN AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM SHALL ABUSE, HECKLE, OR MAKE UNCOMPLIMENTARY REMARKS TO OPPOSING PLAYERS OR TEAM OFFICIALS. AN INDIVIDUAL VIOLATING THIS REGULATION SHALL BE EJECTED IMMEDIATELY FROM THE GAME BY THE UMPIRE.”

PARENTS AND FANS ARE PARTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE GAME, AND, AS SUCH, ARE SIMILARLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORTSMANSHIP-LIKE CONDUCT AT ALL TIMES.

PRIOR TO EACH GAME, TEAM MEMBERS AND FANS SHOULD BE REMINDED OF THIS IMPORTANT SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. THE IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL COMMITTEE URGES GAME OFFICIALS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE RULE AND TO HAVE VIOLATORS REMOVED FROM COMPETITION OR FROM THE BALL PARK AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

Charles “Abe” Abrahamson

IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, INC.

THE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS AT STATE TOURNAMENTS WILL BE JUDGED BASED NOT ONLY ON THE CONDUCT OF THE PLAYERS AND COACHES ON THE FIELD, BUT ALSO ON THE CONDUCT OF THEIR FANS.

# NOTES

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