

## American Legion Baseball post season meeting, October 23, 2021 Broken Bow, NEbraska

Congratulations are in order: Jim Hurlbert Memorial Scholarship – Bryder Hickey of Madrid (Imperial team), Cole Siems of Wilber; NE Player of the Year Cole Kreber of Omaha Central (selected for the National All-academic team) Hastings conducting an outstanding Regional tournament.

Class A shuffle:

A6: Grand Island will move to A7, Gretna will move to A 1-4

A5: Lincoln Northeast, Lincoln North Star and Lincoln Northwest will move to A6

Suggested rule changes for the 2022 Nebraska American Legion Baseball Season (exact wording will be approved at the January meeting)

- Section 4: Conduct

4.02 “Anthem Standoff” will not be allowed. Social Media/Cyber-bullying will not be allowed, zero tolerance.

- Section 8: Umpires: will be restructured, information will remain the same only cleaned up and an additional “Penalty” section for not being registered will be added.

### **National Conference**

- fake tag ruling will be added to National rules (not allowed)

- school enrollment cap raised to 7,500

- **SAM certification is now required every year, ONLY the PYS will be used. USA baseball no longer acceptable in NE.** The USA Baseball training certificate will no longer be honored.

Protect Youth Sports (PYS) is the same system the back check is done on, adults listed on the roster will need to take the SAM training offered when the background check is done. Any adult cannot be around the players, hold player meetings or practices until the background check and SAM training are complete.

- online registration will be available starting January 1<sup>st</sup> – teams cannot be approved until background check and SAM training is verified – only list the one person to start, that way only one person needs to do the BC and SAM to get the team approved. After team approved, can add other people. Insurance is NOT linked to website, must be validated by emailing insurance to me.

- Both National and NE rule book will be online only – encourage every coach to download to their phone/device to have on hand at games

- upcoming season will be the 96<sup>th</sup> year – teams and states should start thinking of things to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup>

- December 3-5 is the National High School Baseball Coaches Association Convention in Scottsdale AZ

Fees: No change to National or State registration fees. The cost of insurance has not been released yet.

- Key deadlines dates for 2022 – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Registration available, Tournament Apps due Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, next coaches meeting Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> (Columbus), deadline for Registration and all fees May 15<sup>th</sup>, Form 76 due May 31<sup>st</sup>, TD meeting June 11<sup>th</sup>, June 15 deadline for roster.

Class B and C Juniors Area: July 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

Class B and C Junior State: July 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>nd</sup>

Class B and C Seniors Area: July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

\*Class B and C Senior State: July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>

\*NSAA approval will be needed by any

teams that have HS ball

Class A Junior and Seniors Area: July 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Class A Junior and Senior State: July 23<sup>rd</sup> - July 27<sup>th</sup>

\*Class A Playoff July 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

\*Class A 2022 Region 6 Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> (2 teams, Rapid City, SD) \*NSAA approval will be needed for the 2 teams

NSAA rule that no coach can participate in other sports after July 31<sup>st</sup> without written approval from the NSAA, (teams must have **their AD submit** the request, coach cannot submit)

**Dual participation:** players that participate in another baseball program other than the Legion team they rostered on need to have an approval letter from the chairman. The Form 6 dual participation form is available on the team online registration page. This is an easy process and saves the player and the team issues down the road, strongly encouraged to request the approval letter. Once Post season play begins, those players can no longer dual participate in another baseball program.

Reminder, Concussion Training is required every 2 years. Concussion Training is only good for two years, so look at your certificates and determine if your 2 year window is up.

<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/Training/index.html>

Reminder, background checks need to be done every year. Do not start doing them until after January 1. Go to <https://www.opportunities.averity.com/alnebraska>.

Once again there was an issue just before Post Season, I cannot stress enough that Roster injured or questionable players if there is room on the roster – every year we have a request to add a player to the roster after the deadline because the doctor cleared them, even though you were told they would not be available for the whole season.