

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL 2021 "A" State Tournament Spokane, WA July 26th – July 30th

From: Area 3 Commissioners: Andy Franklin

Date: July 14, 2021

Re: 2021 ALB "A" State Tournament

Congratulations on your teams advancing to the 2021 ALB "A" State Tournament. The 2021 "A" State Tournament is being held at Al K Jackson Field in Spokane, WA. The Spokane American Legion will host 8 teams from around the State. The "A" State Tournament will be a double elimination tournament.

Mandatory coaches/umpire meeting is Sunday, July 25th at 7:00pm. Remember to bring your team binders to the coaches meeting. Team picture needs to be sent to Glen Reser by Tuesday July 20th.

Spokane American Legion Baseball is pleased to be hosting this year's "A" State Tournament and we are looking forward to watching some great baseball. Good Luck to everyone and we look forward to meeting the team managers, coaches and officials on Sunday July 25th.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - A special thank you to all the invaluable people that have made this year's "AA" State Tournament possible.

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Tournament Location:

Shadle Park High School, Al K Jackson Field, 4327 N. Ash Street, Spokane, WA 99205

Tournament Admission: There will be a gate admission charged at this tournament. Players and coaches will be admitted at no cost.

Ticket Prices:

TOURNAMENT PASSES

Family Pass (2 adults plus 3 children)..... \$50
Adult Single Pass \$20
Seniors & Students (11-18 yo).....\$15

SINGLE SESSION

Adults..... \$5
Seniors & Students (11-16yo)..... \$4
Active or Retired Military & Children 10 and under Free



2021 ALB A State Tournament Rules General Playing Rules & Guidelines

1) Uniforms/Team Kit: Coaches and players must be in uniform and also listed on Form 1 to be allowed in dugout and on playing field. Official ALB patches must be worn at all times. Players and coaches not wearing official ALB patch will be removed from the contest. Be prepared to have your team kit reviewed by Commissioners, to include Form 1 rosters, player Form 2's, birth certificates, and insurance certificates.

2) Tournament Admissions: It is very important for our coaches/managers to notify your players, families and fans that there will be Tournament admissions charged at the gate.

3) Fees are subject to change

4) Home/Away teams: At the managers meeting, on the evening prior to the tournament beginning, the tournament director (senior commissioner) will oversee the coin flips, in advanced, for every game throughout the tournament. Exception: Games on day 1 the higher seed will be the home team. The host team will always have their choice of dugout throughout the tournament and play the evening games on days 1 & 2.

5) Line-up Cards: legible line-up cards with first and last names of players and coaches must be completed and given to the announcers in the press box, forty-five (45) minutes prior to the game.

6) Batting practice: Teams should arrange for field and batting practice times with Tournament Officials. No hitting into fences at any of the fields. Batting cages will be available at both tournament locations and will be available to teams up to 90 minutes before teams' scheduled start times. IN/OF only if time allows & teams must be ready for infield/outfield practice when their time comes.

7) Infield/Outfield: Teams must be ready for infield/outfield practice when their time comes. Home team will take infield first, 30 minutes prior to game time and visitors 20 minutes prior to game time. Maximum 10-minute infield/outfield practice. There may be times when scheduled games enter extra innings, therefore infield/outfield may not be allowed.

8) All A State Tournament games are seven innings.

9) Coaches are encouraged to call their respective newspapers, bloggers prior to 10:00 p.m. and report game results and highlights.

10) TEN RUN MERCY RULE: The ten run rule will apply to league, district and state games; 4½-5 innings in a seven inning game.

11) Substitutions and Re-entry: follow the same guidelines as NFHS. Starters only may re-enter (once) after being substituted for.

12) Courtesy Runners JUNIOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL may use the courtesy runner rule for their respective Junior American Legion program: "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."

CLARIFICATION the courtesy runner rule does not apply to a pinch-hitter for the catcher unless the catcher has been re-entered. A team may not use the same runner for the pitcher and catcher in the same inning. The courtesy runner may not be removed from a base to become a pinch hitter. A player removed from the game may not be used as a courtesy runner. Should the courtesy runner pinch hit, pinch run or enter the game at any position, he will no longer be eligible to be a courtesy runner. A player who violates the courtesy runner rule is considered an illegal substitute.

13) Designated Hitter JUNIOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL may use the following designated hitter (DH) Rule for their respective Junior American Legion program: "A hitter may be (not mandatory) designated for any one starting player (not just pitchers) and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game. A starting defensive player cannot be listed as the designated hitter in the starting lineup. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his name shall be included on the lineup cards presented to the umpire-in-chief and to the official scorer. Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter in that game. If a pinch hitter or pinch runner for the designated hitter is used, that player becomes the new designated hitter. A designated hitter and the player for whom he is batting are locked into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation." CLARIFICATION The role of the designated hitter is terminated for the remainder of the game when a) the defensive player, or any previous defensive player for whom the designated hitter batted, subsequently bats, pinch-hits or pinch-runs for the designated hitter, or b) the designated hitter or any previous designated hitter assumes a defensive position.

14) No Fakes to third base: OBR 3 to 1 move is illegal.

15) Warm-up Pitches: Maximum of 5 warm-up pitches between innings for pitchers.

16) PITCHING RULES "A", "AA" & "AAA" –Pitchers will have a daily maximum of 105 pitches per day Required rest will be as follows: • 1-30 pitches: 0 days • 31-45 pitches: 1 day • 46-60 pitches: 2 days • 61-80 pitches: 3 days • 81+ pitches: 4 days Pitchers may only make two appearances in any three consecutive days. Players will be charged with two appearances if they leave the pitching position and return as a pitcher in the same game.

17) FORCE SLIDE RULE is same as NCAA (8.4) On any force play, the runner must slide on the ground and in a direct line between two bases. It is permissible for the sliders momentum to carry him through the base in the baseline extended. Contact with a fielder is legal, and interference shall not be called if the runner makes a legal slide directly to the base and the baseline extended. If contact occurs on top of the base as a result of a pop-up slide, this contact is legal. PENALTY for force slide infraction is to call the runner out for the interference and the Batter-Runner also, regardless if the defense could have completed the double play.

18) INTENTIONAL WALKS: OBR – NO pitches need to be thrown to hitter.

19) Balks: OBR – balks are live.

20) 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 bat that does not display the approved certification mark or in the umpire's judgment has been altered shall be removed from the game, and the player and team manager shall be ejected.

21) Ejection from the Ballpark. Any player, coach or manager ejected by an umpire must leave the ballpark.

22) Rainout procedure: In case of rainouts or rain delays, suspended games must be completed prior to the start of the next scheduled game. Teams will be notified by the Tournament Director or Commissioner-in-charge. All games will be moved one day at a time for rainouts.

23) Protests & Appeals: Same procedure as NFHS. Protest committee will be final decision by umpire

24) A suspended game completed on the following day will not count toward two (2) games in Rule 1.I. These teams can still play an additional two (2) full games

COACHES MEETING AND SOCIAL

JULY 25TH 6PM – 8PM

Who: Coaches, Umpires, Commissioners and Spokane ALB reps.

What: Coaches meeting Area 3 commissioners will be reviewing binders and answering any questions. Spokane American Legion will provide Appetizers and 2 drinks per person.

Where: Ruby River Inn

When: Sunday July 25th between 6 and 8pm

All coaches arrive by 7:00pm. This is also a social so feel free to bring a plus one.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

2021 A WASHINGTON STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Spokane, Washington

July 26, 2021 – July 30, 2021

Mandatory Coaches Meeting – July 25, 2021 – Ruby River Inn – 7:00pm

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Al K Jackson – Spokane, Washington

Monday (Day 1) – July 26	*****Session 1 – Doubleheader*****			
Game 1	Area 3 - #3	vs.	Area 1 – #1	10:00am
Game 2	Area 4 – #2	vs.	Area 2- #1	1:00pm
	*****Session 2 – Doubleheader*****			
Game 3	Area 3 - #2	vs.	Area 4 -#1	4:00pm
Game 4	Area 1 – #2	vs.	Area 3 – #4	7:00pm
Tuesday (Day 2) – July 27	*****Session 3 – Doubleheader*****			
Game 5	Loser game 1	vs.	Loser game 3	10:00am
Game 6	Loser game 2	vs.	Loser game 2	1:00pm
	*****Session 4 – Doubleheader*****			
Game 7	Winner game 1	vs.	Winner game 3	4:00pm
Game 8	Winner game 2	vs.	Winner game 4	7:00pm
Wednesday (Day 3) – July 28	*****Session 5*****			
Game 9	Winner game G6	vs.	Loser game G7	1:00pm
Game 10	Winner game G5	vs.	Loser game G8	4:00pm
Game 11	Winner game G7	vs.	Winner game G8	7:00pm
Thursday (Day 4) – July 29	*****Session 6*****			
Game 12	Winner game 9	vs.	Loser game 11	1:00pm
Game 13	Winner game 10	vs.	Winner game 11	4:00pm
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME				
Friday (Day 5) – July 30	*****Session *****			
Game 14	Winner game 12	vs.	Winner game 13	11:00am
Game 15	Winner game 12	vs.	Winner game 13	2:00pm
	(If necessary, game if loser of Game 14 is their 1 st loss)			

***All games will be seven (7) innings. **Pairings for Game 12 and Game 13 will not match previous opponents unless absolutely necessary.*

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