



SENIOR AND JUNIOR RULE BOOK

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*Dedicated to the Memory of:
Jack Hill & John Cannizzaro*

Jack Franklin Hill Sr. January 23, 1932- October 29, 2023
Department of Ohio American Legion Baseball Commissioner Emeritus



Jack Franklin Hill Sr., 91, of Lowell, Ohio, died on Sunday, October 29, 2023. He was born on January 23, 1932 in Marietta Township, Ohio to late Harold and Laura Wagner Hill.

Jack was a 1949 graduate of Marietta High School. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Lowell American Legion, Post 750. Jack was a member of the Ohio American Legion Baseball Commission for over 40 years. He was instrumental in formation of the American Legion Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750 baseball teams. Jack was an avid golfer with at least four hole-in-ones, and loved to bowl, bowling in different leagues over the years. He was an avid sports fan, watching the local teams, Ohio State teams and LA Dodgers.

He is survived by four children, Janice Pfile (Larry), Norma Burge (Randy), Sandy Strickler, Jack Hill Jr. (Erin); grandchildren, Ashlee Pfile, Rob Burge (Danielle), Rachel Brooker (Eric), Zach Hill, Trae Hill (Amber), Jessica Emerick (Seth) and Maggie Leach (Tim); eight great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; brother in law, Nial Wheeler (Betty); and many nieces and nephews, especially Jane Trautner (John) and Bill Hill (Joanne).

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Arlene Schilling Hill, whom he married on May 1, 1951; siblings, Floriene Stewart, Bill Hill and Robert “Lefty” Hill, son in law, Lee Strickler.

John Patrick Cannizzaro October 15, 1952- January 13,2024



John passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2024. He was born in Newark, Ohio on October 15, 1952, to the late John and Dorothy Cannizzaro who passed in 1977 and 1978.

A 1970 graduate of Newark Catholic High School, John attended The Ohio State University for two years prior to serving with the United States Army, (1972-1974) as a military policeman, stationed in Frankfurt, West Germany.

John served as head baseball coach at Newark Catholic High School from February 1985 until June 1992, returning in 2004 and continued to date. He was varsity assistant baseball coach at Pickerington High School from 1993-1997 and at Hebron Lakewood from 2000-2003. He was also involved in the local Babe Ruth League organization for several years. John had a deep appreciation and respect for his players. He wanted them to be successful. He loved coaching baseball and bringing out the best ability in each player.

During his 27 years with Newark Catholic Baseball, John led his teams to 12 league championships, 21 Central District titles, 14 regional tourney championships, 7 Ohio High School State Baseball crowns, and the Ohio High School State Baseball Coaches Association Class A State Poll Crown in 1986. He totaled 577 career wins. He held several state coaching records to include 14 state tournament appearances, 25 state tournament games, 18 state tournament wins, and 7 state championship teams. His 18 championship teams are also a record inside the Central District.

John's love of the game brought him recognition statewide. He was named to the Central District Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in October 2007, and to the Ohio State Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in January 2016. He was awarded 10 District Coach of the Year awards, one Ohio High School Coaches Association Division IV Coach of the Year and one National Federation Interscholastic Coach Association Outstanding Coach Award in 1989. He was inducted to the Newark Catholic High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in October 2021 and the Licking County League Hall of Fame in June 2023.

He will be greatly missed by his sisters, Jennifer Bolen of Akron, Jane Meese of Lancaster; brother, Rick (Mary Beth) Cannizzaro of Heath; niece, Kimberly Cannizzaro; nephew, Tony Cannizzaro; great-nephews, Ashton Cox and Cason Cannizzaro; step-niece Shannon (John) Lee and their children, John and Ellynn; first cousins, Cecilia Cannizzaro and James (Lynn) Cannizzaro and their families.

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

1. To inculcate in youth a better understanding of the American way of life and to provide the principles of 100 percent 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 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.

2024 Important Dates

January 1st	Registrations Opens (See How to Register a Team P27)
February 4th	Rules Meeting
March 31st	Deadline to Establish Players Legal Residence for school Enrollment
June 1st	Deadline for Team Registration (See How to Register a Team P27)
June 5th	Deadline to submit Transfers Forms
June 25th	Deadline to Submit Team Packet
June 30th	Deadline for Insurance Refund from National
July 18th-20th	Junior State Tournament: Beavers Field, Lancaster, Ohio
July 21st	Deadline for determining Senior Region Champions
July 26th - 29th	Senior State Tournament: Beavers Field, Lancaster, Ohio
August 7th - 11th	National Regional Tournament: Great Lakes
August 2 nd -4 th	Mason-Dixon Junior Regional Tournament; Maryland
August 15th -20th	American Legion Baseball World Series: Shelby, North Carolina
September 1st	OFFICIAL END OF SEASON

Ohio American Legion Baseball operates under the authority of the National Organization of The American Legion and abides by all rules established in the American Legion Baseball Rule Book, published by the National Organization of The American Legion.

Failure to operate a Senior or Junior American Legion team in accordance with the National rules and the procedures in this manual may result in the following actions:

- A) A TEAM COULD BE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING**
- B) A TEAM COULD FORFEIT GAMES**
- C) THE ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS COULD BE JEOPARDIZED**
- D) A TEAM COULD LOSE PLAYERS DUE TO RULE INFRACTIONS**

American Legion Baseball rules and procedures are designed to protect teams, players, sponsoring American Legion Posts, managers, coaches, and the Department of Ohio.

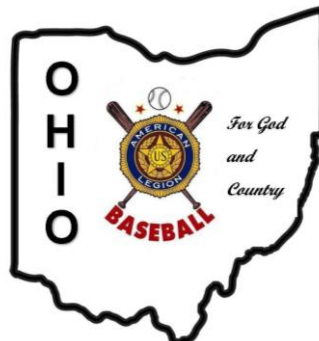
NOTE: Information in this Manual applies to both Senior and Junior teams unless where specifically noted.

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Questions regarding interpretations of rules or procedures **MUST** be directed to the DISTRICT CHAIRMAN and/or REGION COMMISSIONER before being considered by the Department Baseball Commission



2024 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULE CHANGES

The Americanism Commission has approved the following rule changes for the 2024 American Legion Baseball season: Please refer to the rule within this rule book for official language.

Rule 1.V. Uniform – Clarification added that no other baseball organizations' emblems or insignia may appear on the uniform.

Rule 2.C.4. Clarification – Allows for any player who signs a professional contract to be replaced on National Form #1 by an eligible player.

Rule 6.D. Dual Participation – Clarification of dual participation regarding department and national post-season tournaments.

Rule 6.E.1. Dual Roster – Allows for players on an affiliated junior team to dual roster on the senior team without utilizing a roster spot on the senior team Form #1.

Rule 6.E.5 Team and Player Certification – Allows for any player who signs a professional contract to be replaced on National Form #1 by an eligible player.

Rule 9.A. National Tournament Registration – Establishes the 2024 department deadline date for the department championship team to be certified by Aug.1, 2024.

Rule 9.D. National Tournament Player Eligibility Protest – Adds clarification for players who miss any part of a department post-season tournament due to a non-baseball-related matter.

Rule 9. E. ALB Risk Management Policy. Per NEC Resolution No.17 October 2023, all adult participants (coaches, managers, volunteers and players, 18 years of age or older) are required by Public Law 115-126 to have adult abuse awareness training and background checks to be eligible to participate in national tournaments hosted by The American Legion. 2024 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULE BOOK 4

Definitions – Adds new definition for affiliated team.

An electronic version of this rule book is available at [legion.org/baseball/resources](https://baseball.legion.org/resources).

<https://baseball.legion.org/>
National Legion Baseball Site

POINT OF EMPHASIS

Jan. 1 is the universal cut-off date observed by the U.S. Olympic Committee. The American Legion will observe a Jan. 1 cut-off date. If a player was born in 2004 that player is not eligible for Senior American Legion Baseball. A player born in 2005 or 2006 is not eligible for Junior American Legion Baseball. Players born in 2012 or later are not eligible to play American Legion Baseball.

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTION

1. Ohio American Legion Baseball is divided into 14 geographic Districts, whose boundaries are the same as the district boundaries of the American Legion Department of Ohio.
2. Ohio American Legion Baseball is supervised by a DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMITTEE, eight (8) members appointed annually by the Department Commander. One member, appointed by the Department Commander, serves as Committee (State) Chairman.
3. **The Department Baseball Committee may prescribe Department Rules more restrictive than National American Legion Baseball Rules.**
4. For State Tournament purposes, eight (8) geographic Baseball REGIONS are established within the Ohio Department with the members of the Department Baseball Commission serving as REGION COMMISSIONERS. **See (Map.....Page 10).**
5. The REGION COMMISSIONERS have responsibility to coordinate paperwork and resolve local problems before the matter comes before the full Baseball Commission.
6. The Region Commissioner acting through the District Chairman, may call meetings of the Team Managers, and Coaches to clarify playing rules, eligibility, base schools, etc.
7. District Chairmen in each region will notify the Region Commissioner of time and place of any District meetings.

A map outlining the Districts and Regions for American Legion Baseball and the addresses and telephone numbers of the Department Baseball Committee will be found on the following pages.

- *To equalize the number of teams in each Region, the State Committee may move certain teams out of their geographic Regions.*

SPECIAL ATTENTION: By action of the American Legion National Americanism Commission, The Department of Ohio Baseball Committee has the power to disqualify or suspend anyone violating Department or National Baseball Regulations.

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DISTRICT ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTION

- A. For regular season play, Ohio American Legion Baseball is divided into 14 geographic Districts, whose boundaries are the District boundaries of the American Legion Department of Ohio.
- B. Senior & Junior regular season play in a District is under the supervision of a DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN appointed annually by the District Commander.
- C. Each District MUST have a ***District Baseball Committee***, appointed annually by the District Commander, comprised of the District Commander, District Baseball Chairman and at least one other Legionnaire appointed by the District Commander.
 - The District Americanism Chairman may serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Committee.
 - Sons of The American Legion (SAL) members are permitted to be appointed as District Baseball Chairmen.
- D. District Commanders shall appoint the District Baseball Committee prior to SEPTEMBER 1 of each year and certify their names, addresses and phone numbers to Department Headquarters no later than September 10 of each year.

DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMEN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO COACH OR MANAGE ANY SENIOR OR JUNIOR TEAM CERTIFIED FOR AMERICAN LEGION COMPETITION UNLESS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN.

- E. All District Chairmen, working in conjunction with their Region Commissioner, are charged with setting a schedule of play which will determine a Senior Region tournament champion. This date will coincide with yearly Important date reminders.
- F. District/ Region Tournaments will be played under the guidance of State tournament rules.
- G. The Region Commissioner may, through the District Chairmen, call a meeting with the District Chairman and Team Managers to clarify playing rules, eligibility, base schools, etc.
- H. The District Chairman will notify the Region Commissioner of the time and place of any District Baseball meeting.
- I. The Senior Region tournament play is under the supervision of the Region Commissioner, working in conjunction with the District Chairman.

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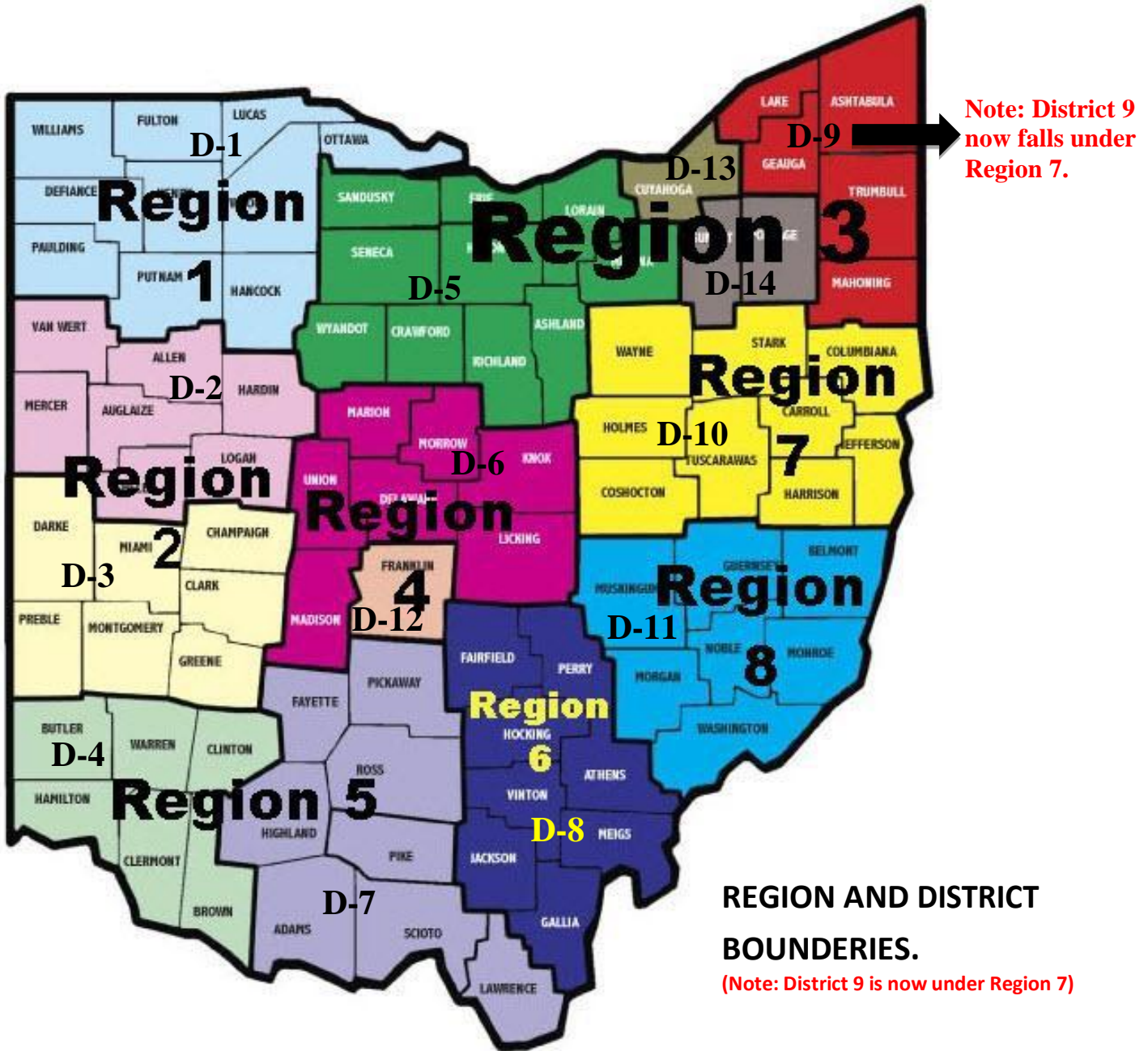
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DISTRICT 14 – VACANT
Region 3

REGION & DISTRICT MAP

The American Legion – Department of Ohio



REGION AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

(Note: District 9 is now under Region 7)

REGION 1:	District 1	Bryce Agner
REGION 2:	Districts 2, 3	Chris Emmons
REGION 3:	Districts 5, 13, 14	Ted Sturzinger
REGION 4:	Districts 6, 12	Jeff Vrabel Sr.
REGION 5:	Districts 4, 7	Bret Mavis
REGION 6:	District 8	Phil Lightfoot
REGION 7:	Districts 9, 10	BJ Long
REGION 8:	District 11	Regis Kern

GUIDELINES FOR DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMEN

- Each Senior & Junior team playing in a District shall provide to the District Chairman a “Team Packet”, which will include a Printout of the Team Roster, copies of each player’s proof of age, copies of the Form #2 for each player, Team Photo, and copies of their K&K team insurance.
- As proof of age, Ohio ALBB will only accept a state-issued driver’s license or a state-issued ID for Senior team member. Junior team members may use birth certificates as proof of age only when the player does not have a state-issued driver’s license or a state-issued ID.
- A meeting of all managers within a District should be held by the District Chairman to review Department and District Rules, Driver’s Licenses, birth certificates, challenges on players’ eligibility or school enrollments. Schedules of play should be resolved. The “MERCY RULE” and pitching rules should be reviewed at this meeting.
See (RULES FOR TOURNAMENTS.....PAGE 21-22)

The DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN is responsible to see that each team completes the following:

- a) Registration on the National website and payment of Fees via credit or debit card.
 - b) All players’ names entered on the on-line Team Roster are listed exactly the way the name appears on the individual’s Proof of Age.
 - c) The Proof of Age is a State authorized document, United States government authorized document or other authorized documents acceptable for American Legion Baseball. Birth Certificates must be a properly certified copy (i.e. bearing the seal of the proper certifying official)→ **XEROX OR NOTARIZED COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. See (PROOF OF AGE / BIRTH CERTIFICATES...page 33-34)**
 - d) School enrollments, as of March 31, are verified through www.high-schools.com.
 - e) Printout of the on-line Team Roster must be in the possession of **the District Chairman by, June 25th**.
 - f) The DISTRICT CHAIRMAN will inform that Region Commissioner of receipt of copies of insurance certificates, copies of Form #2’s and copies of Proof of Age from each team in the district. The DISTRICT CHAIRMAN will also inform the Region Commissioner that each team’s roster has been checked and that roster has been submitted by **June 25th**.
 - g) The REGION COMMISSIONER will inform Department Headquarters and the Dept. Baseball Chairman that each team’s roster has been submitted and recommend any corrections **by, July 5th**.
 - h) Changes in school combinations must be approved in writing by the District Chairmen and forwarded to the **Region Commissioner by June 25th and to Dept. Chairman/Dept. Coordinator by July 5th**.
4. Copies of Region Tournament pairings and schedule of play should be provided to the Region Commissioner and Department Coordinator/Dept. Baseball Chairman prior to the start of the Region tournament.
 5. Protests or rules decisions must be ruled on by the District Baseball Commission. Any decision, suspension, etc. must be filed with the Region Commissioner and Department Coordinator/Dept. BB Chairman within 24 hours after the District Commission takes its action.

GENERAL INFORMATION & RULES

For full explanation of all National Baseball Rules go to: Baseball.Legion.org

1. Click on American Legion Baseball Rules
2. Ohio American Legion Baseball is played under current official [Major League Baseball Rules](#), Rules set by the [Ohio American Legion Baseball Commission](#) and Rules set by the [American Legion National Headquarters](#). **NOTE: THE DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMISSION MAY PRESCRIBE DEPARTMENT RULES MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES.**
3. Team managers and coaches may or may not be members of the American Legion. **THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF ANY AMERICAN LEGION TEAM BELONGS TO THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST THROUGH THE POST COMMANDER.**
4. The Department of Ohio is governed for recruiting purposes by American Legion Player Recruitment Rules, PLAN "B", **National Rule 4.**
5. Teams not submitting the Online Team Roster on the National website are ineligible to participate in Department competition.
6. NATIONAL FORM #2 **National Rule 6-C***
7. The parent or guardian of every player must complete Form #2 PARENT'S CONSENT AND RELEASE.
8. BATPERSONS: Any batsperson must have the bottom portion of Player Agreement completed by a parent or guardian.

CONDUCT

NOTE! Any Team Manager, Coach, Player, or any Party associated with an American Legion Team, who while participating in any American Legion Baseball competition conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner which discredits this program, shall be removed from further competition.

ANY PLAYER, COACH, MANAGER, OR OTHER PARTY ASSOCIATED WITH AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL VIOLATING THE FOLLOWING CONDUCT REGULATIONS SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY EJECTED FROM THE GAME BY THE UMPIRE.

- No player, Coach, Team Manager, or any other Party associated with an American Legion Baseball Team shall abuse, heckle, or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players, team officials or Umpires.
- Use profane language in any manner.
- Make unnecessary or obscene gestures to umpires, fans or opposing players.
- Resort to unnecessary roughness on the playing field.
- Make physical contact with any umpire or American Legion Official in any manner.
 - **In such cases, such individuals may receive a Lifetime suspension from American Legion Baseball and could be subject to arrest.**

THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE TOURNAMENT OR THE DEPARTMENT TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR IN SUCH CASES IS FINAL.

- All parties traveling with American Legion Baseball Teams are expected to always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.
- Any party causing unnecessary disturbances and not abiding by the Rules will be asked to leave the site where the game is being played or the game may be forfeited. Should a Team Manager or Coach withdraw their team from the field before completion of that game, this action must be reported to the Department Americanism Office and Department Baseball Chairman. The Home Team management is responsible for submitting, in writing, the details of any violations of conduct rules and acquiring a statement from the umpires within 24 hours of any incident.
- Artificial noisemakers are prohibited at all American Legion Baseball games. A first warning will be issued to any fan operating an artificial noisemaker to cease. A second warning will be cause for removal from the stands.

GUIDELINES FOR TEAM MANAGERS, COACHES AND POST OFFICERS

1. The purpose of American Legion Baseball is to develop good sportsmanship, good citizenship and build character through a competitive program of quality youth baseball.
 2. American Legion Baseball is designed to be played by young people in a community where an American Legion Post is located. Players from outside the community may be recruited within the prescribed rules.
 3. ALL team managers, coaches, Legionnaires, and parents should set examples of positive leadership for the young people playing on the team.
 4.
 - a) It is the team manager's responsibility for recruiting and certifying all players and filing all forms and Proof of Age with the District Chairmen by the deadline dates.
 - b) It is the team manager's responsibility to ensure that background check applications are submitted on-line for themselves, all coaches, and other team volunteers who will have direct contact with players.
 - c) It is the team manager's responsibility to purchase Insurance and Pay Fees online, to National Headquarters by the deadline date.
 - d) Changes in school combinations by a team must be approved by the District Chairman and the Region Commissioner by dates set by the Dept. Commission.
 - e) All player names must be entered on the on-line Team Roster exactly as the name appears on the individual's Proof of Age.
 - f) The player's signature on the Player Release Agreement Form #2 shall be signed with full first, middle, and last name that appears on the individual's Proof of Age.
 - g) If a Birth Certificate is used as a Proof of Age, the Certificate must be the original, or a properly certified copy, bearing the seal and signature of the proper certifying official.
XEROX OR NOTARIZED COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
 - h) School enrollments, as of March 31st, must be verified through www.high-schools.com
 - i) The bottom portion of the Form #2 must be properly filled out by the parent or guardian of any bat person.
All signatures must be in ink and be notarized.
 - j) **Familiarize yourself with the Department Rules. Ignorance of the rules is no excuse and will only create problems for everyone involved.**
 5. A copy of a team's schedule must be given to the District Chairman,
 6. Insist upon a Team Managers meeting of all teams in the District by the District Chairman prior to the opening of the season, to check the eligibility of any players.
- If there are any questions, contact the District Chairman.
- If the District Chairman is not available and the need is urgent, contact the Region Commissioner.

NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES

PLAYER RECRUITMENT

PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN “B”

For full explanation of the National Baseball Rules go to → American Legion Baseball Rules.

GENERAL: The Ohio American Legion Baseball recruiting plan allows selection of players who attend nearby High Schools.

National Rule 4 Player Recruiting: Starting in 2020 the following change: 7,500.

NOTE: Combined total enrollment of high schools cannot exceed 7,500 for 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

TRANSFER RULES - AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

American Legion Baseball Rules state a player must play for the team nearest to where they live. The program prohibits the creation of All-Star teams, “Super” teams, or the one-shot recruiting of exceptional players for the short-term benefit of a program. NOTE: Players who graduate in 2024 shall play for the last American Legion team they played for or the team nearest their parents’ domicile

HOWEVER, American Legion Baseball recognizes situations arise which merit consideration on a per-case basis. American Legion Baseball tries to be fair in its review of such cases.

To address many special situations, Ohio American Legion Baseball has designed “**Transfer Rules.**” Based on special circumstances, TRANSFER RULES allow the approval for an American Legion player to play for a different team than one, which by established rules, should be played for.

A “TRANSFER REQUEST” by a player should be based on legitimate, logical circumstances within the framework of established American Legion Baseball rules. Some special circumstances/situations are detailed in this Section.

Only SENIOR PLAYERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO CHANGE TEAMS. The transfer of any Senior player is valid for the current season only. National Rule 4-D* player’s eligibility.

ALL OTHER RULES OF ELIGIBILITY WILL APPLY IN ANY TRANSFER REQUEST APPROVAL.

CLOSED BORDERS: The borders of Ohio are OPEN for American Legion Baseball, **Except West Virginia.** Players residing in Ohio are not eligible to play for teams **in West Virginia.** Conversely, players residing in **West Virginia** are not eligible to play American Legion Baseball in the Department of Ohio.

Permission to transfer from Dept. of Ohio American Legion team to another team in another State must be approved by Both States Baseball Chairman.

Some special circumstances that may be considered for permission to TRANSFER from one American Legion team to another may be:

1. A new team is formed nearer to their residence than the team on which they now play.
2. A new team is formed that draws players from the player’s school and they want to play ball with their fellow teammates.
3. There is no American Legion team in the player’s hometown, or recruited from their school, but there is a team in a neighboring community.
4. The American Legion team for which they last played has disbanded, but another team exists in the area.
5. The player lives in one Ohio Community during the school year but in another during the summer and wishes to play for the team where the player lives in the summer. (i.e., the case in divorces where the player lives with one parent during the school year and, by court decree, with the other parent during the summer.)
6. The player’s parents or legal guardians have moved within the state.

TRANSFER RULES (cont.)

HOW TO INITIATE A TRANSFER REQUEST: Any request for permission to transfer from one team to another MUST BE made by the player. Managers or Coaches of American Legion Baseball CANNOT initiate a Transfer Request.

The player must make a written application for Transfer Approval on the official National PLAYER TRANSFER FORM #76 which can be downloaded from the National or Department website.

All transfer applications must be submitted to the District Baseball Chairman NO LATER than JUNE 5th.

Any decision by the District Baseball Chairman or a representative of the Department Baseball Commission is FINAL; however, the Right of Appeal does apply.

See (APPEAL PROCESS...).

In questionable situations, direct questions to the District Baseball Chairman. A list of all District Chairmen and a District map will be found on page 10 of this manual.

MANAGER APPROVAL: Any Transfer request made by a player MUST BE approved by both the Manager of the Team the player wishes to LEAVE and the Manager of the Team the player wishes to PLAY for. The approval of both Teams MUST BE made in writing on the official National Form #76 Transfer Form.

IMPORTANT!! New Players in junior high school, and high school freshmen (9th grade) SHALL PLAY for the base school team of their parents/guardian's legal residence. Transfer Rules DO NOT APPLY to these players.

TRANSFER RULE #1: Players who attend a school outside the geographical boundary determined by the parents or guardian's legal residence may play for an American Legion Team drawing from that school OR for an American Legion team that is the nearest team to where the player lives. (#)

A player must decide on which one of these teams to play for and file this decision in writing with the District Baseball Chairman by JUNE 5th.

TRANSFER RULE #2: Players who cannot complete their American Legion eligibility because the Post they last played for no longer fields a team, may compete for the next nearest team to their parents or guardian's legal residence. Players must declare the circumstances of this situation in writing to the District Baseball Chairman and request permission to play for the nearest team. (#)

TRANSFER RULE #3: Players who cannot play for the American Legion team they played for the previous season because of a permanent change in their parents or guardians' legal residence shall compete for the team nearest to the new legal residence. A notarized statement from the parent or guardian stating the permanent move and listing the previous address must be given to the District Baseball Chairman around the "new" team. (#)

TRANSFER RULE #4: If a player's parents are divorced or separated, and by court order the player lives with each parent for a determined part of each year, the player may play for a team near either parent's residence. The player must state in writing to the District Baseball Chairman the decision on which team the player will play for NO LATER than JUNE 5th.

TRANSFER RULES (cont.)

NEXT NEAREST TEAM: American Legion Rules stipulate an American Legion player must play for the team *nearest* to where they live. If a player tries out for the nearest American Legion team and does not make that team, the player must obtain a written statement from the Manager of that team stating by the established rules the player cannot be used by that team at which point the player may apply to play for the next nearest team to their residence.

If the player makes a personal decision they do not want to play for the nearest team to their residence for whatever reason, which is their privilege, the player can elect to play for the next nearest team to their residence. However, the player must obtain a written statement from every team by-passed that they cannot use that player:

The nearest team or next nearest team shall be the shortest driving distance as calculated by Google map service.

NOTE: Players who graduate in 2024 shall play for the last American Legion team they played for or the team nearest their parents' domicile.

1. Any request to by-pass an American Legion team must be on the official National PLAYER TRANSFER FORM #76.
2. If a player asks for a release from a Post and the Post does not wish to release the player, every opportunity must be given to ensure that the player can actively participate with the team.
3. If a player tries out for a team but the Online Team Roster is already filled, the player will be granted an automatic waiver to go to another team. Only players who TAKE PART IN A TEAM TRYOUT will be afforded this opportunity.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Just as a player has a right to ask for a Transfer, the Team Manager of an American Legion Baseball team has the right not to release a player if a transfer is asked for. The Manager's decision must be based on established recruiting rules of American Legion Baseball and can be appealed through the Right of Appeals process.

See (APPEAL PROCESS.... PAGE 25-26)

If an American Legion team will not release a player, that team must give the player every opportunity to ensure that the player can participate with the team. If at the time the player tries out, the team roster is already full, the player will be given an automatic waiver.

Team Managers will weigh each Transfer Request on an individual basis.

FAILURE BY A PLAYER to follow the Transfer process outlined could result in disqualification from American Legion competition. FAILURE BY A TEAM MANAGER, Business Manager or Post to follow the Transfer Process outlined may result in having the Team suspended or disqualified from further American Legion Baseball competition in the Department of Ohio Baseball program.

NOTE: A player thinking that they will receive more exposure to college or professional baseball scouts or more playing time for Team "Y" instead of team "X" is not a good enough reason to approve the Transfer request. American Legion Baseball is not a vehicle to be exploited by a player or manager at the cost of the program.

If a player is as good as thought, scouts will find them, regardless of which American Legion team the player is involved with.

TRANSFER FORM #76 & DECLARATION FORM #77

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



Player Transfer Form #76

Please PRINT or TYPE

This form is to be used by players who have been cut and released by an American Legion team. Released players may be eligible to transfer under Rule 33E1 or 4D to the next closest team.

- American Legion Baseball senior players are required to play for the closest team, unless released, in which case the player shall need to determine the next closest team utilizing Mapquest® (www.mapquest.com).
- If the player is unable to earn a spot on the roster of the second team, that player shall be allowed to play for the third closest team etc.
- All parties involved understand that this transfer is valid from January 1 thru December 31 of the current season only.
- All parties understand that the department baseball chairman must approve this transfer prior to placing player on the National Form #1.

Permission is hereby requested for _____
Player's Full Name Player's Date of Birth

Parent's Address, City, State, ZIP Parent's Phone

Player's High School High School Enrollment Team's Total Enrollment

Player is hereby released from the following team: _____
Name of old team (optional)

Player's Signature (Please Print & Sign)

Parent's Signature (Please Print & Sign)

Name of NEW team (optional)

Team Manager's Signature & Printed Name (old team)

Manager's Signature - Team 1 (Please Print & Sign) Manager's Signature - Team 2 (Please Print & Sign) Manager's Signature - Team 3 (Please Print & Sign)

Department Baseball Chairman Signature & Date

This form must be filed with the National Form #1; team manager shall retain copy for his files.
 This form shall be filed with department headquarters.

If transfer crosses a state border, both department chairmen must approve prior to placing player on Form #1.

Co-signing Department Baseball Chairman

This form is available online at www.legion.org/baseball

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



Team Declaration Form #77

Please PRINT or TYPE

This form is to be used by players who may have an option to

- Play for The American Legion Baseball team nearest parent's or court ordered guardian's legal domicile OR,
- Play for the team nearest the school the player attends.

Authorization for this choice is outlined under Rule 4C of The American Legion Baseball Rules. See American Legion Rulebook for further clarification.

Player's Name (Please Print or Type)

Parent's Address (Please Print or Type) Phone Number

I declare I am eligible under the National American Legion Baseball Rule 4C, to play for:

Name of American Legion Team and sponsoring American Legion Post Number

Team's base school & enrollment Player's High School & enrollment

My parents and I understand that this declaration shall be valid from January 1 thru December 31 of the current season only.

Player's Signature (Please Print & Sign)

Parent's Signature (Please Print & Sign)

Team Manager's Signature & Printed Name (Please Print & Sign)

- The department chairman must approve this form prior to placing the player on the National Form.
- To determine the next team; The American Legion shall use Mapquest® (www.mapquest.com). The shortest driving distance between the parent's domicile and/or the player's base school(s) shall determine the closest team.

Signature of Department Baseball Chairman

Date

**Team Manager shall retain a copy for his files.
 Second copy shall be filed with Form # 1 and filed with the department office.**

This form is available online at www.legion.org/baseball

RULES FOR TOURNAMENTS - SENIOR & JUNIOR

* Any exceptions to these combined rules will be noted below *

- A) American Legion Baseball Tournaments are under the supervision of the Department Baseball Commission and will open at a time and place established by that Commission and played under the current Major League "Official Baseball Rules" except as noted in (B) below.
- B) The Department Baseball Commission may prescribe such rules and regulations for play in Tournaments as considered necessary in addition to those listed in (A) above.
- C) **NO MANAGER, COACH, OR PLAYER MAY REPORT AFTER THE DESIGNATED CHECK-IN TIME WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.**
- D) **A MANAGER, COACH, OR PLAYER MAY ONLY LEAVE THE TOURNAMENT SITE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AND IT WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN TO GRANT PERMISSION TO RETURN.**
- ❖ THIS POSITION IS TAKEN BY THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS, LIABILITY AND SAFETY OF ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS AND PLAYERS.
 - ❖ ANY PLAYER IN AN OHIO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TOURNAMENT WHO DEPARTS THE TOURNAMENT SITE FOR FOOTBALL PRACTICE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THE TOURNAMENT.
 - ❖ REQUESTS TO DEPART THE TOURNAMENT FOR OTHER REASONS (MEDICAL, PERSONAL, ETC.) WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE STATE BASEBALL COMMISSION AND BASEBALL CHAIRMAN ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.
- E) All tournament games WILL BE (7) INNINGS. Any suspended games will resume where play was stopped.
- F) No team will be required to play more than two SCHEDULED GAMES IN ANY ONE DAY. The playing day will begin at 8:00 AM. No tournament game will begin after 11:00 P.M. local time.
- G) All teams will arrive at their tournament site at scheduled check-in times arranged by the Baseball Chairman.
- H) Umpires at all tournament games will be under the supervision of the Department Baseball Commission and Department Americanism Coordinator.
- I) A pitcher shall be restricted to five (5) warm up pitches. A new pitcher coming to the mound from another defensive position shall have ample time to warm up. (THIS RULE IS TO BE INTERPRETED LIBERALLY BY THE PLATE UMPIRE.)
- J) If a pitcher throws 45 or fewer pitches in game one of multiple games on the same day, he may return to pitch in game two, up to 105 pitches total for the day. If a pitcher were to throw more than 45 pitches in game one, he would be ineligible to pitch in game two (see American Legion National Baseball Rule 1.R.3).
- K) The Department Baseball Commission shall appoint an official score keeper for each game and a Chief Scorekeeper. Upon completion of each game, all records will be delivered to the Chief Scorekeeper.
- L) At the time of the coin flip (at least 30 minutes prior to the start of any game), the opposing team managers/coaches will communicate with each other as to their choice of uniform so that teams can avoid wearing like colors during the game,
- M) The Sponsoring Post of each team in the tournament will be held financially responsible for any damage incurred by members of their team while on tournament premises.

THE LOCAL LIAISON FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT IS:

TYLER SISSON
830 Harding Avenue
Lancaster, OH 43130
(740) 438-2450
www.beaversfield.com

*** EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE COMBINED RULES ***

SENIOR

- A) The Department Senior Tournament will be an 8-team, Double Elimination tournament. The 8 Region Tournament winners will play in the State Tournament.
- B) In the event that the Senior Region Tournament winner advises the Region Director that the team will be unable to have twelve (12) players available for the State and/or National Regional Tournament, the Region Runner-up team will be sent to the State Tournament, provided the Runner-up team can meet the 12-player rule.
- C) **PLAYER RE-ENTRY IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SENIOR STATE REGION TOURNAMENTS.**
- D) All teams competing at the Senior State Senior Tournament must have a minimum of twelve (12) players dressed and available at the beginning of tournament play. Affiliated and rostered Junior Players may be played- National Rule 6 D
- E) ONLY rostered and insured players, coaches, and managers will be permitted to enter the field of play or dugouts during Live Ball.
- F) A blind draw will be held at the February rules meeting to determine the Senior State Tournament Bracket. Regions will be assigned to occupy each of the eight team slots. The bottom team of each game in the first round will be the predetermined home, Team.
- G) **Starting in the second round, and for each subsequent game until the championship, a coin flip will decide the Home Team and Visitors. The Home Team will occupy the 3rd base dugout for all games of the Senior State Tournament.** The Championship Game- Winners Bracket will have choice of home or away for championship game. If deciding game is needed a coin flip will occur.
- H) Following the completion of the Senior State Tournament, the Department Baseball Coordinator shall advise the State Championship team on all actions needed to certify that team into National Competition.
 - In the event the Senior State Champion team is unable to represent the Department in National Tournament competition, the State Tournament Runner-Up team shall be declared the State Champion and represent Ohio.
 - The team winning the Senior State Tournament must have a minimum of twelve (12) players to advance to the National Regional.

JUNIOR

- A) The Department Junior Tournament will be an 8-team, Double Elimination tournament. The 8 Region Tournament winners will play in the State Tournament. 6 Team format will be used for Regions not having Jr Teams.
- B) Pairings in the Junior State Tournament will be determined by a pre-set bracket by the Department Chairman.
- C) The Department Champion will advance at their own costs to the Mason- Dixon Region Junior Tournament

PROTESTS – POST SEASON / TOURNAMENTS – SENIOR & JUNIOR

- A) All protests at a Tournament game shall be decided by the District Commission, Region Commissioner or Baseball Chairman present. These entities have the power to disqualify or suspend any individual or team for violating District, State or National Regulations.
- B) **ALL SUCH PROTESTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING** and shall include, if applicable, a written report from the umpires. All protests must indicate the specific rule(s) alleged to have been violated.
 - Protests of Major League [Official Baseball Rules](#) during an actual game condition must be filed with the Umpire Chief before the next legal pitch.
- C) **NO PROTEST WILL BE HEARD WHICH IS BASED UPON AN UMPIRE’S JUDGMENT DECISION!**
- D) All protests of player eligibility must be specific with documented proof prior to the start of Tournament games.

NOTE: If a player’s eligibility is questioned *after* Tournament games begin, a protest can still be initiated. But the alleged eligibility offense must have been found to have occurred post-game start.

- For example, a player has allegedly been found to be playing for a non-American Legion baseball team (e.g.: travel baseball team) while at the same time playing for an American Legion team while the American Legion Tournament games are proceeding. Documented proof is required.
- E) If a player is found to be ineligible, that player shall immediately be disqualified, dismissed from the Tournament, and all games in which the disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.
- F) Protests of rule interpretations during actual games must be filed with the Umpire Crew Chief before the next legally pitched ball is thrown.
- G) If a protest disqualifies a Tournament team winner, the runner-up team shall be declared the tournament winner.

NOTE: When considering the filing of a protest, ask the question: “WOULD THIS PROTEST HAVE BEEN FILED IF YOUR TEAM HAD WON?”

PROTESTS - REGULAR SEASON – SENIOR & JUNIOR

- A) All protests involving a Senior or Junior team during regular season play shall be decided by that District Baseball Committee, with the power to disqualify or suspend any individual or team for violating District, State or National Regulations. ALL SUCH PROTESTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING and shall include, if applicable, a written report from the umpires. All protests must indicate the specific rule(s) alleged to have been violated.

After a decision has been made by the District Baseball Committee, an appeal may be forwarded to the Region Commissioner for consideration. The decision of the Region Commissioner may be appealed to the Department Baseball Committee through the established Appeal Process. See **(APPEAL PROCESS...PAGE 43)**.

Protests of Major League [Official Baseball Rules](#) during a game must be filed with the Umpire Chief before the next legal pitch. This includes the current Major League balk rule.

- B) Any protest certified by the District Committee and forwarded to the Region Commissioner and the Department Baseball Committee shall be the responsibility of the protesting party, who will assume the administrative costs of conducting investigations, polling committee members, etc.

These administrative costs shall be paid within ten (10) days after the decision is rendered or 24 hours prior to the Department Tournament, whichever shall come first. Failure to pay will result in the automatic suspension of the American Legion Post and team officials from further American Legion Baseball competition until such costs are paid.

- C) **NO PROTEST WILL BE HEARD WHICH IS BASED UPON AN UMPIRE’S JUDGMENT DECISION!**

- D) All protests of player eligibility must be specific with documented proof and forwarded to the District Baseball Committee immediately upon discovery of alleged impropriety and prior to the start of the any Tournaments.

- E) If a player is found to be ineligible, that player shall immediately be disqualified and all games in which the disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.

- F) Protests of rule interpretations during actual games must be filed with the Umpire Crew Chief before the next legally pitched ball is thrown.

NOTE: When considering the filing of a protest, ask the question: “WOULD THIS PROTEST HAVE BEEN FILED IF YOUR TEAM HAD WON?”

APPEAL PROCESS

Ohio American Legion Baseball has an established APPEAL PROCESS to assist Players (Senior or Junior), Managers or sponsoring American Legion Posts to resolve problems. The Right of Appeal applies to any Player, Coach, Manager, or officers of the sponsoring American Legion Post. The Appeal Process MUST BE FOLLOWED through each Appeal Level in succession. No Appeal Level can be by-passed in the seeking of a decision. The levels of appeal are:

LEVEL ONE: TEAM MANAGER

Present the problem to the Manager of the Senior or Junior American Legion Baseball team.

LEVEL TWO: POST COMMANDER OF THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST

An American Legion Post has the ultimate responsibility for the jurisdiction and supervision of the American Legion Senior or Junior Baseball Team playing under the name of the sponsoring Post.

Present the problem to the Post Commander, who has the authority to sustain or override any decision made by the Team Manager.

LEVEL THREE: DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN

The District Baseball Chairman supervises play of all Senior or Junior American Legion Baseball Teams within the District and is given authority by the Ohio American Legion Baseball Committee and the Department of Ohio to make rule interpretations and impose penalties for rules infractions.

LEVEL FOUR - REGION COMMISSIONER

The Region Commissioner is a member of the Department Baseball Committee and has authority to make rules interpretations and impose penalties for rules infractions.

LEVEL FIVE: DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMISSION

The Department Baseball Committee is the governing body for Senior and Junior American Legion Baseball in Ohio. The Committee is empowered by the National American Legion Headquarters to interpret the rules of American Legion Baseball in Ohio.

LEVEL SIX: DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Department Executive Committee is the governing body of all American Legion programs within Ohio and is empowered by the National Constitution of the American Legion.

LEVEL SEVEN: NATIONAL BASEBALL APPEALS BOARD

The National Baseball Appeals Board, an agency of the National American Legion Headquarters, is the official and FINAL governing body for the interpretation of American Legion Baseball Rules. THE DECISION OF THE NATIONAL BASEBALL APPEALS BOARD IS FINAL AND MAY BE ENFORCED BY A COURT OF LAW.

The consensus the majority of the National American Legion Appeals Board shall constitute the Board's ruling.

The Board will not act on any Appeal which has not followed the established Appeal process of the Ohio Department.

An Appeal to the National Baseball Appeals Board MUST BE MADE within 24 hours following the last Lower-Level ruling.

An appeal will be considered received by the Board if made by registered letter, fax, or e-mail. Any appeal filed AFTER 24 HOURS will not be considered. An appeal to the National Baseball Appeals Board shall be directed in writing to the following:

**The American Legion
National Baseball Appeals Board
P.O. Box 1055
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

PHONE - 317-630-1213

E-mail baseball@legion.org

E-mail protests will not be accepted unless forwarded by the Department Baseball Chairman or Department Baseball Coordinator.

APPEAL PROCESS (cont.)

This Appeals Process is in place to resolve YOUR problem. The Appeal Process MUST BE followed in seeking the redress of any grievance involving American Legion Baseball Rules. Only Appeals pertaining to Rules Interpretations will be heard through the Appeals Process.

ANY APPEAL INVOLVING THE DECISION OF A FIELD UMPIRE WILL NOT BE HEARD OR CONSIDERED.

No appeal shall be considered by the National Baseball Appeals Board until all established appeal procedures within the Department of Ohio have been exhausted, as certified in writing by the Department Baseball Chairman or Department Baseball Coordinator.

Chris Emmons, Dept Baseball Chairman
Phone: (937)681-2080
emmons0341@gmail.com

Christie White, Americanism, and Children & Youth Coordinator
Phone: (740) 362-7478- Office, (740) 815-0341- Cell
programs@ohiolegion.com

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NEW AND RETURNING TEAM INFORMATION.

- **ENTERING A TEAM INTO ALB COMPETITION**
- **BACKGROUND CHECKS AND ABUSE AWARENESS**
- **PLAYER FORMS**
- **ONLINE SUPPORT**

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<https://forms.gle/XvvKcuq4B6f1dbaBA>
How to Register a Team

Welcome
Please sign in below.

SIGN IN

The American Legion has moved to a single sign-on for its collection of websites. This allows American Legion members and non-members who are registered users of American Legion national websites the need to only have one username and password when they visit and sign in to: Legion.org, baseball.legion.org and the other national websites.

The ALB Online Team Application process for NEW TEAMS and NEW TEAM ADMINISTRATORS:
You must first Register your User Email account by following the simple steps below.
RETURNING TEAM ADMINISTRATORS do not need to re-register your User Email account.

How to Register User Email or Make Sure Your Email is Registered.

IMPORTANT: Do not enter your address when registering on the website. Only enter your email, name, required checkboxes, password and OTP. No other fields are required.

1. Click on SIGN IN
2. On the next screen, click on "Register" (top right corner above Username field)
3. Enter your email address and NEXT
4. If you receive a message that says, "User registered", then your User Email has been registered. Skip down to step 9. If you did NOT get that message, go to step 5.
5. Enter your name, check the boxes granting permission for The American Legion to store data,

Register a New Account
OR
Login With an Existing
Account

AMERICAN LEGION

Login Register

Username

Password

Login

Remember Me Request One Time Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

[Forgot Username?](#)

_____ or _____

YOUR TEAMS:

[+ Add or renew a team](#) | [My Teams](#)



Welcome

As an educational supporter of the Pitch Smart initiative, American Legion Baseball recommends that players, parents and coaches adhere to Pitch Smart guidelines listed on www.usabdevelops.com/Lea

Team registration begins January 1st.

Note: Changing your login email address may disconnect you from your managed teams. If this happens, [contact support here](#). Please provide your old email address, new email address, team name, and state.

[+ Add or renew a team](#)

Choose a team below to manage or [add or renew a team](#).

YOUR TEAMS:

[+ Add or renew a team](#) | [My Teams](#)

Add or Renew Team

If your team information was entered a previous year, you may search for that team and use the information to prefill the application forms.

Start here:

- I want to search and use the information from a previous season team
- I want to enter information for a new baseball team

Complete all tasks on the left

- [Team Info](#)
- [Sponsor](#)
- [Administrator](#)
- [Manager](#)
- [Coaches & Staff](#)
- [Submit Application](#)
Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: **Incomplete**
- [Safe Sport](#)
Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: **Application Not Submitted**
- [Registration Fee](#)
Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: **Not Submitted**
- [Purchase Insurance](#)
Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: **Not Submitted**

Team information inserted.

1. Use the navigation links to the left to complete all required forms.
2. As a form is completed, it will be checked () off the list.
3. When everything is **GREEN** in your Team Status navigation menu - your team's registration is complete. Your team is then an official American Legion Baseball team.

! You still need to complete the following forms to complete registration:

- [Sponsor](#)
- [Administrator](#)
- [Manager](#)
- [Coaches & Staff](#)
- [Submit Application](#)
- [Pay Registration Fee](#)
- [Enter Roster](#)

Background checks are not started until application is submitted.

Your team information will always be available from the left navigation menu.

Team Status:



- [Team Info](#)
 - [Sponsor](#)
 - [Administrator](#)
 - [Manager](#)
 - [Coaches & Staff](#)
 - [Submit Application](#)
- Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: Incomplete



Sponsor Information

My sponsor is an American Legion Post:

- Yes
- No

Team Status:



- [Team Info](#)
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- [Purchase Insurance](#)



Sponsor Information

My sponsor is an American Legion Post:

- Yes
- No

Legion Post Finder

Change the state if necessary, then start entering your Legion Post number into the textbox. If you do not know your post number, select the post name or city and enter into the textbox. You should see your Legion Post appear in the list after typing only a few letters. The more you type, the more accurate the results.

Legion Post state:

Search what field?

- Search Post Number
- Search Post Name
- Search Post City

Enter Legion Post #:

Begin entering your **Legion Post NUMBER** in the textbox. When you see your post appear in the list, select it.

Team Status:



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Status: Not Submitted
- [Purchase Insurance](#)
Deadline: 6/1/2024



Team Administrator

- Sponsor information inserted.
- Continuing to Administrator page.

The Baseball Team Administrator is the person responsible for the online registration of the baseball team, so accurate contact information is important.

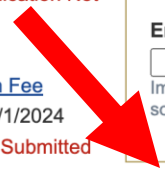
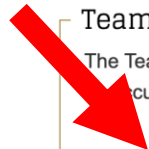
Team Administrator Contact Information

The Team Administrator is the person responsible for the online registration of the baseball team, so accurate contact information is important.

First name: * **Last name: ***

Email: * **Primary phone: ***

Important: Enter the admin's real email, so they can receive e-mails from the state chairman if needed.



Team Status:



- [Team Info](#)
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Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: Not Submitted
- [Purchase Insurance](#)
Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: Not Submitted

Needs to be completed to be an

Manager Information

- Team administrator inserted.
- Continuing to Manager page.

The Baseball Team Manager is the person responsible for day-to-day operation of the baseball team (sometimes called General Manager or Manager & Head Coach by the team). This person is the primary contact for the team, so accurate contact information is important.

Team Manager Contact Information

Enter only ONE team manager here. You will be able to add additional coaches on the "Coaches & Staff" page.

First name: * **Last name: *** **Name suffix:**
Examples: Jr; Sr; II; III;

Address: *

City: * **State/Province: *** **ZIP/Postal Code: ***

Email: * **Primary phone: ***

Important: Enter the manager's real email, so they will receive background check notifications.



Team Status:

Coaches & Staff Information



- [Team Info](#)
- [Sponsor](#)
- [Administrator](#)
- [Manager](#)
- [Coaches & Staff](#)
- [Submit Application](#)
Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: Incomplete
- [Safe Sport](#)
Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: Application Not Submitted
- [Registration Fee](#)
Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: Not Submitted

- Manager information inserted.
- Continuing to Coaches & Staff page.

Use this form to enter all team staff who will have direct contact with players. Everyone must have a background check, even if they are part-time or temporary help. This includes drivers and chaperones

When you are finished adding coaches and staff, you must click "Save Coaches & Staff" button complete this section. If your manager is your only staff, click the "Save Coaches & Staff" button with an empty list. The system will know that your manager and head coach are the same person and check this page off your list.

+ Add a coach or staff member

Save Coaches & Staff



- [Team Info](#)
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After signing and submitting this page, you will not be able to change your application information. After your team application has been reviewed and approved, you will be notified by email.

Please note that team applications will not be approved until all managers, coaches, and staff have had background checks.

Agreement

- Insurance: ***
The above mentioned team and sponsor agree not to conduct baseball practice, tryouts or other similar activity without first purchasing American Legion Baseball **accident and liability** insurance from K & K Insurance and receiving confirmation that such insurance has been processed.
- Rules: ***
The above mentioned team and sponsor agree to comply with the **rules and regulations** of the The Department Baseball Committee and the National Americanism Commission.
- Terms & Privacy: ***
I have read and agree to the **terms & conditions** and **privacy policy**.
- Code of Conduct / Ethics: ***
I have read and agree to the **code of ethics**.
- Fraud warning: ***
I have read and understand the **fraud warning** that applies to my state.
- Player agreements: ***
I will distribute and collect signed **player agreements** from each player.
- Newsletter: ***
I understand program participants (administrators, managers, coaches and players) with e-mail addresses will be signed up to receive The Dugout, the official e-newsletter of American Legion Baseball. Participants can unsubscribe from this e-newsletter at any time.

Needs to be completed to be an official American Legion team

- [Team Info](#)
- [Sponsor](#)
- [Administrator](#)
- [Manager](#)
- [Coaches & Staff](#)
- [Review Application](#)
 Deadline: 6/1/2024
 Status: Waiting Approval
- [Safe Sport](#)
 Deadline: 6/1/2024
 Status: Waiting Approval
- [Registration Fee](#)
 Deadline: 6/1/2024
 Status: Complete
- [Purchase Insurance](#)
 Deadline: 6/1/2024
 Status: Not Submitted

↑ Needs to be completed to be an official American Legion team


Insurance ensure that you receive your estimate of insurance, coverage documents and relevant PDF files at the end of the purchase transaction.

Teams will now purchase mandatory American Legion Baseball insurance directly through K&K Insurance, our insurance agent of record for the baseball program. A new website to purchase in coverage has been developed.


Insurance must be purchased from the K&K Insurance website:
<https://www.kandkinsurance.com/sites/americanlegion/Pages/Home.aspx>

It is recommended that you forward your email acknowledgement from K&K Insurance to state baseball chairman. His contact information can be located at www.legion.org/baseball/contacts.

Technical support questions regarding insurance website should be directed to: Hollie Lamle, (26) 5053 x5508, hollie.lamle@kandkinsurance.com or Tyler Lantz, (260) 459-5864, tyler.lantz@kandkinsurance.com



We Take Fun Seriously



General Liability and Participant Accident Coverage for American Legion Baseball

Phone 1-800-441-3994 x5042, x5864 or x5053

Fax 1-260-459-5120

Claims 1-800-237-2917

Email american.legion_baseball@kandkinsurance.com


Login/Register

First time users must register in order to save their Quotes & Applications: [Register here](#)

E-mail

Password

[Forgot password?](#)



Please Note! If purchasing for more than one team, please log out and log back into the website between purchases.

Thank you!

Get Your Quote / Buy Online

GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY LIMITS

General Aggregate	\$ 3,000,000
Per Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Participant Legal Liability	\$ 1,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$ 1,000,000
Damage to Premises Rented To You	\$ 300,000
Medical Payments Expense	\$ 5,000
Personal/Advertising Injury	\$ 1,000,000
Abuse/Molestation per Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Abuse/Molestation Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000
Excess Liability - per Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Excess Liability - Aggregate	\$ 1,000,000

*Note: Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage is excluded on the excess policy.

WHY DO I NEED THIS INSURANCE?

Whether or not your league is negligent, you can be sued. Even if you are found innocent, you have investigation and legal expenses. If you are found liable, you will have to pay all judgments. You need to be protected:

- To protect yourself and your team from lawsuits that may arise as a result of baseball-related activities.
- To protect current and future assets that may be at risk as a result of a bodily injury, personal injury, or property damage claim.
- To provide excess medical benefits for accidental injuries to your players & volunteers.

Enter Your Roster

[Purchase Insurance](#)
Deadline: 6/1/2024
Status: Not Submitted
Needs to be completed to be an official American Legion team

[Enter Roster](#)
Deadline: 6/25/2024
Status: Not Submitted
Needs to be completed to maintain eligibility to participate as an official team

NOTE##: A Manager will be able to edit information on players up until the point when the manager clicks on "Submit Roster" after which point the Online Team Roster is locked and no further changes will be allowed.

NOTE:** Once a Team Manager clicks "Submit Roster", a team WILL NO LONGER be able to add/delete players or post any player photographs and the Roster is locked. **EXCEPTION: A player may only be replaced on the Online Team Roster in the event of death or if a player enters Active Duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.**

Starting in 2024, National Rule 6. E. 4. (Players per team) **In case of season ending injury, a player may be replaced on National Form #1 PRIOR to the end of regular season play with Dept. Chairman approval with proper medical doctor's note and documents.**

Complete Background Checks
(ALL COACHES) CHECK YOUR EMAIL

BACKGROUND CHECKS→ HOW TO APPLY

GO TO THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL WEBSITE: www.legionbaseball.org

1. CLICK ON: American Legion Background check application form.
2. Follow the instructions on the “Protect Youth Sports” application and when complete hit “submit.”

NOTE! Please plan. Background Check results from “Protect Youth Sports” can take from 24 to 72 hours to be generated to the Ohio American Legion.

Any individual rejected for American Legion Baseball as the result of the Background Check will be so notified by the Ohio American Legion and advised of further steps to take thru “Protect Youth Sports” for an explanation of or challenge to the findings.

Once the background check is complete, you will receive an email from message@protectingourkids.com that will say “An organization you have applied to volunteer or work with has partnered with Protect Youth Sports to ensure they are utilizing the very best resources to ensure the safety of the children of their organization. By clicking the link below you will be able to access the Child Abuse Awareness video training at no cost to you. When you have completed the video training, start the 25-question quiz by clicking the button at the end of the last video.”

THE CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING IS REQUIRED! THE ONLY TRAINING THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED IS THROUGH PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS!

Team Managers and Coaches are required to protect themselves, their players, and the sponsoring American Legion Post by downloading and reading the National American Legion “**Risk Management Policies Manual for American Legion Baseball**”.

The Risk Management Manual may be downloaded at: <http://www.legion.org/baseball/resources> or <http://www.legion.org/publications>

Questions or comments on the Background check process may be directed to Christie White at Department Headquarters programs@ohiolegion.com or (740) 362-7478 or Chris Emmons emmons0341@gmail.com or by phone at 937-681-2080.

You must be associated with an Ohio American Legion Senior or Junior team as an adult team manager or coach on the roster to make application for a background check.

OBTAINING HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FIGURES

TEAM MANAGERS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE OR PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE OF EACH HIGH SCHOOL A TEAM RECRUITS PLAYERS FROM TO OBTAIN THE ENROLLMENTS OF GRADE 10, 11 AND 12 AS OF MARCH 31ST AND OBTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF An AUTHORIZING SCHOOL OFFICIAL.

THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN THE ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR GRADES 10, 11 AND 12 OF ANY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF OHIO IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Go to the National Headquarters Baseball website: www.Legion.org/baseball
2. At the bottom of the Baseball home page, click on "Resources".
3. On the "Resources" page, scroll down to the Helpful Links and click on "High School Enrollment Figures".
4. On the High-School.com page there are six (6) options:
5.
 - A. **State** - On the left-hand side, click on "Ohio". A list of all major cities in the State of Ohio will appear. Click on each city players are recruited from and then click on each high school in that city.
 - B. **Schools** - In the upper right-hand corner, click on "Schools", enter the name of a high school players are recruited from and follow the steps.
 - C. **Cities** - On the right-hand corner, click on "Cities", enter the name of a city players are recruited from and then follow the steps.
 - D. **School Districts** - In the upper right-hand corner, click on "School Districts", enter the name of a school district players are recruited from in the search box and then follow the steps.
 - E. **Counties** - In the upper right-hand corner, click on "Counties", enter the name of a county players are recruited from in the search box and then follow the steps.
 - F. **Zip Code** - In the upper right-hand corner, click on "Zip Code", enter the zip code players are recruited from in the search box and then follow the steps.

Obtain enrollment figures for each high school players will be recruited from and enter these figures on the online National Form #1 along with the name of each high school.

In the event of a challenge or protest regarding school enrollment figures, the enrollment figures on High-School.com list will be used to resolve the challenge or protest.

If you have any questions, please call:

The Department Baseball office at 740-362-7478 or e-mail the Baseball office at: programs@ohiolegion.com.

Or The baseball chairman Chris Emmons at 937-681-2080 or emmons0341@gmail.com.

THE PLAYER AGREEMENT/INFORMATION SHEET

A complete Player Agreement/Information Sheet (Form #2) must be filled out and signed for each player listed on the Online Team Roster (Form #1). Player Agreement/Information Sheets (Form #2's) can be downloaded by each Team Manager from <http://www.legion.org/baseball/resources> .

The Player Agreement/Information Sheet (Form #2) consists of three (3) segments; THE AMERICAN LEGION PLAYER AGREEMENT (top half); the PARENT'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM (bottom half), and the PLAYER INFORMATION SHEET (page two).

1. **NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL: By action of the National Judge Advocate of the American Legion, the parent or guardian's signature must be notarized by a Notary Public. The Notary Public must sign the Form 2 and affix or stamp the Notary Public seal. Each Form #2 for each player must be notarized.**
2. Although the National Form 2 states that a copy of the form be sent to the Department Baseball Chairman, the Ohio Baseball Commission requests that the copies become part of the "Team Packet", which will be sent to the District Chairman.

A copy of the "PARENT'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM" for each player MUST BE in the possession of the Team Manager at every practice and game. In the event of illness or injury to a player during the playing of an American Legion game, this form must be taken with the player to the Medical Treatment Center.

- A copy of the Form 2 for each player is to be filed with a printed copy of the Team Roster Form 1.
- The original signed Form 2 shall be retained in the possession of a responsible adult at every practice or game.

Downloading of Form #2: Anyone can download a Form 2 for completion on the computer or the team manager/coach can save and email the file to his players/parents.

Player Indemnification Release Agreement (Form 2) can be found at www.legion.org/baseball .

On the Resources page under Coaches.

IMPORTANT: Batpersons - Any team which has minor children serving as a batperson are required to have the bottom portion of Page 1 (Parent's Consent and Release Form) completed by the parent or guardian as outlined in Steps 5-12 above.

- ❖ **Any American Legion Baseball player who fails to complete a Player Agreement/Information Sheet shall be disqualified from playing.**

PROOF OF AGE / BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Every player carried on the Online Team Roster must provide to the Team Manager or American Legion Post Official, an official verification (proof) of their date of birth (age) certifying eligibility to play in the current season.

As proof of age, Ohio ALBB will only accept a state-issued driver's license or a state-issued ID for Senior team member. Junior team members may use birth certificates as proof of age only when the player does not have a state- issued driver's license or a state-issued ID.

American Legion Baseball accepts as official proof of age:

1. A state issued Driver's License that complies with the Federal ID law.
2. A state issued Identification Card that complies with the Federal ID law.
3. A U.S. government issued passport.
4. A U.S. government issued military ID card or military dependent ID card.
5. Original Birth Certificate or state certified copy.

THE RECORD OF BIRTH MUST BE AN ORIGINAL OR A STATE CERTIFIED REPRODUCTION FROM THE STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY BIRTH DOCUMENTS. A RAISED STATE SEAL SHALL BE VISIBLE ON THE STATE CERTIFIED REPRODUCTION.

- A) In case of a foreign birth, the player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the individual by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service or by the Department of State that shows the birth date of the player. Official Birth Certificates issued by a foreign country are acceptable when accompanied by a letter with an English translation. Such certificates must have an official seal.
- B) A United States passport.
- C) Office of Vital Statistics website: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/vitalstatistics/vitalmisc/vitalstats.aspx>
- D) A court certified copy of that portion of permanent legal permanent adoption papers showing the place and date of a player's birth shall be acceptable in cases involving adopted players
- E) OHIO BIRTH CERTIFICATES for those born in Ohio are available for a fee each from:
Ohio Department of Health. Same-day service hours: Monday - Friday: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Office of Vital Statistics, 225 Neilston Street, Columbus, Ohio43215
(614) 466-2531
- F) Mail-in OHIO BIRTH CERTIFICATES for those born in Ohio are available for \$21.50 each from:
Ohio Vital Records
P.O. Box 15098
Columbus, OH 43215-0098
<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/~media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/vs/general/applicationform.ashx>

CODE OF ETHICS

FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

American Legion Baseball is a game played at numerous levels of competition. The function of all participants to include players, coaches, umpires, officials, and workers in American Legion Baseball is to abide by only the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct.

The participants must be aware that they have tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the development of the baseball player, and thus, shall never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.

All participants must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of American Legion Baseball. In **all personal contact** with the athletes, umpires, officials, administrators, the overall American Legion at all levels, the media, and the public, all participants shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

- 1) Bench jockeying, which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing and obscene language towards opponents, umpires or spectators is prohibited.
- 2) All participants shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use.
- 3) No coach **shall use** alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players.
- 4) Coaches and adult volunteers shall not make statements that are false, deceptive, misleading, or fraudulent concerning work activities, personal and organization affiliations.
- 5) Coaches and adult volunteers shall be thoroughly acquainted with American Legion Baseball rules and **are responsible for their interpretation to team members.**
 - a) Coaches and adult volunteers shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
 - b) Coaches and adult volunteers **shall not permit** ineligible player(s) to participate, practice or be a part of any team function.
 - c) Players should be taught to respect the dignity of the game, umpires and opponents and the places and properties wherever the game is played.
- 6) Coaches should confine their discussion to the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment.
- 7) Coaches and adult volunteers shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their athletes and spectators.
- 8) Umpires will be treated with respect and supported by all participants.
 - a) Coaches and adult volunteers shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or spectators against the umpires.
 - b) Criticism of umpires or players is unethical.
- 9) Umpires shall treat all participants with a courteous and dignified attitude.
- 10) Coaches shall not engage in sexual harassment, abuse, or any other type of illegal conduct.
- 11) All participants should develop and promote a spirit of cooperation among the American Legion baseball family, including sponsors and any person connected with the program.

American Legion Baseball is a game of fun, designed for enjoyment of all.

I recognize the responsibility placed upon me to model ethical behavior. ***I pledge myself to observe, practice and maintain this code of ethics.***

SUGGESTIONS FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE GIVEN AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE COURSE OF EACH GAME OVER THE PUBLIC-ADDRESS SYSTEM

The American Legion requests that you return any ball hit or thrown into the stands to _____. The spectator assumes all risks incidental to the game of baseball, including specifically (but not exclusively) the risk of being hit by bats or balls. Any bat thrown, or ball hit or thrown into the stands can be dangerous and spectators should be always alert to avoid being hit.

SUGGESTED SIGN TO BE PLACED ON EVERY GATE LEADING ONTO THE PLAYING FIELD

Attention: It can be dangerous on the playing field. All persons entering the playing field with or without the permission of The American Legion assume all risk of injury from thrown bats, thrown or batted balls and any other hazards.

SUGGESTED MESSAGE TO BE PRINTED ON BACK OF EACH TICKET SOLD

The holder of this ticket assumes all risk and danger incidental to the game of baseball whether occurring prior to, during or after the actual playing of the game, including specifically (but not exclusively) the danger of being injured by thrown bats and thrown or batted balls and agrees the participating clubs or their officials, agents, and players, are not liable for injuries resulting from such causes.

THANK YOU FOR PLAYING AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL!



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