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Taking Care of Veterans;
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**Purpose and Scope of
American Legion Baseball**

To inculcate in youth a better understanding of the American way of life and to promote the principles of 100% Americanism.

To instill in the nation's youth a sincere desire to develop within themselves a feeling of citizenship, sportsmanship, loyalty and team spirit.

To aid in the improvement and development of the physical fitness of our country's youth.

To build for the Nation's future through our youth.

The American Legion is the largest veteran's organization in the world with a membership of over 1.7 Million war-time veterans in the United States, District of Columbia and four foreign countries. Members of The American Legion are honorably discharged men and women who served their country on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and Persian Gulf Wars and Conflicts. The American Legion was founded and organized in 1919. Since that time, The American Legion has touched virtually every facet of American life, fulfilling its main objective of service to the community, state and nation.

Since 1925, The American Legion has sponsored a nationwide youth baseball program. During these past eight decades, over 10 million players have enjoyed playing the game of baseball. The American Legion and the 2.2 million members have raised millions of dollars each year to give young baseball players an opportunity to learn the importance of teamwork, team loyalty, discipline, leadership and good sportsmanship. The purpose of American Legion Baseball has always been to help develop America's youth that will someday step forward and become the nation's future leaders.

In 2018, Nebraska American Legion Baseball supported over 290 Junior and Senior teams across the state, comprised of over 4,400 players. Posts, sponsors, parent groups and countless volunteers successfully conducted 42 District tournaments and 7 State tournaments, culminating in two Nebraska Class A Senior teams qualifying for the Central Plains National Regional tournament and 1 team making it to the World Series. Nebraska has the second largest number of teams in the United States and ranks first in teams per capita and has maintained one of the strongest American Legion Baseball programs in the country for decades.

THE CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

I will:

Keep the rules.

Keep faith with my teammates.

Keep my temper.

Keep myself fit.

Keep a stout heart in defeat.

Keep my pride under in victory.

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

Class A Senior and Junior State

2020	2021	2022
National Div Area 5	National Div Area 6	National Div Area 7
American Div Metro	American Div Metro	American Div Metro
Class A Jr Metro	Class A Jr Area 7	Class A Jr Metro
2023	2024	2025
National Div Area 5	National Div Area 6	National Div Area 7
American Div Metro	American Div Metro	American Div Metro
Class A Jr Area 6	Class A Jr Metro	Class A Jr Area 5

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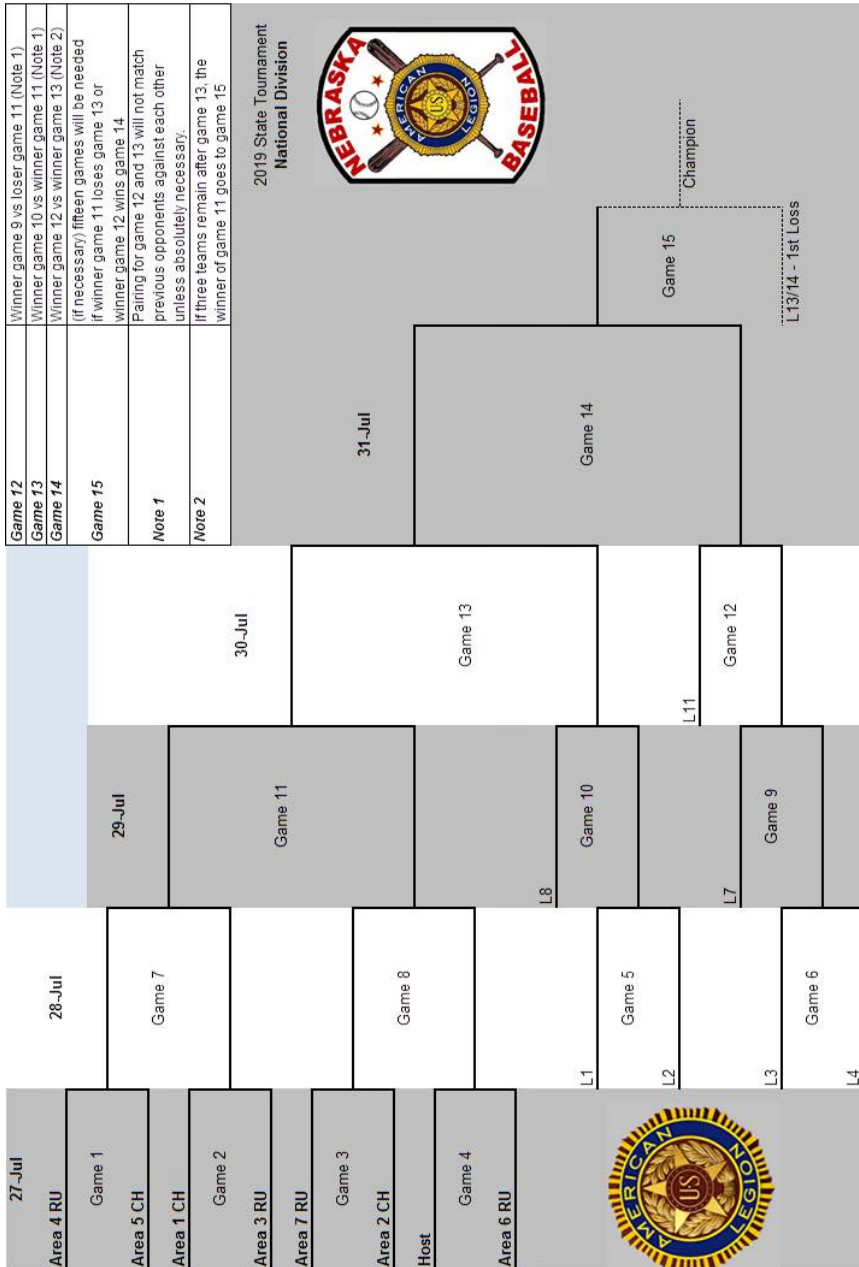
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2019 Class A Senior American Division

27-Jul		28-Jul		29-Jul		30-Jul		31-Jul	
Area 4 CH	Game 1	Game 7	Game 11	Game 13	Game 9	Game 14	Game 15	 2019 State Tournament American Division	
Area 5 RU	Area 1 RU	Game 5	Game 10	Game 12	Game 8	Game 14	Game 15	Champion L13/14 - 1st Loss	
Area 3 CH	Area 7 CH	Game 3	Game 8	Game 9	Game 11	Game 13	Game 14	L1 L2 L3 L4	
Area 2 RU	Host	Game 2	Game 6	Game 7	Game 10	Game 12	Game 14	L8 L7	
Area 6 CH	Area 6 CH	Game 4	Game 5	Game 6	Game 11	Game 12	Game 14	L1 L2 L3 L4	
									
Game 12		Game 13		Game 14		Game 15			
Game 13		Game 14		Game 15					
Game 14		Game 15							
Game 15									
Note 1		Note 2							

2019 Class A Senior National Division



Game 12 Winner game 9 vs loser game 11 (Note 1)
Game 13 Winner game 10 vs winner game 11 (Note 1)
Game 14 Winner game 12 vs winner game 13 (Note 2)
Game 15 (if necessary) fifteen games will be needed if winner game 11 loses game 13 or winner game 12 wins game 14
Note 1 Pairing for game 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary.
Note 2 If three teams remain after game 13, the winner of game 11 goes to game 15

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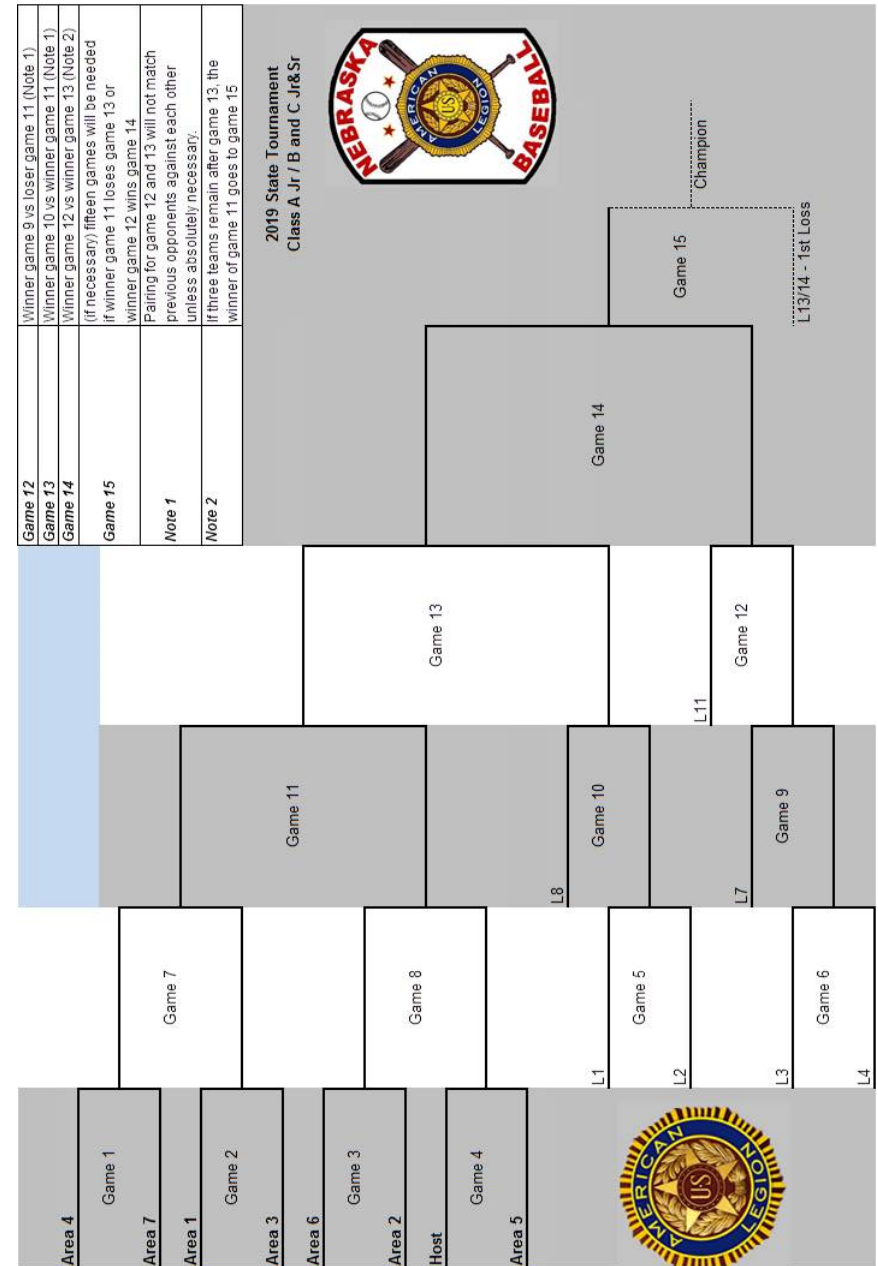
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OFFICIAL RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Department Athletic Committee, consisting of nine members, shall formulate rules and procedures, prepare tournament schedules, are responsible for area and state tournaments and address all other matters dealing with this program. All games shall be played under the 2019 OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES, except as provided for in the National American Legion Baseball Rules and as further provided for herein.

2019 Class A Jr, B & C Senior and Junior State Tournament



2019 NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL		
TOURNAMENT DATES		
CLASS	TOURNAMENT	DATES
B & C	Junior Area Tournaments	12-16 July
B & C	Junior STATE Tournaments	20-24 July
A	Junior/Senior Area Tournaments	19-23 July
A	Junior/Senior STATE Tournaments	27- 31 July
B & C	Senior Area Tournaments	19-23 July
B & C	Senior STATE Tournaments	27-31 July
A	Class A Senior 3 game Playoff - National Div Winner Host site	2-3 August
A Only	Mid-South Region 4 Tournament	7-11 August
A Only	American Legion World Series	15-20 August

2019 STATE TOURNAMENT SITES					
CLASS A		CLASS B		CLASS C	
Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior
Class A Championship @ National Div Site	@	@	@	@	@
American Div @ Creighton Prep	Lincoln	Gering	McCook	Syracuse	Sutton
National Div @ Kearney	-				

AREA TOURNAMENTS					
Area 1-4 @ Papillion South	Area 1 @ Bellevue West	Area 1 @ Nebraska City	Area 1 @ Hickman	Area 1 @ Hartington	Area 1 @ Neligh
Area 1-4 @ Millard South	Area 2 @ Millard North	Area 2 @ Springfield	Area 2 @ Waverly	Area 2 @ Wisner	Area 2 @ Scribner
Area 1-4 @ Omaha South	Area 3 @ Papillion	Area 3 @ Blair	Area 3 @ Valley	Area 3 @ Morse Bluff	Area 3 @ Yutan
Area 1-4 @ Millard Sox	Area 4 @ Omaha Skutt	Area 4 @ York	Area 4 @ Crete	Area 4 @ Wilber	Area 4 @ Wymore
Area 5 @ Lincoln	Area 5 @ Lincoln	Area 5 @ O'Neill	Area 5 @ Central City	Area 5 @ Boelus	Area 5 @ St Paul
Area 6 @ Columbus	Area 6 @ South Sioux City	Area 6 @ Cozad	Area 6 @ Broken Bow	Area 6 @ Ravenna	Area 6 @ Gibbon
Area 7 @ North Platte	Area 7 @ Hastings	Area 7 @ Ogallala	Area 7 @ Sidney	Area 7 @ Valentine	Area 7 @ Overton

2019 and 2020 Hastings will Host the Regional Tournament - the NE Play Off Games will be best of 3 series.

Championship Banquet is optional

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES

“NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL IS BY INVITATION ONLY” Team managers and coaches should read these rules covering eligibility and playing regulations very carefully. All dates and deadlines mentioned supersede national dates and deadlines, and will be rigidly enforced.

[] 1. HAVE YOU ENTERED AND HAVE YOUR TEAM(S) APPROVED? Initial Team Entry and approval in the Program must be completed on or before May 15th, using the National American Legion Baseball On-Line Registration System. After May 15th, teams will not be allowed to register through the National On-Line Registration System. You will have to contact Department Headquarters for review and approval to participate. If approved, a late fee of \$200.00 per team will be assessed, payable to the Department of Nebraska. You will then be given steps how to register using the National On-Line Registration System.

[] 2. HAVE YOU PAID TEAM REGISTRATION FEES AND OBTAINED GROUP ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY INSURANCE? Fees that will be assessed will be Nebraska fees of \$150 for each team, National fees of \$50.00 for each Senior Team and \$25.00 for each Junior Team, and SA Vandyke Insurance fees. These fees are non-refundable. Payment of above said fees is by credit card only. All teams participating in The American Legion Baseball Program must be covered by American Legion mandated Group Accident and Liability Insurance for the entire season. This insurance can only be obtained during the registration process using the National On-line Registration System. Cost will depend on whether you select annual or seasonal coverage. The National Deadline for paying registration fees and obtaining insurance is May 15. After May 15th, a late fee of \$200.00 per team will be assessed

[] 3. HAVE YOU NOTIFIED OFFICIALS OF CHANGES TO YOUR TEAM ROSTER? All teams will be allowed to add or delete players and dual roster players on their team roster up to and including June 15th. Changes to rosters will be done using the National On-Line registration System.

[] 4. HAVE YOU OBTAINED CERTIFIED BIRTH CARDS FOR YOUR PLAYERS? Teams are required to provide the Nebraska American Legion birth certificate cards for each player to the Area Tournament Director by Seeding meeting. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the tournament. Birth Certificate Cards can be obtained through Department Headquarters. Certification of Birth Certificates will be done by the Head Coach or Team Manager. The form can be downloaded from the NALB rules and forms website and will need to be mailed to the Department headquarters. Do NOT retain original birth certificates.

SPECIAL RULES OF ENTRY DATES AND DEADLINES

Approved team entry (Registration) into the Nebraska American Legion Baseball Program must be completed through the National On-Line Registration System by May 15th. To be Approved, the registration and all fees must be paid and current coaches listed must have completed the background check. Failure to meet the May 15th deadline will incur a \$200 late fee and may result in disqualification from competition in the Nebraska American Legion Baseball Program.

Transfer Form 76s, Form 77s, are available only on the National On-line system using the coaches log in. **Only form 76 will be utilized in Nebraska.** Print the form from the on-line site, fill it out, gain required signatures, and mail to Department of Nebraska. Transfer Form 76s must be received by May 31st. In order to Add/Delete players and indicate Dual Roster players the On-line roster must be used and must be submitted by June 15th.

Form 2s will be obtained through the National On-Line Registration System (one form per player). The form 2 is required to be on hand at all games and should be kept for 5 years. The Form 2 and a copy of the Insurance does NOT need to be mailed to Department.

Area/District team placements are published on the <http://www.nelegionbaseball.net> website. Final area/district assignments will be published by June 30th. It is the coaches responsibility to check the web site.

The deadline is May 13th for all umpires applying for Area & State Tournaments and June 7th for all other umpires. Late umpire certifications will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Nebraska Legion Head Umpire Liaison. Tim Riskowski @ 402-216-3328

1.00 — TEAM AND PLAYER REGULATIONS

1.01 TEAM CLASSIFICATION AND ENTRY:

(a) The Nebraska American Legion Baseball program is divided into three classes (Class A, Class B, and Class C), with a Senior and Junior age division in each class.

(b) Entry in the program must be done on or before May 15, using the National On-Line Registration System.

- Class A will consist of all teams whose school or combination of schools has a total enrollment of 600 through 5000.

- Class B will consist of all teams whose school or combination of schools has a total enrollment of 161 through 599.

- Class C will consist of those teams whose school or combination of schools has a total enrollment of 160 or fewer. (3.04(b) - 350 rule applies)

- 5) Conviction of a crime involving controlled substances (not paraphernalia or alcohol)
- 6) Conviction of a crime involving cruelty to animals
- 7) Any sex offender registrant
- 8) Refusal to undergo background screening

Appeals.

The American Legion will not intercede if a Designated Individual has concern with the outcome of their background check report of findings; direct contact with Priority Research Services, Inc. at (877) 319-5587 or www.protectyouthsports.com for any discussions or appeals.

Legion Combined Programs

Crofton / Wynot
Dannebrog / Cairo / Boelus
Elmwood-Murdock / Nehawka
Shelby / Osceola / Stromsburg
Stanton / Clarkson
Taylor / Burwell / Sargent
Wymore / Diller / Odell
Louisville / Weeping Water
Wisner-Pilger / Howells - Dodge
Bruning-Davenport / Shickley
Palmer / Wolbach / Greeley
Dwight / Valparaiso
Logan View-Hooper / Scribner-Snyder
Creighton / Bloomfield

NSAA Baseball COOP Schools

Omaha North / Omaha Benson
Grand Island / Northwest / GICC / Heartland Lutheran
Kearney / Kearney Catholic
Norfolk / Norfolk Catholic / LHNE
Fremont / Archbishop Bergan
Columbus / Columbus Scotus
Wahoo / Bishop Neumann / Lincoln Lutheran
NE City / Lourdes Central Catholic / Johnson Brock
Omaha Concordia / Brownell-Talbot / Omaha Christian Academy
Ashland-Greenwood / Yutan / Mead
Crete / Milford
West Point-Beemer / Guardian Angles / Scribner-Snyder
Pender / Emerson-Hubbard / Bancroft-Rosalie / Lyons-Decatur
Raymond Central / Malcolm
Central City / Fullerton

Background Check

Resolution No. 16 NEC Oct 2012, "Mandatory Background Check Screening For Coaches, Managers and Volunteer Staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball Teams" mandates that coaches, managers and volunteer staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball teams must have background check screening conducted each season prior to any meetings, events, practices or games that involve youth participants, and must comply with the risk management policies of The American Legion established for the enhanced protection of children and youth.

Team Sponsor.

The Legion post or other organization sponsoring a Junior or Senior American Legion Baseball team. Each Sponsor is urged to identify those individuals who they feel fit the "Designated Individuals" category. The number and position may vary from team to team.

Designated Individuals to be Screened.

Background check screening will be conducted on all coaches, managers and volunteer staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball teams, who work directly with youth participants of American Legion Baseball and are hereafter referred to as "Designated Individuals".

Frequency of Background Checks.

Background checks will be conducted on all Designated Individuals each season prior to any meetings, events, practices or games that involve youth participants.

Level of Information to be Checked.

All background check screenings conducted on Designated Individuals will include:

- ▣ Social security number verification and address history trace
- ▣ Alias names national search
- ▣ National criminal database search
- ▣ National sex offender registry search

The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, has negotiated with the Provider to ensure the best pricing possible without sacrificing the integrity or quality of services. Background checks will be \$12.00 per designated individual and is the responsibility of the designated individual or team sponsor.

Background Check Disqualifying Criteria.

Disclosure during a background check screening that contains one or more of any of the following disqualifying criteria will prohibit an individual from serving as a coach, manager or volunteer staff of a Junior or Senior American Legion Baseball team:

- 1) Conviction of a felony
- 2) Conviction of a crime involving a minor, regardless of the offense
- 3) Conviction of a crime involving force or threat of force against a person
- 4) Conviction of a crime in which sexual behavior is an element; including "victimless" crimes of a sexual nature (including pornography)

Class B and C teams that intend to compete for a Regional Tournament must declare Class A to Department no later than June 15th and compete in the Class A Senior Post Season Tournaments

1.02 Combined Program: Teams may combine when there is more than one Legion Post and each Post has a School in their community.

(a) Legion Posts, Towns or teams will not combine without written approval from the Nebraska American Legion Athletic Committee. Requests to combine must be in writing and sent to Department Headquarters. Requests must be received by January 1st prior to the season.

(b) Combined programs will take the enrollment of the larger of the schools involved as the base school.

(c) The combined program will be dissolved should any of the Posts involved wish to do so.

1.03 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

(a) American Legion Senior Baseball competition in 2019 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 2000. If a player is born in 2000 or 2001, that player must play in the Senior Legion Baseball.

Players (age 12 and under) born in 2006 and after are not eligible to play American Legion Baseball.

(b) Player eligibility, properly established with a primary team under the rules of Nebraska American Legion Baseball, will remain with that team throughout the player's participation. Exceptions to this rule are covered in Rule 3.05. Players will play for the Team where high school attended first, if no team exists, will then play for the team closest parents domicile. Eligibility may be broken only by change in legal primary residence of parents or legal guardian or change in legal custody of player. Rule 3.04 (c) also applies.

(c) Any player regardless of age or grade who participates in the Nebraska American Legion Baseball program will abide by all rules published in the Nebraska American Legion Baseball Rule Book, the American Legion Rule book and the MLB rule book. (also see Rule 5.0)

(d) Any appeal to a player's eligibility must be submitted in writing or by approved electronic means and contain quantifiable information to dispute the eligibility. Anonymous appeals will not be honored. See 5.02(a)

1.04 BIRTH CERTIFICATES:

(a) Legion Birth Certificate Verification Cards (LBCVC) are mandatory and are available through Department Nebraska. Teams may no longer retain or make copies of a player's birth certificate or other personal ID. The LBCVC will be utilized in lieu of original birth certificates, once issued. The cards are accepted at Area, State and National Tournaments. The LBCVC will remain valid through the entire eligibility of the player. Cards can be obtained through the Department Headquarters. Original birth certificates must be validated by the team Head coach or manager ONLY.

(b) Issuance of LBCVC is based on the review of the original birth certificate by the team head coach or manager and verification of eligibility is indicated by their signature on the request form.

(c) All birth certificates presented for validation must be certified, carrying the signature of the Director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics and the raised/official imprint of the state seal in which the player was born. Plastic billfold-size birth registration cards obtained from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Nebraska driver's license and U.S. Pass Ports will be accepted.

(d) The following ARE NEVER ACCEPTABLE AS LEGAL BIRTH RECORDS:

- Baptismal certificate
- Hospital certificate or records
- School certificate or records

(e) In case of foreign birth the player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service or by the Department of State which shows the birth date of the bearer. OFFICIAL Birth Certificates or records issued by a foreign country are acceptable when accompanied by an English Translation and notarized.

(f) A properly notarized copy of that portion of legal adoption papers showing the place and date of a player's birth shall be acceptable in cases of foster parents. **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE PROPER CERTIFICATION.**

(g) Penalty: upon request, the player must provide one of the above authorized documents to prove age eligibility. Eligibility will be determined by the Athletic Committee representative at a place and time of their choosing. Failure to produce viable documentation of age will result in immediate suspension from Legion baseball. The penalty for a team head coach or manager requesting a LBCVC that indicates a false date of birth for a player, who is ineligible, is an immediate season long suspension, with the committee determining further disciplinary actions at the post season meeting. Honor violations are serious and will not be tolerated.

1.05 PLAYER AGREEMENT: A National Form 2 (Player Agreement and Parent's Consent and Release Form) must be completed by each player's parent or guardian, and be in the possession of the team's coach/manager at all regular and Post Season games. It is required that all player's have a completed form presented to the Tournament Director prior to the team's first appearance in the tournament. Those without a properly completed form cannot participate.

1.06 ENROLLMENT: Records showing the total enrollment of grades 10 through 12, obtained annually from the NEBRASKA STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TAKEN THE LAST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER, will be used in determining classification of teams. Teams may opt to enter a larger enrollment class for tournament play.

(a) All teams must have a base school with 100% of enrollment counted. The base school will be the larger school of the sponsoring post or community from which a team recruits the majority of its players.

(b) In Class B & C only - Programs where more than one school is

Fact Sheet for Parents

http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/pdf/TBI_factsheets_PAparents-508-a.pdf
Parent/Athlete Concussion Information Sheet

http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/pdf/Parent_Athlete_Info_Sheet-a.pdf
CDC Concussion Signs and Symptoms Checklist

http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/pdf/TBI_schools_checklist_508-a.pdf
Information Material order forms (Free)

<http://www.cdc.gov/pubs/ncipc.aspx#tbi4>

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROCEDURES

While risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to nonexistent, there is a remote risk that other blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as in other body fluids. Procedures for reducing the potential for transmission of these infectious agents should include, but not be limited to, the following:

The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before the athlete may participate.

Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous-membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated.

Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.

Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with an appropriate disinfectant before competition resumes.

Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments or devices.

Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags or other ventilation devices should be available for use.

Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition is resolved.

Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/disinfected.

Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling bloody dressings, mouth guards and other articles containing body fluids.

Additional information is available from your state high school association and from the NFHS. Revised April 1999.

The American Legion Department of Nebraska supports the Communicable Disease Procedure adopted by the NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Wait until the play is completed before making any arm motion.

- Each umpire team should work out a simple set of signals, so the proper umpire can always right a manifestly wrong decision when convinced he has made an error. If you are sure you got the play called correctly, do not be stampeded by players' appeals to "ask the other man". If not sure, ask one of your associates. Do not carry this to extremes, be alert and get your own plays. But remember! The first requisite is to get decisions correctly. If in doubt don't hesitate to consult your associate. Umpire dignity is important but never as important as "being right".
- A most important rule for umpires is always "BE IN POSITION TO SEE EVERY PLAY". Even though your decision may be 100% right, players still question it if they feel you were not in a spot to see the play clearly and definitely.

Finally, be courteous, impartial and firm, and by doing so you will command respect from all.

–As appearing in "Official Baseball Rules"

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Concussion Information

Nebraska Revised Statute 71-9105 (Concussions)

<http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=71-9105>

NFHS Concussion course (must be member of NFHS) (will receive printed Certificate)

<http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=15000>
orts

Main page for CDC information on TBI in sports

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

CDC "Heads Up" Course free (will receive printed Certificate)

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

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

used for recruiting and only one Legion Post as sponsor: Towns or communities that only have one American Legion Post, that sponsors only one program but have more than one school in the community, will use the Larger school as the base school and 10% for each of the other schools in the community to determine Post season classification (see rule 3.04).

(c) Should more than one team be recruited from a base school by two or more posts in the same community, the initially established program shall be the primary team. All players or transfers must tryout for the primary team. Such tryout must be held no later than May 31st. The secondary team may only recruit from players cut in tryout from, or transferred by, the primary team.

(d) Should a post sponsor more than one team recruited from the same school, the initially established team shall be the primary team. All players or transfers must tryout for the primary team. Tryouts must be held no later than May 31st. The secondary team may only recruit players cut in tryout from, or transferred by the primary team.

1.07 INSURANCE: All teams must be covered by group accident and liability insurance for the entire season. The American Legion coverage must be purchased during the team registration process using the National On-Line Registration System.

1.08 UNIFORMS: Players and Coaches must be in like uniforms to play American Legion Baseball. [Penalty; Players and coaches failing to comply with this rule will be ineligible to participate.]

(a) The American Legion Baseball embroidered patch insignia must be (3"x4") and worn on the left sleeve or left chest of the uniform shirt or outer garment (silkscreen or other copy prohibited unless approved by National Headquarters utilizing the Emblem Usage Request Form). If the ineligibility of players that fail to have patches on their uniforms will result in forfeiture of a game, the game will continue without forfeit and the Head Coach of the offending team will be ejected and, in addition, will serve a two-game suspension following the ejection. Patches are available through Department Headquarters for \$2.00 each, plus sales tax.

(b) The front of the uniform shirt or hat may carry lettering that identifies the Post, town or sponsor which the team represents. A minimum of the "Post #" displayed on the uniform is required. Location and size of lettering should be in good taste.

(c) A number at least six inches high MUST be carried on the back of the uniform shirt.

(d) Uniform Shirts will be tucked in at all times.

(e) players on the same team will not have the (same) duplicate number

(d) Wearing of the uniform must present a positive and professional appearance and image.

(f) No jewelry of any sort, to include non metallic items, may be worn during an American Legion Baseball game. The only exception is a medical alert bracelet and it must be taped down for the protection of the other players.

(g) Pitchers cannot wear therapeutic arm sleeves that are white or gray in color or pose a distraction. Fielders may wear any color as long as it is not a distraction. Umpires will determine if sleeves are a distraction. Their decision will be final and may not be appealed.

1.09 ROSTER LIMIT, COACH/MANAGER: All teams will be limited to 18 players. Only registered players and two adult coaches in the uniform of the team are permitted on the coaching lines. A non-Legionnaire may act as coach. A member of the sponsoring Post should be the team business manager.

1.10 ADD/DELETE AND DUAL ROSTER PLAYERS: All teams will be allowed to add or delete and dual roster players on their team roster up to and including June 15th. After June 15th Senior teams may replace players only in case of death. Junior teams and Class B & C teams will be allowed to replace seriously injured players up to the first game of the tournament provided a replacement is needed to maintain a minimum of 10 players. All requests must be in writing to Department Headquarters. If phoned in, the call must be followed up with a letter or FAX.

1.11 DUAL ROSTER PLAYERS (DR): Coaches may dual roster Junior players onto the Senior team, not to exceed the roster limit. A Junior player that will be a DR player must be listed on BOTH the Junior and Senior rosters that are submitted and are required to play in a minimum of 10 Junior regular season games to participate in Junior post season play. Deadline for dual roster of players is June 15th. Once Junior Post Season Tournaments start, Junior Players are locked into the Junior Program until eliminated.

1.12 DUAL PARTICIPATION: Refer to Rule 6. D of the national rule book. A player who has been authorized to participate in other baseball organizations **MUST** play a minimum of 10 regular season games to participate in post season play.

1.13 FIRST AID:

(A) Concussion/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Rule:

Coaches, Managers and Administrators and Tournament Directors:

1. (a) Must obtain a certificate of training from the CDC

(<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/Training/HeadsUpConcussion.html>). Certification must be done every 2 years.

8.0 — UMPIRES

8.01 – Reporting Ejections and Incidents: Umpires are to be vigilant in reporting ejections and incidents that occur on the field during the course of a game to the Department Activities Director as soon as possible. The Umpire Report of Ejections/Incidents shall be emailed to the Department within 12 hours and if not able to email, faxed, the least desirable is mailed. If all else fails, call the Area Rep for the Area the game was in (see page 26)

8.02 – General Instructions to Umpires

- During the National Anthem, umpires will position themselves behind home plate and face the U.S. Flag with headgear removed.

- During regular season, The American Legion Baseball embroidered patch insignia (3"x4") must be worn on the left sleeve or left chest of the umpire uniform shirt or outer garment. Additionally, during Post season the umpire cap will also have the emblem on the front above the bill. (silkscreen or other copy prohibited unless approved by National Headquarters utilizing the Emblem Usage Request Form).

- Umpires, on the field, should not indulge in conversation with players. Keep out of the coaching box and do not talk to the coach on duty.

- Umpires on the field shall not use any form of tobacco or alcohol.

- Keep your uniform in good condition. Be active and alert on the field.

- Be courteous, always, to club officials; avoid visiting in club offices and thoughtless familiarity with officers or employees of contesting clubs. When you enter a ball park your sole duty is to umpire a ball game as the representative of baseball.

- Do not allow criticism to keep you from staying out of bad situations that may lead to protested games. — Carry your rule book. It is better to consult the rules and hold up the game ten minutes to decide a knotty problem than to have a game thrown out on protest and replayed.

- Keep the game moving. A ball game is often helped by energetic and earnest work of the umpires.

- You are the only official representative of baseball on the ball field. It is often a trying position which requires the exercise of much patience and good judgment, but do not forget that the first essential in working out a bad situation is to keep your own temper and self-control.

- You no doubt are going to make mistakes, but never attempt to "even up" after having made one. Make all decisions as you see them and forget which is the home or visiting club.

- Keep your eye everlastingly on the ball while it is in play. It is more vital to know just where a fly ball fell, or a thrown ball finished up, than whether or not a runner missed a base. Do not call the plays too quickly, or turn away too fast when a fielder is throwing to complete a double play. Watch out for dropped balls after you have called a man out.

- Do not come running with your arm up or down, denoting "out or safe".

7.00 — FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF TOURNAMENT HOST POST

7.01 AREA TOURNAMENTS: The tournament host will provide umpires, balls, ground rental, and pay all expenses of staging the tournament. The Department Athletic Committee will furnish plaques for the Champion and Runner-up in both Senior and Junior competition. Teams will pay their own expenses involved with participation in the tournament.

7.02 STATE TOURNAMENTS:

(a) General Information: The tournament host will provide balls, ground rental, and pay all other expenses of staging the tournament. The Department Athletic Committee will furnish and pay umpires for all State Tournaments, Senior and Junior. The Department Athletic Committee will furnish plaques and awards.

(b) The host post will pay all teams commuting to the tournament for each of their games \$30 a day per diem and 60 cents a mile one-way for each day they travel and participate in a tournament game. Distances will be taken from Mapquest.com.

(c) The host post will pay all teams staying at the tournament site 60 cents a mile one way for their original trip to the tournament site, and \$100 a day expense money for each day they are at the tournament site, until eliminated. Area champions and in the case of Class A, runners up, who live within 100 miles of the state tournament site will not be authorized housing. (Rule 7.02 (b) will apply to teams fitting into this category).

(d) Teams which lie outside of the 100-mile radius must state their preference of commuting to tournament games or staying at the tournament site prior to the first game of the tournament.

(e) In case of rained out games, the Department Athletic Committee will pay per diem and mileage expenses of teams participating in the tournament if the host post shows a loss on the complete tournament. Expenses will be paid for rained out games only.

(f) The host post will pay Department Headquarters a State Tournament financial award fee of \$1000.00, payable within 15 days following the completion of the tournament. Should the tournament host show a financial loss after completion of the tournament, a waiver of the State Tournament bid fee should be requested in writing to the Department Athletic Committee from the Post Commander. The waiver must show a complete financial breakdown of expenses and revenue with receipts and invoices attached.

7.03 ALL TOURNAMENTS: Coaches and Team Managers shall work closely with motel officials and conduct inspections of rooms prior to the departure, check-out, and release of tournament teams. Any expense for damage incurred will be inherited by the player, team or Post serving as the team sponsor. **NOTE:** It is suggested that rooms be inspected before the visiting teams arrive.

(b) The certificate is required to be on hand at every Legion baseball game and at all Post Season Tournaments and is an inspectable item by Tournament Directors at the Seeding Meeting.

2. Provide information to all athletes, parents or guardians of an athlete, on the signs and symptoms of a TBI, the risks posed by sustaining a TBI and the actions an athlete should take in response to sustaining a TBI.

3. Remove any athlete suspected of sustaining TBI from participation.

4. Notify the parent or guardian of any player suspected of having sustained TBI.

5. Notify the Department Headquarters utilizing the Umpire Ejection report, specifying date and approximate time of the injury suffered by the athlete, the signs and symptoms of a concussion or brain injury that were observed, and any actions taken to treat the athlete.

6. Any athlete who is reasonably suspected of having a concussion or brain injury, and is removed from athletic activity, will not be allowed to return to play/practice until written clearance to resume participation, signed by a licensed healthcare professional, is provided to Department Headquarters. Further information on the Statute, training and informational handouts can be obtained at <http://www.nelegionbaseball.net/links/links.htm>

(B) **FIRST AID:** Each team must provide an adequate First Aid Kit as part of its equipment at all practice sessions and games. Aggressive treatment of open wounds or skin lesions should be followed. In particular, whenever a player suffers a laceration or wound where oozing or bleeding occurs, the practice or game should be stopped at the earliest possible time; and the athlete should leave the field of play and be given appropriate medical treatment. During practice, the athlete should not return to the field of play without containment of the injury. If, during a game, the athlete can be treated without undue delay, play shall be stopped until the athlete has received treatment and is cleared to play. However, if the bleeding requires extensive treatment, a substitute shall replace the injured player.

1.14 SPONSOR/CO-SPONSOR: All teams participating in the Nebraska American Legion Baseball program must have an American Legion Post as a sponsor or co-sponsor.

2.0 — GAME REGULATIONS

2.01 SCHEDULING: All teams will schedule their own season play. (A final list of all registered teams will be available on the <http://www.legion.org/baseball/teams> website by May 21st.

2.02 UMPIRES: All umpires that officiate a regular season game must be registered with the NALB program.

Applications, fee and test answers must be received NLT; regular season-June 7th, post season consideration-May 13th

REGISTERED: submit application, pay fee and complete 10 question registration test

CERTIFIED: above and attend an NALB certification and mechanics clinic and take the 20 question certification test

Only certified umpires are eligible for Post Season

2.03 GAMES:

(a) Teams are required to play a minimum of 10 regular season games by the seeding meeting date of Area Tournaments. Teams not having the minimum of 10 games will be seeded last in the Area Tournament.

(b) Mercy Rule: Class A Sr will use 8 runs after 4 1/2 or 5 innings for regular season and Area tournaments and 10 runs for State tournaments. For A Jr, B & C the mercy rule will be 8 runs the entire season.

(c) During locally run tournaments and programs that are having a Junior then Senior team double header, the "host" site will have the option to set a 2 hour time limit on the Junior game only.

(d) Coaches will not use electronic devices while on the field during the game.

2.04 TOBACCO OR ALCOHOL USE: The use of tobacco or alcohol by a player, coach, manager or umpire while on the playing field is prohibited. Any violation of this rule will cause the individual to be removed from the game. For the purpose of this rule, dugouts, player benches and bullpens are considered part of the playing field.

2.05 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

(a) **Player helmets:** All players are required to wear a double-flapped ear protective helmet while batting, on deck or as a base runner. Players have the option of wearing a helmet with or without a face guard. Helmets/face guards must meet NOCSAE (National Organizing Committee for Safety in Athletic Equipment) specifications and bear the NOCSAE stamp. Coaches should inspect players helmet periodically—safety first.

(b) Catchers are required to wear a safety helmet, throat protector and a protective cup. Any catcher's mask that does not have an extended metal or plastic throat protector of at least 2 inches in length is required to have an attachable throat protector. Umpires and/or tournament officials are instructed to halt any game until this rule is complied with. If the team fails to comply, that team will forfeit the game. Any person warming up a pitcher must wear an approved catchers mask in or out of the bullpen. It is recommended that batters wear a protective mouth guard while batting.

(c) Base Coaches are required to wear a protective baseball helmet (with bill – no "skull caps") while coaching first or third base. Helmets are not required to have ear flaps. Players acting as base coaches are required to wear helmets in accordance with Rule 2.05(a), facemask optional.

(d) Rule 5.10 of the Major League Official Rules will be enforced.

same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension of play. A player who had not previously been in the game may replace any player.

6.07 DESIGNATED HITTER: See Rule 2.08

6.08 PROTESTS:

(a) There shall be no protests filed during tournament play that are based on judgment decisions of the umpires. All protests of player eligibility issues must be filed and taken care of by the seeding meetings, except when there is a discovery of fraud. When fraud is suspected, the eligibility protest and a written description of the alleged fraud must be filed immediately.

(b) Protests of rule interpretations during actual game conditions must be filed with the umpire-in-chief before the next legally pitched ball is thrown from the pitching mound.

(c) A protest fee of \$50 shall be posted with the Tournament Director at the time of the protest and the protest must be resolved before the game proceeds. The Tournament Director will immediately contact the respective Athletic Committee Representative to immediately resolve the protest. If the Tournament Director and Department Athletic Committee Representative upholds the protest, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee will be added to Athletic Committee fund. The Tournament Director must submit a written account of the protest with in twenty four hours to Department.

(d) The Department Committee will not discuss protests with team coaches or managers until the formal written protest has been received from and explained by the local Tournament Director, and then only after a ruling on the protest has been made. See Rule 2.10

6.09 TEAM ELIMINATION: IF A TEAM FAILS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SCHEDULED GAME FOR ANY REASON, THE TEAM WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER TOURNAMENT COMPETITION. Forfeiting a championship game will result in elimination from the tournament and the third place team will be named runner-up. If a team fails to appear for an Area or State Tournament or is disqualified from Area or State Tournament competition, they will be assessed a \$300.00 Post Season Tournament guarantee fee, payable to the Department of Nebraska. If fee is not paid, team will not be allowed to participate in the Nebraska American Legion Baseball Program the next season. Teams have until the seeding meeting to drop from Area Tournament competition.

6.10 END OF SEASON: The American Legion Baseball season is determined to be over for each individual team as they are eliminated from organized American Legion Post Season Tournaments.

will be determined by coin flip prior to each game. In the "if necessary game" teams will swap Home and Visitor in 2nd game.

2) State tournaments; home team will be determined by coin flip for all games.

(d) Class A Senior Legion teams will each have an area winner and runner-up. After the seven areas have been completed, the area winners and runner-ups will be split into two eight team State Tournaments. One called the National Division and the other called the American Division. The winners of each division will play a one game playoff at a designated tournament site to determine the Class A State Champion. See the back of the rule book.

(e) Any game suspended (Rule 6.06) by the on-site tournament director will become a suspended game and will be completed from the point of suspension. When a game is suspended on one day and completed the following day(s), the pitcher will be charged for the pitches on that day and will follow the required rest period. One appearance will be charged unless there is a change of pitchers. See NALB rule 2.10 and National rule 1.R and 9J.

6.05 HOST POST: For Class B & C Seniors & Juniors: The host post concept will be followed in all state tournaments. In the case when a State tournament host post qualifies for the state tournament as an area winner then the Area runner up from that tournament will assume the Champion position from that Area .

For Class A Seniors (and Juniors, para 2): State tournament seeding, where Area Tournament champion and runner-up seed to separate Class A state tournament divisions (American and National), the following applies:

1. If the state tournament host team finishes as Area champion or runner-up, that team will return to their host state tournament to fill the Area champion or runner-up seed in the bracket. The 1st or 2nd place team will fill the area champion or runner-up seed at the alternate site. The 3rd place team (loser of the semi-final round) will then be designated as the host post in the state tournament.

2. For areas 1 through 4, which utilize serpentine seeding for area tournaments: If the state tournaments host team finishes as Area champion or runner-up, that team will return to their host state tournament to fill the Area champion or runner-up seed in the bracket. The other 1st or 2nd place team will fill the Area champion or runner-up seed at the alternate state tournament site. The host team will then be decided by the best winning percentage of 3rd place teams amongst Areas 1-4.

6.06 SUSPENDED GAMES: Suspended games will be completed from the point of suspension, if a suspended game is played the following day, the teams can still play an additional two (2) full games. No Game will start past 11:00 pm. All tournament games will be played in full, subject only to the ten run rule detailed in Section 6.04. Any game stopped for obvious reasons by the chief umpire, shall be resumed at the exact point of suspension of the original game. The lineup and batting order of both teams shall be exactly the

2.06 BATS: All non-wood bats must have an NCAA BBCOR certification. If any bat fails to meet this requirement, the bat shall be removed from the game, the batter shall be declared out and the head coach or team manager shall be ejected from the game. Only bats that are -3 (drop) will be allowed in American Legion baseball games. Bats used for warm-up in the on-deck area or in any other location; weighted bats, devices designed to attach to and remain part of the bat, such as weighted donuts or wind resistant foils are permitted. Sledge hammers, weighted pipes and other heavy paraphernalia are not permitted. Regardless of whether players provide their own equipment or not, the Coach/Manager is responsible for all equipment in the dugout or on the playing field. Violation of this rule may result in multiple game suspensions.

2.07 MINIMUM PLAYERS: A game shall be considered a FORFEIT if an opposing team is unable to or refuses to place 9 players on the field (this includes regular season no-show) and will apply to the Post season seeding meeting. Class B and C only: A game may be completed for record when a team starts a game with 9 players but drops to 8 due to an ejection or injury.

2.08 DESIGNATED HITTER: Nebraska American Legion will follow Major League DH rule; see MLB rules 4.01, 4.03, 5.11 and 6.10

2.09 COURTESY RUNNER / RE-ENTRY:

(a) NALB will allow courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher only

(b) NALB will allow re-entry the entire season with the exception of the Class A National and American Division tournaments.

2.10 PITCHING: Teams in NE will abide by ALB Rule 1.R

(a) Regular season: Coaches will fill out and retain teams pitching record on NALB Form 73-P.

(b) Post season pitch count will be maintained by the tournament official scorer.

(c) NALB will follow the MLB no-pitch intentional walk rules.

2.11 PROTESTS AND DISPUTES: All questions, disputes and protests within the state program shall be decided by the Department Athletic Chairman or Committee. The Department Committee shall have the power to disqualify or suspend anyone violating Department or National rules. See Rule 6.08 for Post Season Tournaments

3.00 — PLAYER RECRUITMENT

3.01 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS: Posts may use players who are regularly enrolled in school and conduct course work prior to May 31st of this year. Emancipated players such as college or university students or players no longer in high school are eligible to play even if they had not previously appeared on a roster but must play for the closest team. If last team played for no longer exists then the player must play for team closest to parents domicile and are not eligible for transfer. For Class B&C, enrollment will be on a case by case basis determined by the Chairman. ALB Rule 2.B and G.

3.02 LEGAL ADDRESS: The mailing address of parents or permanent court appointed guardian is considered legal residence of player. Any player whose parents move and establish a new permanent residence after May 31 must submit a request to play with the team of their new permanent residence. The request must be in writing, include a statement by the parents that the move is permanent, and must be filed with the Department Athletic Committee not later than May 31st. Player recruitment by Plan A “zoning” (National Rule 3) is not utilized in Nebraska.

3.03 NEW TEAMS: A new team is a team that has not officially registered to participate in the Nebraska legion baseball program for 5 years. *note: When this rule applies you do not separate the new team designation between Senior and Junior teams.

(a) If no team is recruited from the community of the player’s legal residence or from the school they attend, then the player’s eligibility is with the team nearest their legal residence regardless of class. The enrollment of the school the player attends must be added to the enrollment of the team base school.

(b) Non-base school players who were obligated to play for the team nearest their parent’s legal residence as 9th grade students shall be grandfathered into the program they initially entered until they move or change schools. Players who are unable to complete their eligibility because enrollment expansion exceeds 5,000 may continue on the team for which they last played, provided that no new players are recruited from their school. (See rule 3.04)

(c) In the event a new team is formed which is nearer to a player’s residence, the player has a one-time option of playing with the team for which they last played or for the new team.

3.04 CLASS B & C (ONLY) ENROLLMENT – Rule 3.03 above is amended in the case of enrollment requirements for Class B & C teams, as follows:

(a) Although the player selects the team recruited from their legal residence, should the player attend a school other than the base school, ten percent (10%) of his/her school enrollment will be added to the base school enrollment.

6.00 — TOURNAMENT PLANS

6.01 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: A Tournament Director may not manage, coach, participate as a player or umpire in any tournament in which they serve as a Tournament Director. All Tournament Directors will attend a mandatory meeting in June of each year and will be reimbursed mileage up to \$0.30 cents a mile and up to a max cap of \$75 for hotel. (if 100 or more miles away from meeting site). Programs that fail to have the tournament director or representative attend the June tournament directors meeting, automatically forfeit that tournament.

6.02 TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS: The U.S. Flag will be flown during every tournament game and the National Anthem will be played or performed before every tournament game. All players will recite the “Code of Sportsmanship” preceding all first-round games and every championship game. American Legion tournament officials will wear their Legion caps at the tournament site. ALL Area and State Tournaments will utilize tournament brackets as provided by the Department Athletic Committee ONLY.

6.03 TOURNAMENT UMPIRES: Area Tournament Directors will submit to Department Headquarters a list of at least four competent umpires who will work the tournament games. (The Department Athletic Committee recommends that three umpires be required to work each game at area tournaments.) Approval or rejection of umpires will be made by the Department Athletic Committee. All tournament umpires shall be certified by Department Headquarters and have attended an American Legion sponsored umpire clinic/ rules meeting and take a test annually prior to working any tournament games. The Department Athletic Committee will furnish certified umpires for all state tournaments. Umpires will be reimbursed mileage of \$0.30 cents a mile and up to a max cap of \$75 per night for hotel (if 100 miles away from site). Umpires will be required to double up in rooms at tournaments.

6.04 TOURNAMENT GAMES:

(a) During Area Tournaments; the Tournament Director has the option to change the starting times of the Host team’s games to allow them to play at a time when they can expect to draw the largest gate.

(b) Brackets will be provided by the Department and are to be the only bracket format used; tournaments must begin on Friday provided there is not a “play in” part of the bracket (7 and 9) which may be played on Thursday. Allowances may be made for 9+ team tournaments, but requests to start early must still be approved by the Athletic Chairman.

(c) Determining home team:

1) Area tournaments; during the seeding meeting; if teams records are tied, the tie breaker is head to head then coin flip. For first ~~round~~ game of play, home team will be higher seed. All subsequent games, home team

(c) Any player who does not have a LBCVC or Form 2 for presentation to the Tournament Director at the seeding meeting, shall be ineligible for all games in that tournament until such items are provided. Each coach and/or manager shall be responsible for carrying the LBCVC and Form 2's for the team's players. Coach/Managers that do not provide required documents for each player or team are subject to suspension(s).

5.02 ROSTER CERTIFICATION:

(a) Roster certification will be performed at seeding meetings. Any manager, who has any doubt as to the eligibility of a player, should contact their Area Athletic Committee Representative or Department Activities Director. The seeding meeting will be the last point to question or protest a player's eligibility except in a case of age eligibility. Should any team be using ineligible players, such players will be disqualified.

(b) Teams will be allowed to add or delete and dual roster players on their team roster up to and including June 15th. After June 15th Senior teams may replace players only in case of death. Junior teams and Class B & C senior teams will be allowed to replace seriously injured players up to the first game of the tournament provided a replacement is needed to maintain a minimum of 10 players. All requests must be in writing to Department Headquarters. If phoned in, the call must be followed up with an email or FAX.

5.03 TOURNAMENT PLAY:

(a) All registered teams may enter the open tournament program. Junior competition ends at the state tournament. Teams may elect to continue participation in post-season tournaments if available and with the approval of the Department Activities Director.

(b) Teams that compete at the Class A Senior level shall be eligible for and registered with the National Tournament program. Due to the number of registered Senior Legion teams, Nebraska is represented in National Tournaments by TWO teams.

(c) 2019 and 2020, the Class A Senior Division winners will face off in a 3 game series. The 1st game to be played on the Friday following the final game of the Divisional, 2nd game and what if game on that Saturday. Only the Champion will advance to the Regional Tournament.

5.04 FALSIFICATION OF ROSTER: The Department Athletic Committee reserves the right to disqualify from further tournament competition any teams which falsified its team roster and; impose further suspensions or sanctions as may be determined during the post season meeting.

5.05 TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY: Any player who does not have a Birth Certificate Verification Card or Certified Birth Certificate for presentation to the Tournament Director at the seeding meeting, shall be ineligible for all games in that tournament. Each coach and/or manager shall be responsible for carrying Birth Certificate Verification Cards or certified birth certificates for the team's players. Coach/Managers that do not provide LBCVC for each player will be suspended for the duration of the tournament.

This ten percent (10%) shall be counted only once per school involved regardless of the number of players coming from the non-base school so long as the number of players doesn't exceed the number of players from the base school. In the case of divorce where one parent resides outside of the recruiting area: if the parent residing in the recruiting area has and provides documents of legal custody, for the duration of the Legion baseball season, enrollment of players school attended will not be counted.

(b) **350 Rule (Class C Only):** If the teams total enrollment exceeds 350 without the ten-percent rule applied, that team will be required to participate in Class B. For emancipated players, enrollment will be determined on a case by case basis by the Chairman.

(c) **NSAA Approved Coop Baseball Schools:** If schools are an approved NSAA coop school during the school year for baseball, players from coop schools could play for the base school in the summer and no transfer would be required. Enrollment from the coop schools would have to be counted by base school. Number of players coming from coop schools cannot exceed the numbers from the base school. Schools that are not an approved NSAA coop school for baseball, would have to refer to rule 1.01 (c) for combining.

3.05 TRANSFERS: The transfer request form (Form 76) can only be obtained through the National Website by logging in as a Coach. The Form 76 will be filled out, printed, and all required signatures obtained and mailed to Department Nebraska no later than May 31st. A copy of the final approved Form 76 will be sent to the respective coach. It is the sole responsibility of the Head Coach to verify the eligibility of all players on the roster. Penalty: Suspension of Head Coach and written notification to the sponsoring American Legion Post.

(a) A player who tries out for their eligible team and is cut, must, upon the player's request, either be transferred or be placed on the team roster and provided the opportunity to actively participate.

(b) A player who does not try out for their eligible team for whatever reason and who files a request may be transferred with the approval of the team manager AND coach, with final approval by the appropriate Department Athletic Committee Area Representative prior to being sent to the Department of Nebraska.

(c) A player who will transfer from one high school to another between spring and fall semesters, may request transfer to the Legion team that recruits the new school to be attended in the fall, providing that the May 1st Nebraska Department of Education statutory transfer requirements have been met to be eligible for participation in high school sports at the beginning of the fall semester. The transfer request (Form 76) will include documentation of the approved school transfer before it will be considered by the Department Activities Director. Unless course work in new school was completed, enrollment of the last school attended by the player will be added to the

new team's total enrollment. Class B & C only will count 10% of the enrollment of last school attended (350 rule still applies).

(d) Transfer requests will not be considered or approved if, including dual roster, a team is left with fewer than 10 players on the roster.

(e) All players requesting a transfer to another team will be granted a one-year transfer only. Players must reapply for transfer each year.

(f) In the case of transfers, player base school enrollment of 10/11/12 grades will apply to all players regardless of age or grade. See rule 3.03 and 3.04 (a).

4.00 — CONDUCT

4.01 PERSONAL CONDUCT: Any player, coach or manager can be ejected from a game by an umpire for any of the following rule infractions:

(a) Use of tobacco or alcohol while on the playing field, benches, in the bullpen or dugouts.

(b) Use of profane language.

(c) Making unnecessary gestures in protesting an umpire's decision. (Only the team manager or coach may ask for a clarification of a rule, but never argue.)

(d) Throwing bats or other equipment.

(e) Making unnecessary gestures to fans or opposing players.

(f) Resorting to unnecessary roughness on the playing field.

4.02 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: Any umpire, manager, coach or player who displays un-sportsmanlike conduct or discredits this program, in the opinion of the Department Athletic Chairman or his representative, may be removed from further participation in any American Legion Baseball competition as determined by the Department Athletic Committee. This includes but is not limited to actions during pre-game warm up and post game departure from the park area. During the National Anthem, teams will assemble on the base line, stand, face the U.S. Flag, remove their headgear and place their right hand over their heart. Unsportsmanlike conduct incidents will be considered by the Department Athletic Committee during the selection of Area and State Tournament host sites

4.03 MALICIOUS CONTACT: (See National Rule 1.F): Any player who, in the judgment of the umpire, maliciously runs into another player, is automatically declared out and ejected. Malicious contact is ILLEGAL.

4.04 HECKLING: No player, coach, manager, or any person associated with any American Legion Baseball team shall abuse, heckle, or make uncomplimentary remarks to any player or team official. This includes noise makers. The umpire shall immediately eject any individual violating this rule from the ballpark.

4.05 TRAVEL: All persons traveling with American Legion Baseball teams are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable and responsible manner at all times. Any person causing an unnecessary disturbance at any time and not abiding by the rules will be immediately ejected from the ballpark. Any expense for damage incurred will be borne by the individual and/or the post serving as the team sponsor

4.06 PENALTY: Any player, coach or manager ejected from an American Legion Baseball game will result in:

(a) During Regular Season play and during Area or State tournaments any conduct by players, coaches or managers resulting in an ejection are suspended for the remainder of that game and will also serve a Mandatory one game suspension. Department Athletic Committee members may increase the length of the suspension if the situation warrants. Suspensions must be served starting with the next playable game following the ejection unless reinstated by the Department Athletic Committee Chairman. While serving these suspensions Coaches or Players will not be allowed in uniform or in the dugout to include: pregame warm ups and coaching via signals, cell phone or another communication medium.

(b) All suspensions carry over to the following games, if suspended during the regular season and the next game(s) will be during the post season, the suspension will be enforced during the post season. If suspended during Area Tournaments, the suspension will carry over to State Tournaments if needed. If the ejection takes place during the final game of a programs season, the suspension will carry over to the following season should the individual be eligible to participate.

(c) **Malicious Contact:** During regular season play the Athletic Committee may impose a longer suspension period depending on the severity. During Area and State tournaments, the player is automatically removed from the remainder of the Area or State Tournament (unless that player is reinstated by the Department Athletic Committee.)

5.00 — TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION FOR TOURNAMENT ENTRY

5.01 ROSTER AND OTHER OFFICIAL PAPERWORK SUBMISSION:

(a) Each team will be required to provide the Tournament Directors (at the seeding meeting), Team Rosters, Form 2s, Transfer Form 76s (if any), CDC Certificate of Training for Brain Injury, two (2) 5X7 Color Team Photos or a digital version, SA Vandyke Insurance Forms, Legion Birth Certificate Verification Cards (LBCVC) and signed copy of NALB Code of Conduct for the head coach and team manager listed on roster. Failure to provide said material may result in disqualification.

(b) All players must have a National Form 2 (Player Agreement and Parent's Consent and Release Form) completed by the player's parent or guardian, and be in the possession of the team's coach/manager at all regular and Post Season games. Those without a properly completed form cannot participate.