

Post 307 Baseball – Policy Regarding Players out of the recruiting area

Player Eligibility Policy

All legion baseball programs in South Dakota are to establish a 'base school' for recruiting purposes, pursuant Rule 4 A of the American Legion Baseball rules.

The base school for Post 307 Baseball is O'Gorman High School and O'Gorman Jr High School.

If a player wishes to play for Post 307 Baseball but does NOT attend O'Gorman, then the player may still be able to play for a Post 307 team without a release, pursuant Rule 4 C (the 'option rule'). Under the 'option rule', non-base school players whose parents' or guardians' domiciles are nearest the team's base school (in this case O'Gorman) may play for Post 307 without a release. To determine the nearest school, the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest is used.

If a player wishes to play for Post 307 baseball and does NOT fit either the base school or the 'option rule', then the player must receive a release (Form 77) to play for a Post 307 team.

Currently Post 15 in Sioux Falls and Post 307 Baseball have an agreement to sign releases (Form 77) for Sioux Falls students to allow them to play for the area teams that player wishes to play for during that summer. If for any reason, that agreement with Post 15 changes and Post 15 refuses to sign a Form 77, then those players needing a release from Post 15 would not be able to play for Post 307.

In cases where a player from outside the Sioux Falls metro area (a non-Sioux Falls High School or non-Sioux Falls Junior High School) tries out for a Post 307 team, then the Board of Directors of Post 307 Baseball will review the specific case to determine whether that player will be allowed to be eligible to play for Post 307.

The review by the Board of Directors of Post 307 Baseball must have at least 3 members voting that have NO players on any current Post 307 Baseball roster.

The Board will review each situation in a timely manner.

If the Board allows the player in question to play for Post 307 Baseball the following summer, the player or the parent shall contact the state authority for that player's team prior to December 31 of the year preceding the summer the player wishes to play for Post 307 Baseball to allow adequate time for the state authority to decide on the player and gain the proper releases. That will also allow that player to try out for another program, if it is determined by the state authority that the player is ineligible for Post 307 Baseball. In addition, if the releases are not gained from each of the other closer teams, then the player would not be able to play for Post 307.

This policy only addresses whether Post 307 Baseball will allow the player to be rostered. If the state authority governing the baseball team decides the player is NOT eligible to play for the Post 307 Baseball team, then Post 307 Baseball will accept the ruling from the state governing agency.