

American Legion Baseball post season meeting, October 10, 2020 Wilber, Nebraska

Congratulations are in order: Jim Hurlbert Memorial Scholarship – Sean Gildersleeve of O’Neill, Kade Bredemeier of Falls City, Jacob Vanderford of Lincoln and Jacob Jarzynka of Ravenna; NE Player of the Year Jacob Jarzynka of Ravenna

1,000 lb gorilla: The current plan is to move ahead with the National online system as normal. Should there be a cancellation at the National level again in 2021, (Plan B) - NALB will conduct the same registration process as we did for 2020 and will conduct a NALB post season tournament system. Should we need to go to plan B, it will include the State fee of \$175 (by check). The National office is checking to see if they can leave the online system up and available to States who do not cancel the season, but that is unknown at this time. Of course, this all depends on the directed health measures as directed by the Governor of NE. (more will follow if this happens)

Key Dates:

January 1 – National team registration begins <https://baseball.legion.org/>

January 8 – Tournament bid application due

January 16 – next coaches meeting, Columbus, (if there is a difference) announcement of tournament selections

May 15 - Teams must have APPROVED registration and registration fees and insurance paid. System is set to apply a \$200 late fee.

May 31 - all transfer Form 76's submitted (mailed, faxed, emailed)

June 12 – Tournament Director meeting, Lincoln

June 15 - Roster submitted (online)

June 30 – all players have mandatory Legion DOB ID card (good for duration of player eligibility, only new players or players who do not have one need them)

Tournament info: All tournaments assigned to locations in 2020 will be honored unless the change is facilitated by a Legion Rule or the location declines the tournament for 2021. In the case where a tournament location becomes available, a 2021 Tournament Application for that site will need to be submitted. The 2021 tournament applications will be posted on this website in early November and are due to the Department office no later than January 8th.

Class B and C Juniors Area: July 9th - 14th

Class B and C Junior State: July 17th - 22nd

Class B and C Seniors Area: July 23rd - 28th

**Class B and C Senior State: July 31st - August 5th

NSAA approval will be needed by any teams that have HS ball

Class A Junior and Seniors Area: July 16th - 21st

Class A Junior and Senior State: July 24th - July 28th

**Class A Playoff July 30th – 31st

**Class A 2021 Regional Aug 3rd

NSAA approval will be needed for the 2 teams

It cannot be stressed enough that there is a requirement for background checks and sexual abuse & molestation (SAM) certificate of training:

2-year certifications: In addition to the NE required concussion training, there is a **Federal 2 year training law for Abuse awareness training**. “The Protecting young victims act of 2017” was amended in 2018 to include youth programs such as Legion baseball. Now, every adult listed on the Form 1 (roster) will be required to take training every 2 years, have a certificate of that training in the coach’s book. There is a new link on our website “[Required Certifications](#)”

The National office is working with the background check company (PYS) to provide an option to take the training and get the certificate during the process of submitting the background check. More to follow on that. [Background check](#)

- and adult cannot be around the players, hold player meetings or practices until these 2 items are complete

National Rule changes: 2020 is not a rule change year and there will be no new National rules for 2021. *The National rule book will be an “online” only book. Recommend that you download it to an electronic device to have on hand during the 2021 season. There will be 2 separate books, 1 for Sr teams and 1 for Jr teams

- SAM has affected insurance costs nationwide for ALL youth events, not just baseball or Legion, insurance costs for 2021 will not be released until November

- online registration will be available starting January 1st – teams cannot be approved until background check and SAM training is verified

- because of the issues with refunds for 2020, insurance will not be available in the National online registration process until late February, all other registration process remains available January 1st

- there will not be an age waiver

There are 2 ways to do the training and acquire the certificate: USA baseball or the follow up email/link provided to anyone who does a background check, Protect Youth Sports (PYS)

*The State rule book for 2021 and moving forward will not be printed, it will be online only. Recommend that you download it and have it on hand for the games.

State Rule Changes, discussed but not approved: *approval of these items is at the January meeting*

- increased penalty for teams that have disruptive fans
- increased penalty for coaches who show aggression towards umpires (before, during or after the game)
- increase penalty for teams that do not have the required items in a team/coach's book for the TD to review at Area/State tournament directors meeting. (we are developing an example book – it will be posted online when complete)
- if going to plan B for season, k&k insurance (only) (required)
- **IF** – Elkhorn North, Bennington go to class A – will be assigned to Area 1-4

Season to Season reminders and recommendations:

Roster injured or questionable players if there is room on the roster – every year we have a request to add a player to the roster after the deadline because the doctor cleared them, even though you were told they would not be available for the whole season.

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, **Abuse Awareness Certificate of training**, 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.
- (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 will be suspended for the duration of the tournament.

Dual participation: players that participate in another baseball program other than the Legion team they rostered on need to have an approval letter from the chairman. This is an easy process and saves the player and the team issues down the road, strongly encouraged to request the approval letter.

Reminder, Concussion Training is required every 2 years. Concussion Training is only good for two years, so look at your certificates and determine if your 2 year window is up. <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/Training/index.html>
 Reminder, background checks need to be done every year. Do not start doing them until after January 1. Go to <https://www.opportunities.averity.com/alnebraska>.

Updated rotations:

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| <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| Area 4 | canceled | Area 5 | Area 2 | Area 6 |
| Game 1 | Pandemic | | | |
| Area 7 | canceled | Area 4 | Area 5 | Area 2 |
| Area 3 | canceled | Area 7 | Area 4 | Area 5 |
| Game 2 | | | | |
| Area 1 | canceled | Area 3 | Area 7 | Area 4 |
| Area 6 | canceled | Area 1 | Area 3 | Area 7 |
| Game 3 | | | | |
| Area 2 | canceled | Area 6 | Area 1 | Area 3 |
| <u>Host</u> | <u>Host</u> | <u>Host</u> | <u>Host</u> | <u>Host</u> |
| Game 4 | | | | |
| Area 5 | canceled | Area 2 | Area 6 | Area 1 |

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