

Pre-Season
Notes
January 18, 2019

Tournament Dates and Site are posted on the web page. <https://www.nelegionbaseball.net/2019tournaments>

- May 1st: Team registration must be done
- May 15th: All fees paid and insurance purchased: Team Approved – teams cannot be approved until the background checks are completed and the fees are paid. Fees are paid in 2 separate locations this year, National and State fees are paid during the registration. To purchase insurance, you will be redirected to the insurance company website.
- May 31st: All Transfer Forms (Form 76's) must be completed and turned into me or Department (If a player does not attend your school, you need to do a Transfer Form 76)
- June 8th: Tournament Director meeting
- June 15th Last day, Rosters must be submitted into the National System
- June 30th: NLT day to get ID cards in a timely manner

The umpires working Class A and B Area tournaments will be assigned by the Umpire Liaison Committee. Class A and B tournament directors will be working with the Umpire Liaison Committee for these names shortly after the June 8th Tournament Directors Meeting

It may be a new season but these items have not gone away:

- New players need the Birth ID card, form is on the NALB website
Admin Note: cards are valid throughout the players eligibility, retain from year to year but new players will need a card. Many teams waited until just before the seeding meeting last year. Recommend that you not count on my niceness this year.
- Background checks are required every year
- Concussion training certificate every 2 years

Adopted rule changes, modifications or clarifications

1.03 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

(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.

Admin Note: Although it is preferable to submit the protest well in advance of the seeding meeting, per Rule 5.02 - The seeding meeting will be the last point to question or protest a player's eligibility except in a case of age eligibility. Penalty for ineligible player carries a minimum 2 game suspension for the head coach – players suspension is at the Chairman's discretion. Do not confuse this with rule 3.05 as that is a separate rule.

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.

Admin Note: the team score book will be reviewed if there is a protest

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 NLAB 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 - 8 runs after 4 1/2 or 5 innings will be used 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.

2.09 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.

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.

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: Head Coach subject to suspension(s) and written notification to the sponsoring American Legion Post.**

(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).**

4.02 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: **Any umpire**, manager, coach or player who displays un-sportsmanlike conduct

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.

Admin note: no change here, just thought I would add this since every year these items appear to be a surprise to some.

5.03 TOURNAMENT PLAY:

(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.

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 / Greely
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

- Beginning with the 2020 season, NE State portion of registration fee will increase \$25 per team