

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
9th District

AMERICAN LEGION
BASEBALL



2019
BY-LAWS

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DISTRICT BY-LAWS AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

SECTION 1 Administration

1. These By-Laws are intended to supplement the National & Department Rules governing American Legion Baseball & provide for the administration of American Legion Baseball in the 9th District of New York. Any conflicts of rules shall be resolved by reference to the Department / National Rules.
2. A chairman will be appointed by the 9th District Commander. The 9th District Baseball Chairman will be the chief administrator for all baseball matters in the 9th District.
3. The 9th District Chairman at their discretion may appoint/ remove a Baseball Administrator to handle the day to day operations of the league.
4. All matters needing clarification of rules shall be run through the appointed Baseball Administrator who shall forward their ruling to the District Chairman. Teams may ask the Administrator to recuse himself if the ruling involves his post team.
5. The Chairman/ Administrator shall appoint a protest committee. All protests shall be sent to the Baseball Administrator in writing (Email) within **24 hours**. The committee shall decide to meet in person or on the phone and make a ruling. Any committee member whose team is involved shall recuse themselves. The District Chairman shall cast a vote in case of a tie. This committee's ruling shall be final.
- 6 . The 9th District Baseball League shall have meetings as follows:
 - A. Mandatory February scheduling meeting (After Mid Winter Conference)
 - B. Mid May meeting (Finalize League schedules)
 - C. End of season meeting
 - D.. Any other meetings that the District Chairman/ Administrator deem necessary
7. All voting will need a quorum of 1/2 of the teams to pass any changes. Each team shall cast one vote. The team manager or authorized representative shall be eligible to vote

SECTION 2

Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all posts in the 9th District in the State of New York and any areas added to the district by the State Baseball Committee. In 2019 that area is made up of teams in the following counties: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, Sullivan and Ulster (south of Saugerties)
2. All teams must register electronically on the national legion website (www.baseball.legion.org), with the Department of New York and complete all of the national background checks and forms as well as purchase the Legion approved insurance
3. New teams that will infringe on the recruiting area of any existing team must be approved by the District Administrator and State Baseball Chairman prior to entering the league.
4. All teams must attend the mandatory February district meeting to be full voting members for that season unless excused by the District Administrator. New teams that arise after that meeting may be considered for current year membership by a majority vote of current teams
5. There shall be a district fee of **\$75** per team that must be paid by **May 20th 2019**

SECTION 3

Individual Player Eligibility

1. A player is eligible to compete in the American Legion Baseball program as long as he abides by the American Legion National by- Laws and Player Eligibility requirements. These requirements can be found in the National Rulebook, Rule 2

SECTION 4

League Play

1. All teams must compete in the 9th District Baseball League to be eligible for the district tournament. All district teams shall play each other two (2) times. These games will be counted in the league standings. The District Chairman/Administrator may waive this requirement in case of excess rain

during the season. Teams may play each other more but must designate which two games will count as official league games.

2. Teams must also play a minimum of fifteen (15) games against fully registered American Legion teams. This can be accomplished by counting league and non league games.
3. A point system will be used to establish win, loss records
 - Win = 3 points
 - Tie = 2 points
 - Loss = 1 point Forfeit: Team will lose 1 point
4. The following tie breaker shall be used to break all ties in the league standings
 - A. Head to head
 - B. Runs allowed head to head
 - C. Run differential head to head
 - D. Runs allowed vs. league
 - E. Run differential vs. league
 - F. Coin flip
5. A team needs to start the game and finish with 9 players. Once a team falls below 9 players that team will automatically lose.
6. Teams will schedule their league games and all team schedules shall be submitted to the Baseball Administrator by May 15th. **Teams must also submit in writing a list of all the schools that they will roster players from. Failure to do this may result in the school not being allowed to be added**
7. It is the responsibility of the host team to schedule umpires. The umpire fee shall be shared by both teams.
8. A team that forfeits and does not call in a reasonable (24 hours except for weather cancellations) amount of time to cancel the umpires shall be responsible to reimburse the other team the full amount of umpire fees.
9. All rain outs must be reported to the Baseball Administrator and **rescheduled with in 48 hours**. The District Chairman/ Baseball Administrator reserves the right to schedule games if the teams can not come to a consensus.
10. All teams must have a representative registered on the state website and responsible for reporting scores **Team representative shall log the score of each game to the website with in 48 hours of the end of the game so the league standings can be tracked. Failure to do this will result in forfeiture of the game.** (www.nylegionbaseball.com)
11. All district (Sr and Jr.) games shall be played using the Jr. Division rules outlined in section 7 of the Department of New York By-laws with regard to the designated hitter, courtesy runner, and re-entry.

12. **All games will be 7 innings unless shortened by weather. Games must be played. No gentleman's agreements not to play. You can not play one 9 inning game and count it as 2 games**
13. All teams must follow the national pitch count rules and maintain the NYS pitch count log.
14. **Teams that forfeit two (2) times or more in league games are not eligible for the district playoffs**
15. **Any team caught falsely reporting games played, scores, pitching totals or any other information will be ineligible for the district playoffs**

Section 5

District Tournaments

1. The 9th District Chairman/ Baseball Administrator shall organize an annual District Tournament for all divisions to determine a league champion. The tournament will be held at location of their choosing.
2. District tournament playing rules shall follow the rules set by the National and Department playing rule books and MLB rules.
3. All District tournament games shall be 7 innings..
4. All teams must have 9 players present and available for all district games or that team shall forfeit. These 9 players must be listed on the teams' National Form #1 roster.
5. If a team forfeits once the district tournament begins through the end of the tournament that team (Post) shall be ineligible to participate in the district playoff the next year. A team will be permitted to play only as an Option B team the following year (see Department of New York Bylaws for option B description)
6. All tournament protests shall be settled immediately by the game official assigned to that game.
7. **All tournament games will have 2 umpires with the fee split by the participating teams with the exception of the championship games where there will be 3 umpires with the 3rd umpire paid for by the district**
8. All tournament games (Sr. and Jr.) games shall be played using the Jr. Division rules outlined in section 7 of the Department of New York By-laws with regard to the designated hitter, courtesy runner, and re-entry.

9. The tournament for 2019 will consist of the top 4 teams for the Sr division and the top 8 teams for the Jr. Division as determined by the league standings

Section 6

Deadlines

- March 15th All teams must be registered.
- MAY 15th Deadline for Insurance Coverage, State and National Fees
- May 19th Final District meeting, all schedules and district Payment due.
Also school's list due
- JUNE 1st Rosters submitted on line, or before first scheduled game.
All 76s and 77s need to be properly approved before player is added to roster. Teams must roster at least 12 players to be eligible for post season play
- JUNE 15th Forward All National Entry Forms 2 and supporting Documents and coaches code of ethics form to the District Chairman. (2 copies)
- JUNE 25th New York roster closing date (Last day to request roster changes)
- July 7th** Forward complete team photo (senior and junior), with names, to Baseball Administrator. **Teams not in compliance are ineligible for post season play.**
- July 16th Jr. Division District Playoffs start Games must be done by 7/14
- July 17th Sr. Division District Playoffs start. Games must be done by 7/15
- July 25th Jr. States arrival day (Utica) play 7/25 – 7/27
- July 26th Sr. States arrival day (Utica) plays 7/27- 07/31

SECTION 7

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