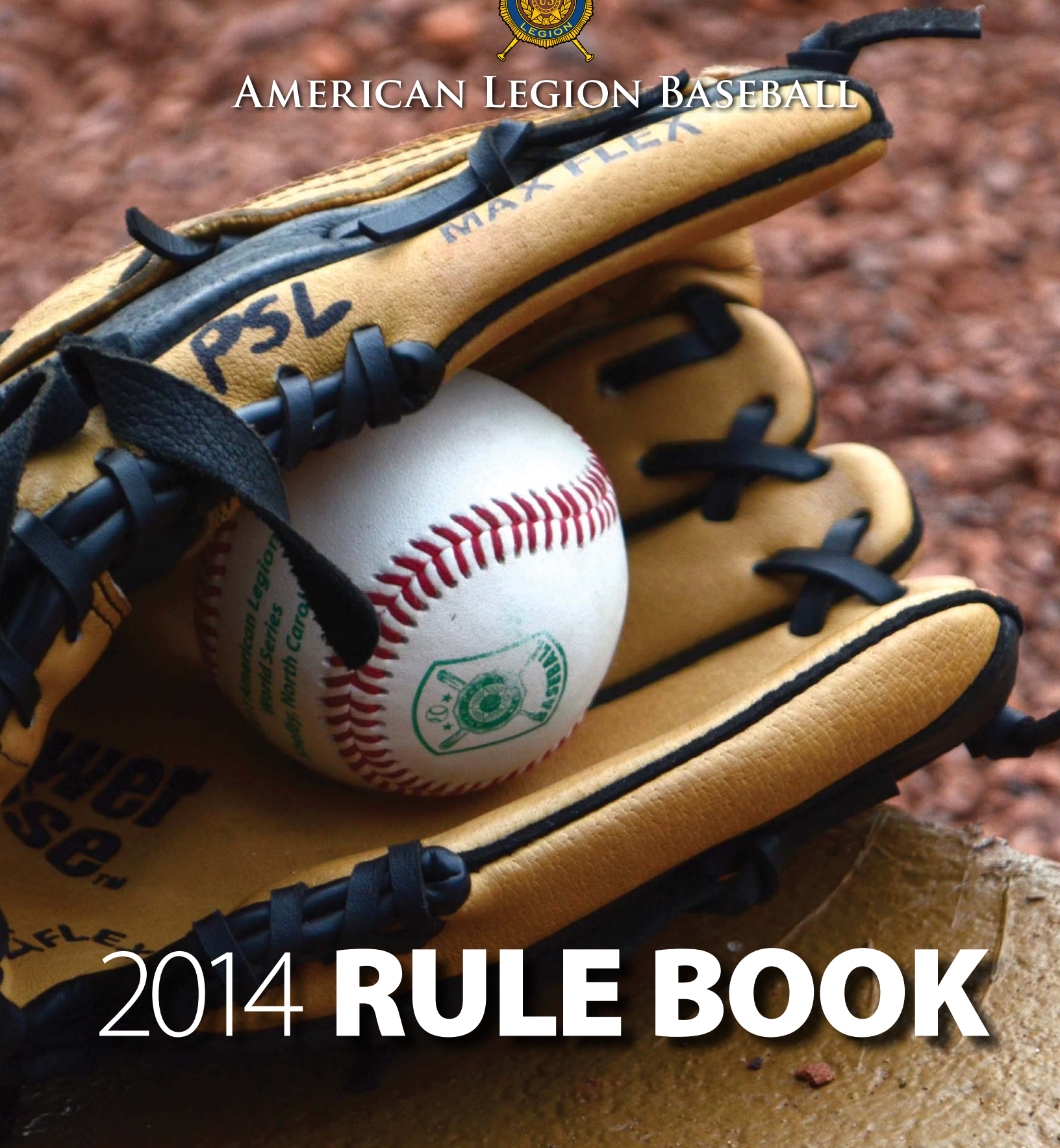




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2014 RULE BOOK

For nearly 90 years, the National Americanism Commission has been responsible for overseeing the American Legion Baseball (ALB) program. This body is responsible for the playing rules, recruiting rules and other aspects, while department baseball committees ensure these rules are followed. Last season, while successful, had some challenges. Beginning in 2013, the Legion implemented a background screening/monitoring program for coaches, managers and volunteer staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball teams at the national and department levels. Of more than 15,000 coaches, managers and volunteer staff screened, the rejection rate was 0.64 percent, which is below the industry average of 1.3 percent.

The National Americanism Commission's concerns of potential liability and safety remain a priority. Departments and leagues are reminded that the ALB insurance package provides coverage for all players who try out, practice or play in exhibition games; however, once the regular season has begun, only those players listed on the national electronic roster shall be covered. ALB teams may have no more than 18 registered players after the department closing date or before regular season play begins. Also, we were able to maintain premiums at 2013 rates and increase dental limits to \$10,000 per occurrence.

To better compete in the changing landscape of amateur sports, beginning this season, departments have the ability to adopt re-entry, designated hitter and courtesy runner rules for their respective Junior American Legion Baseball programs. Should departments choose to include these new junior program rules, they must follow the respective rules in this national rule book.

Making a change to the rules is not difficult. Each year, any department chairman can submit a rule change. Those proposed changes are screened and voted upon by the department chairmen, and with majority approval, the proposed change is forwarded to the Baseball Subcommittee for consideration for the following season. If you wish to have a rule change considered, contact your department baseball chairman and provide, in writing, your suggested rule change. Your department chairman is responsible for submitting the change for discussion at the fall ALB meeting in September, for consideration by all the department chairmen.

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

1. To inculcate in youth a better understanding of the American way of life and to promote the principles of 100 percent Americanism.
2. To instill in the nation's youth a sincere desire to develop within themselves a feeling of citizenship, sportsmanship, loyalty and team spirit.
3. To aid in the improvement and development of the physical fitness of our country's youth.
4. To build for the nation's future through our youth.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL 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.

KEY DATES IN 2014

March 1	2014 Rule Book distributed to department headquarters offices
March 31	Establishment of player's legal domicile (parent's domicile) and school enrollment
April 15	File Plan A recruiting maps and explanation with National Headquarters (Rule 3.A)
April 15	Deadline for department chairmen to email or mail five copies of department rules
May 1	Department tournament information (dates and location) must be filed with or emailed to National Headquarters
May 15	Deadline to register online and purchase insurance for 2014 season
August 3	Department tournaments must be completed by midnight
August 7-11	Regional tournaments
August 13	American Legion World Series Banquet & Kickoff Concert in Shelby, N.C.
August 14-19	American Legion World Series in Shelby, N.C.

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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL NATIONAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS

NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME, COOPERSTOWN, N.Y.

American Legion Baseball players and their families are encouraged to visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, where 63 American Legion Baseball graduates are honored. More American Legion Baseball graduates have been inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame than any other amateur baseball program.

2014 inductees – Bobby Cox, Tom Glavine, Tony La Russa, Greg Maddux

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL GRADUATE OF THE YEAR

Each year, The American Legion honors a former American Legion Baseball player who is currently playing in the Major Leagues, recognizing his character, leadership, playing ability and community service. Individuals are recommended by their respective posts.

2014 – Michael Cuddyer, Colorado Rockies

GEORGE W. RULON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Through a special arrangement with the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, a player is selected each year as the George W. Rulon Player of the Year. The award is based on integrity, mental attitude, cooperation, citizenship, sportsmanship, scholastic aptitude and general good conduct.

2013 – Anthony Harrold, Brooklawn, N.J., Post 72

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SLUGGER BATTING CHAMPION

Since 1945, The American Legion has presented a slugger trophy to the player with the highest batting average during national competition.

2013 – Anthony Harrold, Brooklawn, N.J., Post 72 (.529 batting average)

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL BIG STICK AWARD

At the American Legion World Series, the Big Stick Award is given to the player who rounds the most bases in regional and national competition.

2013 – Anthony Bender, Petaluma, Calif., Post 28 (28 total bases)

DR. IRVIN L. “CLICK” COWGER RBI AWARD

Dr. Irvin L. Cowger, a former Department of Kansas adjutant, was a devoted supporter of American Legion Baseball. The National Americanism Commission established an award in Cowger's name, sponsored by the Department of Kansas. The recipient is the player with the most runs batted in during regional and national competition.

2013 – Robert Busse, Petaluma, Calif., Post 28 (14 RBIs)

BOB FELLER PITCHING AWARD

Bob Feller was the first American Legion Baseball alumnus elected into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The recipient is the player with the most strikeouts in regional and national competition.

2013 – Mike Shawaryn, Brooklawn, N.J., Post 72 (33 strikeouts)

JAMES F. DANIEL JR. MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The James F. Daniel Jr. Memorial Sportsmanship Award is presented to a player who participates in the American Legion World Series and best embodies the principles of good sportsmanship.

2013 – Robbie Podorsky, Gonzales, La., Post 81

JACK WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Adjutant Jack Williams led the Department of North Dakota for 49 years before his death in 1967. Convinced that proper adult leadership is essential to success, Williams encouraged qualified men to participate in the American Legion Baseball program. To honor Williams' memory, this award is presented to the manager and coach of the national championship team as outstanding representatives of adult leadership.

2013 – Manager Joe Barth and coaches Dennis Barth, Michael Brown, Josk Copskey, William Gore, Steve Mondile and Michael Rucci, Brooklawn, N.J., Post 72

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM SPONSORED BY DIAMOND SPORTS, INC.

Diamond Sports is a leading manufacturer in baseball merchandise and is the official baseball used during the American Legion Baseball World Series. Diamond provides \$25,000 in scholarship funds for the nine-player All-Academic Team. Each department (state) ALB committee reviews and selects an overall state winner. The World Series Scholarship Committee selects a player from each of the eight regions to be part of the All-Academic Team, and each receives a \$2,500 scholarship. An overall top academic player is named the team captain and awarded a \$5,000 scholarship.

2013 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM SPONSORED BY DIAMOND SPORTS, INC.

Region 1 – Dylan G. Morris, West Barnstable, Mass., Post 206

Region 2 – Steven R. Seifert, Owings, Md., Post 10

Region 3 – Daniel J. Schoon, Tyrone, Ga., Post 50

Region 4 – Garrett J. Alexander, Gallatin, Tenn., Post 17

Region 5 – Caleb Fernholz, Cashton, Wis., Post 155

Region 6 – Nathan Pflueger, Staplehurst, Neb., Post 33

Region 7 – Jeremy Brockman, Lynden, Wash., Post 7

Region 8 – Cameron Wallace, McKinleyville, Calif., Post 274

Team Captain – Matthew R. Attig, York, Pa., Post 605



2014 NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS SITES, DATES AND LOCAL CHAIRMEN

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS WILL BE PLAYED AUG. 7-11.

NORTHEAST REGION

Host: Milardo-Wilcox Post 75

Location: Middletown, Conn.

Philip Cacciola, local chairman, (203) 722-1315

Participating departments: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

Host: Brooklawn Memorial Post 72

Location: Brooklawn, N.J.

Ted Howarth, local chairman, (856) 571-4441

Participating departments: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

SOUTHEAST REGION

Host: Dixon Post 45

Location: Asheboro, N.C.

David Camp, local chairman, (336) 460-7018

Participating departments: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky, South Carolina, Virginia

MID-SOUTH REGION

Host: Arkansas Post 74

Location: North Little Rock, Ark.

Robin West, local chairman, (501) 413-7208

Participating departments: Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee

GREAT LAKES REGION

Host: Wayne Newton Post 346

Location: Terre Haute, Ind.

John Hayes, local chairman, (812) 249-8436

Participating departments: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin

CENTRAL PLAINS REGION

Host: Fargo Post 2 Baseball

Location: Fargo, N.D.

Jim Pettersen, local chairman, (701) 866-8000

Participating departments: Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota

NORTHWEST REGION

Host: Bi-Mart Challenger Baseball

Location: Eugene, Ore.

Les Duman, local chairman, (541) 285-3151

Participating departments: Alaska, Idaho, Hawaii, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming

WESTERN REGION

Host: Earl Mitchell Post 29

Location: Glendale, Ariz.

Rollin Kohrs, local chairman, (602) 550-0762

Participating departments: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah

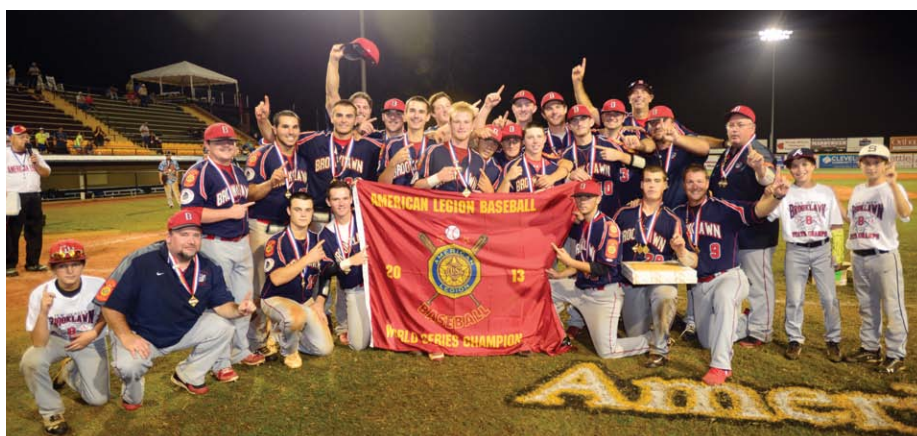
AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES: SHELBY, N.C., AUG. 14-19

More information about the national regional tournaments is online at [**www.legion.org/baseball**](http://www.legion.org/baseball).

BROOKLAWN, N.J., POST 72

AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

The team from Brooklawn, N.J., Post 72 won the 2013 American Legion Baseball World Series tournament with an overall record of 46-9. As the 2012 runners-up, Post 72 returned to Shelby in 2013 with the championship in their sights. The team also set an American Legion World Series record for being the only team to win under the 10-Run Rule. The five-day tournament drew record attendance crowds, averaging 7,200 fans per game; a total of 104,126 fans packed Keeter Stadium to enjoy the tournament. Once again, the tournament featured live-webcasting of all 15 games by ESPN3, which reaches more than 70 million homes.



ANTHONY HARROLD

*Selected as the 2013 George W. Rulon
American Legion Baseball Player of the Year*

Harrold and his Brooklawn, N.J., team won the 2013 American Legion World Series championship. He led the series with a .529 batting average, receiving the American Legion Baseball Slugger Trophy.

2014 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES

American Legion Baseball (both senior and junior Legion teams) shall be played in accordance with rules adopted by The American Legion's National Americanism Commission. All departments (state) and national tournaments will follow the Official Baseball Rules as authorized by the commissioner of Major League Baseball, with exceptions noted below.

Changes to the Official Baseball Rules may be made by the National Americanism Commission and are noted in Rule 1 of the American Legion Baseball rules. These rules generally pertain to matters of safety, equipment and insurance, and are made with the welfare of the players in mind.

These rules may be further modified by departments for regular season play only and cannot conflict with national rules. All league and district rules must be annually reviewed and approved by the Department Baseball Committee. No league or district rule may conflict with a department or national rule.

During the regular season, departments may allow senior and junior teams to play seven-inning games with a 10-run mercy rule after 5 innings of play or 4½ innings if the home team has the last at-bat.

All national tournaments will follow rules established by The American Legion's National Americanism Commission.

Both senior and junior teams shall follow these rules with a few exceptions for Junior Legion Baseball.

Senior American Legion Baseball shall be a 19-and-younger program.

Junior American Legion Baseball shall be a 17-and-younger program.

PLAYING REGULATIONS RULE 1

One of the unique characteristics of American Legion Baseball, especially in national tournaments, is that American Legion Baseball follows Official Baseball Rules with few modifications. On occasion, local rules and department (state) rules have been modified for league play; however, during tournament play (district tournament and above), American Legion teams follow Official Baseball Rules, except those changes authorized by the National Americanism Commission. These modifications are safety rules, to include wood, metal, ceramic and graphite bats, 1.A; blood, 1.B; catcher's equipment, 1.C; first-aid kits, 1.I; pitching limits, 1.O; tobacco, 1.R; and the slide rule, 1.F and 1.H, all of which are not addressed in Official Baseball Rules. The National Americanism Commission traditionally adopts various safety rules used by the NCAA. For player safety, coaches, umpires and American Legion tournament officials are instructed to enforce these rules throughout the season.

A. Bat Rule.

1. Wood bat. The bat must be a smooth, rounded stick not more than 2¾ inches in diameter at its thickest part nor more than 42 inches in length. An indentation in the end of the bat up to 1 inch in depth is permitted (cupped bats).
2. Non-wood bats. Metal, ceramic, composite or graphite bats may be used provided they do not exceed 36 inches in length and the maximum diameter is 25/8 inches.
3. Any non-wood bat must have the BBCOR certification code marked on the barrel of the bat.
4. Any non-wood bat that does not display the approved certification mark or in the umpire's judgment has been altered shall be removed from the game, and the player and team manager shall be ejected.

- B. Blood Rule.** If a player suffers from a laceration or other injury where blood is visible, the game shall be stopped at the earliest possible time and the athlete treated immediately. If the injury requires extensive treatment, a substitute shall replace the injured player. (Umpires are directed to give a reasonable amount of time to allow all injured players to be treated.) No re-entry is allowed.
- C. Catcher's Equipment.** Catchers are required to wear a safety helmet, throat protector and protective cup, in addition to normal catcher's equipment:
1. All catcher's masks must have a built-in or attachable throat guard. Umpires and tournament officials shall halt the game until this rule is complied with.
 2. While warming up a pitcher, either in or out of the bullpen, a catcher must wear a mask. Any player who refuses to do so shall be ejected from the game.
- D. Coaches.** Only those players and coaches listed on the team's National (Electronic) Registration Form #1 are permitted on the coaching lines.
- E. Courtesy Runners.** During the regular season and post-season, Senior American Legion teams shall not use courtesy runners.

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JUNIOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Departments may use the courtesy runner rule for their respective Junior American Legion program: "Teams have the option to use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher at any time. The umpire-in-chief shall record courtesy runner participation and announce it to the official scorer. For speed-up purposes, it is recommended that the courtesy runner be used with two men out in all games."

CLARIFICATION

The courtesy runner rule does not apply to a pinch-hitter for the catcher unless the catcher has been re-entered. A team may not use the same runner for the pitcher and catcher in the same inning. The courtesy runner may not be removed from a base to become a pinch hitter. A player removed from the game may not be used as a courtesy runner. Should the courtesy runner pinch hit, pinch run or enter the game at any position, he will no longer be eligible to be a courtesy runner. A player who violates the courtesy runner rule is considered an illegal substitute.

- F. Collisions.** The intent of this rule is to encourage base runners and defensive players to avoid collisions whenever possible.
1. When there is a collision between a runner and a fielder who clearly is in possession of the ball, the umpire shall judge:
 - a) Whether the collision by the runner was avoidable (the runner could have reached the base without colliding) or unavoidable (the runner's path to the base was blocked), or
 - b) Whether the runner was actually attempting to reach the base (plate) or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder.

PENALTY – If the runner a) could have avoided the collision and reached the base or b) attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner shall be declared out, even if the fielder loses possession of the ball. The ball is dead and all base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the interference.

Ruling 1 – If the fielder blocks the path of the base runner to the base (plate), the runner may make contact, slide into or collide with a fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base or plate.

Ruling 2 – If the collision by the runner was flagrant, the runner shall be declared out and ejected from the contest. The ball shall be declared dead.

2. If the defensive player blocks the base (plate) or base line without the ball, obstruction shall be called. The runner is safe and a delayed dead ball shall be called.

Ruling – If the runner collides flagrantly, he shall be declared safe on the obstruction but will be ejected from the contest. The ball is dead.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

Any player who, in the judgment of the umpire, maliciously contacts another player is automatically ejected and, if the offender is a runner, is declared out. The American Legion is concerned that some coaches may not explain to their players that malicious contact is illegal. The majority of intentional collisions occur at home plate, where the catcher is blocking the plate. Runners should be instructed to slide directly to the plate or away from the catcher to avoid making contact with the catcher, especially when the defender is in possession of the ball. Umpires have been instructed that if there is any intentional and excessive force, or if there is any intent to injure another player, the offending player shall be ejected from the game. The malicious contact penalty will be enforced whether committed by an offensive or defensive player. Any player ejected by an umpire is automatically removed from the tournament, unless the tournament director reinstates that player.

- G. Designated Hitter (DH) Rule.** Senior American Legion Baseball programs and all senior national tournaments shall use the American League designated hitter rule as published in Official Baseball Rules.

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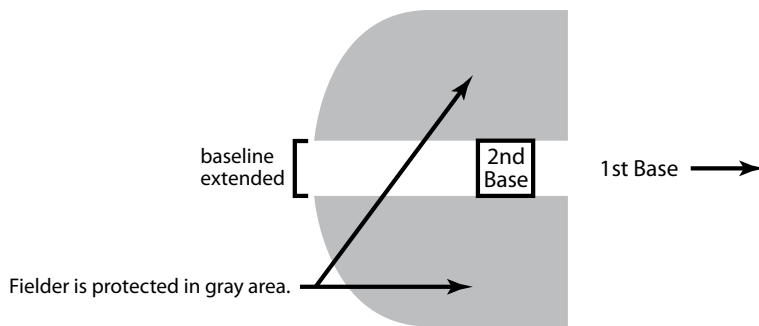
Departments may use the following designated hitter (DH) Rule for their respective Junior American Legion program: "A hitter may be (not mandatory) designated for any one starting player (not just pitchers) and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game. A starting defensive player cannot be listed as the designated hitter in the starting lineup. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his name shall be included on the lineup cards presented to the umpire-in-chief and to the official scorer. Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter in that game. If a pinch hitter or pinch runner for the designed hitter is used, that player becomes the new designated hitter. A designated hitter and the player for whom he is batting are locked into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation."

CLARIFICATION

The role of the designated hitter is terminated for the remainder of the game when a) the defensive player, or any previous defensive player for whom the designated hitter batted, subsequently bats, pinch-hits or pinch-runs for the designated hitter, or b) the designated hitter or any previous designated hitter assumes a defensive position.

H. Force-Play-Slide Rule. The intent of the force-play-slide rule is to ensure the safety of all players. *This is a safety as well as an interference rule.* Whether the defense could have completed the double play has no bearing on the applicability of this rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation at any base, regardless of the number of outs.

1. On any force play, the runner must slide on the ground and in a direct line between the two bases. It is permissible for the slider's momentum to carry him through the base in the baseline extended. (See diagram at right.)



Exception: A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder. Interference will not be called.

- a) "On the ground" means either a head-first slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground.
 - b) "Directly into a base" means the runner's entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in a straight line between the bases.
2. Contact with a fielder is legal, and interference shall not be called if the runner makes a legal slide directly to the base and in the baseline extended.
 3. Actions by a runner are illegal and interference shall be called if:
 - a) The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder and alters the play of the fielder (with or without contact).
 - b) The runner uses a rolling or cross-body slide and either makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder.
 - c) The runner's raised leg makes contact higher than the fielder's knee when in a standing position.
 - d) The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg.
 - e) The runner illegally slides toward or contacts the fielder even if the fielder makes no attempt to throw to complete a play.

PENALTY for a-e:

1. With less than two outs, the batter-runner, as well as the interfering runner, shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.

2. With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out and not other runner(s) shall advance.
3. If the runner's slide or collision is flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the game.

CLARIFICATION

If the bases are loaded with no outs, a double-play attempt is made and interference is called, all other runners must return to their original bases

- I. First-Aid Kit.** Each team must have a first-aid kit in the dugout at each game.
- J. Games per day.** No team shall be required to play more than two games in one day. Playing days will begin at 8 a.m. local time.
- K. Helmets.** All players are required to wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while batting, running the bases and on deck.
1. Bat boys or girls must wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while on the field.
 2. All batting helmets must have the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) seal of approval stamped on the helmet, and such seal must be visible on the outside of the helmet.
 3. Base coaches are required to wear a standard batting helmet, with or without earflaps (safety rule: ejection for non-compliance after one warning). Batters are required to wear a standard batting helmet with earflaps.

CLARIFICATION

Any helmet that has a crack, or inside padding that is worn or missing, cannot be used and must be removed from the game.

- L. Insurance.** Every American Legion Baseball team (both junior and senior) must purchase both group liability and accident insurance from The American Legion's agent of record (S.A. Van Dyk, Inc.). Coverage must be purchased on or before May 15. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification from any further competition.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

Teams interested in playing American Legion Baseball must have liability and accident insurance in force prior to the first practice or team tryout. The American Legion National Executive Committee has mandated that insurance must be purchased from the agent of record for The American Legion, which is S.A. Van Dyk, Inc. Specific questions concerning insurance coverage must be directed to the agent of record directly at **1-800-323-7326**. Any team (junior or senior) that wishes to play American Legion Baseball must purchase insurance from the agent of record, S.A. Van Dyk, Inc. (see advertisement in this rule book) prior to registering with the Department Baseball Committee.

- M. Lightning Safety.** The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning.

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count, reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

N. National Senior Tournament Rules. The Americanism Division may prescribe such rules for the playing of any national tournament as it considers necessary. Copies of those rules are available from the tournament director.

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There shall be no nationally supervised post-season tournaments for the Junior Legion Baseball program. The National Americanism Commission understands that several departments host tournaments and that there are several regional "invitational" tournaments; however, these tournaments are supervised by their host departments. Obtain a copy of the Senior American Legion Baseball Tournament Rules and Policies from the department chairman or download it online at www.legion.org/baseball. Junior Legion Baseball tournaments shall follow the tournament procedures and policies of the senior baseball program.

O. On-Deck Equipment. Equipment permitted in the on-deck area includes bats, weighted and unweighted, and devices designed to attach to and remain part of the bat, such as weights and wind resistant foils. Sledge hammers, weighted pipes and other "homemade" heavy items are not permitted. Devices deemed unsafe by the umpires and/or tournament director cannot be used.

P. Pitching Rule.

Senior American Legion Baseball programs. No player may pitch more than a total of 12 innings during any consecutive three-day period. No player may make more than four appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. **PENALTY** – The game shall be forfeited if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

1. Should a double or triple play cause a pitcher to exceed the permitted 12 innings in three consecutive days, that action in and of itself shall not be construed as a violation of this rule.
2. Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. Official Baseball Rules require a pitcher to be removed when a coach makes two trips to the mound in the same inning. **PENALTY** – Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

CLARIFICATION

For this rule violation, the official scorekeeper must record 12 1/3 innings.

3. Rule 1.N shall be used in all district, area, zone, state and national tournaments.

CLARIFICATION

At all national regional and world series tournaments, any game suspended 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 innings pitched that day. Any innings pitched by that pitcher the next or following day(s) will be charged to that next or following day(s). If a pitcher pitches six innings on Day 1 and three on Day 2, following a suspended game, he may only pitch three additional innings on Day 3. One appearance will be charged unless there is a change of pitchers.

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No player may pitch more than a total of 10 innings during any consecutive three-day period. No player may make more than three appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. PENALTY – The game shall be forfeited if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

1. Should a double or triple play cause a pitcher to exceed the permitted 10 innings in three consecutive days, that action in and of itself shall not be construed as a violation of this rule.
2. Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed when a coach makes two trips to the mound in the same inning, and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game.

PENALTY – Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out.

3. Rule 1.N shall be used in all district, area, zone and state tournaments.

CLARIFICATION

For this rule violation, the official scorekeeper must record 10 1/3 innings.

4. The junior program shall use the same suspended game rule as the senior program. However, in the junior program, a pitcher is only permitted to pitch 10 innings in three days.

- Q. Re-entry Rule.** Senior American Legion Baseball teams shall not use a re-entry rule during regular or post-season play.

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Departments may use the following re-entry rule for their respective junior baseball program:
"Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-enter once, including a player who was the designated hitter, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may NOT re-enter."

- R. Tobacco.** The use of any form of tobacco by a player, coach, manager or umpire while on the playing field, benches, in the bullpen or dugouts is prohibited. Any individual violating this rule will be ejected from the game.

S. 10-Run Rule.

1. During the regular season, the department committee may grant permission to both junior and senior teams/leagues to use a 10-run rule for league games and invitational tournaments.
2. All senior American Legion tournaments shall use a 10-run rule after seven innings, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 6½ innings, at which time that game will be halted.
3. All junior American Legion tournaments shall use a 10-run rule after five innings, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4½ innings, at which time that game will be halted.

- T. Uniforms.** Players and coaches must be in uniforms of the same color and style when competing in department (state) and national tournaments.

1. Any player, coach or manager who does not have an American Legion Baseball insignia on either the left sleeve or left chest of his uniform shirt, wind shirt, jacket or alternate jersey will be removed from the game.
2. The front of the uniform shirt may carry lettering that identifies the post, department, town city, community or sponsor that the team represents. Such lettering must be acceptable to the sponsoring department.
3. Approved American Legion Baseball insignia includes patches available through Emblem Sales, sublimation or screen printed onto the uniform shirt.

CLARIFICATION

It is permissible at all levels of American Legion baseball for coaches and players to wear courtesy jackets (wind shirts, jackets, or alternate jerseys), which must have an American Legion Baseball insignia on either the left sleeve or left chest. However, a uniform top must still be worn under these jackets. Coaches and players not in proper uniform will be restricted to the dugout.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS RULE 2

A. Player Age.

Senior American Legion Baseball competition in **2014** is open only to players born on or after **Jan. 1, 1995**.

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JUNIOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Competition in **2014** is open only to players born on or after **Jan. 1, 1997**. Junior American Legion Baseball shall be limited to ages 17 and younger. Any player born in 1996 or 1995 is NOT eligible to play in the junior program. Any player born on or after Jan. 1, 2002, is not eligible to play American Legion Baseball.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

Jan. 1 is the universal cut-off date observed by the U.S. Olympic Committee. The American Legion will observe a Jan. 1 cut-off date. If a player was born in 1994, that player is not eligible for Senior Legion Baseball. A player born in 1996 or 1995 is not eligible for Junior Legion Baseball. Players born in 2002 or earlier are not eligible to play American Legion Baseball.

B. Player's Domicile. A player's legal domicile shall be established before **March 31, 2014**.

1. A player's domicile shall be his parent's or permanent court-appointed guardian's permanent and legal domicile.

CLARIFICATION

Temporary guardianship does not apply unless a court having jurisdiction over such matters has determined the parents to be incapable of supervision and care until the player reaches the age of majority (18). Emancipated college or university players are required to play for the team nearest their parent's domicile or the team for which they last played. The American Legion does not allow emancipated players to be "free agents."

POINT OF EMPHASIS

Since 1925, American Legion eligibility has always been tied to the team nearest the parent's domicile or the school the player attends, provided the team complies with all other rules. If he is 18 or older, the player's domicile or emancipation status has no bearing on that player's eligibility. If a player wishes to play American Legion Baseball, that player and his parents must comply with our domicile rules. The American Legion recruiting rules do not permit a temporary domicile, post office box or address of a relative, nor do our rules allow temporary guardianship. The American Legion does allow a player, if eligible under all the rules, to try out for the team nearest to the player's parent's legal domicile or the school that player attends. A player who graduated from high school in 2013 must have appeared on the 2013 roster and must play for the Legion team he played for in 2013. The Legion team shall count the enrollment of the high school last attended by this player.

2. If the parents are divorced by a court order, that player may play for a team of either parent's legal and permanent domicile provided:
 - a) The player must declare, in writing, the team of his choice and file that declaration with the department chairman prior to the department closing date. The player's declaration shall be final and valid for the remainder of the player's eligibility.

CLARIFICATION

The enrollment of the school in which a player is enrolled on March 31 shall be counted. The completion of National Form #2 shall be proof of the player's choice. Once a player is deemed qualified and plays for a team under Rule 2.B.2, that player is not eligible to qualify for Rule 4.D (transfer rule). The player's eligibility is tied to that team.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

If a player's parents are legally divorced by a court having jurisdiction over such matters, The American Legion allows that player to choose the team for which he'll play: the team nearest the mother's or father's domicile. Players are not allowed to change teams the following year. The enrollment of the player's school shall be counted. We recommend the player and his coach write a letter of declaration to the state chairman in advance. If a player fails to declare, the address listed in his first year of eligibility will be used as his declaration.

3. In the event that both parents are deceased or incapable of caring for and supervising the player during minority, the player's domicile will be determined by the domicile of the permanent legal guardian appointed by the courts having jurisdiction to make such an appointment.
 4. 2013 Graduated Students: Players/students who graduated from high school in 2013 shall have additional eligibility restrictions.
 - a.) Players who graduated in 2013 shall play for The American Legion team they played for during the 2013 season. Players who graduated in 2013 shall not be eligible to be transferred (Form #76 or Form #77) and their names must appear on a 2013 team roster.
 5. In situations not covered by the provision of this rule, the department chairman will, with the concurrence of the National Appeals Board, determine the player's legal domicile for the purpose of his participation in the American Legion Baseball program. Such decisions shall be in writing and filed with National Headquarters.
- C. Professional Baseball Contract.** Players who are 18 years of age may be signed to a professional baseball contract in accordance with the rules of professional baseball.
- D. Amateur Rule.** Only amateurs shall participate as players in American Legion Baseball. To be considered an amateur, players must not:
1. Receive money, favors or gratuities, direct or indirect, for playing baseball.
 2. Accept money or favors for reimbursement for time lost at work while playing or for expenses incurred while playing.

3. Participate in an all-star baseball game that is not approved by the authorized department official.
4. Accept, directly or indirectly, money or any favors from anyone for their baseball services, past or present. This also applies to a player's parents, trustees, guardians, etc.

CLARIFICATION

It is important that teams select and register players who will complete their obligation to their American Legion team. Any player who signs a professional contract cannot be replaced on National Form # 1.

5. Try out for any professional team without the written permission of their American Legion Baseball coach or post commander.

Note: Departments, districts or posts planning an all-star game should contact their state high school athletic association to ensure that each player's high school eligibility is protected.

E. Proof of Age. The American Legion will accept as proof of age:

1. Records of birth that are an original or a certified document by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health or other governmental agency authorized to certify birth documents.
 - a) Notarized photocopies of birth certificates, hospital records, baptismal records, school records or certificates are not acceptable proof of age and will disqualify a player and/or the team.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

If the birth certificate is produced and bears a seal of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics or federal government agency, The American Legion will accept that document. A driver's license that meets the federal Real ID law is now acceptable; however, hospital and baptismal records are not acceptable. Players or coaches who need to obtain an official birth certificate should contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Information is listed online at www.legion.org/baseball. Requests for birth certificates should be sent early since many states require four to six weeks to process and provide such documentation. The American Legion requires a government-produced document. The two documents that cause players to be declared ineligible are hospital certificates and photocopies of birth certificates that have been notarized.

2. A state-issued driver's license that complies with the Federal Real ID Law, or a state-issued ID that is also in compliance with the Federal Real ID Law.
3. A U. S. government-issued passport.
4. A U. S. government-issued military ID card or dependent ID card.
5. An American Legion Baseball ID card issued by those departments. The American Legion Baseball ID card shall be purchased from the national office and shall be laminated and recognized by the embossed sportsmanship code on the back of the card.
6. In case of foreign birth, a player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by

the Department of Homeland Security or by the Department of State that shows the birth date of the bearer. Official birth certificates issued by a foreign country are acceptable when accompanied by a letter with an English translation, and must have an official seal.

7. A court-certified copy of that portion of permanent legal adoption papers showing the place and date of a player's birth shall be acceptable in cases involving adopted players.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

The American Legion will accept a document issued by a U. S. government agency or a foreign government-issued birth certificate if that document is an original or has a raised seal or stamp with an English translation. The American Legion will accept documents from any federal government agency.

PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN A RULE 3

Plan A recruiting rules are based on zones and are usually designed for large cities or areas where Plan B (base school recruiting) would be impractical. Plan A rules require a specific area to be drawn on a map. Secondary school enrollments (grades 10, 11 and 12 for both the senior and junior Legion teams) in that area are then added together and divided by 5,000 (enrollment cap) to determine the number of zones within an area. For example, if there are 10,257 students in a specific area, the number is divided by 5,000, equaling 2.05. This will require a minimum of three zones to be established within that area. Players, including emancipated players whose parents' domiciles are within a zone, must play for the team in that zone unless properly waived to an adjacent zone. All zoning is subject to approval by the National Americanism Commission. Points of emphasis for the Plan A rule are on pages 34-35.

A. Zoning. Zoning of cities, counties and/or school districts may be requested by a team(s).

1. The department baseball committee shall review and approve requests for such zoning. It shall be the responsibility of the department baseball committee to forward zone maps for final approval to the National Americanism Commission before **April 15, 2014**.
2. A detailed street map showing specific boundaries, as well as the locations and enrollment figures of all high schools, must accompany such requests.
3. If a team's boundaries are changed, a new map and letter of explanation must be submitted for approval prior to **April 15, 2014**.

B. Player Recruiting. A post may select players whose parent's domicile was established in their zone on or before **March 31, 2014**, and players whose parents have moved and established a new domicile in their zone after **March 31, 2014**.

1. Players not selected to play with the team in their zone may play for the next nearest Plan A team provided they have a written transfer (Form #76) from the team manager in their zone.
2. Players in their final year of eligibility whose parents have established a new domicile shall have the option of playing for their old team or playing for the new team of their parent's new domicile. A written request must be filed with, and approved by, the department chairman prior to listing the player on National Form #1. This request must be accompanied by the parent's affidavit stating that the move is permanent and listing the previous and present domicile addresses.

3. In the event a new team is formed and new zones are established that change a player's eligibility, those players previously registered on National Form #1 are permitted a one-time option of playing for the team of their old zone or playing for the team of their new zone.
 - a) Zones must be adjacent to each other.
 - b) Transfers are permitted when the combined enrollment of each zone is fewer than 5,000.
 - c) Transfers in the senior or junior program shall be for a single season and shall expire **Dec. 31, 2014**.
 - d) The department baseball chairman must approve all transfers prior to listing the player on National Form #1.
 - e) A written request for a transfer must be filed with, and approved by, an authorized baseball official prior to listing the player on National Form #1. (This request must be accompanied by the parent's affidavit stating that the move is permanent and listing the previous and present domicile addresses.)
4. A written request must be filed with, and approved by, the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on National Form #1.

PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN B RULE 4

Plan B base school recruiting allows both senior and junior Legion Baseball teams to select players who attend nearby high schools. High schools are combined to form a recruiting area. A player whose parent's domicile is nearest a base school is eligible to try out and play for the team if the player meets all other eligibility requirements and the combined enrollment of the recruiting area (combination of schools) does not exceed 5,000 students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades. Points of emphasis for the Plan B rule are on pages 34-41.

Note: Plan B recruiting rules are more flexible but more complex than the Plan A (zoning) rules. Study these rules carefully.

A. Base school. All teams must have a base school.

1. New teams must request and receive approval for a base school from the department baseball committee at the time the team registers with the department baseball committee.
2. Existing teams may request to change their base school. This request must be in writing and approved by the department baseball committee prior to submitting National Form #1.
3. If two or more teams are sponsored by the same American Legion post or outside sponsor, the department baseball committee will assign the base school for each team.

B. Player Recruiting. Teams may select players who are enrolled on **March 31, 2014**, in any public, private, technical, vocational, regional or preparatory high school, or any combination.

1. Existing teams may request a new combination of schools from the department baseball committee; however, approval must be given prior to listing any player on National Form # 1.
2. Teams may not recruit a player(s) from another team's base school.

CLARIFICATION

Teams may select non-base school players whose parents' or guardians' domiciles are nearest the team's base school. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest (www.mapquest.com). Teams may select player(s) who qualify under Rule 4.C.

3. Senior and Junior American Legion player(s) who qualify under Rule 4.D.
 - a) Combined total enrollment of the schools cannot exceed 5,000 for 10th, 11th and 12th grades.
4. Enrollment is determined using the number of 10th, 11th and 12th grade students officially recorded on **March 31, 2014**, by the state board of education or other state agency that has jurisdiction over school enrollment. Every student registered shall be counted, including special education students, physically challenged students, bilingual students, and students older than 19.
5. When single high school enrollment exceeds 5,000 students, the team that has such a school as its base school shall not recruit from any other school.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

The enrollment of the high school the player attends will be counted. Emancipated players such as college or university students or players no longer in high school must play for the team nearest their parent's or guardian's domicile or for the team they last played. Teams shall count the enrollment of the last high school attended. The school enrollment for middle schools, junior high schools and high school freshmen classes shall not be counted.

- C. Option Rule.** Players attending a high school (including freshmen) outside a team's recruiting area, may have the option of playing for the team nearest the high school the player attends or playing for the team nearest the parent's legal domicile. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest.
1. The player must complete National Declaration Form #77, on which the player declares in writing the team for which he wishes to play.
 - a) Such election shall be for the **2014** season and shall expire on **Dec. 31, 2014**.
 2. The team manager must forward Form #77 to the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on National Form # 1.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

The enrollment of the high school the player attends will be counted. Emancipated players and players enrolled in college must play for the team for which they played during the 2013 season. Any player who graduated in 2013 must play for the team for which they played last season. College players are not eligible for a transfer or option (Rule 4.C).

- D. Transfer Rule.** A player released from a team must obtain permission on National Transfer Form # 76 from that team's manager to play for the team closest to his parent's domicile.

1. To determine the nearest team from among several, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest.
2. The player must provide signed Transfer Form #76 (available online at www.legion.org/baseball) to the new team manager, which must be forwarded to the authorized department baseball official for approval, prior to listing the player on Form #1. All transfers shall be for one year. All transfers shall expire on **Dec. 31, 2014**.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

A player who was enrolled in high school on March 31 who tries out for and fails to make the nearest team can request a transfer to the second closest team to their parent's domicile. If cut again, that player may try out for the third closest team until such time as the player is able to play on a team. The enrollment of the high school a player attends on March 31 shall be counted. Junior Legion players are eligible to be transferred. Transfers shall expire on **Dec. 31, 2014**.

3. Players who graduated from high school in 2013 are not eligible to be transferred.
 4. Any transfers across state lines require mutual written permission of both department chairmen.
 5. Players who have qualified and played for a Legion team under Rule 4.C are not eligible for a transfer under Rule 4.D.
- E. School Enrollment Expansion.** Players who are unable to complete eligibility because enrollment expansion eliminated their schools from previously approved combinations may continue on the teams for which they last played, provided no new players are recruited from their school.
1. Written permission for a player to continue under these circumstances must be obtained from the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on National Form #1.
 2. Teams cannot form different combinations of schools.
- F. Change of Address.** Players who realize a permanent change in their parent's or guardian's domicile shall be eligible to compete for the team nearest their parent's new domicile.
1. A notarized statement from the player's parents must list previous address and new permanent address. Written permission must be obtained from the authorized department baseball official in which the new team is located, prior to listing the player on National Form #1. If released, a player may be transferred to the next nearest team as provided for in Rule 4.D (transfer rule).
 2. The enrollment of their previous high school as of **March 31, 2014**, shall be counted.
- G. Final Year of Eligibility.** Senior Legion Baseball players who have one year of eligibility remaining, whose parents move out of the team's recruiting area, shall have an option of playing for the team nearest their parent's new domicile or returning to their former team.
1. The enrollment of the high school the player attends on **March 31, 2014**, shall be counted.
 2. Written permission to play for their previous team must be obtained from the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on National Form #1.

H. Home-Schooled Players. A player who is home-schooled may compete for the team nearest their parents' or guardian's legal domicile. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest.

1. Written permission for such competition must be obtained from the authorized department baseball official prior to listing the player on National Form #1.
2. Enrollment figures for such a player shall be that of the high school boundary of his parent's domicile.

PROTESTS RULE 5

- A. Protest Procedures.** All department baseball committees shall, in their rules, define procedures for filing protests. This rule will specify how protests are to be filed, time limits, fees (if any), and with whom protests are to be filed.
- B. Written Proof.** All protests of player eligibility must be specific, with written proof. All protests shall be filed with the department in accordance with department baseball rules. All protests must indicate the specific rule that is alleged to have been violated.
- C. Forfeitures.** If a player is ruled ineligible, he shall be disqualified immediately and all games in which the disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.
- D. Game Protest.** Protests of Official Baseball Rules during actual game conditions must be filed with the umpire-in-chief before the next legal pitch.
- E. Appeals to National Headquarters.** All protests involving player eligibility and filed with the National Appeals Board must be sent via the department chairman. (See Rule 10.)

TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION RULE 6

- A. Player and Team Registration.** American Legion Baseball teams must register with their department baseball committee online at www.legion.org/baseball. All teams shall register online between Jan. 1 and May 15. Any team that fails to register by May 15 shall pay an additional \$200 to the department. Any team that fails to register by June 1 shall not be permitted to play during the season.
- B. National Online Registration.** American Legion Baseball players must enroll on the Player Roster of Eligibility via www.legion.org/baseball. This form must be completely filled out to include each player's full name and the address of their parents' permanent legal domicile.
- C. National Form #2.** All players, their parents or court-approved legal guardians must complete Player Agreement and Parent's Consent Form #2. The team manager will retain the original Form #2. The copy must be filed with the department baseball chairman. Any team or player who fails to complete and file Form #2 shall be disqualified from any further play.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

American Legion Baseball will continue to utilize the online web registration program. Team managers shall register their teams via the online web registration program. The team must be approved by the department. All players wishing to play American Legion Baseball must complete National Form #2. That form must be signed by the player and a parent. It must be fully completed and typed, and filed with the department by the registration deadline as established by the department. The department baseball chairman must certify the team before the department closing date.

- D. Dual Participation.** During the regular season, American Legion Baseball players or teams may participate in other amateur baseball programs; however, the team manager and the player must obtain written approval from the department baseball chairman prior to participating in the event and/or tournament.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

Dual participation shall in no way interfere with a player's responsibility to his American Legion Baseball team. Once tournament play has begun (district tournament up and through the American Legion World Series), the department baseball chairman cannot grant permission to participate in non-Legion sanctioned baseball events, baseball tournaments, exhibition games, showcases or combines. The American Legion believes team loyalty is a key ingredient for any team sport. Any American Legion Baseball player missing any portion of an American Legion tournament because he participated in another non-sanctioned baseball event such as an exhibition game, tournament showcase, or combine shall be ineligible for post-season tournament play.

- E. Players Per Team.** No American Legion team may have more than 18 registered players after June 30 or once National Form #1 is registered with the department. Each team must register before the department closing date. A member of the post should have charge of the team as manager, except in the case of outside sponsorship. A non-Legionnaire may serve as coach.

1. In cases of death, a player may be replaced on National Form #1.
2. A player may be replaced if that player is placed on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces following the submission of the certified National Form #1.

Note: American Legion Baseball insurance provides coverage for all players who try out, practice or play in exhibition games; however, once the regular season has begun, only those players listed on the national electronic roster shall be covered.

- F. Non-American Legion Post Sponsorship.** Non-Legion (outside) sponsorship is permissible, subject to the approval and supervision of the department baseball committee and as long as the American Legion Baseball definition of "sponsorship" is followed.

SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT RULE 7

- A. Conduct.** Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of the department chairman or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the department baseball committee. The department baseball committee's decision will be final.

- B. Heckling.** No player, coach, manager or other party associated with an American Legion Baseball team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players, team officials or umpires. The umpire shall immediately eject from the game any individuals violating this regulation.
- C. Sportsmanship.** Any player, coach, manager or other party accompanying a team will be ejected from the game from the time of the infraction if they:
1. Use profane language.
 2. Throw bats or other equipment.
 3. Make unnecessary or obscene gestures to umpires, fans or opposing players.
 4. Commit unnecessary roughness on the playing field.
- D. Reinstatement.** Any player, coach or manager suspended from a game in tournament play by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct is suspended for the remainder of the tournament unless reinstated by the tournament director. The tournament director's decision is final.
- E. Ejection from the Ballpark.** Any player, coach or manager ejected by an umpire must leave the ballpark.

DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION RULE 8

- A. Department Rules and Regulations.** It is the duty of the department (state) baseball committee to formulate rules and regulations that are not in conflict with national rules.
1. Department recruiting rules may be more restrictive than national rules.
 2. Department rules will include procedure for protests. (The protection and stimulation of competition must be used in setting these regulations.)
 3. A copy of the department rules must be filed with National Headquarters before **April 15, 2014**. Departments are encouraged to email a copy of their rules to **baseball@legion.org**.
- B. Department Rulings.** The department baseball committee shall decide all questions, disputes and protests within a department. The department baseball committee shall have the authority to disqualify or suspend anyone violating a department or national rule.
- C. National Player Eligibility Rule Interpretations.** The National Americanism Division shall make interpretations of national rules.
1. All requests for interpretations must be in writing and routed through the appropriate department baseball chairman or department adjutant. Telegrams, email and fax copies are considered written requests. Failure to follow this procedure may result in suspensions and/or forfeiture of fees.

SENIOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS RULE 9

- A. National Tournament Registration.** The department championship team must be certified to the National Americanism Commission by the authorized department baseball official no later than midnight **Aug. 3, 2014**.

Note: National Headquarters will only be financially responsible for a maximum of 18 players and two adults who are included on National Form #1.

- B. National Competition.** Tournament competition is open only to American Legion teams that have registered with the department baseball committee online at www.legion.org/baseball. The department baseball committee is responsible for approving the team's national online registration.
- C. National Tournament Supervision.** All national tournaments will be played under the supervision of the National Americanism Commission. All disputes and questions shall be referred to the national tournament director. Any situation not specifically covered by national rules or regulations will be referred to the National Americanism Division, whose decision shall be final.
- D. National Tournament Player Eligibility Protest.** Eligibility protests of players involved in national tournaments must bear written proof of ineligibility and must be filed with the national tournament director at each such tournament no later than 9 a.m. local time on the first day of the tournament involved, except upon discovery of fraud. When fraud is discovered, the eligibility protest and a written description of the alleged fraud must be filed immediately. All other protests shall be filed as specified in the Official Baseball Rules.
- E. National Tournament Play.** Teams competing in national tournaments will play every day.
1. The national tournament director has complete instructions concerning double-elimination.
 2. No national tournament games will begin after 11 p.m. local time.
- F. Regional Tournament Host.** No regional host team shall be denied the opportunity of participating in tournaments leading up to the regional tournament. Nor shall any team hosting a department or national regional tournament refuse to participate in any such tournament.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

The host team for a department or national regional tournament is required to participate in the district and/or state tournament until such time as the team is eliminated from competition. Host teams will not be permitted to rest their team to avoid creating an unfair advantage at either a department or national regional tournament.

- G. Tournament Photographs.** Each department baseball championship team is required to furnish National Headquarters and the local regional tournament chairman a high-quality glossy (color) photograph via www.legion.org/baseball.
- H. Department Championship Play.** No department may enter a team in a national tournament without first conducting an official department tournament that had two or more certified teams participating.
1. At least eight senior teams must be officially registered in regular season play for a department to enter a team in a national tournament.
- I. Artificial Noisemakers Prohibited.** The National Americanism Commission has an established policy that prohibits artificial noisemakers at all times. Fans who operate artificial noisemakers will be asked not to do so. A second warning will result in those fans being removed from the stands.
- J. Suspended Games.** Suspended games will be completed from the point of suspension.
1. A suspended game completed on the following day will not count toward two games in Rule 1.J. These teams can still play an additional two full games.

CLARIFICATION

At all national regional and World Series tournaments, any game suspended 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 innings pitched that day. Any innings pitched by that pitcher the next or following day(s) will be charged to that next or following day(s). If a pitcher pitches six innings on Day 1 and three on Day 2, following a suspended game, he may only pitch three additional innings on Day 3. One appearance will be charged unless there is a change of pitchers.

- K. Minimum Active Players.** Teams competing in American Legion Baseball senior national tournaments must have 12 players available for participation at a national tournament. Teams with fewer than 12 players are permitted to transfer up to three players registered on their affiliated Junior American Legion Baseball team roster to the senior team. Any players transferred from junior team to senior team must be approved and certified by the department baseball chairman. The junior roster must be registered with the national office by June 30. Any senior team that does not have 12 players will forfeit their right to participate, and the National Americanism Division – in consultation with the department baseball chairman – shall determine a suitable replacement team. This rule shall not apply to host teams at national regional tournaments.

NATIONAL BASEBALL APPEALS BOARD RULE 10

- A. National Appeals Board.** There is a National Baseball Appeals Board (hereafter referred to as “the Board”) composed of (1) the chairman of the National Americanism Commission, (2) the chairman of the Baseball Subcommittee, and (3) a third member appointed by the chairman of the National Americanism Commission. The chairman shall also appoint two alternate members. The term of office for board members and alternate members shall be one year.
- B. Time Limit.** An appeal filed under this rule must be made within 24 hours of the time when the rule interpretation of the National Americanism Division is issued. Such appeal may be made by telegram, fax, email or mail-a-gram and shall state the precise points of contention that are the basis for the appeal. If an appeal is not filed within 24 hours to the National Americanism Division, an interpretation will not be considered.
- C. Filing an Appeal.** All appeals must be in writing and addressed to The American Legion, National Baseball Appeals Board, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Faxes and email protests are acceptable when sent in by the department baseball chairman or department adjutant. The National Headquarters fax number is (317) 630-1369, and the program’s email address is baseball@legion.org.
- D. Final Authority.** The Board shall have sole jurisdiction over any appeal filed following a decision involving American Legion Baseball rule interpretations rendered by the National Americanism Division. The decision of the Board shall be final and may be enforced by a court of law. The concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board shall constitute the ruling by the Board.
- E. Approved Interpretations.** During tournaments supervised by National Headquarters, the Board shall approve interpretations rendered by the National Americanism Division before publication of the interpretation.
- F. Appeal Procedure.** No appeal shall be considered by the Board until all established appeal procedures within the respective department’s rules have been exhausted, as certified in writing by the department baseball chairman.



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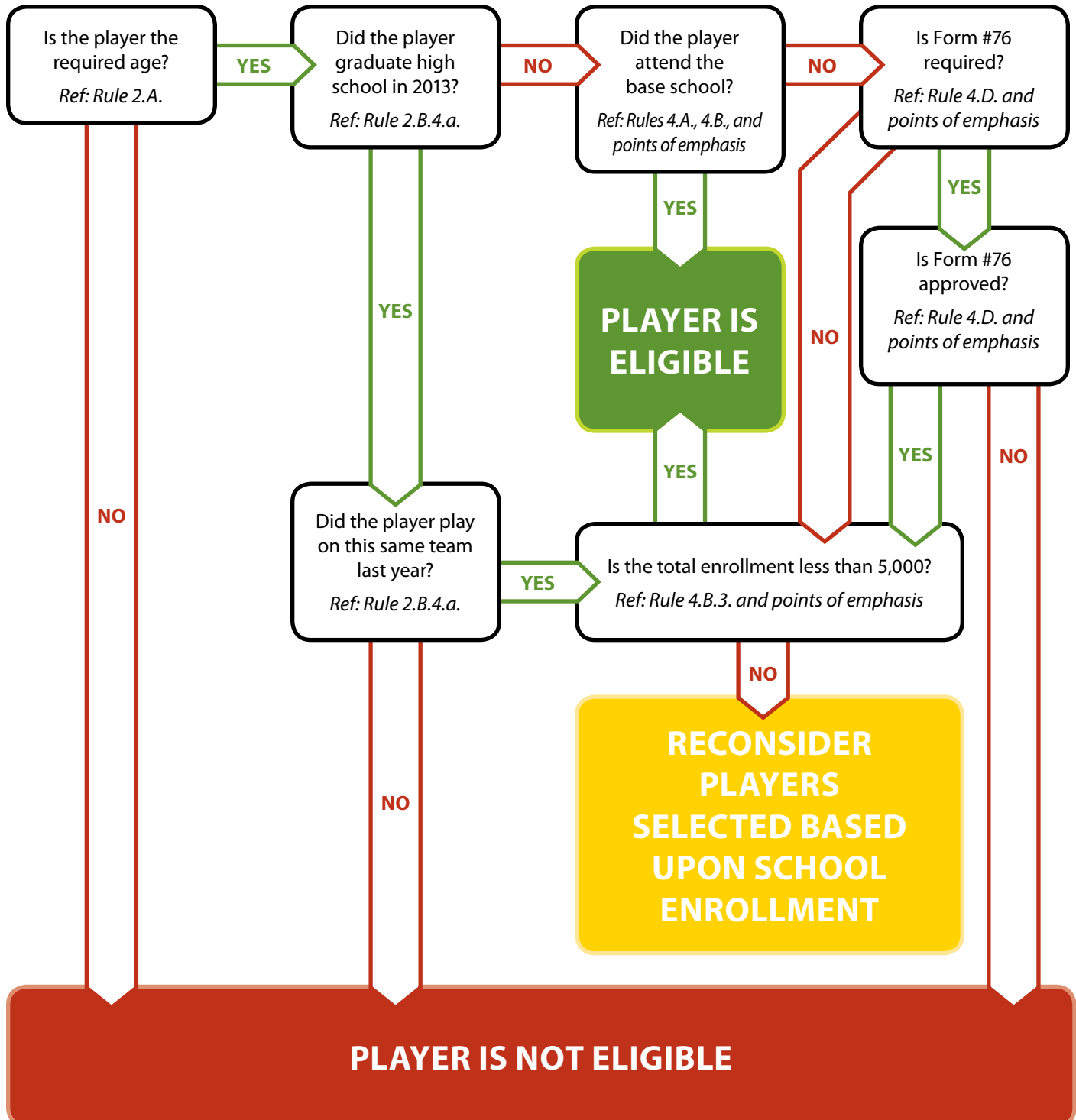
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DEFINITIONS

BASE SCHOOL: A public or private high school that will serve as the starting point to recruit players, if eligible. When a player's parent's domicile is located within a base school boundary, that base school is considered the nearest team.

CERTIFIED BIRTH RECORD: A document issued by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, or other authorized state or federal government office, that lists the player's date and place of birth. This document usually has a raised state seal and there is usually a fee to obtain a copy.

CLARIFICATION

- A state-issued ID or a state-issued driver's license that is in compliance with the Federal Real ID law is acceptable.
- A U.S. passport (or any U.S. government issued documentation) qualifies as an acceptable record of birth.
- Notarized birth certificates or hospital certificates are not acceptable proof of age for American Legion Baseball.

CERTIFICATION: A written document or act validating what has or has not been done. Certifying a department champion or runner-up does not qualify a team for national competition if an ineligible player is discovered. When certifying the department champion or runner-up, the authorized department official is attesting to the fact a department tournament was held in accordance with national and department baseball rules. An authorized baseball official, in certifying a team entry form, is attesting to the fact that the National Form #1 was registered with the chairman on or before the date required by the department rules. This does not guarantee that the team is eligible for league or tournament play.

COMBINED TOTAL ENROLLMENT: The entire enrollment on **March 31, 2014**, of all students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades of those schools from which players are recruited for one team. This includes all male, female, special education, physically challenged and bilingual students enrolled on **March 31, 2014**.

COUNTY: A subdivision of the district. County chairmen may prescribe rules if approved by the department baseball committee.

DEPARTMENT BASEBALL OFFICIAL: A volunteer appointed or elected to oversee and supervise the department baseball program within a given department.

DEPARTMENT CLOSING DATE: A specific date by which a team must have their online roster and other documentation registered with the proper department baseball official. The date is determined by the department baseball committee and published in the department rule book. This date must be set prior to any league game. Insurance coverage is only afforded to those players listed on the roster once regular season games begin.

DEPARTMENT: The American Legion is a nonprofit veterans organization with 55 departments or subdivisions (one in each state, plus Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, the Philippines and the District of Columbia). Each department is an independently operated subdivision of The American Legion, with its own constitution and bylaws.

DISTRICT: A subdivision of the department. Several districts make up the department.

DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN: An individual appointed or elected to oversee and supervise the district baseball program, under the general rules and regulations of the department baseball committee.

District chairmen may prescribe rules if approved by the department baseball committee.

DIVISION OR ZONE CHAIRMAN: A subdivision, as authorized by the department constitution and bylaws. As noted earlier, individual Legionnaires may be authorized as a volunteer agent of the department organization to help administer the baseball program in their area. Division or zone chairmen may prescribe rules if approved by the department baseball committee.

LEGAL PERMANENT DOMICILE: A player's legal domicile shall be the same domicile of his parents or permanent court appointed guardian's domicile. This definition means living in a particular locality with intent to make it a fixed and permanent home. A post office box does not qualify as a domicile.

NOTARIZED DOCUMENTS: Adoption papers, divorce or legal separation papers, if notarized, are acceptable documents for determining a player's domicile as of March 31.

PERMANENT COURT-APPOINTED GUARDIAN: An individual appointed by a court for a minor, due to the loss of or incapacity of the natural parents and until attainment of full age. Temporary guardianship is not acceptable in American Legion Baseball, unless the courts have determined the parents incapable of supervision and care of the minor, or parents are deceased.

REGISTERED TEAM: Any team that has properly filed the necessary documents and purchased the proper liability and medical insurance as required by the national and department rules.

SPONSORSHIP: The American Legion post is always recognized as the primary and exclusive sponsor, regardless of financial support of the team. A support group, booster club, company, private association or corporation is recognized as a financial supporter for a local American Legion team. Those teams that do not have a post sponsorship shall come under the sponsorship of the department or district baseball committee having jurisdiction over team discipline. An outside supporter or co-sponsor has no legal jurisdiction over a team. The American Legion post or department baseball committee that sponsors any team retains the exclusive legal sponsorship of the team.

TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL: A tax-supported institution for secondary education.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: The entire enrollment of one high school of all students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades. This includes all male, female, special education, physically challenged and bilingual students enrolled on **March 31, 2014**.

TRANSFER: A written document that provides a means of transferring a player from one team to another. Transfers are final and binding, as long as the player does not have a change of address or a change of school. Any change in parent's residency or a change in schools voids the transfer and will require the player to re-qualify in accordance with the existing rules (See Rule 4.D). Transfers require tryout and release by the team manager or American Legion post commander in consultation with the team manager.

CLARIFICATION

Players who qualify under Rule 2.B.2. (divorced parent's rule) and Rule 4.C. (option rule) are not eligible for transfer (Form #76) once they have competed with an American Legion team, unless that team fails to exist or if either parent has a new permanent change of address.

ZONE: A specific territory determined on a map, by the authorized department baseball official, for recruiting players under Plan A.

2014
AMERICAN LEGION
OFFICIALLY SPONSORED AND ENDORSED
SENIOR AND JUNIOR BASEBALL
ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY TEAM INSURANCE PLANS

**\$100,000 BLANKET ACCIDENT
PLUS**

\$25,000 ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT

Who is covered? All registered players, coaches, managers, batpersons, Athletic Officers and Post Commanders while involved in activities associated with American Legion Baseball.

What is covered? Accidental injuries sustained during tryouts, practices, games, and tournaments approved by The American Legion that are supervised by the proper American Legion authority and while traveling directly to and from such activities.

What are the Benefits? \$100,000 accident medical expense benefits – without a deductible (\$10,000 limit on injury to sound natural teeth). Covered expenses include the reasonable charges for treatment made by a legally qualified physician, hospital confinements in a duly licensed hospital, including out-patient care, registered graduate nursing care, emergency ambulance up to \$200, prescribed legend drugs, medicines, and other therapeutic services and supplies as prescribed by a legally qualified physician or surgeon, which are incurred within three years after the date of the accident. Room and board charges are limited to \$100 per day. Physicians, dental or physical therapy visits are limited to \$60 for the first visit and \$50 for each subsequent visit in or out of the hospital. \$25,000 accidental death and up to the Principal Sum (per schedule in policy) for loss of sight or limb of the insured person if the loss occurs within 365 days after the date of injury.

What is not covered? Accident medical expense does not cover expenses incurred for dental treatment (except as a result of injury to sound, natural teeth, exclusive of cosmetic dentistry), service or treatment rendered by a physician, nurse or other person retained by the team, loss caused by war or act of war or losses sustained by an insured person while in the military service, or loss caused or contributed by alcohol or drug misuse. WHEN AN INSURED PERSON IS COVERED UNDER MORE THAN ONE INSURANCE PLAN, BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THIS PLAN WILL BE EXCESS OVER ANY OTHER VALID AND COLLECTIBLE INSURANCE.

Term of Insurance: A team's insurance will become effective March 1, 2014, or any later date on which a completed baseball insurance application and credit card is processed by The American Legion at www.legion.org/baseball. The term of insurance for seasonal coverage will be extended to cover the 2014 Major League World Series, or will terminate as of the completion of the Team's season, when the individual insured is no longer a member of the team, or September 1, 2014, whichever is earlier. The term of insurance for year-round coverage will become effective March 1, 2014, or any later date on which a completed baseball insurance application and credit card is processed by The American Legion at www.legion.org/baseball, and will continue to March 1, 2015, providing that the number of off-season games does not exceed 50% of the regular season games. This is a single term policy for 2014.

Premium: \$165.00 per Senior team for seasonal coverage
\$240.00 per Senior team for year-round coverage
\$145.00 per Junior team for seasonal coverage
\$210.00 per Junior team for year-round coverage

See Policy 680-162 (Reprint 13) for complete details

Underwritten by



\$2,000,000 GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE

Who is covered? The team and its sponsors, managers, coaches and any other volunteer workers or auxiliaries while acting on behalf of the team. Field owners may be covered as additional insureds under the policy.

What is covered? The plan covers potential liability created by sponsorship of a baseball team arising out of:

1. The use of baseball fields and playing areas.
2. All activities necessary or incidental to the conduct of tryouts, practices, exhibitions schedules and post season games.
3. Consumption or use of food and other products.
4. Insured contractual agreements.
5. Year-round activities such as fund raising, meetings and awards banquets.

What is not covered? The plan does not cover:

1. Liability arising out of the use of any owned or non-owned motor vehicles.
2. Property of others in care, custody and control of insured.
3. Injury or death of an employee.
4. Activities such as tryouts, practice, exhibition or post season games conducted between the last day of The American Legion World Series and March 1, 2015, unless the accident coverage is in place during that period.

Term of Insurance: Will become effective on March 1, 2014 (or any later date on which a completed baseball insurance application and credit card is processed by The American Legion at www.legion.org/baseball) and continues to March 1, 2015. Once your coverage has begun, there will be no return of any premium. For your continuous on and off-field protection, it is important that your policy stay in effect from year to year.

Premium: \$135.00 per Senior team.

Premium: \$95.00 per Junior team.

(Refer to the policy for specific coverage and exclusions)

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**Apply for The American Legion Senior and Junior Baseball Accident
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SUGGESTED AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

The American Legion strongly encourages each post sponsoring a team to establish an alcohol and drug policy. Local posts are encouraged to work with their state high school federation and local school district to establish an alcohol and drug policy that mirrors their policies. The suggested policy on this spread is used by a Minnesota American Legion post. The National Americanism Commission recommends every post to establish a similar policy.

Abuse of drugs and alcohol is a nationwide problem that affects persons of every age, race, gender and ethnic group. It poses risks to the health and safety of both the individual and the community, and The American Legion is committed to taking steps to reduce these risks.

To do so, the American Legion Post baseball team has adopted this policy that establishes standards that all team members must meet, and sets out consequences for those who violate this policy.

All team members must attend an educational program, developed by the American Legion Post coaching staff, on drugs and alcohol. (Read and sign that they've read materials on drugs and alcohol.)

No team member shall report for any team-related activity (practice, games, other sponsored functions) if he has used alcohol or any controlled substance, except when a physician has prescribed medication for a valid medical condition and the team member is taking it as prescribed.

Team members who are seen by a member of the coaching staff or another adult in a position of authority using or possessing drugs or alcohol, or in possession of drug paraphernalia (as defined in prevailing state law), during a team event will be subject to the discipline outlined below.

In instances where another person – such as another team member, family member or fan – reports a violation of this policy, the violation will be investigated on a case by case basis. If the person reporting the violation is willing to provide a written statement and /or testify in court (if needed), the report may be treated the same as if the violation was observed by a member of the coaching staff or an adult in a position of authority.

Alcohol: Possession or use of alcohol is a violation of state law for persons younger than 21. While alcohol is a legal substance for persons older than 21, alcohol abuse is a serious health problem, and violations will be treated seriously. Therefore, possession or use of alcohol by a team member will result in National Federation of High School Associations rules being applied.

Discipline:

The first offense will result in the player being suspended for two weeks.

In addition, for a first offense, the team member will be required to obtain an evaluation by a chemical use counselor, and to provide a consent to that counselor to let a team official know of the assessment results, recommendations and team member compliance.



NOTIFICATION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

I acknowledge that I have seen and read the American Legion Baseball Team Drug and Alcohol Policy. I hereby consent to abide by it and abstain from alcohol and drug use, as outlined in the policy.

I understand that any violation of this drug and alcohol policy may be discussed with and/or made available to my parents or legal guardians. I further understand that any violation of this policy may mean I will be removed from the team and/or it will affect my ability to become a team member in the future.

If/when I take over-the-counter or prescription medications, I agree to take them according to the directions, and to only take prescription medications prescribed to me for a valid medical condition.

Name <i>(print)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/>
Signature	<input type="text"/>
Parent/guardian name <i>(print)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Phone number	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/>
Signature	<input type="text"/>



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

RULE 3 – PLAN A RECRUITING

Zoning of cities, counties, school districts or even states is common practice where outside influence such as cross-town busing and open school enrollment make Plan B recruiting rules difficult. The National Americanism Commission suggests that teams wishing to establish Plan A zoning work with the other coaches in their area or league, as well as with department and district baseball committees, to establish fair and equal zones.

Establishing a Plan A zone is not difficult. Below is an example where four zones were formed. The coaches within this league proposed the boundaries or zones. The number of zones or teams were determined by adding the enrollment of all schools, both private and public, in the zone and dividing the total enrollment by 5,000. The team managers then drew four boundaries. The map with agreed-to boundaries must be reviewed by the department baseball committee and the National Baseball Subcommittee. The key to setting up a zone is to add the total enrollment of all schools and divide by 5,000. This establishes the number of zones within the area. Under Plan A, teams DO NOT use a base school but are assigned a specific territory or area from which to recruit players. Territories or zones cannot overlap into another team's territory.

On the Plan A map (page 33), the four team managers agree to follow the existing high school boundaries as near as possible. It is not necessary to follow the high school boundary lines, but the practice is strongly recommended.

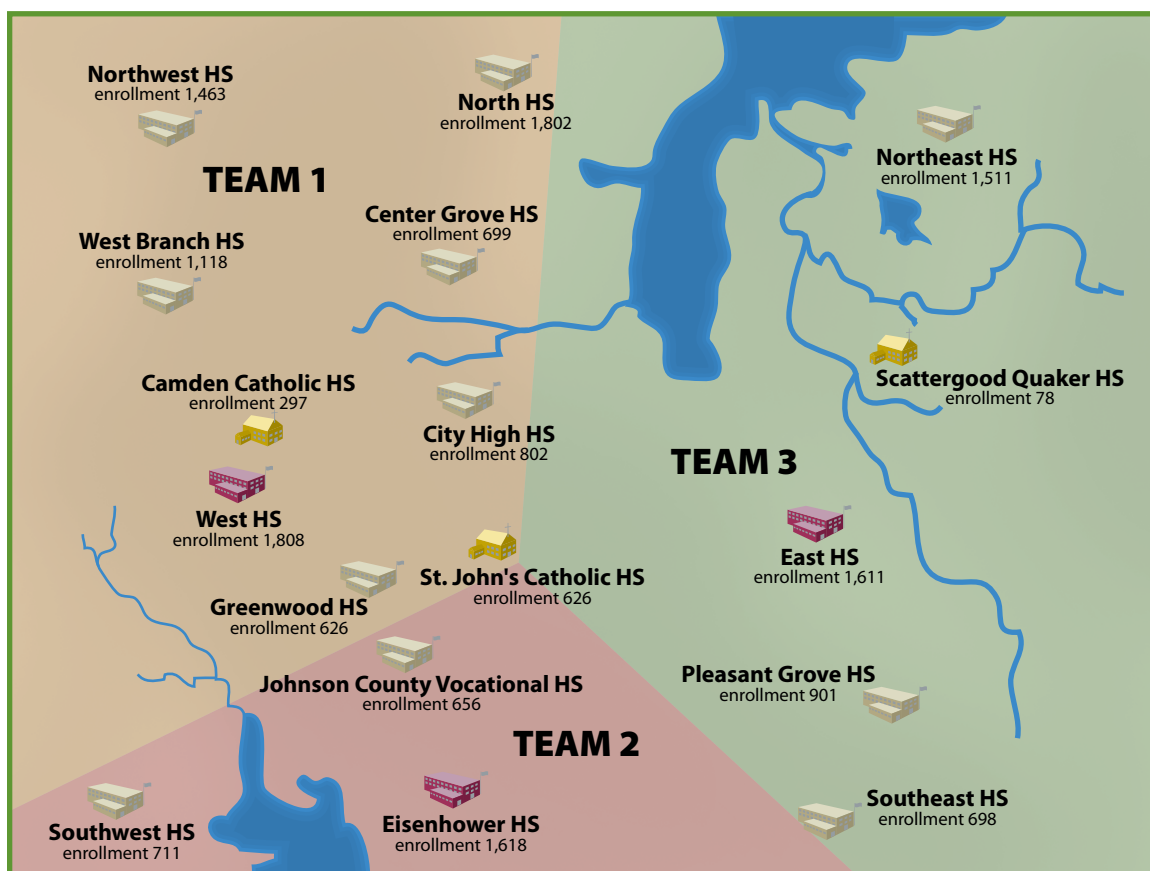
Teams may only recruit players whose parent's legal domicile is located within the zone. Transfers are permitted only if the combined zone enrollments do not exceed 5,000. The department baseball committee and the National Americanism Commission must approve all new zoning or rezoning by April 15 of that year.

Note: Plan A recruiting and Plan B recruiting are neither compatible nor interchangeable. The domicile of the parents shall determine if a player is eligible under Plan A or Plan B. For example, if a player lives in a territory that follows Plan B rules but attends a school under Plan A, that player cannot play for the school he attends. Teams under Plan A are only able to recruit players whose parents live within that zone. Since the player does not live within the Plan A zone, he must return home to play if he is eligible under Plan B rules. This is also true for players living in a Plan A zone and attending a school under Plan B jurisdiction. Players who live in a Plan A zone and attend a school outside their zone must return home and play for their "zone" team. The domicile of the parents determines where the player is eligible to play. Waivers or transfers are not permitted between Plan A and Plan B teams. Transfers are only permitted from Plan A to Plan A or Plan B to Plan B teams.




PLAN A MAP



PLAN B BASE MAP 1



RULE 4 – PLAN B RECRUITING

-  **Base school**
-  **Public school**
-  **Private/parochial school**

Selecting a base school is the starting point for recruiting additional players if the team chooses to recruit additional players. The intent of this rule is to ensure each team has a starting point to begin their recruiting and, more importantly, it provides a basis on determining player eligibility. Once a team has established a base school, that base school is “locked in,” unless special written permission is requested and granted by the department (state) baseball chairman to change base schools. On rare occasions, teams are permitted to share a base school, if the department baseball chairman grants permission. The National Americanism Commission strongly discourages the practice of two or more teams sharing a base school. An American Legion post may sponsor more than one team, and several posts can sponsor a single team.

Rule 4.B. – This rule affects every player, and it prioritizes those players that a team can recruit:

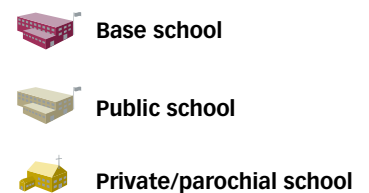
1. Players who attend the team’s base school.
2. Players who attend a nearby school or their parent’s domicile is nearest the team’s base school.

PLAN B BASE MAP 2



3. Players, who were enrolled in high school on March 31 and who have been cut (released) and transferred to the next nearest team.

Starting with the base school, team managers may recruit additional players from nearby high schools. Coaches must be aware of their recruiting boundaries. The manager must be aware of other Legion teams, their base schools and their recruiting areas.

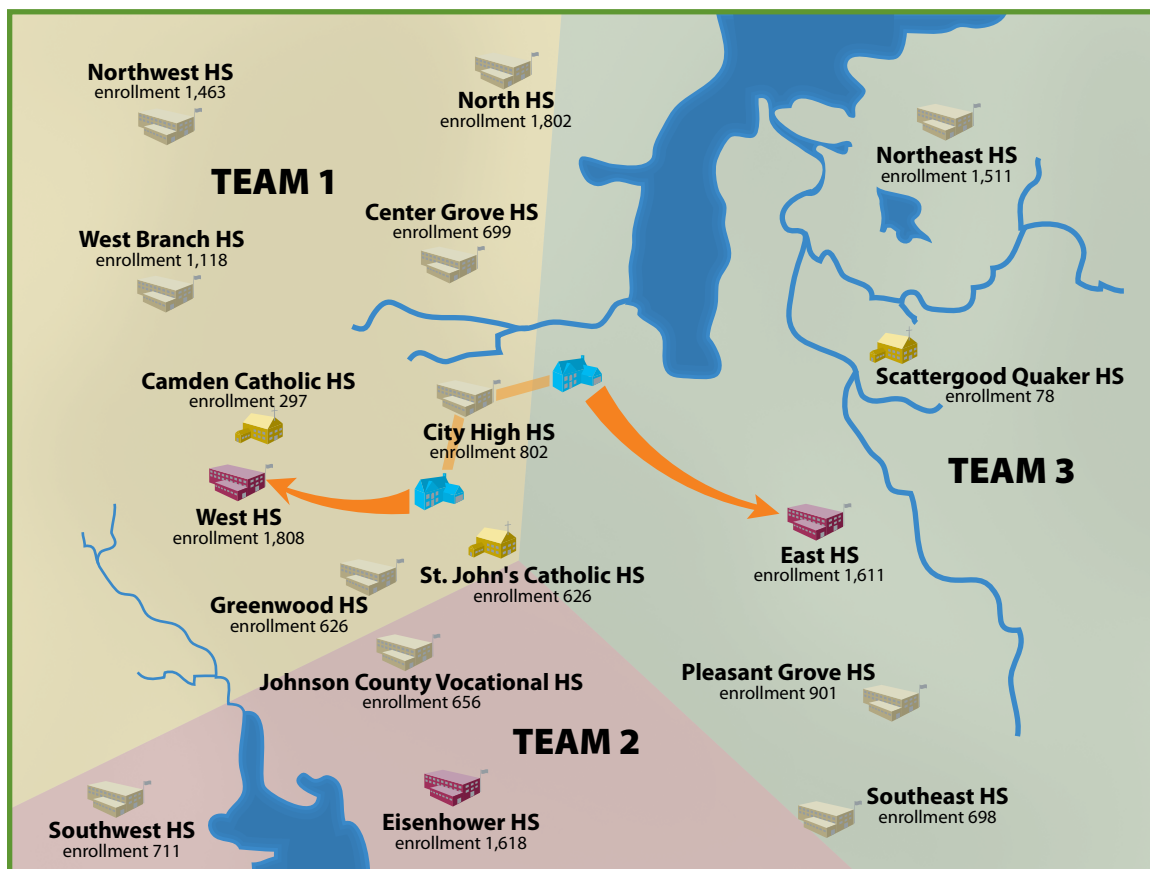


Whenever a team selects a player, the team shall count the enrollment of the high school that player attended on March 31. If college or university players are selected, the team will treat these players as if they were still in high school and count the enrollment of their previous high school. The high school from which they graduated will be listed on National Electronic Form #1 (do not list the college or university).

In the Plan B map, the three Legion teams have selected a base school. From this starting point, these teams may extend out and recruit additional players, provided the team does not exceed 5,000 in total enrollment of 10th, 11th and 12th grades. Base maps 1 and 2 illustrate different base schools. These maps show the importance of how the selection of a base school can change recruiting boundaries. It is important to remember that teams must request permission from the department (state) baseball committee to change base schools.





As demonstrated, the selection of the base school is critical and must be approved in writing by the department (state) baseball committee.

PLAN B – NON-BASE SCHOOL PLAYERS MAP

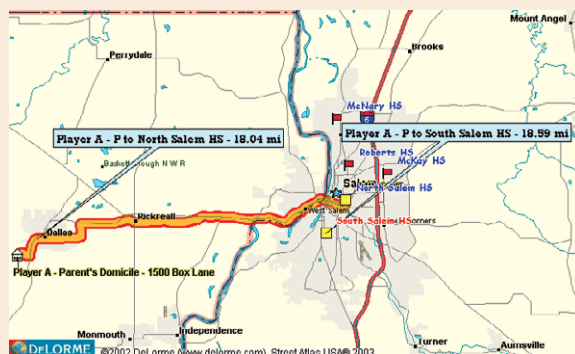


SELECTING NON-BASE SCHOOL PLAYERS

When selecting non-base school players, coaches may recruit players whose parent's domicile is nearest the team's base school. **To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest. The American Legion shall use the shortest driving distance (miles) to determine the closest team. Any dispute over player eligibility shall be determined by the department baseball committee using the MapQuest.**

	Base school
	Public school
	Private/parochial school
	Residence

On the recruiting non-base school players map (above), a line is drawn from the player's home to the base schools. Though some players attend the same school, they are required to try out for two different Legion teams. The best examples are the two players who live in the City High district. Because there are two nearby base schools, these players will try out for two different teams. Team 1 and Team 3 shall be charged with the full enrollment of the City High HS, which is 802. No partial enrollment or shared enrollment is permitted. Each team shall be charged with the full enrollment. As shown on the recruiting non-base school players map, each team is given an area to select players who are attending nearby schools. For a team to select a player from another team's "area" or base school requires a transfer. If no transfer is granted, those players are ineligible to play.



SAMPLE MAPQUEST MAP

In this sample, Player A lives near Dallas. There are two nearby base schools (noted by yellow blocks). The MapQuest® website has determined the nearest team is North Salem HS. North Salem HS is 0.55 miles closer than South Salem HS. The shortest driving distance as determined by MapQuest will determine the nearest team for all non-base school players.

Rule 4.A; 4.B; 4.B.1; 4.B.2; 4.B.3; 4.B.4; 4.B.5 – Rule 4 is the primary guideline for recruiting. We have highlighted some of the important aspects of recruiting players outside of the base school.

Below is an example of combining schools and changing combinations of schools. Note that the base schools (West, Eisenhower and East HS) are locked in and can only be changed with written permission from the chairman. Rule 4.A.2 requires the team manager to get written permission from the department baseball chairman prior to recruiting players from a different combination of schools.

2012 TEAM COMBINATIONS

Team 1

West HS (Base School)	5	1,808
Camden Catholic HS	6	297
City High HS	5	802
West Branch HS	1	1,118
Center Grove HS	1	699

Total **18** **4,724**

Team 2

Eisenhower HS (Base)	6	1,618
Pleasant Grove HS	6	901
Greenwood HS	4	626
St. John Catholic HS	1	299
Johnson Co. Voc HS	1	656

Total **18** **4,100**

Team 3

East HS (Base)	8	1,611
Northeast HS	4	1,511
Center Grove HS	3	699
City High HS	3	802

Total **18** **4,623**

2013 TEAM COMBINATIONS

Team 1

West HS (Base School)	11	1,808
Camden Catholic HS	1	297
City High HS	1	802
Greenwood HS*	3	626
St. John Catholic HS*	1	299
Johnson Co. Voc HS*	1	656

Total **18** **4,488**

Team 2

Eisenhower HS (Base)	5	1,618
Pleasant Grove HS	3	901
Southeast HS*	5	698
Southwest HS*	5	711

Total **18** **3,928**

Team 3

East HS (Base)	11	1,611
City High HS	3	802
Northeast HS	2	1,511
Pleasant Grove HS*	2	901

Total **18** **4,825**

* Denotes new school added to different combinations of schools for team in 2013. Department baseball chairman must approve prior to placing player on National Form #1. Permission is not necessary to drop a school, only to add a new school.

The majority of players do not need to be from the base school unless department rules require it.

Plan B allows your team the flexibility to change school combinations to recruit nearby players. It is important to note that teams can only recruit players who attend or live closest their base school. Players who live near another base school's territory are required to try out for the nearest Legion team. If cut, they may be transferred to the next closest team.

Rule 4.C, 4.C.1, 4.C.1.a, 4.C.1.b – The purpose of this rule is to allow players who attend a high school outside the team's recruiting territory to have an option to return home and play for the team nearest his parent's domicile, or to play for the team nearest the school the player attends. For example, a player attends a private boarding school several states away. In this situation, The American Legion provides a player an option to play for the Legion team nearest the school he attends or for the team nearest the parent's domicile. This rule also applies to those players who attend any public or private school located outside their team's recruiting territory. This rule gives those players an option, with an understanding that once a decision is made, the player and the parents are bound by their decision for the 2014 season.

There are two critical issues involved with this rule:

1. The player's school enrollment will be added to the total enrollment.
2. The player must complete a Declaration Form #77 and understand that such election is for the 2014 season, provided the player does not change residency or schools.

The map on page 35 demonstrates this rule. Player A lives in the Eisenhower High School boundary (Team 2) but attends Camden Catholic High School. Player A has an option of playing for Team 2 (team nearest his parent's domicile) or Team 1 (team nearest the school he attends). The player must declare that decision on Form #77 and have permission from the department (state) baseball chairman prior to being placed on National Form #1.

The team for which Player A plays shall count the enrollment of the high school (Camden Catholic) the player attends.

Player B lives in the Greenwood High School boundary and also attends Camden Catholic High School. Player B does not have an option to play for Team 2. Since the school he attends and his parent's domicile is within Team 1's recruiting area, Player B must play for Team 1. Player B does not need to complete National Form #77.

Rule 4.D – Transfer Rule, 4.D.1, 4.D.2, 4.D.3, 4.D.4 – Following are key points to keep in mind when seeking a transfer:

- The player must try out for the nearest team in accordance with the rules. If a player fails to try out, that player is not entitled to transfer to the next nearest team. Some department baseball committees prohibit transfers or restrict transfers within the department boundaries or across state lines, which is within the department baseball committee's authority.
- Any transfer in which a player crosses a state boundary requires prior approval of both department baseball chairmen (use Transfer Form #76).
- Transfers are valid from January 1 through December 31 of the current season only.
- The player's high school enrollment will always be counted. Players who are no longer in high school (college players) are not eligible to be transferred. The team will count enrollment of the high school that player last attended.
- To determine the next team, **use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest**. A post commander or post athletic officer, who has supervisory authority over the team and coaches, can also sign a transfer form.

PLAN B – OPTION RULE MAP



- Non-college players who try out for and fail to make the nearest team can request to transfer to the second closest team to the parent's domicile. If cut again, that player may try out for the third closest team, until such time the player is able to play for a team. The enrollment of the high school a player attends on March 31 shall be counted. In theory, a player can be cut from a team in Maine and play for a team in Washington; however that player must obtain a release or transfer form from 5,400 other, closer teams. **If a player fails to obtain a release (Transfer Form #76), that player shall be declared ineligible and all games in which that player participated shall be forfeited.**

Some department baseball committees prohibit transfers or restrict transfers within the department boundaries or across state lines, which is within the department baseball committee's authority.

Rule 4.E – School Enrollment Expansion, 4.E.1; 4.E.2 – This rule allows players on last year’s roster to finish their Legion Baseball careers with their team when an increase in school enrollment occurs. Following are critical points in qualifying players under this rule:

1. Only players listed on the previous year’s roster can qualify.
2. The team must have the same combination of schools. (If a team changes school combinations, players are no longer qualified under this rule.)
3. No new players can be recruited from the school or schools that are dropped.
4. Prior permission from the department baseball chairman is given.

2012 TEAM			2013 TEAM		
School	Enrollment	Players	School	Enrollment	Players
East HS (Base)	1,611	5	East HS (Base)	1,611	5
Northeast HS	1,511	6	Northeast HS	1,525	6
City High HS	802	5	City High HS	889	6
Pleasant Grove HS	901	2	Pleasant Grove HS	1,000	1
Total	4,825	18	Total	5,025	18

In the example above, three school enrollments grew in population, causing the team to exceed the 5,000-enrollment cap. Those players who appeared on the 2012 roster may continue to play. However, this team must drop a school from its approved combination in 2013 and inform the department baseball chairman which school it is dropping from their approved combination. The team must seek written permission from the department baseball chairman to utilize those players who did appear on the 2012 roster and place an asterisk by those names and attach the letter of approval to National Form #1. No new players can be recruited from the dropped high school. In the example above, the team would probably drop the Pleasant Grove High School and “grandfather” the single player since Team 3 recruits several players from the other schools.

Rule 4.F – Change of Address Rule, 4.F.1, 4.F.2 – This rule allows a player whose parents have moved and established a new permanent domicile to play for the nearest team. Enrollment of the school that player attended on March 31 shall be counted. The intent is clear: if the parents move and establish a new permanent domicile, the player is permitted to play for the team from the new location. The player’s eligibility is tied to his parent’s domicile, not to the player’s domicile, as is the case with many college and university players. Department baseball officials have been advised that temporary leases, short-term rentals and post office boxes are not permanent domiciles. Department baseball chairmen can request additional evidence as proof of this permanent change of domicile. Teams must seek permission from the department baseball chairman prior to placing the player on National Form #1.

Rule 4.G – Final Year of Eligibility, 4.G.1, 4.G.2 – Senior Legion Baseball players who have one year of eligibility remaining, whose parents move out of the team’s recruiting area, shall have an option of playing for the team nearest their parent’s new domicile or returning to their former team. This rule shall not apply to Junior Legion Baseball Teams.

1. The enrollment of the high school the player attends on March 31, 2014, shall be counted.
2. Written permission to play for their previous team must be obtained from the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on National Form #1.

Rule 4.H – Home School Player – Rule 4.H provides explanation as to enrollment that will be counted for home-schooled players. To ensure parity in the program, The American Legion requires the team to count the enrollment of the nearest public school. For example, Player C is home-schooled and wishes to play American Legion Baseball. Player C lives in the Northeast High School boundary. Team 3 will count the Northeast High School enrollment as well as the base school enrollment (East High School).

Rule 4.I – New Team Formation – Rule 4.I provides instructions when a new team is formed and a player's eligibility changes. For example, if a fourth team is started in the area and that team selects North High School as its base school, any player, whose domicile is closer to North High School shall be eligible to try out for Team 4. If a player is listed on the previous team, this rule permits those players a one-time option of deciding to try out for Team 4 or to continue their eligibility with previous team. The player needs to send a letter to the department baseball chairman informing the chairman of his final decision. This rule does not apply to existing teams that change their base school and only applies to players registered on 2013 existing teams.

Questions concerning any rule interpretations are to be directed either by the team manager or the head coach to the department baseball chairman.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



2014 Form #2

Player Agreement

Please PRINT or TYPE

PLAYER'S NAME

First, MI, Last (as it appears on driver license or birth certificate)

I certify that the information shown above regarding me is correct. I agree to devote my entire service as an American Legion Baseball (ALB) player this season to (team name). I agree to abide by all ALB rules and regulations. I agree to accept the sole, exclusive and final jurisdiction and authority of The American Legion National Appeals Board over any ruling(s), dispute(s), disagreement(s), or subject matter having to do with or having any impact or effect upon the ALB program, rules, tournaments, administration, or games. Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate in the ALB program and as a member of my ALB team.

I understand and acknowledge that the very nature of baseball has hazards that can cause serious injury and/or death. I assume all risks of injury and damage incident to my participation in ALB. I agree in the event of illness or injury during an ALB game or practice, I hereby give consent to the performance of such diagnostic, medical and/or surgical treatment as may be deemed medically necessary to assure my safety.

I irrevocably consent to, and authorize the ALB, its licensees, agents, successors and assigns, to use my name, likeness, and voice and to reproduce, distribute, display, and to prepare derivative works of any images or recordings of me taken, or in which I may be included, in conjunction with or without my name, made through any medium, for publicity, advertising, promotional or any other lawful purpose without compensation to me.

I have read ALB's Privacy Policy, Drug and Alcohol Policy, and Fan Conduct Policy (copies of which are available at www.legion.org/baseball/resources) and agree to be bound to the terms of each such policy.

In consideration of the privilege to participate in the ALB program, hereby release, discharge, relinquish, agree not to take legal action against, hold harmless, and indemnify The American Legion, its officers, agents, representatives, employees and officials, ALB sponsors, supervisors, participants, players, agents, coaches, managers and persons transporting me to and from ALB activities, from any claims, demand, actions, and cause of action of any sort, arising out of my participation in the ALB program, including but not limited to, (1) any injury or death sustained in connection with my participation in the ALB program, including but not limited to travel to and from program related activities, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause; and (2) any ruling(s), dispute(s), disagreement(s), or subject matter having to do with or having any impact or effect upon the ALB program, rules, tournaments, administration, or games. Except as otherwise provided above, I agree that any dispute arising out of this agreement shall be governed by the laws of Indiana, notwithstanding any conflicts of law principles. Any action relating to this agreement must be filed and maintained in a court in the state of Indiana, and users consent to exclusive jurisdiction and venue in such courts for such purpose.

Player's signature

Player's printed name

Last four digits of player's Social Security number

Date

I am a parent with legal custody or legal guardian of the above player and hereby consent and agree to the foregoing terms and provisions on the above player's behalf.

Parent's or legal guardian's signature

Parent's or legal guardian's printed name

Date

Relationship to player

Medical insurance & policy number for player

Family physician & phone number

Emergency contact person & phone number

Parent's phone number

**It is strongly recommended that this form be notarized. Most hospitals require consent form to be notarized.
Send copy to Department Baseball chairman. Team manager shall retain original.**

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



2014 Form #2 Continued

Please PRINT or TYPE

Player Information Sheet

Player's name (*first, middle, last*)

Parent's home address (*street address, city, state, ZIP*)

Parent's telephone number

High school attended

Year of graduation

School enrollment (*grades 10, 11, 12*)

Player's email address

Player's Birth Date

Primary position

Player's height

Player's weight

Bats

Throws

This form is available online at www.legion.org/baseball

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THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP

NOMINATION FORM

Diamond



**PHOTOGRAPH
REQUIRED**

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Any team manager or head coach of an American Legion (post – affiliated) team may nominate a player for consideration of this award. The scholarship application, letters of recommendation and certification form must be completed, postmarked and mailed to the department headquarters no later than **July 15, 2014**. Three letters of testimony must be attached to the nomination form.

Attach a one-page letter of recommendation from your:

- (1) Legion coach or team manager,
- (2) American Legion post commander or adjutant
- (3) Community leader, (i.e. teacher, minister, Scout leader, church leader, principal)

Each Department Baseball Committee will select an American Legion player who best meets the qualifications as the 2014 American Legion Baseball Scholarship winner. Each department winner will receive a \$500 scholarship from The American Legion.

DIAMOND SPORTS SPONSORSHIP

The Department Baseball scholarship winners shall be considered for The American Legion All Academic Team sponsored by Diamond Sports, the official baseball for American Legion National tournaments. Eight players selected by a scholarship selection committee at The American Legion World Series will receive an additional \$2,500 scholarship. A ninth player, selected as the most outstanding member of the All Academic Team, will be awarded an additional \$5,000 scholarship.

Scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships immediately upon graduation from an accredited high school. Scholarship winners must utilize the total award within eight (8) years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty.

The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student, provided it is state accredited and above the high school level.

The national treasurer of The American Legion will make disbursement from the scholarship fund jointly to the student and the school at the beginning of each semester.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Age: ____ DOB: _____
Day/Mo/Yr

Email address: _____

Phone # () _____

Eligibility Requirements

The player must:

- Attach a copy of his official high school transcript.
- Have graduated from high school.
- Be on 2014 roster (American Legion National Baseball Electronic registration form) been filed with National Headquarters.
- Be part of a team affiliated with an American Legion post.
- Have three letters of testimony attached to application.

DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Applicants should type or print all information.

Application and testimonial letters must be postmarked to the department headquarters no later than July 15, 2014.

Section A – High School Record

Note: Please attach a copy of your high school transcript.

Name of high school: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ In upper _____ % of class Number in class: _____

List activities in which you participated during high school. List awards, honors and recognition received. List any school or community organizations in which you have held membership. Also, list any other scholarships you have received.

Section B – College Plans

(1) What major do you plan to pursue when you enter college? Why?

(2) What college or university do you plan to attend? Why?

(3) Do you anticipate playing college baseball?

Section C – Career Interests

Describe what you see yourself doing 10 years from today. The scholarship committee realizes that in many cases, applicants will not have decided on career goals; however, complete this section to the best of your ability.

Section D – Community Participation Record

Briefly describe any community service activities in which you have been involved during your high school career. If community service required, explain why.

Section E – Family Information

Father's name and occupation: _____

Mother's name and occupation: _____

List brothers and/or sisters and their ages:

Family's adjusted gross income: _____

This scholarship is partially based upon need; therefore, the Adjusted Gross Income from Federal Income Tax form is necessary.

Describe any circumstances that may affect your family's ability to provide for your college education.

Section F – Letters of Recommendation and Testimony

Attached to this application must be three letters of testimony:

- 1) American Legion coach or team manager; 2) American Legion post commander or adjutant;
- 3) Community leader, school official or minister

Authorization

CERTIFICATION BY PLAYER

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. If selected, I will permit The American Legion to use my name, image and/or likeness for publicity.

SIGNATURE OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL PLAYER: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT'S CONSENT

We hereby certify that the information on this application pertains to our son/daughter. If our child is selected as a scholarship winner, we understand and agree and hereby grant permission to The American Legion to use our child's likeness and name in announcing and promoting this scholarship program.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT'S ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE & ZIP _____

POST COMMANDER

The above named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent The American Legion and has our recommendation.

SPONSORING POST # _____

POST ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE & ZIP _____

SIGNATURE OF POST COMMANDER: _____ PHONE # _____

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George Kell • 1983
Brooks Robinson • 1983
Don Drysdale • 1984
Harmon Killebrew • 1984
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Hoyt Wilhelm • 1985
Bobby Doerr • 1986

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