



The American Legion
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**Permanent American Legion Baseball
World Series Bid Information**

Since 1925, The American Legion has sponsored a youth baseball program (ages 15 to 19). For the past 83 years, The American Legion has hosted an annual World Series. Fifty-eight cities have hosted this event. It is the desire of The American Legion to seek a permanent host city beginning in 2011.

American Legion posts and communities interested in becoming the permanent host city are encouraged to bid. An initial contract for 2011 to 2014 will be issued to the successful community. The host community will be evaluated on an annual basis for three years. If, after three years, the review committee is satisfied with the success of the host, the contract may be extended for additional years.

The minimum annual bid for hosting The American Legion World Series shall be \$100,000.00 payable 30 days after the final game. A complete financial report of income and expenses must accompany the payment. The American Legion reserves the right to require an independent audit of the financial report at the host's expense.

American Legion posts and communities interested in bidding to become the host city must submit a bid package (along with nine copies) no later than February 1, 2010.

Financial bids shall be kept in confidence by the national office until they are reviewed by the National Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee.

Bid packages must include photos of the ballpark, grandstand, press box, practice field, dugouts, batting cages, hotels, and points of interest within the area.

Bid packages must include an endorsing resolution from the department executive committee and from the city council.

Timeline:

June 2009 to February 1, 2010 - World Series permanent site bids sought.

February 1, 2010 - Bid packages with 9 copies of each bid are due to the national office.

February 1 to February 28, 2010 – Bid packages reviewed by the national office. No more than six cities will be selected and invited to give presentations at the spring meetings of the National Executive Committee.

March 1 to April 15, 2010 – The inspection committee will tour the community and ballpark. Inspections will be coordinated with the department headquarters.

May 3, 2010 – Communities make presentations to the National Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee.

May 5, 2010 – The Americanism Commission makes recommendations to the National Executive Committee, whose decision is final.

The following information is required for the World Series bid package.

Ballpark

Name of the ballpark, street address and name of owner

- Field dimensions
 - Distance from HP to LF
 - Distance from HP to RF
 - Distance from HP to CF
 - Distance from HP to power alleys
 - Distance from HP to backstop
 - Distance from foul lines to fences
 - ✦ Dugout capacity / measurements
 - ✦ Are there phone lines from the dugout to the press box?
 - ✦ Are there water fountains in the dugout?
 - ✦ Is there a bat rack?
 - ✦ Is there a helmet rack?
 - ✦ Do dugouts have protective screens?
 - ✦ Is the bullpen area inside or outside playing area?
 - ✦ Are bullpens lit for night games?
 - What is the average infield candlepower?
 - What is the average outfield candlepower?
- What is the seating capacity of the grandstands?
- What is the seating capacity shaded by grandstand?
- What is the seating capacity not shaded by grandstand?
- What is the total seating capacity of the ballpark?
- Do you plan to erect additional seating? If yes, how many additional seats and type of seating?

- Does the ball park have seating for people with disabilities?
- Does the press box have accessibility to people with disabilities?
- Is there an adequate audio system for the press box and on field presentations?
Please describe:
- Does the park have a tarp that covers full infield area?
- Provide press box seating capacity / measurements:
- Does the press box have internet access? If yes, is it hardwired or wireless?
- Scoreboard functions and features include:
 - Guest and home scores by inning with up to 9 runs in each of nine innings:
 - Ball count to 3.
 - Strike count to 2.
 - Out count to 2.
 - Hit and error indicators.
- Does the scoreboard have message board capabilities?
- Does scoreboard have capability to list participating teams, cities, states? – example Pasco vs. Las Vegas or WA vs. NV
- Is the ballpark available rent free or is there a charge for use of those facilities?
- What improvements are planned for the ballpark in the short term and long term?
- Describe national staff office space at the ballpark:
- Describe security arrangements at the ballpark:
- Where is location of practice field? Provide name of owner and address of the practice field.
 - Does the practice field have protective screens for the pitcher and other players' safety if needed?
- Provide locations of batting practice cages.
 - Are the cages lit?
 - Are the cages covered for inclement weather?
- What is the availability of sports trainers for team use during tournament?

- What arrangement can be made for Emergency Medical Technician support and first aid stations at ballpark?
- Is there sufficient parking space at ballpark?
 - Cost of parking at field, if any?
- Are adequate electrical outlets available in proposed office space and the press box?
- Can modifications be made to the park to accommodate TV coverage – additional electrical power, camera pits, scaffolding?
- Is there accessibility to work in the facility after normal working hours?
- Is there availability of sufficient time for move-in (4 days prior to tournament) and move-out?
- Is there an exhibit hall or exhibit space available at or near the ballpark for vendors use / displays?
- Are there VIP seats / suites available for both local and national sponsors?

Transportation Information

- What is the nearest major airport? How far?
- What is the number of airline passenger seats in and out of the city daily?
- Please list the major airlines that fly in and out of your city.
- What is travel distance from the airport to the headquarters hotel?
- What modes of transportation exist from the airport to the hotels and at what cost?
 - Include airport shuttle and taxi costs.

Community – Please provide information about.

- Availability of local attractions and approximate cost
- Restaurants
- Shopping
- Recreation

- Tour opportunities available to our attendees
- Typical weather conditions during tournament time frame
- Appearance of city
- Safety of area
- Economic health of the community
- Availability of suppliers to support our tournament

Hotel Facilities and the Headquarters Hotel

- Are any group events or meetings scheduled before, during or after our tournament?
- Attractive, clean lobbies?
- Registration desk easy to find; ability to handle large check-in/out; efficient?
- Modern elevators in sufficient numbers?
- Hotel restaurant facilities available; hours of operation?
 - Is a complimentary breakfast provided?
- Availability of guest services, gift shops, banks, ATMs, drugstores?
- Comfortable clean sleeping rooms, furniture and bathroom conditions?
- Adequate lighting, closet space, smoke detectors, ironing boards, and hair dryers?
- Overall cleanliness of facilities?
- Restrooms and public telephones to support our numbers?
- Reputation of facility regarding union relations - “right to work state”?
- Rooms equipped for people with disabilities?
- Number and types of suites available to our group?
- Number of suites available at primary hotel and other hotels?
- Number of doubles and kings (we use approximately 75% doubles & 25% kings)
- Check in/check out procedures - early or late departure penalty?
- Refund policy for cancellations?
- Check cashing policies and types of credit cards accepted?
- Are there laundry facilities on the property?
 - If no - where is the nearest laundry facility?
- Availability of health club and or workout facilities?
- Vehicle parking space availability and cost if any?
- Are approximately 10 rooms available at HQ hotel one week prior to tournament?
- Are suites in the HQ hotel available one week prior to tournament?
- Provide emergency evacuation plan for hotel.

Banquet Support

- Size of banquet hall (600 to 1,000 seating).
- Quality and service.
- Diversity of menus.
- Estimated costs of meals. Include tax, gratuities, and projected price increases.
- Special reception room for head table and distinguished guest reception.

- Special reception room / holding area for teams.
- Cash bar policies. Bartender costs and minimum hours. Drink prices.
- Food and beverage pricing, guarantee policies, and numbers prepared beyond guarantee.
- Special services, table decorations, florists, dance floors, and tailored menus.
- Size of banquet rounds for eight or ten people.
- Large groups previously hosted by this property.

Community and Volunteer Support

- How many local volunteers do you anticipate helping at the World Series?
- Do you anticipate any special arrangements to wash team uniforms on a daily basis?
- Are there “sightseeing events” available to teams and fans?
- Is the hotel geographically remote or is there nearby a shopping mall for players use?
- What type of transportation will be provided by the host to the teams and fans attending the games?
- What type of transportation will be provided by the host for national staff needs?
- Is there a local college that can provide sports marketing intern(s) and journalism intern(s)?
- What other sports tournaments or events has the city hosted, and when?
- Is there a curfew at the ballpark or any ordinances which may inhibit late evening or early morning games?
- Describe the support American Legion will provide for this tournament.
- Describe the support American Legion Post provides local team.
- Describe community support provided by The American Legion for community projects and community events.
- Describe support of booster club or parent’s group’s involvement to the local American Legion team.
- **Tentative dates for 2011 to 2014 American Legion World Series shall be:**
 - August 12 to 16, 2011
 - August 17 to 21, 2012
 - August 16 to 20, 2013
 - August 15 to 19, 2014
- We have tentatively scheduled the final game on the 3rd Tuesday in August.

The annual national budget for The American Legion Baseball World Series typically exceeds \$175,000. The national office provides players transportation to the nearest airport or charter bus service. The national office also provides teams meals and hotel expenses. Players, coaches and staff are provided souvenir shirt and hat pin. The umpire crew and national staff appointed to work this tournament are provided a hotel room, meals and transportation expenses.

By establishing a permanent home for The American Legion World Series, it is the continual goal of the National Americanism Commission to host a quality tournament and provide a quality experience for teams, fans and volunteers. A permanent home for the World Series will allow The American Legion to increase attendance, improve public awareness, boost sponsorship, reduce expenses and enhance this marquee event for all involved.

Hosting an American Legion World Series has a very large economic impact for the community. In 1999, the Middletown, CT Chamber of Commerce study showed an economic impact of nearly 3 million dollars.

