American Legion Baseball Chairman’s Conference

New Chairman Orientation
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OPERATING STRUCTURES

National Headquarters

Department Headquarters

District (No Charter)

Department Baseball Committee

District Baseball Committee

American Legion Post

Post Commander

Post Baseball Chairperson

Team

Using Post in Name Only

Department Baseball Committee

Team Manager

Booster Club

Coach

Players
COMMUNICATIONS

1. Keep Department Commander and District Commanders informed

2. If you need assistance or expertise – ask to appoint a “consultant” or secretary or tournament director. Spell out their duties – they need to know their limits of authority.

3. Keep your Committee informed


5. Set up email address for coaches and send reminders on deadlines.
ASSOCIATION LAW

1. Individuals who act on behalf of organization are typically not subject to individual lawsuit.

2. Teams need to be incorporated – eliminate Mom and Pop teams (find non-profit organization to sponsor).

3. Avoid conflict of interest – get neutral body to make ruling.

4. Don’t be arbitrary or capricious.

5. Enforce all the rules consistently.
Forms are available to downloaded from the web – team/player forms – scholarship application – artwork – emblem sales memos.

* Forms #2, 76 & 77 must be kept on file with the state office – State Chairman can keep copy but state office needs to retain copy for three years.
DEPARTMENT BASEBALL RULES


2. Protests/Appeals procedures
   - how (in writing)
   - deadline (within 24 hours of game)
   - what rule is violated (rule 6.d – dual participation).

3. Set DEPARTMENT registration fee

4. Set tournament play – Be specific (schedule & pairings)

5. Host teams at district and/or state tournaments are mandated to participate until eliminated from competition

5. Online registration deadlines

6. Include key baseball personnel contact information
PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. American Legion Baseball is a competitive baseball program and is NOT a Parks and Recreation program. However, our transfer rule allows for players an opportunity

2. Play for nearest team – high school attend or team nearest parent’s legal domicile
   - By law only 1 legal domicile – where do parents pay taxes; where do they vote
   - Temporary guardianship does not apply unless a court having jurisdiction over the matter.
   - Emancipated players are required to for the team nearest their parent’s domicile or the team for which they last played.

3. Graduated Student rule – Enrollment cap of 5,000 – Base School
UNDERSTANDING “PLAN A”

1. Number of teams is determined by total school enrollment (10, 11, 12) divided by 5,000
   - Locate all the school
   - Determine school enrollments
   - Divide Territory by number of mandated zones

2. A zone or territory determined and map approved by both Department and National

3. Team select players based on parent’s domicile (ELIMINATES RECRUITING)

4. Waivers approved only if both zones are less than 5,000.

5. Location of domicile determines players eligibility under Plan A or Plan B
UNDERSTANDING “PLAN B”

1. Base School must be approved by baseball committee. No changes without strong reason.

2. Play for nearest Base School team.

3. Must count high school enrollment for all students in 10th, 11th, 12th grade.

4. Emancipated college players must return home to former team (count former HS enrollment).

5. Parent’s domicile is final determining factor.

6. Must be in USA legally – (green card).

7. Outside sponsorship okay if approved by Department. (mandate 501(3)(c) corporations.)
OPTION RULE – 4.C.

1. Players attending a high school (including freshmen) outside a team’s recruiting area, may have the annual option of playing for the team nearest parent’s legal domicile OR playing for the team nearest the high school the player attends.

2. Player must complete National Declaration Form #77 and the team manager must forward the Form #77 to the department baseball chairman prior to listing on the National Form #1.

3. STATE OFFICE TO MAINTAIN ALL PAPERWORK – FORMS – TRANSFERS - ETC
TRANSFER RULE – 4.D.

A player released from a team must obtain permission on National Transfer Form #76 from that team’s manager to play for the team that is closest to his parents’ 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 to the new team manager, which must be forwarded to the authorized Department Baseball Official for approval, prior to listing the player on the Form #1. All transfers shall be for one year and one year only.

CLARIFICATION - Players who try-out for and fails to make the nearest team can request a transfer to the second closest team to their parents’ domicile. If cut again, that player may try-out until which time he is able to play on a team. The enrollment of the high school a player attends on March 31, shall be counted.

**NOTE - A waiver across state lines requires both chairmen's approval.**
Each Department is assigned their own online registration account to manage department dates, fees, forms, team registration, insurance and rosters.

Logins have already been established, can reset your password this weekend if needed.

Additional options – invitational tournaments, find a team, links