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SENIOR AND JUNIOR

Baseball Rules Manual

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PREFACE

American Legion Baseball is the finest summer baseball program for high school students in Ohio and the nation today.

American Legion Baseball serves as the largest pipeline of talent to the major leagues of any youth baseball program. In 2017, over 55% of all players on the 30 major league rosters played American Legion Baseball.

Sixty-three (63) former American Legion Baseball players are enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

2019 marks the 94th year for American Legion Baseball, an enviable anniversary in any field. For these past 94 years American Legion Baseball has strived to maintain the reputation as the highest regarded youth baseball program in the nation.

Ohio American Legion Baseball (Ohio ALBB) operates under the authority of the National Organization of The American Legion and abides by all rules established in the American Legion Baseball 2019 Rule Book, published by the National Organization of The American Legion. For recruiting purposes, Ohio ALBB will implement National Rule 4: Player Recruiting Plan B.

The Ohio American Legion Baseball Commission created this manual to outline the procedures for American Legion Baseball in Ohio for both Senior and Junior teams established by the State Baseball Commission. Unless specified in this manual, all rules of the American Legion Baseball 2019 Rule Book, published by the National Organization of The American Legion, are to be used in regular and post-season play.

Failure to operate a Senior or Junior American Legion team in accordance with the National rules and the procedures in this manual may result in the following actions:

A) A TEAM COULD BE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING
B) A TEAM COULD FORFEIT GAMES
C) THE ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS COULD BE JEOPARDIZED
D) A TEAM COULD LOSE PLAYERS DUE TO RULE INFRACTIONS

American Legion Baseball rules and procedures are designed to protect teams, players, sponsoring American Legion Posts, managers, coaches, and the Department of Ohio.

NOTE: Information in this Manual applies to both Senior and Junior teams unless where specifically noted.

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Questions regarding interpretations of rules or procedures MUST be directed to the DISTRICT CHAIRMAN and/or REGION COMMISSIONER before being considered by the Department Baseball Commission

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 1 http://baseball.legion.org/ opens for registration and background check application. S**ee (ENTERING A TEAM INTO AMERICAN LEGION COMPETITION [Pages 15 -16]**
& Background Checks [Page 9])

FEBRUARY 10 Baseball Rules Meeting. S**ee (Special Attention - PAGE 13)**

MARCH 31 Deadline to establish player's legal residence and school enrollment figures.

MAY 1 Deadline for teams to register at http://baseball.legion.org/ .

MAY 15 No tryouts or practice with players unless registration and insurance have been paid.

MAY 15 DEADLINE TO PAY FEES AND PURCHASE INSURANCE on http://baseball.legion.org/. BY MIDNIGHT. Late fee of $200.00 will be charged until June 1st. See (How to Register a team on-line – Page 19). **Managers and/or coaches must have background checks approved by the baseball chairman.**

JUNE 1 Last day for team registration, purchase of insurance, payment of fees, and background check application. At least 12 players should be entered to the online roster in draft form.

JUNE 5 Deadline to submit Player Transfer Form 76 & Team Declaration Form 77 to District Chairman. All requests must be approved by District Chairman and Region Commissioner. All teams should post a preliminary Online Team Roster at http://baseball.legion.org.

JUNE 15 Official Online Team Rosters completed on http://baseball.legion.org **. NO PLAYERS MAY BE ADDED AFTER THIS DATE.** "Team Packet" must be in possession of District Chairman by MIDNIGHT. Packet includes Printout of Official Online Team Roster, copies of insurance certificates, copies of all Player Agreement/Information Sheets (Form #2's) and copies of Proof of Age. For all Dual Roster players, please make duplicate copies of Form 2 & Proof of Age, one for the Senior Team Packet and one for the Junior Team Packet.

JUNE 25 DISTRICT CHAIRMAN informs Region Commissioner by MIDNIGHT of receipt of the "Team Packet" from each team in the district. DISTRICT CHAIRMAN informs Region Commissioner each team's roster has been checked and roster submitted.

JULY 1 DISTRICT CHAIRMAN mails/emails one copy of District Rules to Region Commissioner and one copy to Department Headquarters.

JULY 5 REGION COMMISSIONER informs Department Headquarters by MIDNIGHT each District Chairman has received the "Team Packet" from each team in their district. REGION COMMISSIONER informs Department Headquarters each team's roster has been submitted and recommends any corrections. Headquarters will provide copies to Department Baseball Chairman.

JULY 11-14 Junior State Tournament: Beavers Field, Lancaster, Ohio

JULY 24 Senior Region Champions must be determined by this date.

JULY 24 Certification of Ohio Region Champions to Department Headquarters by District Chairmen. “Team Packet” of Region Championship Team must be in Department Headquarters via EXPRESS MAIL

JULY 30 Senior Banquet, Crossroads Center 2095 W Fair Ave, Lancaster OH 43130. 6:00PM

JULY 30 Senior Region Champions arrive at the State Tournament site per schedule set by the Department Baseball Commission.

JULY 31- AUGUST 4 Senior State Tournament: Beavers Field, Lancaster, Ohio

AUGUST 7-11 National Regional Tournament: Charleston, Illinois

AUGUST 15-20 American Legion Baseball World Series: Shelby, North Carolina

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DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTION

1. Ohio American Legion Baseball is divided into 14 geographic Districts, whose boundaries are the same as the District boundaries of the American Legion Department of Ohio.

2. Ohio American Legion Baseball is supervised by a DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMISSION, eight (8) members appointed annually by the Department Commander. One member, appointed by the Department Commander, serves as Commission (State) Chairman.

3. **The Department Baseball Commission may prescribe Department Rules more restrictive than National American Legion Baseball Rules.**

4. For State Senior Tournament purposes, eight (8) geographic Baseball REGIONS are established within the Ohio Department with the members of the Department Baseball Commission serving as REGION COMMISSIONERS. **See (Map……Page 6).**

5. The REGION COMMISSIONERS have responsibility to coordinate paperwork and resolve local problems before the matter comes before the full Baseball Commission.

6. The Region Commissioner acting through the District Chairman, may call meetings of the Team Managers, and Coaches to clarify playing rules, eligibility, base schools, etc.

7. District Chairmen in each region will notify the Region Commissioner of time and place of any District meetings.

The Department Baseball Commission serving as Region Commissioners are as follows:

REGION 1: District 1	Richard Beeker
REGION 2: District 2 & 3	Charles Morris
REGION 3: Districts 5, 13 & 14	Ted Sturzinger
REGION 4: District 6 & 12	Steve Shamhart
REGION 5 & 6: Districts 4, 7 & 8	Phil Lightfoot
REGION 7: District 9 & 10	Howard Frase
REGION 8: District 11	Jack Hill

A map outlining the Districts and Regions for American Legion Baseball will be found on the next page. The addresses and telephone numbers of the Department Baseball Commission will be found on page 4. *In an effort to equalize the number of teams in each Region, the State Commission may move certain teams out of their geographic Regions.*

SPECIAL ATTENTION: By action of the American Legion National Americanism Commission, The Department of Ohio Baseball Commission has the power to disqualify or suspend anyone violating Department or National Baseball Regulations.

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Note: District 9 now falls under Region 7.

REGION AND DISTRICT BOUNDERIES.

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REGION 1:	**District 1**	**Richard Beeker**
REGION 2:	**Districts 2, 3**	**Charles Morris**
REGION 3:	**Districts 5, 13, 14**	**Ted Sturzinger**
REGION 4:	**Districts 6, 12**	**Steve Shamhart**
REGION 5 & 6:	**Districts 4, 7, 8**	**Phil Lightfoot**
REGION 7:	**Districts 9, 10**	**Howard Frase**
REGION 8:	**District 11**	**Jack Hill**

GENERAL INFORMATION

PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL IS BY INVITATION OF THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION. IF A PLAYER OR AMERICAN LEGION POST FEELS THEY CANNOT OPERATE WITHIN THE RULES OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, THEY ARE ENCOURGED TO SEEK PARTICIPATION IN ANOTHER YOUTH BASEBALL PROGRAM.

For full explanation of all National Baseball Rules go to: AmericanLegionNational Baseball.org Click on Resources

1. **Click on American Legion Baseball Rules**

2. Ohio American Legion Baseball is played under current official Major League Baseball Rules, Rules set by the Ohio American Legion Baseball Commission and Rules set by the American Legion National Headquarters. **NOTE: THE DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMISSION MAY PRESCRIBE DEPARTMENT RULES MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES.**

3. **To play Senior American Legion Baseball** for 2019 AMATEUR PLAYERS must be born on or after JANUARY 1, 2000. Any player born before JANUARY 1, 2000, is not eligible for the 2019 Senior season.

4. **To play Junior American Legion Baseball** for 2019 AMATEUR PLAYERS must be born on or after JANUARY 1, 2002. Any player born before January 1, 2002 is not eligible for the 2019 Junior season. Players (age 12 & under) born in 2007 & after are not eligible to play ALBB.

5. Team managers and coaches may or may not be members of the American Legion. **THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF ANY AMERICAN LEGION TEAM BELONGS TO THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST THROUGH THE POST COMMANDER.**

6. INSURANCE - MUST BE OBTAINED BY MAY 15TH

7. The Department of Ohio is governed for recruiting purposes by American Legion Player Recruitment Rules, PLAN "B", **National Rule 4.**

8. Teams not submitting the Online Team Roster on the National website by June 15th are ineligible to participate in Department competition.

9. NATIONAL FORM #2 **National Rule 6-C***
   See (PREPARATION OF THE PLAYER AGREEMENT ……..PAGE 25-28)

10. The parent or guardian of every player must complete Form #2 PARENT'S CONSENT AND RELEASE.
    See (PREPARATION OF THE PLAYER AGREEMENT ……PAGE 25-28)

11. BATPERSONS: Any batperson must have the bottom portion of Player Agreement completed by a parent or guardian.
    See (PREPARATION OF THE PLAYER AGREEMENT ……PAGE 25-28)

*#9-#11 refer to the Ohio Rulebook

BACKGROUND CHECKS

To protect American Legion Baseball players, Team management, sponsoring American Legion Posts, and meet requirements of insurance companies writing Baseball coverage, the National American Legion Headquarters has mandated ALL Junior and Senior Team Managers and Coaches MUST HAVE a **Background Check** applied for and completed prior to any meetings, events, practices, or games.

The Background Check to be conducted will be the: **National Criminal/Sex Offender database search**

The American Legion has the utmost trust and confidence in the volunteers who are the heart of American Legion Baseball. However, organizations entrusted with the welfare and safety of young people must engage reasonable means necessary to protect all parties as well as mitigate overall risk and liability to the organization and those participating.

The American Legion National Headquarters has secured the services of the following company to conduct ALL background checks for American Legion Baseball:

Priority Research Services Inc., DBA "Protect Youth Sports", Tampa, Florida.

Individuals who have had a previous Background check for purpose of employment, security clearance, Concealed Carry, etc. are required to have a separate Background Check completed thru "Protect Youth Sports" to participate in American Legion Baseball.

Payment for the Background Check will be the responsibility of the individual applying and must be paid for on-line by Credit card at a cost of eight ($8) dollars plus a $1.25 Credit Card processing fee at time at the time the Background Check is applied for.

The Department of Ohio receives NO MONIES from Protect Youth Sports or the American Legion National Headquarters receives no monies from this project.

Teams will be allowed to make on-line entry thru the National Baseball website, but a Team Manager will not be permitted to build a roster or do any other on-line processing until certified by Protect Youth Sports and the Ohio American Legion that background checks have been applied for on that team's Manager, Coach, or other volunteer(s).

Any Team Manager, Coach, or other volunteer who refuses to submit for a Background Check, **WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the Ohio American Legion Baseball program until such time as a Background Check is applied for.**

"Other volunteer" applies to any individual in the dugout for that team and in close proximity with the players during the season.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A BACKGROUND CHECK:

GO TO THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL WEBSITE: www.legionbaseball.org

1. CLICK ON: Resources
2. CLICK ON: American Legion Background check application form.
3. Follow the instructions on the "Protect Youth Sports" application and when complete hit "submit"

Please plan ahead. Background Check results from "Protect Youth Sports" can take from 24 to 72 hours to be generated to the Ohio American Legion. Any individual rejected for American Legion Baseball as the result of the Background Check will be so notified by the Ohio American Legion and advised of further

steps to take thru “Protect Youth Sports” for an explanation of or challenge to the findings.

Team Managers and Coaches are encouraged to protect themselves, their players, and the sponsoring American Legion Post by downloading and reading the National American Legion **“Risk Management Policies Manual for American Legion Baseball”.**

The Risk Management Manual may be downloaded at:
http://www.legion.org/baseball/resources **o**r **http://www.legion.org/publications**

Questions or comments on the Background check process may be directed to pmdirector@ohiolegion.com or by phone at 740-362-7478.

You must be associated with an Ohio American Legion Senior or Junior team as an adult team manager or coach on the roster to make application for a background check.

No background check applications will be accepted after September 1st.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTION

A. For regular season play, Ohio American Legion Baseball is divided into 14 geographic Districts, whose boundaries are the District boundaries of the American Legion Department of Ohio.

B. Senior & Junior regular season play in a District is under the supervision of a DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN appointed annually by the District Commander.

C. Each District MUST have a *District Baseball Commission*, appointed annually by the District Commander, comprised of the District Commander, District Baseball Chairman and at least one other Legionnaire appointed by the District Commander. The District Americanism Chairman may serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Commission. Sons of The American Legion (SAL) members are not permitted to be appointed as District Baseball Chairmen. However, SAL members may serve as Assistant Chairmen in order to help with many of the duties of the Chairman.

D. District Commanders shall appoint the District Baseball Commission prior to SEPTEMBER 1 of each year and certify their names, addresses and phone numbers to Department Headquarters no later than September 10 of each year.

DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMEN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO COACH OR MANAGE ANY SENIOR OR JUNIOR TEAM CERTIFIED FOR AMERICAN LEGION COMPETITION UNLESS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMISSION.

E. The District Baseball Commission shall set the final registration date within the District to be no later than June 15. On or before June 25 the District Baseball Chairman will inform the Region Commissioner that each team roster has been submitted and checked.

E. All District Chairmen, working in conjunction with their Region Commissioner, are charged with setting a schedule of play which will determine a Senior Region tournament champion. **All Ohio Senior Region champions must be determined no later than July 24, 2019.**

F. The District Chairmen, working in conjunction with their Region Commissioner, will establish rules for Senior Region Tournament play. A copy of these rules shall be forwarded to the Region Commissioner and the Department Americanism Director before the start of play within the District.

G. **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN MAY DECLARE ALL OR PART OF THAT DISTRICT CLOSED TO OUTSIDE RECRUITING.** All closures must be in writing and approved by the Region Commissioner by May 15th with a copy provided to Department Headquarters.

H. A copy of the Rules for District/Region play shall be filed annually with the Region Commissioner and the Department Baseball Commission by July 1.

I. The Region Commissioner may, through the District Chairmen, call a meeting with the District Chairman and Team Managers to clarify playing rules, eligibility, base schools, etc.

J. The District Chairman will notify the Region Commissioner of the time and place of any District Baseball meeting. **SEE (DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMISSION, PAGE 4)**

K. The Senior Region tournament play is under the supervision of the Region Commissioner, working in conjunction with the District chairman.

GUIDELINES FOR DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMEN

1. Each Senior & Junior team playing in a District shall provide to the District Chairman a "Team Packet", which will include a Printout of the Team Roster, copies of each player's proof of age, copies of the Form #2 for each player and copies of the **ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY INSURANCE CERTIFICATES**. For all Dual Roster players, please make duplicate copies of From 2 & Proof of Age, one for the Senior Team Packet and one for the Junior Team Packet.

2. *As proof of age, Ohio ALBB will only accept a state-issued driver's license or a state-issued ID for Senior team members. Junior team members may use birth certificates as proof of age only when the player does not have a state-issued driver's license or a state-issued ID.*

3. A meeting of all managers within a District should be held by the District Chairman to review Department and District Rules, Driver's Licenses, birth certificates, challenges on players' eligibility or school enrollments. Schedules of play should be resolved. The "MERCY RULE" and pitching rules should be reviewed at this meeting.
See (RULES FOR DISTRICT/REGION TOURNAMENTS……PAGE 32-33)

3. District rules must be on file with the Region Commissioner and Department Headquarters. If not on file, ONLY STATE AND NATIONAL RULES will be the basis of any ruling rendered.

4. The DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN is responsible to see that each team completes the following:
   a) Registration on the National website and payment of $600.00 (Senior) or $500.00 (Junior) via credit or debit card. **See (ENTERING A TEAM INTO AMERICAN LEGION COMPETITION - PAGE 16)**

   b) All players' names entered on the on-line Team Roster are listed exactly the way the name appears on the individual's Proof of Age.

   c) The Proof of Age is a State authorized document, United States government authorized document or other authorized documents acceptable for American Legion Baseball. Birth Certificates must be a properly certified copy (i.e. bearing the seal of the proper certifying official). XEROX OR NOTARIZED COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. **See (PROOF OF AGE / BIRTH CERTIFICATES...page 29)**

   d) School enrollments, as of March 31, are verified through **www.high-schools.com** .

   e) Printout of the on-line Team Roster must be in the possession of **the District Chairman by Midnight, June 15th.**

   f) The DISTRICT CHAIRMAN will inform that Region Commissioner of receipt of copies of insurance certificates, copies of Form #2's and copies of Proof of Age from each team in the district. The DISTRICT CHAIRMAN will also inform the Region Commissioner that each team's roster has been checked and that roster has been submitted by **Midnight of June 25th.**

   g) The REGION COMMISSIONER will inform Department Headquarters that each team's roster has been submitted and recommend any corrections **by Midnight, July 5th**.

   h) Changes in school combinations must be approved in writing by the District Chairmen and forwarded to the **Region Commissioner by June 15th and to Department Headquarters by midnight July 5th.**

5. Copies of Region Tournament pairings and schedule of play should be provided to the Region Commissioner and Department Headquarters prior to the start of the Region tournament.

6. Protests or rules decisions must be ruled on by the District Baseball Commission. Any decision, suspension, etc. must be filed with the Region Commissioner and Department Headquarters within 24 hours after the District Commission takes its action.

See (APPEALS PROCESS…PAGE 43)
See (PROTESTS: REGULAR SEASON GAMES & DISTRICT/REGION TOURNAMENTS PAGE 32).

GUIDELINES FOR TEAM MANAGERS, COACHES AND POST OFFICERS

1. The purpose of American Legion Baseball is to develop good sportsmanship, good citizenship and build character through a competitive program of quality youth baseball.

2. American Legion Baseball is designed to be played by young people in a community where an American Legion Post is located. Players from outside the community may be recruited within the prescribed rules.

3. ALL team managers, coaches, Legionnaires, and parents should set examples of positive leadership for the young people playing on the team.

4. a) It is the team manager's responsibility for recruiting and certifying all players, and filing all forms and Proof of Age with the District Chairmen by the deadline dates.
   b) It is the team manager's responsibility to ensure that background check applications are submitted on-line for themselves, all coaches, and other team volunteers who will have direct contact with players.
   c) It is the team manager's responsibility to purchase Insurance and Pay Fees, $600.00 (Senior team) or $500.00 (Junior team) online, to National Headquarters by the deadline date of **MAY 15**.
   b) Changes in school combinations by a team must be approved by the District Chairman and the Region Commissioner by JUNE 15th and Department Headquarters by JULY 5th.
   c) All player names must be entered on the on-line Team Roster exactly as the name appears on the individual's Proof of Age.
   d) The player's signature on the Player Release Agreement Form #2 shall be signed with full first, middle, and last name that appears on the individual's Proof of Age.
   e) If a Birth Certificate is used as a Proof of Age, the Certificate must be the original, or a properly certified copy, bearing the seal and signature of the proper certifying official.

   XEROX OR NOTARIZED COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

   See (PROOF OF AGE / BIRTH CERTIFICATES, page 29).

   f) School enrollments, as of March 31st, must be verified through www.high-schools.com . **See (Obtaining High School Enrollments – Page 24)**

   g) The Team Roster must be submitted and a hard copy in the possession of the District Chairman by MIDNIGHT, JUNE 15th.

   h) IMPORTANT – A copy of the team's policy certificates for the Accident and Liability Insurance MUST BE included as part of the Team Packet to the District Chairman.

   i) Every player listed on the Team Roster must properly fill out and sign a Player Indemnification Release Agreement Form #2. A parent or guardian shall also complete the form. **All signatures must be in ink and be notarized.**

   The bottom portion of the Form #2 must be properly filled out by the parent or guardian of any batperson. **All signatures must be in ink and be notarized.**

   j) Familiarize yourself with the Department Rules. Ignorance of the rules is no excuse and will only create problems for everyone involved.

5. A copy of a team's schedule must be given to the District Chairman,

6. Insist upon a Team Managers meeting of all teams in the District by the District Chairman prior to the opening of the season, to check the eligibility of any players.

If there are any questions, contact the District Chairman. If the District Chairman is not available and the need is urgent, contact the Region Commissioner

NOTE: THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF ANY AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM RESTS WITH THE SPONSORING POST THROUGH THE TEAM MANAGER AND/OR THE POST COMMANDER.

Attention is directed to the following sections of this manual:

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PREPARING THE PLAYER AGREEMENT…….. PAGE 25

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SPECIAL ATTENTION
ALL SENIOR/JUNIOR DISTRICT CHAIRMEN AND SENIOR/JUNIOR TEAM MANAGERS

SPECIAL OHIO BASEBALL RULE

Senior/Junior District Chairmen are required, and Senior/Junior Team Managers are highly recommended, to attend an Annual Department Baseball Rules Winter meeting.

THIS DEPARTMENT RULES MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL SENIOR/JUNIOR OHIO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL CHAIRMEN. In the event that a District Chairman cannot attend this meeting, a designated replacement is encouraged.

FAILURE of a District Chairman or a designated replacement to attend this Rules Meeting may be cause for DISQUALIFICATION of that District for representation in the Department Baseball Tournament.

THIS DEPARTMENT RULES MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL OHIO AMERICAN LEGION SENIOR OR JUNIOR BASEBALL TEAM MANAGERS.

Team Managers or designated team representatives for every American Legion Baseball Team in the Department of Ohio are urged to attend this meeting.

CONDUCT

1. Any Team Manager, Coach, Player or any Party associated with an American Legion Team, who while participating in any American Legion Baseball competition conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner which discredits this program shall be removed from further competition.

ANY PLAYER, COACH, MANAGER, OR OTHER PARTY ASSOCIATED WITH AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL VIOLATING THE FOLLOWING CONDUCT REGULATIONS SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY EJECTED FROM THE GAME BY THE UMPIRE.

No player, Coach, Team Manager, or any other Party associated with an American Legion Baseball Team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players, team officials or Umpires.

Use profane language in any manner.

Make unnecessary or obscene gestures in protesting an umpire's decision.

Throw bats, helmets, or other equipment,

Make unnecessary or obscene gestures to umpires, fans or opposing players.
Resort to unnecessary roughness on the playing field.

Make physical contact with any umpire or American Legion Official in any manner. **In such cases, such individuals may receive a Lifetime suspension from American Legion Baseball and could be subject to arrest.**

2. Any Player, Coach, Team Manager, or any other Party ejected by an Umpire must leave the ballpark.

3. During the Department Senior or Junior Baseball Tournament, any Player, Coach, or Team Manager ejected from a game by the umpire must meet that day with the Department Baseball Commission members present at the tournament or the Tournament Director and may not participate in any further tournament games at the Department Tournament until this meeting has been held.

THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE BASEBALL COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE TOURNAMENT OR THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IN SUCH CASES IS FINAL.

4. All parties traveling with American Legion Baseball Teams are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.

5. Any party causing unnecessary disturbances and not abiding by the Rules will be asked to leave the site where the game is being played or the game may be forfeited. Should a Team Manager or Coach withdraw their team from the field before completion of that game, this action must be reported to the Department Americanism Office. The Home Team management is responsible for submitting, in writing, the details of any violations of conduct rules and acquiring a statement from the umpires within 24 hours of any incident.

6. Artificial noisemakers are prohibited at all American Legion Baseball games. A first warning will be issued to any fan operating an artificial noisemaker to cease. A second warning will be cause for removal from the stands.

American Legion Baseball is a game designed to provide the young men who play a positive atmosphere where they can learn good sportsmanship in a spirit of competition. As an adult, LEAD THE WAY by positive example for these players.

ENTERING A TEAM INTO AMERICAN LEGION COMPETITION

POST PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OHIO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL PROGRAM IS BY INVITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE MAY BE REVOKED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF OHIO AT ANY TIME.

1. THE TEAM MANAGER, COACHES, AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH PLAYERS MUST SUBMIT AN ON-LINE BACKGROUND CHECK APPLICATION. THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND REVIEWED BY THE PROPER DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS BEFORE FURTHER PROCCESSING OF THE TEAM ENTRY IS ALLOWED. **SEE (BACKGROUND CHECKS…. PAGES 9-10).**

2. Each Senior or Junior team participating in the Ohio American Legion Baseball Program will be required to pay, VIA Debit or Credit Card, an online National Baseball Entry fee of $600.00 (Senior teams) or $500.00 (Junior teams) through the Official National Headquarters website. **A late fee of $200.00 will be automatically assessed to any team entering a team after May 15th. Any team not paid by June 1st is ineligible to complete in regular season or post season tournament play.**

   Once a team has registered online, the registration must be approved by Department Officials. The team manager of each team will receive notice via e-mail from the Department if the team entry has been approved or disapproved. Upon approval a team can purchase Insurance and pay all entry fees.

   After all entry fees are paid, then and only then will a team be certified to play in any Ohio American Legion Baseball League, District, Region, or Department competition.

   Upon approval of registration by Department Officials, the Player Release Agreement Form 2, Player Transfer Form 76, and Team Declaration Form 77 may be downloaded from The Ohio American Legion web-site.

3. Each team must complete a Team Roster on the National website.

   See (BUILDING THE ONLINE TEAM ROSTER ……...PAGE 22)

   Each team must prepare a Player Agreement/Information Form 2 for every player listed on the Online Team Roster.

   See (PREPARATION OF THE PLAYER AGREEMENT ……. PAGE 25)

   Each team must provide state authorized proof of age or birth certificates for each player entered on the Online Team Roster.

   See (PROOF OF AGE / BIRTH CERTIFICATES …….……. PAGE 29)

   Each team must include a copy of the policy certificates for the Accident and Liability Insurance in the "Team Packet" to the District Chairman.

   See (INSURANCE...……...PAGES 17-18)

5. No more than 18 players may be certified on the official Team Roster. This is a playing regulation and insurance regulation. American Legion Baseball Insurance coverage will cover only the 18 players (or less) entered on the Online Team Roster.

6. **The "Team Packet" to the District Chairman, which includes a Printout of the Online Team Roster, a Player Agreement/Information Sheet for every player on the roster, COPIES OF Proof of Age for every player and copies of the Accident and Liability Insurance policy certificates, must be in the hands of the DistrictBaseball Chairman no later than MIDNIGHT, JUNE 15th, for the purpose of checking eligibility.**

7. It is the responsibility of the District Baseball Commission to certify all Proof of Age documents or birth certificates and enrollment figures of each team in their respective Districts.

ENTERING A TEAM INTO AMERICAN LEGION COMPETITION (cont.)

8. **The District Chairman** shall inform the **Region Commissioner** by MIDNIGHT of June 25th of receipt of copies of insurance certificates, copies of Player Agreement/Information Sheets and copies of Proof of Age/original Birth Certificates from each team in the district. The District Chairman also informs the Region Commissioner that each team's Online Team Roster has been submitted and checked.

9. **The Region Commissioner** will inform Department Headquarters by MIDNIGHT of July 5th that each District Chairman has received copies of insurance certificates, copies of Player Agreement/Information Sheets and copies of Proof of Age/original Birth Certificates from each team in their district. The Region Commissioner will also inform Department Headquarters that each team's Online Roster has been submitted and recommend any corrections.

10. Copies of the Player Agreement/Information Form 2's and copies of Proof of Age or Birth Certificates of all Senior Teams will be retained by the District Chairmen. Birth Certificates of Senior players will be returned to the team manager after the team is eliminated from Region or State competition. Birth Certificates of Junior players will be returned to the team manager after the team is eliminated from the Junior State Tournament. If no longer needed, the team manager should destroy copies of Proof of Age by shredding.

11. The copies of the Player Agreement/Information Form 2's, birth certificates and Insurance Certificates of the Senior District/Area winner will be forwarded by the Region Chairman to Department Headquarters via Express Mail within 24 hours after the completion of the Region Championship game.

12. Each team will have a printed hard copy of the Online Team Roster available at all times for checking by any other team. The team official should also have the Player Agreement/Information Form 2's for every player and batperson as well as the team's insurance policies available at any practice or game (including claim forms).

INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

American Legion Teams must protect the Post members, Managers, Coaches, Ball players and fans from financial jeopardy should a serious accident or injury happen on or off the playing field around an American Legion game. If a team does not, the finances of everyone associated with a team could be jeopardized.

DO NOT THINK THAT YOU, AS A MANAGER, AND YOUR TEAM ARE ABOVE THE POSSIBILITY OF A COSTLY LAWSUIT…….It can happen to any team.

EXAMPLE - In North Carolina, a player slid and broke his neck becoming a Quadriplegic. Without proper insurance coverage, which was in force, everyone from the Manager to the Post members could have been named for damages in a lawsuit filed by the player's family. Proper insurance coverage paid the medical bills of this injured player and the legal fees of the American Legion Post.

EXAMPLE - In New York, a mishap occurred which nearly cost a batperson their life. Medical costs (legal costs excluded) exceeded $500,000, which was paid by the approved American Legion insurance carrier.

BE PREPARED ! ! ! The American Legion National Headquarters has mandated that American Legion Baseball teams have adequate Accident and Liability Insurance coverage and further mandates the insurance be purchased online through the American Legion Agent of Record; S. A. Van Dyk, Company, Oakbrook, Illinois thru the Sentry Insurance Company and K&K Insurance. Teams are prohibited from purchasing insurance from any other Agent.

These coverage limits are: **$2,000,000 GENERAL LIABILITY**, including participant and spectator; and **$100,000 EXCESS ACCIDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE** with $25,000 accidental and dismemberment.

THIS COVERAGE IS NOT AN OPTION. If a team has not purchased the required insurance coverage, that team WILL NOT be allowed to play American Legion Baseball. On this matter, there is no appeal.

A major portion of the National Senior or Junior entry fee purchases the required General Liability and Accident Insurance for each team. Insurance coverage for a team starts immediately upon credit/debit card online payment of the insurance premiums.

INSURANCE AND LIABILITY (cont.)

Each Team Manager will receive the official policies, insurance instructions and claim forms directly from the insurance company. **EVERY AMERICAN LEGION TEAM MUST HAVE INSURANCE COVERAGE IN EFFECT PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF TRY-OUTS OR PRACTICE, WHICH EVER COMES FIRST.**

During the try-out period, ALL PLAYERS ARE COVERED. However, once the regular season has begun, only the eighteen (18) players listed on the official team roster shall be covered.

DURING THE ENTIRE COVERAGE PERIOD, PROTECTION IS AFFORDED TO American Legion team managers, coaches, players, batpersons, athletic officers, and Post Commanders.

NOTE: THE COVERAGE OFFERED ON AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL IS ***EXCESS COVERAGE*** TO OTHER INSURANCE CARRIED BY PLAYERS AND THEIR PARENTS.

In the event that an incident occurs, the bills will be first submitted to the primary carrier and then to the American Legion Insurance carriers.

IMPORTANT - A WRITTEN **CLAIM REPORT** MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE S. A. VAN DYK INSURANCE COMPANY WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT OCCURS.

A copy of the policy certificates for the ACCIDENT and LIABILITY Insurance MUST BE included with the "Team Packet" when the packet is submitted to the District Chairman.

FURTHER PROTECTIONS:

To provide further protection for liability to an American Legion Team, suggestions for Field Announcements during a game, signs to be posted at the entrance to a ballpark, and a disclaimer to be printed on the back of tickets sold at an American Legion game will be found on the next page.

These statements have been prepared by the National Judge Advocate.

These warnings will not remove the potential of liability against an American Legion Baseball Team or an American Legion Post. However, use of these warnings will serve as liability protectors that the American Legion team tried to warn the public of potential hazards that could arise as a result of action on the playing field.

Fall Baseball – Any team participating in Fall Baseball, or holding tryouts in the Fall, must purchase a year-round policy, as opposed to the seasonal insurance policy.

POST INCORPORATION:

The Department Judge Advocate strongly urges every American Legion Post in the Department to incorporate thru the Ohio Secretary of State. This legal action protects the assets of individual members of that Post if possible litigation arises against that Post, in or out of American Legion Baseball.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE GIVEN AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE COURSE OF EACH GAME OVER THE PUBLIC-ADDRESS SYSTEM

The American Legion requests that you return any ball hit or thrown into the stands to_____. The spectator assumes all risks incidental to the game of baseball, including specifically (but not exclusively) the risk of being hit by bats or balls. Any bat thrown, or ball hit or thrown into the stands can be dangerous and spectators should be alert at all times to avoid being hit.

SUGGESTED SIGN TO BE PLACED ON EVERY GATE LEADING ONTO THE PLAYING FIELD

Attention: It can be dangerous on the playing field. All persons entering the playing field with or without the permission of The American Legion assume all risk of injury from thrown bats, thrown or batted balls and any other hazards.

SUGGESTED MESSAGE TO BE PRINTED ON BACK OF EACH TICKET SOLD

The holder of this ticket assumes all risk and danger incidental to the game of baseball whether occurring prior to, during or subsequent to the actual playing of the game, including specifically (but not exclusively) the danger of being injured by thrown bats and thrown or batted balls and agrees the participating clubs or their officials, agents, and players, are not liable for injuries resulting from such causes

HOW TO REGISTER A TEAM ON-LINE AND SUBMIT FEES

- Go to http://baseball.legion.org/

NEW AMERICAN LEGION TEAM

- New teams will need to click on "Create New Account".

  New teams will create Username and Password that is easy to remember.

  Until a new team manager sees "approved application" on the screen, a new team manager will only have access to "My Applications" and "Register Team".

  If a new team manager clicks on any of the other function tabs prior to the new team application being approved, the registration system will prompt to submit a team application.

RETURNING AMERICAN LEGION TEAM

- Returning teams will click "Sign In".
- Returning teams can edit, add, or delete last year's info, including your password
- For a returning team, the personal information entered on this screen should be the team administrator or manager.
- Whether you're a returning team or a new team each year is a new registration process, so please read over this instruction page before continuing. NOTE: managers, coaches, and other volunteers with a team will be required to pass background checks before the registration process can be completed.
- Also keep in mind National and Department deadline dates to purchase insurance and submit team rosters for approval.
- Once these instructions have been reviewed, click "Start Team Application".
- NOTE – Once a team has been selected, it will be removed from the pool of available teams.
- Whether a "New Team" or "Returning Team" you will need to complete the required fields and acknowledge the required background checks as team manager. This is a new step in the online registration process.
- Click "Submit this manager information and continue"
- To edit or remove a coach, click on their name and the system will allow you to make the necessary changes.
- You must click "submit this coach information" to save their information.

When you have entered your coaches and manager, click "I am finished with coaches – continue to sponsor"

- Similar to searching for your team information in Step 2. This allows you to search Post Sponsor by Post Number, Name or City.
- Complete the required fields (red asterisks *)
- Click "submit this sponsor information and continue"

The final step is to submit your application. REMINDER – your application cannot be approved until team manager and coaches have successfully completed the required background screening. Should a coach not complete or fail the background screening, the department baseball chairman will notify you of your options.

- My Applications is a new feature which allows a team manager to track where the team application is in the online process.

HOW TO REGISTER A TEAM ON-LINE AND SUBMIT FEES (CONT'D)

NOTE: Once a team, existing or new, is approved, there will be a running "Count Down" counter on that team's page on the National Baseball website showing the number of days that team has remaining to purchase insurance on-line and to complete the Form #1 Roster based on the Department's deadlines.

Once a team receives official e-mail notification by Department officials the team has been approved, the Manager MUST submit on-line via Debit or Credit card payment the following American Legion Baseball fees:

Insurance: All Junior and Senior teams are mandated by National Headquarters to carry Accident and Liability insurance which is purchased as part of a team's on-line entry fees thru the National Insurance carrier. **See (Insurance……. Pages 17-18.**

A team will purchase Junior team coverage or Senior team coverage, which will automatically be selected by the National website based on information provided on a team's Legion Baseball Application.

Insurance must be purchased and in place prior to a team's first day of practice or try-outs. Note: Unless a Junior or Senior team plans to play Fall Ball after the conclusion of all American Legion competition, insurance coverage purchased will be SEASONAL, not year-round. A team's insurance will be in force immediately after on-line payment is made.

National Registration /Administration Fees: A National baseball registration fee of $25.00 for all Junior teams and $50.00 for all Senior teams and a $10.00 administrative fee for all teams has been put in place by National Headquarters as part of the online registration process.

Department Registration Fee: A Department baseball registration fee of $220.00 for all Junior teams and $225.00 for all Senior teams has been put in place by Department Headquarters. These monies are used to defray the costs of the Junior State Tournament and Senior State Tournament.

The total amount of entry fees a Junior or Senior team will be required to pay on-line via debit or credit card will be shown on the final page of the "Submit Insurance & Registration Fee" section of the National baseball website.

All Ohio Junior and Senior teams must register on-line for the 2017 season NO LATER THAN 12 MIDNIGHT MAY 1ST and pay all team entry fees NO LATER THAN 12 MIDNIGHT MAY 15TH. No exceptions will be allowed.

BUILDING THE ONLINE TEAM ROSTER

Each Junior and Senior team in Ohio registered thru the National baseball website to play American Legion Baseball must complete an official ONLINE TEAM ROSTER. All Junior and Senior teams must have the Online Team Roster submitted NO LATER THAN 12 MIDNIGHT, JUNE 15TH.

By National Headquarters rules and insurance regulations, a maximum of up to eighteen (18) players may be listed on the Online Team Roster. The on-line registration system will not allow a team to enter more than eighteen (18) players.

The Online Team Roster provides Team Managers a number of options:

1. The ability to post an official Team Photograph.
2. The ability to post individual photographs of each player.
3. The ability to add/edit information on Team Coaches, up to a maximum of five (5).
4. The ability to edit a Team's Base School information.
5. The ability to post a team's official schedule.
6. The ability to complete on-line and download Forms #2**, #76, and #77.

   See (PREPARATION OF THE PLAYER AGREEMENT SHEET……. PAGE 25).

   NOTE**: Copies of the completed Player Agreement/Information Sheet (Form #2) for each player listed on the Online Team Roster (Form #1) must be furnished to the District Baseball Chairman as part of the "Team Packet."
7. The ability for existing teams to edit/update previous team information/player information from the Information posted on the website the prior year.

Department officials and District Chairmen have the ability to view any Online Team Roster but cannot change or alter any information posted.

The following steps will be followed by a Team Manager to complete the Online Team Roster on the baseball website:

1. Enter the User Name and Password assigned to the Team in the Coach Login Box.
2. Click on "Submit Roster".
3. If a team has a digital Team photograph to be posted, click on "Submit a Team Photograph). If there is no Team photograph, click on "Click here to continue."
4. Click on "Add Player" and follow the step-by-step instructions for each player. ##
5. When information for all players on a team has been entered, click on "Submit Roster" ** for review by Department officials.

NOTE##: A Manager will be able to edit information on players up until the point when the manager clicks on "Submit Roster" after which point the Online Team Roster is locked and no further changes will be allowed.

NOTE**: Once a Team Manager clicks "Submit Roster", a team WILL NO LONGER be able to add/delete players or post any player photographs and the Roster is locked. **EXCEPTION: A player may only be replaced on the Online Team Roster in the event of death or if a player enters Active Duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.**

Once the "Submit Roster" button is hit, Department officials will review the roster for incorrect information/birthdates. If all information is correct, Department officials will approve the Online Team Roster and the Roster is locked in as a team's official roster.

If incorrect information is found, Department officials will notify the Manager via e-mail of what problems were found and steps needed to correct the problem. The State Baseball Commission requests that each team make a "hard copy" of the Online Team Roster, which is included with the Team Packet to the District Chairman by June 15th.

To assist in preparing the Online Team Roster please note the following:

1. The name of each player must appear exactly as that player's name appears on the Proof of Age or Birth Certificate. The address must be the parents/guardians permanent, legal address. The National website will alphabetize all players for a team on a roster. **See (PLAYER RECRUITMENT……. PAGE 38)**

2. The enrollment figures as of March 31st of all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students from every high school a team recruits player from must be entered for every player. NOTE: These figures must include special education students, physically challenged students, bilingual students, and students over the age of 19. This information can be obtained at www.high-schools.com on the Resources page of the National baseball website.

3. The combined total 10th, 11th, and 12th enrollment for all schools recruited from by a team cannot exceed 5,000. **THIS IS A NATIONAL RULE THAT IS TO BE FOLLOWED TO THE LETTER!!**

4. The Base School must be indicated.

5. Any of the Junior players are permitted to be registered on the Online Roster of a Post's Junior team and the Online Team Roster of that Post's Senior team at the same time.

6. Any player listed on the Online Team Roster who signs a professional baseball contract cannot be replaced.

If incorrect information is found, Department officials will deny the Online Roster submission and the Manager will be sent an e-mail message advising on the incorrect information found and steps needed to be taken to correct the Online Roster.

The TEAM BUSINESS MANAGER must be a member of the sponsoring American Legion Post or American Legion organization. The Business Manager is responsible for handling all of the administrative matters of a team, including forms and reports.

The TEAM MANAGER is the person responsible for team operations and team conduct both on and off the field. Team Managers may or may not be members of the American Legion

The COACH is a person responsible to the Team Manager for handling the team on the field. Coaches may be non-legionnaires.

Every manager and coach named on the Online Team Roster agrees to adhere to the Rules and Regulations of American Legion Baseball including the established Appeals process.

The Online Roster is not a legal contract and is not legally binding. The Online Roster is an internal document of the American Legion, but the information on the Online Roster may be presented in a court of law and disseminated to scouts and other interested parties.

Copies of Proof of Age or Birth Certificates for each player listed on the Online Team Roster and copies of the Insurance Certificates for both the Accident and Liability policies MUST be filed with the District Chairman along with a copy of the Online Team Roster.

See (PROOF OF AGE/BIRTH CERTIFICATES……. PAGE 29 & INSURANCE……. PAGES 17-18)

THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF ANY AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM BELONGS TO THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST OR AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZATION THROUGH THE TEAM MANAGER, POST COMMANDER, OR DESIGNATED LEGIONNAIRE.

OBTAINING HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FIGURES

TEAM MANAGERS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE OR PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE OF EACH HIGH SCHOOL A TEAM RECRUITS PLAYERS FROM TO OBTAIN THE ENROLLMENTS OF GRADE 10, 11 AND 12 AS OF MARCH 31ST AND OBTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF A AUTHORIZING SCHOOL OFFICIAL.

THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN THE ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR GRADES 10, 11 AND 12 OF ANY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF OHIO IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Go to the National Headquarters Baseball website: **www.Legion.org/baseball**
2. At the bottom of the Baseball home page, click on **"Resources"**.
3. On the "Resources" page, scroll down to the Helpful Links and click on **"High School Enrollment Figures"**.
4. On the High-School.com page there are six (6) options:
5.

A. **State** - On the left-hand side, click on "Ohio". A list of all major cities in the State of Ohio will appear. Click on each city players are recruited from and then click on each high school in that city.

B. **Schools** - In the upper right-hand corner, click on "Schools", enter the name of a high school players are recruited from and follow the steps.

C. **Cities** - On the right-hand corner, click on "Cities", enter the name of a city players are recruited from and then follow the steps

D. **School Districts** - In the upper right-hand corner, click on "School Districts", enter the name of a school district players are recruited from in the search box and then follow the steps.

E. **Counties** - In the upper right-hand corner, click on "Counties", enter the name of a county players are recruited from in the search box and then follow the steps.

F. **Zip Code** - In the upper right-hand corner, click on "Zip Code", enter the zip code players are recruited from in the search box and then follow the steps.

Obtain enrollment figures for each high school players will be recruited from and enter these figures on the online National Form #1 along with the name of each high school.

In the event of a challenge or protest in regard to school enrollment figures, the enrollment figures on High-School.com list will be used to resolve the challenge or protest.

If you have any questions, please call the Department Baseball office at 740-362-7478 or e-mail the Baseball office at: pmdirector@ohiolegion.com . Or baseball chairman Marv Shamhart at 740-343-3012 or shamhart@embarqmail.com.

PREPARATION OF THE PLAYER AGREEMENT/INFORMATION SHEET (Form 2)

A complete Player Agreement/Information Sheet (Form #2) must be filled out and signed for each player listed on the Online Team Roster (Form #1). Player Agreement/Information Sheets (Form #2's) can be downloaded by each Team Manager from http://www.legion.org/baseball/resources .

The Player Agreement/Information Sheet (Form #2) consists of three (3) segments; THE AMERICAN LEGION PLAYER AGREEMENT (top half); the PARENT'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM (bottom half), and the PLAYER INFORMATION SHEET (page two).

To assist in the preparation of the Form 2, a sample of a correctly completed Form #2 is found on Pages 26-27. Please pay strict attention to the following numbered and lettered areas:

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL PLAYER AGREEMENT

PLAYER'S NAME: The name of the player must appear exactly as the name appears on the player's Birth Certificate, or proof of age.

1. TEAM NAME: The name of the team the player is committing to play for during the 2018 season.
2. PLAYER'S SIGNATURE: Each player must sign their name in ink exactly as the name appears on the Birth Certificate or proof of age. No other person may sign for a player.
3. PLAYER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: Only the last four (4) digits of the player's correct Social Security number is asked for.
4. PLAYER'S PRINTED NAME: The printed name of the signature shown in box #3.
5. DATE: The date on which the document is signed by the player.

PARENT'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM acts as a Medical Treatment Authorization/Emergency Authorization card in the event of the injury of the player. It must be completed by the player's parent, or court appointed legal guardian.

6. PARENT'S SIGNATURE: The signature of the player's parent or guardian IN INK.
7. MEDICAL INSURANCE & POLICY NUMBER: Please list the Company Name and Policy Number of the Medical Insurance carrier carried by the parent or guardian.
8. PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S PRINTED NAME: The printed name of the signature shown in box #7.
9. FAMILY PHYSICIAN: The name and telephone number of a player's Family Physician or other medical facility.
10. DATE: The date on which the document is signed by the Parent or Legal Guardian.
11. EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON: The name and phone number of an individual who may be contacted in the event of an emergency, if unable to reach the parent or guardian.
12. RELATIONSHIP: The relationship of the person completing the Parent's Consent Form to the Player (i.e. Father, mother, guardian).
13. PARENT'S PHONE: The telephone number of the player's parent or guardian

PLAYER INFORMATION SHEET

14. PLAYER'S NAME: First, Middle, Last
15. PARENT'S ADDRESS: The complete address (Street, Road, PO Box, City, State, and Zip Code) of the parent / guardian and players legal domicile.
16. PARENT'S PHONE: The telephone number through which the player may be reached.
17. HIGH SCHOOL: The full name of the High School the player attends.
18. GRADUATION YEAR: The year the player graduated, or is scheduled to graduate from High School.
19. ENROLLMENT: The enrollment as of March 31 in grades 10 – 11 – 12 of the High School the player attends.
20. PLAYER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: primary email address of the player
21. BIRTH DATE: The correct birth date of the player.
22. PRIMARY POSITION: Position the player will most likely start or play in any given game.
23. PLAYER'S HEIGHT: Current height in feet & inches.
24. PLAYER'S WEIGHT: Current weight in pounds
25. BATS: Right, Left or Switch
26. THROWS: Right or Left

27. **NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL: By action of the National Judge Advocate of the American Legion, the parent or guardian's signature must be notarized by a Notary Public. The Notary Public must sign the Form 2 and affix or stamp the Notary Public seal. Each Form #2 for each player must be notarized.**

28. Although the National Form 2 states that a copy of the form be sent to the Department Baseball Chairman, the Ohio Baseball Commission requests that the copies become part of the "Team Packet", which will be sent to the District Chairman.

A copy of the "PARENT'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM" for each player MUST BE in the possession of the Team Manager at every practice and game. In the event of illness or injury to a player during the playing of an American Legion game, this form must be taken with the player to the Medical Treatment Center.

A copy of the Form 2 for each player is to be filed with a printed copy of the Team Roster Form 1.
The original signed Form 2 shall be retained in the possession of a responsible adult at every practice or game.

Downloading of Form #2: Anyone can download a Form 2 for completion on the computer or the team manager/coach can save and email the file to his players/parents.

Player Indemnification Release Agreement (Form 2) **can be found at www.legion.org/baseball .**
On the Resources page under Coaches.

IMPORTANT: Batpersons - Any team which has minor children serving as a batperson are required to have the bottom portion of Page 1 (Parent's Consent and Release Form) completed by the parent or guardian as outlined in Steps 5-12 above.

Any American Legion Baseball player who fails to complete a Player Agreement/Information Sheet shall be disqualified from playing.

THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF ANY AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM BELONGS IN THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST OR AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZATION THROUGH THE TEAM MANAGER, POST COMMANDER OR DESIGNATED LEGIONNAIRE.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Form #2

Player Agreement

Please PRINT or TYPE

PLAYER'S NAME: George Herman Ruth, Jr. (1)

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 St. Mary's Post 714 (2) (Team name). I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the ALB. 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 its hazards that can cause serious injury and/or death. I assume all risks of injury and damage incident to my participation in the ALB program. 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 http://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.

(3) Player's Signature

2211 (4) Last four digits of Player's SS#

George H. Ruth (5) Player's Printed Name

May 6, 1912 (6) 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.

(7) Player's Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Maryland health insurance 2873 (8) Medical Insurance & Policy Number for Player

Kate Schamberger-Ruth (9) Parent or Legal Guardian's Printed Name

Dr. Ford Frick 410-644-1220 (10) Family Physician & Phone Number

May 6, 1912 (11) Date

Brother Matthias 410-644-1440 (12) Emergency Contact Person & Phone Number

Mother (13) Relationship to Player

410-644-1770 (14) Parent's Phone Number

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

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

Form #2 Continued

Please PRINT or TYPE

Player Information Sheet

George Herman Ruth, Jr. **15**

Player's Name *(First, Middle, Last)*

3225 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21229 **16**

Parents' Home Address *(Street Address, City, State, ZIP Code)*

410-644-1770 **17**

Parent's Telephone

St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys **18**

High School Attended

1913 **19**

Year of Graduation

2503 **20**

School Enrollment *(10; 11; 12 grades)*

SultanofSwat@cardinal-gibbons.org **21**

Player's Email Address

February 6, 1895 **22**

Player's Birth Date

Pitcher **23**

Primary Position

6' 2" **24**

Player's Height

215 lbs. **25**

Player's Weight

Left **26**

Bats

Left **27**

Throws

By action of the National Judge Advocate of the American Legion, the parent or guardian's signature must be notarized by a Notary Public. The Notary Public must sign the Form 2 and affix or stamp the Notary Public seal. All copies must be notarized.

The Ohio Baseball Commission requests that copies become part of the "Team to District Packet", which will be sent to the District Chairman.

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

It is strongly recommended that this form be notarized - most hospitals require consent form to be notarized.

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PROOF OF AGE / BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Every player carried on the Online Team Roster must provide to the Team Manager or American Legion Post Official, an official verification (proof) of their date of birth (age) certifying eligibility to play in the current season.

As proof of age, Ohio ALBB will only accept a state-issued driver's license or a state-issued ID for Senior team member. Junior team members may use birth certificates as proof of age only when the player does not have a state- issued driver's license or a state-issued ID.

American Legion Baseball accepts as official proof of age:

1. A state issued Driver's License that complies with the Federal ID law.
2. A state issued Identification Card that complies with the Federal ID law.
3. A U.S. government issued passport.
4. A U.S. government issued military ID card or military dependent ID card.
5. Original Birth Certificate or state certified copy.

THE RECORD OF BIRTH MUST BE AN ORIGINAL OR A STATE CERTIFIED REPRODUCTION FROM THE STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY BIRTH DOCUMENTS. A RAISED STATE SEAL SHALL BE VISIBLE ON THE STATE CERTIFIED REPRODUCTION.

A) In case of a foreign birth, the player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the individual by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service or by the Department of State that shows the birth date of the player. Official Birth Certificates issued by a foreign country are acceptable when accompanied by a letter with an English translation. Such certificates must have an official seal.

B) A United States passport.

C) Office of Vital Statistics website: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/vitalstatistics/vitalmisc/vitalstats.aspx

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

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E) OHIO BIRTH CERTIFICATES for those born in Ohio are available for $21.50 each from:
Ohio Department of Health. Same-day service hours: Monday - Friday: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Office of Vital Statistics, 225 Neilston Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 (614) 466-2531

F) Mail-in OHIO BIRTH CERTIFICATES for those born in Ohio are available for $21.50 each from:
Ohio Vital Records
P.O. Box 15098
Columbus, OH 43215-0098
http://www.odh.ohio.gov/~/media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/vs/general/applicationform.ashx

To obtain Birth Certificates for players born outside the State of Ohio please refer to the following directions:
Go to the National American Legion Baseball website: www.legion.org/baseball

1 – Click on "Resources."
2 – Under Helpful links, Click on "Birth Certificate Search."
3 – Follow the screen directions for ordering information, amount of payment, etc.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NEVER ACCEPTABLE AS LEGAL BIRTH RECORDS FOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL AND WILL DISQUALIFY A PLAYER AND/OR TEAM:

1. BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES
2. SCHOOL CERTIFICATES OR RECORDS
3. HOSPITAL RECORDS
4. HOSPITAL CERTIFICATES
5. STATE OF OHIO NOTIFICATION OF BIRTH CERTIFICATION FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES
6. ANY NOTARIZED PHOTO COPIES OF 1-5 ABOVE
7. A NOTARIZED COPY OF A STATE ISSUED BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Ohio Department of Health • Office of Vital Statistics

Application For Certified Copies

Reason for order

Driver's License	☐	Passport	☐
Insurance	☐	Genealogy	☐
School	☐	International Use	☐
Marriage License	☐	Other	☐

Mail-in order

Send completed application with required fee to:
Ohio Department of Health,
Vital Statistics
P.O. Box 15098
Columbus, Ohio 43215-0098
(614) 466-2531

This space for office use only
Order Number (AFS)
Service
Certificate Number

Certificate Requested: (What type of certificate is being ordered)

Birth Certificate $21.50 per certificate	☐	Heirloom Birth Certificate $25.00 per commemorative certificate	☐	Paternity Affidavit $7.00 per certified copy	☐
Death Certificate $21.50 per certified copy	☐	Fetal Death Certificate $21.50 per certified copy	☐	Stillbirth Commemorative Abstract free to birth parents for stillbirth events taking place after September 26, 2003	☐

Registrant Information: (Information about the person on the requested record)

Full name (for birth, indicate child's full name as shown on original birth record):		Date of birth:
Place of birth/death (City/County in Ohio):	Date of death:	CPR stamp number (Paternity only):
Full name of father:	Full name of mother (maiden name prior to first marriage):	
Have there been any corrections or legal changes made to the information on this certificate? ☐Yes ☐No	If name was changed since birth, indicate new name:	Did the stillbirth event occur after 20 weeks or less gestation? (Fetal Death/Stillbirth only) ☐Yes ☐No

Charges: Please include check or money order (do not send cash) made payable to "TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO"

Total number of standard copies or abstracts (birth, death, fetal death):	X $21.50 =	$
Total number of heirloom commemorative birth certificates:	X $25.00 =	$
Total number of paternity affidavits:	X $7.00 =	$
Refunds will be issued only for orders where a certified document cannot be issued, and may be subject to search fees. Overpayment of $2.00 or less will not be refunded.	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	$

Applicant Information: (Information about the person requesting the record)

Please print clearly as this will be used for your receipt, mailing address, and/or for future contact to complete your record request.

Applicant Name:	Email:
Street Address:	Phone Number:
City, State, & ZIP:	Signature of Applicant:

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Players who do not wish to provide a Birth Certificate for Proof of Age and who do not have a state issue Drivers License or state issue Identification Card will be required to obtain a state issue Identification Card from their local Deputy Registrar location to present as Proof of Age.
Team Managers must make copies of all Proof of Age, which will be included in the "Team Packet" submitted to the District Chairman by June 15th.

Every player on the team representing the Department of Ohio in the National Regional Tournament must have their Driver's License or state issued identification card in their possession upon arrival at the National Regional site.

PLAYER IDENTIFICATION/BIRTH DATE VERIFICATION

EXCEPT FOR ISOLATED CASES, TEAM MANAGERS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AND KEEP ON FILE COPIES OF EACH PLAYER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE AS THE PLAYER'S OFFICIAL VERIFICATION OF AGE.

REASON: The State of Ohio is in compliance with the Federal Real ID law, which requires those seeking a Temporary Driver's License or Driver's License to produce as Proof of Age and Identity, a Birth Certificate, which the State of Ohio reviews to validate the individual's Date of Birth prior to the issuing of the Driver's License.

As a Team Manager, in lieu of having a player provide you with the original or state certified copy of the Birth Certificate, you are now required to have every player you will list on the National Form #1 provide you with two (2) photo copies of their Temporary Driver's License or Driver's License prior to the 1st day of practice or try-outs.

One (1) photo copy of each player's Temporary Driver's License or Driver's License will be maintained in your Team Managers files.

One (1) photo copy of each player's Temporary Driver's License or Driver's License will be attached to the copy of the National Form #1 when sent to the District Baseball Chairman.

NOTE: At the time each player submits the required two (2) photo copies of their Temporary Driver's License or Driver's License to you as Team Manager, you should have each player show you their real Temporary Driver's License or Driver's License which is compared to the photo copies to verify all the information on the photo copies is correct.

EXCEPTIONS/SPECIAL CASES: Players too young to obtain a Temporary Driver's License or Driver's License will still be required to provide you as Team Manager the original or state certified copy of their birth certificate OR go to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and obtain a State of Ohio issued Identification card which they are required to show their Birth Certificate to obtain.

If a player obtains a State issued Identification card, as Team Manager, have the player provide you with two (2) photo copies which are processed as outlined above for the other players on your team.

If you have any questions, please call the Department Baseball office at 740-362-7478 or e-mail the Baseball office at: pmdirector@ohiolegion.com

RULES FOR OFFICIAL SENIOR REGION TOURNAMENTS

A) American Legion Region Tournament games will be played under Major League "Official Baseball Rules"and rules established by the District Baseball Commission and State Baseball Commission. Senior Region Tournaments will be Double-Elimination.

B) No team will be required to play more than two SCHEDULED games in any one day. The playing day begins at 8:00 AM. No Region Tournament game will begin after 11:00 P.M. local time.

D) Umpires at all Senior Region Tournaments are under the supervision of the District Baseball Commission and/or Region Commissioner.

E) A pitcher shall be restricted to five (5) warm up pitches. A new pitcher coming to the mound from another defensive position shall have ample time to warm up. (THIS RULE IS TO BE INTERPRETED LIBERALLY BY THE PLATE UMPIRE.)

J) PLAYER RE-ENTRY IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION REGION TOURNAMENTS.

K) In the event that the Region Tournament winner advises the Region Director that the team will be unable to have twelve (12) players available for the State and/or National Regional Tournament, the Region Runner-up team will be sent to the State Tournament, provided the Runner-up team can meet the 12 player rule.

PROTESTS - SENIOR REGION TOURNAMENTS

A) All protests within a Senior Region Tournament game shall be decided by the District Commission or Region Commissioner with the power to disqualify or suspend any individual or team for violating District, State or National Regulations. ALL SUCH PROTESTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING and shall include, if applicable, a written report from the umpires. All protests must indicate the specific rule(s) alleged to have been violated.

After a decision has been made by the District Baseball Commission or Region Commissioner, an appeal may be forwarded to the State Baseball Commission for consideration. **See (APPEAL PROCESS……..PAGE 43).**

Protests of Major League Official Baseball Rules during an actual game condition must be filed with the Umpire Chief before the next legal pitch. This includes the current Major League Balk Rule.

B) Any protest certified by the District Commission/Region Commissioner and forwarded to the State Baseball Commission shall be the responsibility of the protesting party, who will assume the administrative costs of conducting investigations, polling commission members, etc.

These administrative costs shall be paid within ten (10) days after the decision is rendered or 24 hours prior to the Department Tournament, whichever shall come first. Failure to pay will result in the automatic suspension of the American Legion Post and team officials from further American Legion Baseball competition until such costs are paid.

C) NO PROTEST WILL BE HEARD WHICH IS BASED UPON AN UMPIRE'S JUDGMENT DECISION!

D) All protests of player eligibility must be specific with documented proof prior to the start of the District/Area Tournament.

E) If a player is found to be ineligible, that player shall immediately be disqualified and all games in which the disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.

F) Protests of rule interpretations during actual games must be filed with the Umpire Crew Chief before the next legally pitched ball is thrown.

G) In a Region Tournament, if a protest disqualifies the Region winner, the Region runner-up shall be declared the Region tournament winner.

NOTE: When considering the filing of a protest, ask the question: "WOULD THIS PROTEST HAVE BEEN FILED IF YOUR TEAM HAD WON?"

THE SENIOR STATE TOURNAMENT

A) The American Legion Senior State Baseball Tournament is under the supervision of the Department Baseball Commission and will open at a time and place established by that Commission and played under the current Major League "Official Baseball Rules" except as noted in (B) below.

B) The Department Baseball Commission may prescribe such rules and regulations for play in the State Tournament as considered necessary in addition to those listed in (A) above.

C) The Department Senior Tournament will be an 8-team, Double Elimination tournament. The 8 Region Tournament winners will play in the State Tournament.

D) All 8 teams will arrive at the State Tournament site at scheduled check-in times arranged by the Baseball Chairman.

E) NO MANAGER, COACH, OR PLAYER MAY REPORT AFTER THE DESIGNATED CHECK-IN TIME WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.

F) A MANAGER, COACH, OR PLAYER MAY ONLY LEAVE THE TOURNAMENT SITE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN AND IT WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN TO GRANT PERMISSION TO RETURN.

PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL PRACTICES WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH FROM THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT TO ATTEND SUCH PRACTICES.

THIS POSITION IS TAKEN BY THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS, LIABILITY AND SAFETY OF ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS AND PLAYERS.

ANY PLAYER IN THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT WHO DEPARTS THE TOURNAMENT SITE FOR FOOTBALL PRACTICE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THE TOURNAMENT.

REQUESTS TO DEPART THE TOURNAMENT FOR OTHER REASONS (MEDICAL, PERSONAL, ETC.) WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE STATE BASEBALL COMMISSION AND BASEBALL CHAIRMAN ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

G) A banquet will be held the evening prior to the tournament. All players, coaches, managers and fans are invited to purchase tickets for this event.

H) All teams completing at the Senior State Senior Tournament must have a minimum of twelve (12) players dressed and available at the beginning of tournament play.

I) In the event that the Region Tournament winner advises the Region Director that the team will be unable to have twelve (12) players available for the State and/or National Regional Tournament, the Region Runner-up team will be sent to the State Tournament, provided the Runner-up team can meet the 12 player rule.

J) All state Tournament games WILL BE NINE (7) INNINGS. Any suspended games will resume where play was stopped.

K) No team will be required to play more than two SCHEDULED GAMES IN ANY ONE DAY. The playing day will begin at 8:00 AM. No State Tournament game will begin after 11:00 P.M. local time.

L) Umpires at all Senior State Tournament games will be under the supervision of the Department Baseball Commission.

M) The Department Baseball Commission shall appoint an official score keeper for each game and a Chief Scorekeeper. Upon completion of each game, all records will be delivered to the Chief Scorekeeper.

N) A blind draw will be held at the February rules meeting to determine the Senior State Tournament Bracket. Regions will be assigned to occupy each of the eight team slots. The bottom team of each game in the first round will be the predetermined home Team.

O) **Starting in the second round, and for each and every subsequent game, a coin flip will decide the Home Team and** Visitors. **The Home Team will occupy the 3rd base dugout for all games of the Senior State Tournament**.

P) At the time of the coin flip the opposing team managers/coaches will communicate with each other as to their choice of uniform so that teams can avoid wearing like colors during the game,

Q) The sponsoring Post of each team in the Senior State Tournament will be held financially responsible for any damage incurred by members of their team while on tournament premises.

In the Senior State Tournament, any Player, Coach, or Manager suspended from a game by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct must meet that day with the Department Baseball Commission members present at the Tournament for consideration of penalty or possible reinstatement. SUCH INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY FURTHER GAMES AT THE TOURNAMENT UNTIL THIS MEETING HAS BEEN HELD.

THE ACTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT WILL BE FINAL.

R) Following the completion of the Senior State Tournament, the Department Baseball Director shall advise the State Championship team on all actions needed to certify that team into National Competition.

In the event the Senior State Champion team is unable to represent the Department in National Tournament competition, the State Tournament Runner-Up team shall be declared the State Champion and represent Ohio.

The team winning the Senior State Tournament must have a minimum of twelve (12) players to advance to the National Regional.

THE LOCAL LIAISON FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT IS:

Al Beavers (740) 215-4155
830 Harding Avenue
Lancaster, OH 43130 **www.beaversfield.com**

PROTESTS - DEPARTMENT TOURNAMENT

1. All protests at the Department Senior Baseball Tournament shall be heard by the Department Baseball Commission members present at the tournament. The Commission shall have the power to disqualify or suspend any individual or team.

2. Protests of player eligibility must be specific with documented proof. Such evidence must be filed with the State Baseball Commission PRIOR TO THE FIRST GAME of the Tournament.

3. If a player is found to be ineligible, that player shall be disqualified and dismissed from the tournament.

4. If a protest is allowed and the state winner is disqualified in the Senior State Tournament, the State Runner-up shall be declared the State winner and represent the Department of Ohio in the National Regional.

5. Protests of official Baseball Rules published by Major League Baseball during actual game conditions must be filed with the Chief Umpire before the next legal pitch.

PROTESTS - REGULAR SEASON

A) All protests involving a Senior or Junior team during regular season play shall be decided by that District Baseball Commission, with the power to disqualify or suspend any individual or team for violating District, State or National Regulations. ALL SUCH PROTESTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING and shall include, if applicable, a written report from the umpires. All protests must indicate the specific rule(s) alleged to have been violated.

After a decision has been made by the District Baseball Commission, an appeal may be forwarded to the Region Commissioner for consideration. The decision of the Region Commissioner may be appealed to the Department Baseball Commission through the established Appeal Process. **See (APPEAL PROCESS…PAGE 43).**

Protests of Major League Official Baseball Rules during a game must be filed with the Umpire Chief before the next legal pitch. This includes the current Major League balk rule.

B) Any protest certified by the District Commission and forwarded to the Region Commissioner and the Department Baseball Commission shall be the responsibility of the protesting party, who will assume the administrative costs of conducting investigations, polling commission members, etc.

These administrative costs shall be paid within ten (10) days after the decision is rendered or 24 hours prior to the Department Tournament, whichever shall come first. Failure to pay will result in the automatic suspension of the American Legion Post and team officials from further American Legion Baseball competition until such costs are paid.

C) NO PROTEST WILL BE HEARD WHICH IS BASED UPON AN UMPIRE'S JUDGMENT DECISION!

D) All protests of player eligibility must be specific with documented proof prior to the start of the Regional Tournament.

E) If a player is found to be ineligible, that player shall immediately be disqualified and all games in which the disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.

F) Protests of rule interpretations during actual games must be filed with the Umpire Crew Chief before the next legally pitched ball is thrown.

NOTE: When considering the filing of a protest, ask the question: "WOULD THIS PROTEST HAVE BEEN FILED IF YOUR TEAM HAD WON?"

THE JUNIOR STATE TOURNAMENT

For full explanation of the National Baseball Rules go to American Legion Baseball Rules.

A. The American Legion Junior State Baseball Tournament is under the supervision of the Department Baseball Commission and will open at a time and place established by the Commission and played under the current Major League "Official Baseball Rules" except as noted in (B) below.

B. The Department Baseball Commission may prescribe such rules and regulations for play in the State Tournament as considered necessary in addition to those listed in (A) above.

C. The Department Junior Tournament will be a Single Elimination tournament. The Junior Teams whose rosters have been approved by June 25th will be eligible to participate in the Junior State Tournament.

D. All teams will arrive at the State Tournament site at scheduled check-in times directed by the Tournament Director.

E. NO MANAGER, COACH, OR PLAYER MAY REPORT TO THE JUNIOR STATE TOURNAMENT AFTER THE DESIGNATED CHECK-IN TIME WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.

F. A MANAGER, COACH, OR PLAYER MAY ONLY LEAVE THE JUNIOR STATE TOURNAMENT SITE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN OR THE DIRECTOR. THE CHAIRMAN HAS THE DISCRESSION TO GRANT PERMISSION TO RETURN.

PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL PRACTICES WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH FROM THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT TO ATTEND SUCH PRACTICES.

THIS POSITION IS TAKEN BY THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS, LIABILITY AND SAFETY OF ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS AND PLAYERS.

ANY PLAYER IN THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT WHO DEPARTS THE TOURNAMENT SITE FOR FOOTBALL PRACTICE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THE TOURNAMENT.

REQUESTS TO DEPART THE TOURNAMENT FOR OTHER REASONS (MEDICAL, PERSONAL, ETC.) WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE STATE BASEBALL COMMISSION AND BASEBALL CHAIRMAN ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

G. All State Tournament games WILL BE SEVEN (7) INNINGS. Suspended games will resume where play was stopped.

H. No team will be required to play more than two SCHEDULED GAMES IN ANY ONE DAY. The playing day begins at 8:00 AM. No State Tournament game will begin after 11:00 P.M. local time.

I. Pairings in the Junior State Tournament will be determined by a pre-set bracket.

J. Umpires at all Junior State Tournament games will be under the supervision of the Department Baseball Commission through the Tournament Director.

K. The Department Baseball Commission, through the Tournament Director, shall appoint an official scorekeeper for each game and a Chief Scorekeeper. Upon completion of each game, all records will be delivered to the Chief Scorekeeper.

L. At least 30 minutes prior to the start of any tournament game, a coin flip will decide the Home Team and Visitors. **The Home Team will occupy the 3rd base dugout at any field used in the Junior State Tournament**.

M. The sponsoring Post of each team in the Junior State Tournament will be held financially responsible for any damage incurred by members of their team while on tournament premises.

THE JUNIOR STATE TOURNAMENT (cont.)

N. In the Junior State Tournament, any Player, Coach, or Manager suspended from a game by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct must meet that day with the Tournament Director for consideration of penalty or possible reinstatement. SUCH INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY FURTHER GAMES AT THE TOURNAMENT UNTIL THIS MEETING HAS BEEN HELD.

THE ACTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMISSION MEMBERS THROUGH THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL BE FINAL.

O. There are no post-season Junior Baseball National tournaments.

THE LOCAL LIAISON FOR THE JUNIOR STATE TOURNAMENT IS:

Al Beavers (740) 215-4155
830 Harding Avenue
Lancaster, OH 43130 **www.beaversfield.com**

PROTESTS - DEPARTMENT JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

1. All protests at the Department Junior Baseball Tournament shall be heard by the Department Baseball Commission through the Tournament Director. The Baseball Chairman shall have the power to disqualify or suspend any individual or team.

2. Protests of player eligibility must be specific with documented proof. Such evidence must be filed with the Baseball Chairman PRIOR TO THE FIRST GAME of the Tournament.

4. If a player is found to be ineligible, that player shall be disqualified and dismissed from the tournament.

6. If a protest is allowed and the state winner is disqualified in the Junior State Tournament, the State Runner-up shall be declared the State winner.

7. Protests of Official Baseball Rules published by Major League Baseball during actual game conditions must be filed with the Chief Crew Umpire before the next legal pitch. This includes the current Major League balk rule.

NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES PLAYER RECRUITMENT PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN "B"

For full explanation of the National Baseball Rules go to:
1. American Legion Baseball Rules.

GENERAL: The Ohio American Legion Baseball recruiting plan allows selection of players who attend nearby High Schools. **National Rule 4***

TRANSFER RULES - AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL, DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

American Legion Baseball Rules state a player must play for the team nearest to where they live. The program prohibits the creation of All-Star teams, "Super" teams, or the one-shot recruiting of exceptional players for the short- term benefit of a program.

Rules on how and where American Legion Posts may recruit players and where players may play American Legion Baseball have been created with the above philosophies in mind.

HOWEVER, American Legion Baseball recognizes situations arise which merit consideration on a per-case basis. American Legion Baseball tries to be fair in its review of such cases.

To address many special situations, Ohio American Legion Baseball has designed **"Transfer Rules."** Based on special circumstances, TRANSFER RULES allow the approval for an American Legion player to play for a different team than one, which by established rules, should be played for.

A "TRANSFER REQUEST" by a player should be based on legitimate, logical circumstances within the framework of established American Legion Baseball rules. Some special circumstances/situations are detailed in this Section.

Only SENIOR PLAYERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO CHANGE TEAMS. The transfer of any Senior player is valid for the <u>current</u> season only. National Rule 4-D* player's eligibility.

ALL OTHER RULES OF ELIGIBILITY WILL APPLY IN ANY TRANSFER REQUEST APPROVAL.

CLOSED BORDERS: The borders of Ohio are closed for American Legion Baseball. Players residing in Ohio are not eligible to play for teams in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania or West Virginia. Conversely, players residing in those states are not eligible to play American Legion Baseball in the Department of Ohio.

Permission to transfer from one American Legion team to another within the State of Ohio will be the ONLY transfers reviewed and acted upon.

Some special circumstances that may be considered for permission to TRANSFER from one American Legion team to another may be:

1. A new team is formed nearer to their residence than the team on which they now play.

2. A new team is formed that draws players from the player's school and they want to play ball with their fellow teammates.

3. There is no American Legion team in the player's hometown, or recruited from their school, but there is a team in a neighboring community.

4. The American Legion team for which they last played has disbanded, but another team exists in the area.

5. The player lives in one Ohio Community during the school year but in another during the summer and wishes to play American Legion Baseball for the team where the player lives in the summer. (i.e., the case in divorces where the player lives with one parent during the school year and, by court decree, with the other parent during the summer.)

6. The player's parents or legal guardians have moved within the state.

TRANSFER RULES (cont.)

HOW TO INITIATE A TRANSFER REQUEST: Any request for permission to transfer from one team to another MUST BE made by the player. Managers or Coaches of American Legion Baseball CANNOT initiate a Transfer Request.

The player must make a written application for Transfer Approval on the official National PLAYER TRANSFER FORM #76 which can be downloaded from the National or Department website.

All transfer applications must be submitted to the District Baseball Chairman NO LATER than JUNE 15th.

Any decision by the District Baseball Chairman or a representative of the Department Baseball Commission is FINAL; however, the Right of Appeal does apply.

See (APPEAL PROCESS…PAGE 43).

In questionable situations, direct questions to the District Baseball Chairman. A list of all District Chairmen and a District map will be found on pages 4 and 6 of this manual.

MANAGER APPROVAL: Any Transfer request made by a player MUST BE approved by both the Manager of the Team the player wishes to LEAVE and the Manager of the Team the player wishes to PLAY for. The approval of both Teams MUST BE made in writing on the official National Form #76 Transfer Form.

IMPORTANT!! Players in elementary school, middle school, junior high school, and high school freshmen (9th grade) SHALL PLAY for the base school team of their parents/guardian's legal residence. Transfer Rules DO NOT APPLY to these players.

TRANSFER RULE #1: Players who attend a school outside the geographical boundary determined by the parents or guardian's legal residence may play for an American Legion Team drawing from that school OR for an American Legion team that is the nearest team to where the player lives. (#)

A player must make a decision on which one of these teams to play for and file this decision in writing with the District Baseball Chairman by JUNE 15th.

TRANSFER RULE #2: Players who cannot complete their American Legion eligibility because the Post they last played for no longer fields a team, may compete for the next nearest team to their parents or guardian's legal residence. Players must declare the circumstances of this situation in writing to the District Baseball Chairman and request permission to play for the nearest team. (#)

TRANSFER RULE #3: Players who cannot play for the American Legion team they played for the previous season because of a permanent change in their parents or guardians legal residence shall compete for the team nearest to the new legal residence. A notarized statement from the parent or guardian stating the permanent move and listing the previous address must be given to the District Baseball Chairman in the area of the "new" team. (#)

TRANSFER RULE #4: If a player's parents are divorced or separated, and by court order the player lives with each parent for a determined part of each year, the player may play for a team near either parent's residence. The player must state in writing to the District Baseball Chairman the decision on which team the player will play for NO LATER than JUNE 15th.

TRANSFER RULES (cont.)

NEXT NEAREST TEAM: American Legion Rules stipulate an American Legion player must play for the team *nearest* to where they live. If a player tries out for the nearest American Legion team and does not make that team, the player must obtain a written statement from the Manager of that team stating by the established rules the player cannot be used by that team at which point the player may apply to play for the next nearest team to their residence.

If the player makes a personal decision they do not want to play for the nearest team to their residence for whatever reason, which is their privilege, the player can elect to play for the next nearest team to their residence. However, the player must obtain a written statement from every team by-passed that they cannot use that player:

The nearest team or next nearest team shall be the shortest driving distance as calculated by the Mapquest Internet map service.

1. Any request to by-pass an American Legion team must be on the official National PLAYER TRANSFER FORM #76.

2. If a player asks for a release from a Post and the Post does not wish to release the player, every opportunity must be given to ensure that the player can actively participate with the team.

3. If a player tries out for a team but the Online Team Roster is already filled, the player will be granted an automatic waiver to go to another team. Only players who TAKE PART IN A TEAM TRYOUT will be afforded this opportunity.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Just as a player has a right to ask for a Transfer, the Team Manager of an American Legion Baseball team has the right not to release a player if a transfer is asked for. The Manager's decision must be based on established recruiting rules of American Legion Baseball and can be appealed through the Right of Appeals process.

See (APPEAL PROCESS…. PAGE 43)

If an American Legion team will not release a player, that team must give the player every opportunity to ensure that the player can participate with the team. If at the time the player tries out, the team roster is already full, the player will be given an automatic waiver.

Team Managers will weigh each Transfer Request on an individual basis.

FAILURE BY A PLAYER to follow the Transfer process outlined could result in disqualification from American Legion competition. FAILURE BY A TEAM MANAGER, Business Manager or Post to follow the Transfer Process outlined may result in having the Team suspended or disqualified from further American Legion Baseball competition in the Department of Ohio Baseball program.

NOTE: A player thinking that they will receive more exposure to college or professional baseball scouts or more playing time for Team "Y" instead of team "X" is in itself not a good enough reason to approve the Transfer request. American Legion Baseball is not a vehicle to be exploited by a player or manager at the cost of the program.

If a player is as good as thought, scouts will find them, regardless of which American Legion team the player is involved with.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Player Transfer Form #76

Please PRINT or TYPE

This form is to be used by players who have been cut and released by an American Legion team. Released players may be eligible to transfer under Rule 3.B.1 or 4.D to the next closest team.

1. American Legion Baseball senior players are required to play for the closest team, unless released, in which case the player shall need to determine the next closest team utilizing Mapquest® (www.mapquest.com).
2. If the player is unable to earn a spot on the roster of the second team, that player shall be allowed to play for the third closest team etc.
3. All parties involved understand that this transfer is valid from January 1 thru December 31 of the current season only.
4. All parties understand that the department baseball chairman must approve this transfer prior to placing player on the National Form #1.

Permission is hereby requested for _____ (Player's Full Name) _____ (Player's Date of Birth)

_____ (Parent's Address, City, State, Zip) _____ (Parent's Phone#)

_____ (Player's High School) _____ (High School Enrollment) _____ (Team's Total Enrollment)

Player is hereby released from the following team _____ (Name of Old Team (print/type))

_____ (Player's Signature (Please print & sign))

_____ (Parent's Signature (Please print & sign))

_____ (Name of NEW Team (print/type))

_____ (Team Manager's Signature & Printed Name (old team))

_____ (Manager's Signature - Team 1 (Please print & sign)) _____ (Manager's Signature - Team 2 (Please print & sign)) _____ (Manager's Signature - Team 3 (Please print & sign))

_____ (Department Baseball Chairman Signature & date)

This form must be filed with the National Form #1; team manager shall retain copy for his files.
This form shall be filed with department headquarters.

If transfer crosses a state border, both department chairmen must approve prior to placing player on Form #1.

_____ (Concurring Department Baseball Chairman)

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

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National Form #76 and National Form #77 can be downloaded from the American Legion Baseball website after a team has registered on-line and Department Headquarters has approved the team entry.

National Form #76 and #77 will be available through each team's page on the National website

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Team Declaration Form #77

Please PRINT or TYPE

This form is to be used by players who may have an option to

1. Play for The American Legion Baseball team nearest parent's or court ordered guardian's legal domicile OR,
2. Play for the team nearest the school the player attends.

Authorization for this choice is outlined under Rule 4.C of The American Legion Baseball Rules. See American Legion Rulebook for further clarification.

Player's Name (Please print or type)

Parent's Address (Please print or type) | Phone Number

I declare I am eligible under the National American Legion Baseball Rule 4.C, to play for:

Name of American Legion Team and sponsoring American Legion Post Number

Team's base school & enrollment | Player's high school & enrollment

My parents and I understand that this declaration shall be valid from January 1 thru December 31 of the current season only.

Player's Signature (Please Print & Sign)

Parent's Signature (Please Print & Sign)

Team Manager's Signature & Printed Name (Please Print & Sign)

- The department chairman must approve this form prior to placing the player on the National Form.
- To determine the next team; The American Legion shall use Mapquest® (www.mapquest.com). The shortest driving distance between the parent's domicile and/or the player's base school(s) shall determine the closest team.

Signature of Department Baseball Chairman | Date

Team Manager shall retain a copy for his files.
Second copy shall be filed with Form # 1 and filed with the department office.

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

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National Form #76 and National Form #77 can be downloaded from the American Legion Baseball website after a team has registered on-line and Department Headquarters has approved the team entry.

National Form #76 and #77 will be available through each team's page on the National website

APPEAL PROCESS

Ohio American Legion Baseball has an established APPEAL PROCESS to assist Players (Senior or Junior), Managers or sponsoring American Legion Posts to resolve problems. The Right of Appeal applies to any Player, Coach, Manager or officers of the sponsoring American Legion Post. The Appeal Process MUST BE FOLLOWED through each Appeal Level in succession. No Appeal Level can be by-passed in the seeking of a decision. The levels of Appeal are:

LEVEL ONE: TEAM MANAGER

Present the problem to the Manager of the Senior or Junior American Legion Baseball team.

LEVEL TWO: POST COMMANDER OF THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST

An American Legion Post has the ultimate responsibility for the jurisdiction and supervision of the American Legion Senior or Junior Baseball Team playing under the name of the sponsoring Post.

Present the problem to the Post Commander, who has the authority to sustain or override any decision made by the Team Manager.

LEVEL THREE: DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN

The District Baseball Chairman supervises play of all Senior or Junior American Legion Baseball Teams within the District, and is given authority by the Ohio American Legion Baseball Commission and the Department of Ohio to make rule interpretations and impose penalties for rules infractions.

LEVEL FOUR - REGION COMMISSIONER

The Region Commissioner is a member of the Department Baseball Commission and has authority to make rules interpretations and impose penalties for rules infractions.

LEVEL FIVE: DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMISSION

The Department Baseball Commission is the governing body for Senior and Junior American Legion Baseball in Ohio. The Commission is empowered by the National American Legion Headquarters to interpret the rules of American Legion Baseball in Ohio.

LEVEL SIX: DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Department Executive Committee is the governing body of all American Legion programs within Ohio and is empowered by the National Constitution of the American Legion.

LEVEL SEVEN: NATIONAL BASEBALL APPEALS BOARD

The National Baseball Appeals Board, an agency of the National American Legion Headquarters, is the official and FINAL governing body for the interpretation of American Legion Baseball Rules. THE DECISION OF THE NATIONAL BASEBALL APPEALS BOARD IS FINAL AND MAY BE ENFORCED BY A COURT OF LAW.

The consensus of a majority of the National American Legion Appeals Board shall constitute the Board's ruling.

The Board will not act on any Appeal which has not followed the established Appeal process of the Ohio Department.

An Appeal to the National Baseball Appeals Board MUST BE MADE within 24 hours following the last Lower Level ruling.

An appeal will be considered to be received by the Board if made by registered letter, fax, or e-mail. Any appeal filed AFTER 24 HOURS will not be considered. An appeal to the National Baseball Appeals Board shall be directed in writing to the following:

The American Legion
National Baseball Appeals Board
P.O. Box 1055
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

PHONE - 317-630-1213
FAX - 317-630-1369
E-mail baseball@legion.org

Faxes and E-mail protests will not be accepted unless forwarded by the Department Baseball Chairman or Department Baseball Director.

This Appeals Process is in place to resolve YOUR problem. The Appeal Process MUST BE followed in seeking the redress of any grievance involving American Legion Baseball Rules. Only Appeals pertaining to Rules Interpretations will be heard through the Appeals Process.

ANY APPEAL INVOLVING THE DECISION OF A FIELD UMPIRE WILL NOT BE HEARD OR CONSIDERED.

No appeal shall be considered by the National Baseball Appeals Board until all established appeal procedures within the Department of Ohio have been exhausted, as certified in writing by the Department Baseball Chairman or Department Baseball Director.

Department Baseball Chairman

Marv Shamhart

740-343-3012

shamhart@embarqmail.com

SUGGESTIONS FOR A FIRST AID KIT

Suggested contents for a medical kit for American Legion Baseball Teams:

Quantity	Materials	Quantity	Materials
20 each	Band-Aids	1 tube	Triple Antibiotic Ointment
1 roll	Moleskin - small	1 can	Tape remover - small
2 rolls	3 in. Elastic Bandages	1 can	Tufskin
2 rolls	4 in. Elastic Bandages	1 box	Gauze pads (3 in. x 5 in.)
2 rolls	6 in. Elastic Bandages	1 pair	Scissors
1 can	Tincture of Benzoin	6 rolls	1-1/2 in. Athletic tape
1 each	Callus file	1 roll	Pro-wrap
1 each	Fingernail clippers	1 can	Betadine
1 bottle	Ibuprofen	1 bottle	Disinfectant
1 box	Telfa pad (2 in. x 3 in.)	2 each	Instant cold pack
1 bottle	Rubbing alcohol	2 each	Instant Heat Pack
1 each	Water jug	1 can, each	Powder, foot and body
1 bottle	Eye wash	2 bags	Biohazard materials disposal
6 pairs	Rubber gloves	1 tube	Eye black

Other items that might be included:

1. A needle to break blisters
2. Felt padding to be used as pressure pads
3. Thread and needles for sewing of uniforms, gloves, etc.
4. Tongue depressors to apply ointments
5. Cotton swabs for applying fluids
6. Small flashlight to check eyes
7. Arm sling
8. Resuscitation bag, mouthpiece, or other ventilation device

Note: Commercial companies sell medical kits that contain most of these items.

It is recommended that Managers and Coaches take a First Aid course taught by trained professionals to learn proper first aid techniques. ALWAYS GET PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE IF THERE IS A SERIOUS INJURY.

Minor problems such as cuts, scratches, etc. should be tended immediately. In the event of possible fractures, concussions or internal injury, contact the local emergency unit for treatment and transportation to a hospital. If there is any type of head injury, the player MUST BE removed from the game. **CALL TRAINED EMERGENCY PERSONNEL**.

Heat exhaustion is a common problem. Have ample water available at every American Legion

Baseball Game. Insure a cell phone is in the dugout with a team adult.

In the event of serious injury, be sure that the National Form #2 for that player or batperson is in the possession of the adult accompanying the person to hospital. **See (PREPARATION OF FORM #2… PAGE 25).**

It is recommended that Team Insurance policies be in the possession of an adult at any

practice or game. Be INFORMED of the Ohio Concussion Law

http://ohsaa.org/concussionresources

The welfare and safety of every American Legion player on a team is the responsibility of

the adults in charge of the team. DO NOT place yourself or the sponsoring Post in a position

of liability. If an injury occurs seek professional help

American Legion Baseball
CODE OF ETHICS

FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

American Legion Baseball is a game played at numerous levels of competition. The function of all participants to include players, coaches, umpires, officials and workers in American Legion Baseball is to abide by only the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct.

The participants must be aware that they have tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the development of the baseball player, and thus, shall never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.

All participants must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of American Legion Baseball. In **all personal contact** with the athletes, umpires, officials, administrators, the overall American Legion at all levels, the media, and the public, all participants shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

1) Bench jockeying, which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing and obscene language towards opponents, umpires or spectators is prohibited.
2) All participants shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use.
3) No coach ***shall use*** alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players.
4) Coaches and adult volunteers shall not make statements that are false, deceptive, misleading, or fraudulent concerning work activities, personal and organization affiliations.
5) Coaches and adult volunteers shall be thoroughly acquainted with American Legion Baseball rules and ***are responsible for their interpretation to team members.***
   a) Coaches and adult volunteers shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
   b) Coaches and adult volunteers ***shall not permit*** ineligible player(s) to participate, practice or be a part of any team function.
   c) Players should be taught to respect the dignity of the game, umpires and opponents and the places and properties wherever the game is played.
6) Coaches should confine their discussion to the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment.
7) Coaches and adult volunteers shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their athletes and spectators.
8) Umpires will be treated with respect and supported by all participants.
   a) Coaches and adult volunteers shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or spectators against the umpires.
   b) Criticism of umpires or players is unethical.
9) Umpires shall treat all participants with a courteous and dignified attitude.
10) Coaches shall not engage in sexual harassment, abuse, or any other type of illegal conduct.
11) All participants should develop and promote a spirit of cooperation among the American Legion baseball family, including sponsors and any person connected with the program.

American Legion Baseball is a game of fun, designed for enjoyment of all.

I recognize the responsibility placed upon me to model ethical behavior**. *I pledge myself to observe, practice and maintain this code of ethics.***

AMERICAN LEGION WEBSITES

VISIT THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BASEBALL WEBSITES AT:

http://www.legion.org/baseball (National Headquarters)

VISIT THE AMERICAN LEGION WEBSITES AT:

http://www.ohiolegion.com (Department Headquarters)

http://www.ohiolegion.com/baseball (Department Headquarters Baseball)

THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME WEBSITE

VISIT THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME WEBSITE AT:

http://www.baseballhalloffame.org

PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS WEBSITE

VISIT THE OFFICIAL "PROTECT YOUTH SPORTS" WEBSITE AT:

http://protectyouthsports.com/

AMERICAN LEGION

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