

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

AMERICAN LEGION

BASEBALL



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BY-LAWS

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DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

SECTION 1

Administration/Membership

Section 1.1 Department Baseball Committee

The Department Baseball Committee shall be comprised of the following:

- A Chairman appointed by the Department Commander shall be the Chief Executive and Administrator of the Baseball Program within the Department of New York.
- He shall be assisted by three (3) Vice-Chairmen, who will be appointed by the Department Commander.
- This group will be referred to from this point on as the Department Baseball Committee.

The Department Baseball Committee duties will consist of the following:

- The Baseball Committee/Chairman will appoint/select, with a majority vote, members to the Baseball Sub-Committee.
- The Department Baseball Committee shall decide all questions, disputes and protests within the Department.
- The Department Baseball Committee shall have the authority to disqualify or suspend anyone violating a department or national rule.
- Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of the Department Chairman or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the Department Baseball Committee. The Department Baseball Committee's decision will be final.
- Department Baseball Committee is responsible for approving the teams applying on the national online registration. All league and district rules must be annually reviewed and approved by the Department Baseball Committee. No league or district rule may conflict with a department or national rule.

Section 1.2 Department Baseball Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee will be made up of individuals appointed or elected to oversee and supervise the department or district baseball programs, under the general rules and regulations of the department baseball committee.

DISTRICT BASEBALL CHAIRMAN :

An individual appointed or elected to oversee and supervise the district baseball program, under the general rules/regulations of the department baseball committee. Only Districts with registered Teams will have a seat on the sub-committee. District Chairmen are appointed by their respective District Commanders.

DEPARTMENT BASEBALL OFFICIAL:

A volunteer appointed or elected to oversee and supervise the department baseball program, within a given area of responsibility.

Any Chairman or sub-committee member that fails to carry out their responsibilities or resigns may be replaced by the Department Baseball Chairman.

Section 1.3

Voting on any matter requiring action by the Department shall be by majority vote of members of The Department Baseball Committee at a regularly convened meeting of the Committee. Only Districts with registered teams will have a vote.

Section 1.4 Department Chairman

Section 1.4.1

Call and preside over all meetings of The Department Committee.

Section 1.4.2

Publish The Department Baseball Rules & By-Laws.

Section 1.4.3

Inspect and certify all documents and papers required by The National and Department Rules for team participation in the National Tournament.

Section 1.4.4

Arrange for and conduct a Championship Department Baseball Tournament among the District Champions.

Section 1.4.5

Make and enforce interim rules pending action at the next meeting of The Department Committee.

Section 1.4.6

Interpret and rule upon questions on National and Department Rules submitted to him in accordance with these Rules.

Section 1.4.7

Promote and encourage expansion of The American Legion Junior Baseball Program in the Department of New York.

Section 1.5 District Chairmen

Section 1.5.1

Review all National Forms 1 & 2 with supporting papers under his jurisdiction. Upon completion of his review, he shall: Transmit to The Department Chairman 1 set of Team Entry Papers by Jun 10th. Retain one copy of each National Forms 1, 2, 76 and 77 for record purposes.

Section 1.5.2

Rule upon all protests and rule interpretations submitted to him by League Chairmen within his District within 24 hours. No protests or rule interpretations shall be entertained other than those processed through the League Chairman in accordance with District Rules.

Section 1.5.3

Review waivers on ALB Form 76 and Elections on ALB Form 77 for all players within his District requiring such action for eligibility under National Rules. Original forms are to be forwarded to Department Chairman by the team manager before player plays first game. A copy of the Waiver/ or Election shall be returned to each player's Team so that it may be attached to the Teams National Form #1.

Section 1.5.4

Arrange for and conduct a Championship Game or Tournament among the League Teams within his District consistent with National and Department Rules.

Section 1.5.5

Submit a copy of current District Rules and By-Laws to The Department Chairman.

Section 1.5.6

The Department Chairman shall be advised in writing of District/Zone Tournament schedules by (see section 9, Deadlines) .

Section 1.6 County Chairmen

Section 1.6.1

Promote and administer a baseball program within his County and assist the District Chairman as needed.

Section 1.7 Post Chairman

Section 1.7.1

Supervise play of his Post entry and assure that all National and Department Rules are fully complied with. Also is responsible for team conduct while participating with American Legion Baseball.

SECTION 2

Team Eligibility

Section 2.1 League Play

Section 2.1.1

All Districts will form a league. All teams will now have an option to play in their respective District league or play an open schedule. Each team will need to declare their election before they are approved for registration, (Apr 10th), by the Department/District Chairman.

There will be 2 options: A and B.

Option A (see rule 2.1.2) will require the team to play league play.

Option B (see rule 2.1.3) will not require teams to play in their District league but instead plan an open schedule. These teams will not be eligible for post season play. Teams may also be placed in this classification for various disciplinary reasons.

During the team registration process, each team must complete the Class field on the application by entering their respective District number followed by an A or B, thereby making their election for the options listed below. EXAMPLE: 3B or 6A

You will not be approved if this field is left blank.

Section 2.1.2 Option A

Teams that pick this option will play league play and adhere to all National, Department and District By-Laws.

Section 2.1.3 Option B

Teams that pick this option will adhere to all National, Department and District By-Laws. They will not have to play a league schedule but will have the following restrictions. If any of the following rules are not followed the team will not be approved to register a team the following year.

- Will not be able to play in any post legion tournaments
- Will not be able to scheduled games within the league schedule
- Will be required to file all paperwork, pay all fees and purchase legion insurance as required
- All players will be authorized to play for the nearest Option A team if they elect to do so. (This does not apply if team is in Option B for disciplinary reason).
- Will be able to play any teams other than American Legion teams
- Will not be able to join or play in any other youth baseball organization league or post season tournament. Violation will result in the team will not be approved to play American Legion Baseball the following year.

Section 2.2

Each team competing in The Department of New York American Legion Baseball Tournament must be able to field no less than twelve (12) registered players. If a District Champion cannot meet its requirement, the District Chairman must select the next best team from his District that can meet this requirement.

A game shall be forfeited to the opposing team when a team is unable or refuses to place nine (9) players on the field during all league games. A Department or District may NOT modify this rule in any manner.

Section 2.3

Each team playing American Legion Baseball in The Department of New York will be required to register.

Section 2.4

Each Team will be required to pay a Department fee of \$200 and a National fee of \$50 for Senior and \$25 for Junior Teams at the time they purchase their insurance.

Section 2.5

Every American Legion Baseball team (both junior and senior) must purchase both group liability and accident insurance from The American Legion's agent of record (S.A. Van Dyk, Inc.). Coverage must be purchased no later than May 15. Newly formed teams that miss the established deadline shall have until June 1 to submit proof of insurance without penalty. Should a previously registered team miss the established deadline, then they shall have "grace" period until June 1 to purchase insurance, but the team will be assessed a late fee of \$200 payable to the department. Missing the June 1 deadline will result in the disqualification from any further competition.

Section 2.6

American Legion Baseball teams must submit their roster and National Form #1 via the national baseball website: www.legion.org/baseball. Departments have authorization to make roster deadline earlier, but may not extend the date. All rosters must be approved by the Department Baseball Committee. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification from any further competition.

Section 2.7

Districts that do not adhere to Legion Baseball rules may be subject to suspension and possible removal from the program if violations are not corrected within a timely manner.

SECTION 3

Individual Player Eligibility

Section 3.1

No player will be permitted to participate for more than one American Legion Team in any one Legion year. Once a player has played in any game, he cannot participate for any other Legion team in that year.

Section 3.1.1 Dual Roster

A program may designate up to three (3) players listed on their Senior team Form 1 to be dual rostered on their Junior team Form 1, provided they meet the Junior program age requirements.

The designated player(s) will be allowed to participate on both a Senior team and a Junior team only for the same program. A player cannot be placed on a senior team roster for one program and the Junior team roster for another program.

In order to be able to make this designation, a Senior team shall be required to roster a minimum of twelve (12) players excluding the player(s) designated to also be placed on the Junior team roster. The player(s) will be allowed to participate on both teams at the Senior managers' discretion during the regular season only.

At the conclusion of the regular season, **provided BOTH the program Senior and Junior teams qualify for the District Playoffs, the Senior team manager will designate, in writing to the District Chairman, which team the dual roster player(s) will participate on for the remainder of the season. Should only one (1) team make the playoffs, the dual roster player(s) are eligible to participate on that team without any addition designation.** A player cannot participate for both the Senior and Junior teams in the post season if both teams qualify.

- The player(s) must be listed on both rosters (Form 1), count as one of the maximum eighteen (18) roster spots and toward the enrollment totals of both teams.
- The player(s) must complete (2) two Form 2's, one listing the senior team and one listing the junior team.
- The player(s) manager must check the dual participation box on the website when adding the player to the Senior team Form 1 as well as the Junior team Form 1.
- Senior team manager must submit the names of the player(s) in writing (via email) to the District Chairman by the deadline for roster submission as indicated in section 9, which will be included in the team paperwork approved by the District Chairman to the Department Chairman
- The player(s) are to be considered Senior players in regards to all aspects of the rule book.
- A program is defined by a Legion Post(s) that sponsor a Senior and a Junior team with the same base school.

- These designations are final and cannot be changed for the remainder of the season.

Section 3.2

Any player cut by a team manager must obtain, in writing, permission from that team's manager to play for the team next nearest his parent's legal residence. It is the duty of that manager to offer the cut player a release on ALB Form #76, to determine the next nearest team from among several. The nearest team shall be determined by the shortest driving distance as calculated by Map-Quest.

The player must complete Waiver Form ALB #76,(this form can be found only on the National American Legion Baseball website). The completed form must be forwarded by the new team manager to the authorized District Baseball Chairman for approval prior to the player being placed on the roster, or participating in any team activities.

Teams using players without an official 76 or 77 on file will forfeit any games played in.

Section 3.3

Participation and play shall, in all respects, be in accordance with the Rules published annually by the Baseball Section, National Americanism Commission of The American Legion and Major League Baseball except as follows:

Dual participation may be permitted by District rule where such participation does not infringe upon player's obligation to his American Legion Team.

Elections to permit Dual Participation must be included in the District By-Laws. No Department dual participation form is required for league play.

Section 3.4

Senior players released from a team must obtain permission on National Transfer Form #76 from. The Department of NY Baseball Committee has voted to modify the National Rule and Senior players releases are valid for their entire AL Baseball eligibility and only need to be signed one time. If a player is to transfer to another team a new Form 76 will need to be completed.

Junior players will be eligible to transfer for only one year.

Section 3.5

Players who graduated shall play for the last American Legion team they played for. If a team should fail to form and/or exist, the player must play for the team nearest their parents' domicile. Players who graduated shall not be eligible to be transferred (Forms #76 or #77). Their name must have appeared on a previously approved legion team roster.

SECTION 4

Senior Legion

(League Play, District, Department Tournament)

Section 4.1

District Chairman may select sites and schedule Championship tournaments, within their respective jurisdictions, consistent with local rules.

Section 4.2

Expenses for field, baseball and umpires are to be borne equally by participating teams. Failure to pay such charges shall result in suspension of the responsible District or team until such charges are satisfied. Consideration should be given in selecting District Tournament sites to geographical factors and mutually convenient neutral playing fields when possible.

Section 4.3 League Play

Section 4.3.1

League schedules will be sent to the Department Chairman prior to the start of league play.

Section 4.3.2

Districts may choose to play with Junior legion rules during senior league play. The district may use all or one of the junior playing rules (courtesy runner, DH for anyone, or re-entry rule). The District by-laws must state the playing rules used in the specific district. If these rules are not stated in the District by-laws and there is a protest about the ruling the Dept Baseball Committee will make a ruling based on Senior National rules.

Section 4.4 District Tournament

Section 4.4.1

Districts may choose to play with Junior legion rules during senior District tournament play. The district may use all or one of the junior playing rules (courtesy runner, DH for anyone, or re-entry rule). The District by-laws must state the playing rules used in the specific district. If these rules are not stated in the District by-laws and there is a protest about the ruling the Dept Baseball Committee will make a ruling based on Senior National rules. All district tournament games can be either seven (7) or nine (9) innings, this also needs to be stated in the district by-laws. .

Section 4.4.2

Two (2) umpires will be used in The District Tournament.

Section 4.4.3

Any team that forfeits in the District tournament will be ineligible for the next years District Tournament. The team will be permitted to play only as an Option B team the following year.

Section 4.4.4

If a team is declared illegal or disqualified at any time prior to the next scheduled game, the team they last defeated is reinstated whenever possible, and treated as if they won the game. If logistics or timing prevent such reinstatement, the next scheduled opponent is declared a winner by forfeit and continues on in tournament play.

Section 4.4.5

District Tournaments will have no more than 8 teams participating.

Section 4.4.6

A minimum of 15 Legion games will need to be played to be eligible for the District Tournament

Section 4.4.7

Any team that files his final roster with less than 15 players listed will be ineligible for the District Tournament.

Section 4.5 Department Tournament

Section 4.5.1

Three (3) umpires will be used in The Department Tournament except that six (6) umpires will be used in the final game.

Section 4.5.2

The Department shall pay expenses for the Department Senior Tournament. This is to include housing and daily meal money. Travel will be the responsibility of the team.

Section 4.5.3

If a team is declared illegal or disqualified at any time prior to the next scheduled game, the team they last defeated is reinstated whenever possible, and treated as if they won the game. If logistics or timing prevent such reinstatement, the next scheduled opponent is declared a winner by forfeit and continues on in tournament play.

Section 4.5.4

The Department will provide a Championship Pennant to The Department Champions. The Post may add additional lettering at its own cost. The Department will present the Champion and Runner-Up with a trophy. Department Champion shoulder patches will be awarded to the winning team.

Section 4.5.5

Each team participating in The Department Championship Tournament will be required to post a \$500 bond. This bond to be refunded upon departure or will be applied towards any damages done at Hotel.

Section 4.5.6

**All Department Tournaments will be nine (9) inning games.
(Exception- see rule 4.11)**

Section 4.6

Should the Umpire-In-Chief find it necessary to forfeit a game or if any of the above rules are violated, a written report from the Umpire-In-Chief must be filed immediately following the said game, to the Legion Official in charge.

Section 4.7

Any team manager who has information that might lead to the disqualification of any team or player must inform the Tournament director or Legion Official in charge before the game begins. The Legion Official in charge shall remind the umpires, managers and coaches of this obligation prior to the start of the game; however, when information becomes available after the game has begun, the team obtaining such information shall not be prevented from filing protest. In any event, regardless of when a protest is filed, if a player or players are found to be ineligible, said player or players are to be prevented from participation in any further competition and his or their names are to be stricken from the roster.

Section 4.8

Canadian teams may play in League, District and Department Championship Tournaments, and represent New York in a Regional Tournament.

Section 4.9

At The District and Department Championship Tournament, any game suspended due to weather, light failure, or darkness will be resumed at the exact point of the original game. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game.

Section 4.10

After the game begins, no spectators are allowed on the field for any purpose other than emergency medical treatment. In addition, only uniformed players, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, umpires, tournament administrators, ball persons, and scorers are allowed in the dugouts, bullpens, and playing field.

Section 4.11 *American Legion Baseball Delayed Championship Team Policy*

During a tournament, the American Legion hopes that each team will be given an equal opportunity to win the tournament on the field. However, over the past eight decades we have experienced game delays. Rain, fog, hurricanes, power outages and other acts of God have and will require the American Legion personnel assigned to the tournament to take extraordinary measures to insure teams are given equal opportunity. If rain or other acts of God or Mother Nature cause a serious delay in a game or tournament, the Tournament Director assigned by the National Commander is authorized to:

1. Change the schedule and require teams to play games at a backup facility.
2. Move the tournament to another community (and ballpark) in order to complete the tournament.
3. Change the tournament to 7 inning games. (Cannot be shortened during a game)
4. 11:00 curfew may be suspended if all teams agree in writing to waive 11:00 curfew

SECTION 5

Protest/Appeals

Section 5.1

The District Tournament Chairmen will appoint a Protest Committee of three (3) people. It can include the Chairman himself if he so desires. All protests MUST be filed with the head umpire in charge of the game at the time the play under protest occurs and before the next pitch, play or attempted play and must cite the specific rule or rules allegedly violated. No protest shall ever be permitted on judgment decisions by the umpire. Once a Protest Committee decision is made, no further protests may be entered on the same subject unless new information is provided to the Committee.

Section 5.2

League play protest must be filed no later than 24 hours after the start of the game. These protests will be handled by the District Chairman. All protests MUST be filed with the head umpire in charge of the game at the time the play under protest occurs and before the next pitch, play or attempted play and must cite the specific rule or rules allegedly violated. No protest shall ever be permitted on judgment decisions by the umpire. Even if it is held that the protested decision violated the rules, no replay of the game will be ordered unless in the opinion of the District Chairman the violation adversely affected the protesting team's chances of winning the game.

Section 5.3

Appeals at The Department level for League play will be resolved by The Department Appeals Board consisting of The Department Chairman, and the Vice-Chairmen. The Board may be convened in person or by telephone conference, or electronic connection. Appeals will be determined by a majority of the Board. Appeals must be postmarked (with proof of transmission) within 24 hours of the ruling, interpretation or event complained of, stating the precise points of contention that are the basis of appeal.

Appeals shall be directed to The Department Chairman:

Bruce A. Mayfield
30 Harding Avenue
Kenmore, NY 14217
Or email address (bmayf14217@yahoo.com)

The Department Chairman may issue and enforce interim rulings on appeals pending review by the full Board. He shall, however, make every effort to promptly convene the Board. Appeals should normally be processed through the District Chairmen. While extenuating circumstances will be a recognized exception, failure to follow channels may be grounds for rejection of an appeal.

SECTION 6

Junior Legion

(League Play, District, Department Tournament)

Section 6.1 League Play

League schedules will be sent to the Department Junior Program Director prior to the start of league play.

Section 6.2 District Tournament

Section 6.2.1

- District Chairman may select sites and schedule Championship tournaments within their respective jurisdictions consistent with local rules. All District Tournament games will be seven (7) innings. The Department Junior Program Director shall be advised in writing of District Tournament schedules and format by Apr 1st. Not less than two (2) umpires in good standing of a recognized umpires association shall be used in any District Tournament Game. **All District Tournaments must be played in compliance with the rules outlined in Section 7 with regards to the designated hitter, courtesy runner and re-entry**

Section 6.2.2

Expenses for field, baseball and umpires are to be borne equally by participating teams. Failure to pay such charges shall result in suspension of the responsible District or team until such charges are satisfied. Consideration should be given in selecting District Tournament sites to geographical factors and mutually convenient neutral playing fields when possible.

Section 6.2.3

All tournament rules covered in Section 4 will apply to the Junior Tournaments unless stated differently in Section 6.

Section 6.3 Department Tournament

Section 6.3.1

The Department Tournament will be a 6 team Pool Play elimination tournament with all games seven (7) innings. The Department Junior Program Director and the Department baseball committee will draw the pairings for the first round of the Tournament. Two (2) umpires will be used in The Department Tournament. **The Department Tournament will be played in compliance with the rules outlined in Section 7 with regards to the designated hitter, courtesy runner and re-entry**

Section 6.3.2

The Department shall pay expenses for the Department Junior Tournament. This is to include providing baseballs, umpires and daily meal money. Travel will be the responsibility of the team.

Section 6.3.3

The Department will provide a Championship Trophy to the Department Champions and a plaque/trophy to the runner-up.

Section 6.3.4

All tournament rules covered in Section 4 will apply to the Junior Tournaments unless stated differently in Section 6.

SECTION 7

Playing Regulations

Section 7.1 Baseballs

The Baseball Committee has selected the Diamond Baseball to be the official supplier of the Department of New York American Legion Baseball Program. Failure to use Diamond Baseballs will eliminate the team from Department Tournament Play. Baseballs are to be purchased from local dealers provided by Diamond Baseball. **Model D1-AL baseball (stamped with the American Legion Baseball Logo to get proper credit).** The ball is listed on the Diamond web site under American Legion. Please use local dealers. The Committee encourages teams in the same area to pull together to get even a better price from their dealer. Diamond Sports Inc. will provide 40 dozen baseballs for the Department Tournaments. They will also provide bat bags for the winners of the Senior and Junior Championship team players.

Section 7.2 Bats

The Department of New York Legion Baseball program will be strictly a wooden bat league. Only all wood bats made of ash or maple will be allowed. The bat shall be a smooth, round stick not more than 2.61 inches in diameter at the thickest part and not more than 42 inches in length. The bat shall be one piece of solid wood. No bamboo or BBCOR stamped bats will be allowed. If any bat fails to meet this requirement said bat will be removed from game, the batter will be declared out, and the head coach or team manager will be ejected from the game.

Section 7.3 Courtesy Runners

Section 7.3.1 Seniors

During the regular season and post-season, American Legion Senior teams shall not use courtesy runners.

Section 7.3.2 Juniors

Teams have the *option* to use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher at any time. For speed-up purposes, it is recommended that the courtesy runner be used with two men out in all games.

Section 7.4 Designated Hitter

Section 7.4.1 Seniors

The designated hitter will only be used for the pitcher as published in the Official Baseball Rules. **(Exception: If the District elects to play with junior rules during league and District tournament play and is stated so in the District by-laws.**

Section 7.4.2 Juniors

A hitter may be (***not mandatory***) designated for any one starting player (***not just pitchers***) and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game. A starting defensive player cannot be listed as the designated hitter in the starting lineup. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his name shall be included on the lineup cards presented to the umpire-in-chief and to the official scorer. Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter in that game.

Section 7.5 First Aid Kit

Each team must have a first aid kit with them in the dugout at each game.

Section 7.6 Helmets

All players are required to wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while batting, running the bases, and on deck. Bat boys or girls must wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while on the field.

All batting helmets must have the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) seal of approval stamped on the helmet, and such seal must be visible on the outside of the helmet.

Base coaches are required to wear a standard batting helmet, with or without earflaps (safety rule: ejection for non-compliance after one warning).

Batters are required to wear a standard batting helmet with earflaps.

Section 7.7 Re-entry

Section 7.7.1 Seniors

American Legion Senior teams shall not use a re-entry rule during regular or post-season play. **(Exception: If the District elects to play with junior rules during league and District tournament play and is stated so in the District by-laws.**

Section 7.7.2 Juniors

Any of the starting players, with the exception of the pitcher and the designated hitter, may withdraw from the game and re-enter once, provided such players occupy the same batting position whenever they re-enter the lineup. Starting pitchers and designated hitters that change positions later in the same game are NOT eligible to re-enter.

Section 7.8 Uniforms

Section 7.8.1

Players and coaches must be in uniforms of the same color and style when competing in Department (state) and national tournaments. Any player, coach or manager who does not have an American Legion Baseball insignia or either the left sleeve or left chest of his uniform shirt will be removed from the game.

The front of the uniform shirt may carry lettering that identifies the post, department, town city, community or sponsor that the team represents. Such lettering must be acceptable to the sponsoring department

Section 7.8.2

A pitcher is allowed to wear a compression sleeve on his throwing arm as long as it is a solid color, not white or grey, and in the judgment of the umpire is not distracting in any manner.

Section 7.8.3

Courtesy jackets are permissible at all levels of American Legion baseball for coaches and players to wear a courtesy jacket, (wind shirts, jackets, or alternate jerseys) because of adverse weather conditions. However, a uniform top must still be worn under these jackets. Coaches and players not in proper uniform will be restricted to the dug-outs.

SECTION 8

Manager and Coaches Responsibilities

Section 8.1

Background check screening will be conducted on all coaches, managers, team trainers, adult score keepers on the bench and volunteer staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball teams.

Due to the importance and seriousness of this National Rule the following penalties will be instituted immediately if violated: Manager, coaches or staff that has one on one access to any player will be immediately be suspended from having any contact with any American Legion Baseball Team and then will be banned from American Legion Baseball in the Department of New York. The Manager/Head Coach will be suspended for one (1) year. After one (1) year suspension The Manager/Head Coach will need to be re-instated by the Baseball Committee.

Section 8.2

General conduct: Demonstrate behavior appropriate for a role model for youth; be courteous, fair, and unbiased in your treatment of all children and youth. Put the welfare and well-being of children and youth first. Treat all children and youth with dignity and respect.

Drugs, tobacco, alcohol and sexually explicit materials: Do not possess, distribute, use or allow others to use alcohol or drugs during operation of national youth programs. The use of tobacco at national youth programs is prohibited in the presence of children or youth. Do not be in the possession of any sexually orientated materials when conducting business as staff of a national youth program.

Use of Language: Do not use harsh, inappropriate, offensive, profane or degrading language in the presence of children or youth. Do not discuss sexual history, preferences or fantasies with or in the presence of children or youth.

Section 8.3

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

SECTION 9

Deadlines

MARCH 15 Copies of District By-Laws Submitted To Department Chairman and **Department Committee Member overseeing your District by email**

APRIL 1 Copy of District Tournament format and League format submitted to Department Chairman and **Department Committee Member overseeing your District**

APRIL 1 Copy of District Tournament Schedules sent to Department Chairman and **Department Committee Member overseeing your District. Copy of junior schedules sent to Dept Junior Director**

APRIL 10 **All teams must be registered.**

MAY 15 Deadline for Insurance Coverage.

JUNE 1 **Rosters submitted on line, or before first scheduled game. All 76s and 77s need to be properly approved before player is added to roster.**

JUNE 20 **Forward All National Entry Forms 2 and supporting documents and coaches code of ethics form to the District Chairman. (2 copies)**

JUNE 20 **Forward complete team photo (senior and junior), with names, to Dept Chairman and copy to Vice Chairman Finn**

JUNE 25 **Last date to make changes to roster**

JUNE 28 **All team rosters will be approved and submitted to National**

JULY 1 **District Chairman forward copies of National Form 2 and supporting documents to Department Committee Member overseeing your District**

TOURNAMENT DATES

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS - By 7/24/16

**DEPARTMENT JR. TOURNAMENT – Arrive 7/28/16 – Utica, NY
Start playing 7/28/16**

**DEPARTMENT SR. TOURNAMENT - Arrive 7/25/16 – Utica, NY
Start Play 7/26 thru 7/30**

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT - 8/3/16 thru 8/7/16 – Leesburg, VA

WORLD SERIES - 8/11/16 thru 8/16/16 - Shelby, NC

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