



DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK STATE

2025 BASEBALL RULES



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DEPARTMENT (NEW YORK STATE) BY-LAWS AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

SECTION 1

Administration/Membership

Section 1.1 Department (NYS) Chairman

A Chairman appointed by the Department (NYS) Commander shall be the Chief Executive and Administrator of the Baseball Program within the Department (NYS).

Department (NYS) Chairman Responsibilities

- Call and preside over all meetings of The Department (NYS) Committee.
- Publish the Department (NYS) Baseball Rules & By-Laws.
- Inspect and certify all documents and papers required by The National and Department (NYS) Rules for team participation in the National Tournament.
- Arrange for and conduct a Championship Department (NYS) Baseball Tournament among the District Champions.
- Make and enforce interim rules pending action at the next meeting of The Department (NYS) Committee.
- Interpret and rule upon questions on National and Department (NYS) Rules submitted to the Chairman in accordance with these Rules.
- Promote and encourage expansion of The American Legion Baseball Program in the Department (NYS) of New York.

Section 1.2 Department (NYS) Baseball Committee

The Department (NYS) Baseball Committee shall be comprised of the following:

- The Department (NYS) Chairman
- The Chairman shall be assisted by Vice-Chairmen, who will be appointed by the **Department (NYS) Baseball Chairman**
- A Director of Operations will be appointed by the Department (NYS) Baseball Chairman, one for the Senior Program and one for the Junior Program.
- This group will be referred to from this point on as the Department (NYS) Baseball Committee.

Department (NYS) Baseball Committee Responsibilities

- The Baseball Committee/Chairman will appoint/select, with a majority vote, all district level officials.
- The Department (NYS) Baseball Committee shall decide all questions, disputes, and protests within the Department (NYS).
- The Department (NYS) Baseball Committee shall have the authority to

disqualify or suspend anyone violating a Department (NYS) or national rule.

- Managers, coaches, or players who, in the opinion of the Department (NYS) Chairman or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the Department (NYS) Baseball Committee. The Department (NYS) Baseball Committee's decision will be final.
- Department (NYS) 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 (NYS) Baseball Committee. No league or district rule may conflict with a Department (NYS) or national rule.
- Voting on any matter requiring action by the Department (NYS) shall be by majority vote of members of The Department (NYS) Baseball Committee at a regularly convened meeting of the Committee .

Section 1.3 Senior and Junior Program Directors

An individual appointed by the Baseball Chairman to oversee and supervise their respective baseball program, under the general rules/regulations of the Department (NYS) of NY American legion baseball and serve as a member of the baseball committee.

Program Director Responsibilities

- Promoting the respective program in the Department (NYS) of New York
- Review all paperwork and required documents to approve teams for play in the Department (NYS) of New York
- Assist the Department (NYS) Chairman in the planning and the administration of the respective Department (NYS) tournaments.
- Make and enforce interim rules pending action at the next meeting of The Department (NYS) Committee
- Interpret and rule upon questions on National and Department (NYS) Rules submitted to the Director in accordance with these Rules. pending action at the next meeting of The Department (NYS) Committee
- Any other duties or responsibilities assigned by the Department (NYS) Chairman

Section 1.4 District

Section 1.4.1 District Baseball Chairman

An individual appointed by their respective District Commander to act as a liaison between their respective District Commander and the Department (NYS) Baseball Committee. The Chairman is responsible for promoting American Legion baseball in their respective district and throughout the state.

Section 1.4.2 District Baseball Director

An individual appointed by the Baseball Committee to oversee and supervise the district baseball program, under the general rules/regulations of the Department (NYS) baseball committee.

District Director Responsibilities

- Review all National **Form 2** with supporting papers under his jurisdiction. Upon completion of his review, the Director shall transmit a copy to the respective Program Director by date listed in Section 9, Deadlines. Retain one copy of each National Form 1, 2, 76, 77 and the Coaches Code of Conduct (CCOC), for their records.
- Rule upon all protests and rule interpretations within his District within 24 hours.
- Arrange for and conduct a Championship Game or Tournament among the League Teams within his District consistent with Department (NYS) Rules.
- Submit a copy of current District Rules and By-Laws to The Department (NYS) Chairman (see section 9, Deadlines).
- The Department (NYS) Baseball Chairman shall be advised in writing of District Tournament schedules by (see section 9, Deadlines).
- The District Director will submit to the respective program director a National Form 18 with the team representing their District in the Department (NYS) Tournament. This form will be emailed to the respective program director ASAP after a representative has been determined.
- Each District Director will need to schedule at least one meeting with all coaches and the Department (NYS) Baseball Chairman or his representative to be eligible for post season play.

Section 1.4.3 District Baseball Staff

Each District Director can recommend an assistant/administrator to the baseball committee for approval. The District Director will define the responsibilities of the assistant/administrator.

Section 1.5 County Chairman

An individual appointed by their respective County Commander to promote a baseball program within their respective County and assist the District Chairman as needed.

Section 1.6 Post Baseball Chairman

An individual appointed by their respective Post Commander to supervise play of his Post entry and assure that all National and Department (NYS) rules are fully complied with, while being responsible for team conduct while participating with American Legion Baseball.

Section 1.7

Any Chairman or baseball official that fails to carry out their responsibilities or resigns may be replaced by the Department (NYS) Baseball Chairman.

SECTION 2 Team Eligibility

Section 2.1

All Districts will form a league. Teams electing to not participate in the league will not be eligible for post season play.

Section 2.2

Each team competing in a Department of New York State American Legion Baseball game must be able to suit up nine (9) registered players to start the game, and each team must be able to finish the game with at least nine (9) legal players.

For those American Legion Baseball programs that have affiliated senior and junior teams, junior eligible players may participate on both teams **during the regular season only**. However, senior eligible players may not participate on a junior team. Those eligible junior players may appear in an affiliated senior team game provided the total number of players in such senior game does not exceed 18 players.

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 **tournament/league** games. A Department (NYS) or District may NOT modify this rule in any manner.

Section 2.3

Each team playing American Legion Baseball in The Department (NYS) will be required to register.

Section 2.4

Each Team will be required to pay a Department (NYS) fee of \$375 (Senior), \$350.00 (Junior and Prep) and a National fee of \$100.00 (Senior), \$75.00 (Junior and Prep).

The Administration Fee will be \$25.00 per team (all levels), non-refundable.

Section 2.5

Every American Legion Baseball team (Senior, Junior, and Prep) must purchase both group liability and accident insurance from K&K Insurance through the American Legion team registration website. 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 of **May 15th**, then they shall have a "grace" period until June 1 to purchase insurance, but the team will be assessed a late fee of \$200 payable to the Department (NYS). **(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 (see section 9, Deadlines). Departments have authorization to make roster deadline earlier but may not extend the date. All rosters must be approved by the Department (NYS) Baseball Chairman. 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 2.8

There shall be no Manager or Head Coach appointed to a Senior Division team that is less than three years separated from his final eligible legion playing age. They can only take on the role of Assistant Coach, or Volunteer only.

SECTION 3 Individual Player Eligibility

Section 3.1

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

Section 3.2

Any player cut by a team manager must obtain, in writing, permission from that team's manager to play for the next team 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 Google Maps, **360 degrees around the player's legal domicile to the nearest base school.**

Teams must use the distance calculator found on the resources page of the Department (NYS) website, www.nylegionbaseball.com. The player must complete Waiver Form ALB #76, which should be provided by the new team manager. Any disputes will be settled by the District Director. 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 with any team(s) outside of American Legion

may be permitted by District rule where such participation does not infringe upon player's obligation to his American Legion Team up to but not including the start of the District playoffs.

Once the Department (NYS) tournament play has started, the first pitch of the first game, a player may not participate in another amateur baseball program or any **other sanctioned or unsanctioned baseball sport program**. **Once that player participates in another amateur baseball program that player is considered ineligible for the remainder of the season.**

Players who miss any part of a department post-season tournament due to non-baseball related matters may be granted an exception on a case-by-case basis, with proper documentation. Prior written approval from the American Legion Baseball Committee chairman is required.

Section 3.4

Players released from a team must obtain permission on National Transfer Form #76. The Department of NYS Baseball Committee has voted to modify the National Rule to allow a player's releases to remain valid for their entire AL Baseball eligibility at that specific level (Senior, Junior, Prep) 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.

Section 3.5

Players that have graduated from high school are required to play for the last American Legion team they played for. If the last team no longer exists OR if has never played on an American Legion Baseball team before, then the player must play for the team nearest his parents' domicile. Players who graduated shall **NOT** be eligible to be transferred (Form #76).

Players that make a form 77 election are NOT eligible to make another election while playing at the same level (Junior or Senior). When the player advances to the next level the player can make another form 77 election.

SECTION 4 Senior Legion League Play, District & Department (NYS) Tournament

Section 4.1

The District Director 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 District responsible 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 (NYS) Chairman prior to the start of league play. League schedules must also be uploaded to the Department (NYS) website, www.nylegionbaseball.com.

Failure to do so will incur a \$200.00 fine for that District.

Section 4.3.2

Districts may choose to play with junior legion rules during senior league play. The district may use all or none 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 none 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 **will be seven (7) inning games.**

Section 4.4.2

A minimum of 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 next year's District Tournament.

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 in tournament play.

Section 4.4.5

District Tournaments will have no more than 8 teams participating. Tournament brackets cannot allow any team to have a bye. Districts must

follow the National Bracket format for 8 or 4 team tournaments. No odd numbered brackets are allowed. The only 6 team tournaments allowed are Pool Play in which all teams play equal number of games.

Section 4.4.6

Any team that files their final roster with less than 12 players listed will be ineligible for the District Tournament.

Unless otherwise indicated in the District By-Laws, a team will be permitted to play in the District Tournament with less than 12 players. This does not change the requirement in section 4.5 that a team must **report** to the Department (NYS) tournament with no fewer than 12 players **officially present**.

Section 4.4.7

Each District Champion (Senior and Junior) must submit a photo (with names) no later than the Department (NYS) Tournament check-in date.

Section 4.5 Department (NYS) Tournament

Each team competing in The Department (NYS) American Legion Baseball Tournament must attend check-in with 12 registered players and have 12 registered players to start each game. Each team will be able to finish the game with only 9 legal players.

Senior teams can move 3 players from their affiliated Junior programs to their Senior team using form 5.

If a District Champion cannot meet its requirements, the District Director must request a waiver (must include the reason for not being able to meet the requirement) from the Baseball Committee of the Department (NYS). The ruling of this waiver will be the responsibility of the Department (NYS) Baseball Committee. If unable to field a team after this, the next best team from the District that can meet this requirement will be sent.

Section 4.5.1

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

Section 4.5.2

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

Section 4.5.3

Each team participating in The Department (NYS) Championship Tournament will be required to post a \$500 security deposit. This security deposit to be refunded upon departure or will be applied for any damages done at the hotel.

Section 4.5.4

All Department (NYS) Tournaments will be seven (7) inning games. The format of the tournament will be 8 team double elimination. The eight teams will consist of six district champions, a host team, and a wildcard team that will be the district runner up of the district with the most legion teams of all levels.

Saturday July 26th

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| Game 1 | 9:00AM | 6 th District Champion V (TBD) District Runner up |
| Game 2 | 11:30AM | 4 th District Champion V 9 th District Champion |
| Game 3 | 2:30PM | 8 th District Champion V 7 th District Champion |
| Game 4 | 5:00PM | 5 th District Champion V Host |

Sunday July 27th

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|--------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Game 5 | 9:00AM | Loser Game 1 V Loser Game 3 |
| Game 6 | 11:30AM | Loser Game 2 V Loser Game 4 |
| Game 7 | 2:30PM | Winner Game 1 V Winner Game 3 |
| Game 8 | 5:00PM | Winner Game 2 V Winner Game 4 |

Monday July 28th

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| Game 9 | 11:00AM | Winner Game 6 V Loser Game 7 |
| Game 10 | 2:00PM | Winner Game 5 V Loser Game 8 |
| Game 11 | 5:00PM | Winner Game 7 V Winner Game 8 |

Tuesday July 29th

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| Game 12 | 2:00PM | Winner Game 10 V Loser Game 11 * |
| Game 13 | 5:00PM | Winner Game 9 V Winner Game 11 * |

Wednesday July 30th

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| Game 12 | 10:00AM | Winner Game 12 V Winner Game 13 ** |
| Game 13 | | If necessary 30 min after Game 14 * |

Note 1: Parings for Game 12 and Game 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless necessary. (Tournament Director has further instructions)

Note 2: If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of game 11 draws the bye in game 14

Section 4.5.5

A minimum of three (3) umpires will be used in The Department (NYS) Tournament except that four (4) umpires will be used in the final game.

Section 4.5.6

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 at team check in. 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 participating in any further competition and his or their names are to be stricken from the roster.

Section 4.5.7

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 in tournament play. **The State Baseball Committee will decide whether the original team creating the forfeit will be allowed back the following year.**

If a team that qualifies for the Department (NYS) Tournament by winning their respective district title declines to attend the Department (NYS) Tournament, their eligibility for the following season will be determined by the **State Baseball Committee.**

Section 4.5.8

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 4.5.9

At the Department (NYS) 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 4.5.10

After the game begins, no spectators are allowed on the field for any purpose other than emergency medical treatment. In addition, only Avertity cleared, uniformed players, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, bat boys, and scorekeepers are allowed in the dugouts, bullpens, and playing field. The Tournament Director must approve of any non-uniformed personnel to be in the dugout.

Section 4.5.11

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

SECTION 5

Protest/Appeals

Section 5.1

During the District Tournament, every attempt must be made to rule on any protest on the spot to prevent replaying any game or portion of a game. All protests will be ruled on by the District Director, his designated representative, or up to a three (3) person committee. The Committee can include the Director if desired. 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 decision is made, **no further** protests may be entered on the same subject unless new information is provided.

Section 5.2

During league play in which the game has officially ended, a game must be protested and be filed no later than **12PM the next day**. These protests will be handled by the District Director. **All protests to be made during the game 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 decision is made, no further protests may be entered on the same subject unless new information is provided.

Section 5.3

Protests relating to player eligibility must be called to the attention of the opposing team before the start of a game.

Section 5.4

Appeals at The Department (NYS) level for League play will be resolved by The Department (NYS) Appeals Board consisting of The Department (NYS) Baseball Committee. The Board may be convened in person or by telephone conference, or electronic connection.

Appeals of any District ruling must be processed through the District Director no later than **12PM the next day**. The District Director will present the case to the respective Program Director. If not within the deadline the appeal/protest will not be accepted.

While extenuating circumstances will be a recognized exception, failure to follow channels may be grounds for rejection of an appeal.

The Department (NYS) Chairman may issue and enforce interim rulings on appeals pending review by the full Board. The Chairman shall, however, make every effort to promptly convene the Board.

This same procedure should be followed with rule interpretations, player eligibility inquiries and any issue that may need interpretation from above the District level.

Section 5.5

If the protest concerns the application of the rules of baseball, and the protest is upheld, the game will be replayed from the point at which the rule was incorrectly applied if in the opinion of the District Director, the violation adversely affected the protesting team's chances of winning the game. If the protest concerns the use of an ineligible player and the player is declared ineligible, the team that used the illegal player forfeits the game.

SECTION 6 Junior Legion League Play, District & Department (NYS) Tournament

Section 6.1 League Play

League schedules will be sent to the Department (NYS) Chairman prior to the start of league play. League schedules must also be uploaded to the Department (NYS) website, www.nylegionbaseball.com.

Failure to do so will incur a \$200.00 fine for that District.

Section 6.2 District Tournament

Section 6.2.1

The District Director **must** 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 (NYS) 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 District responsible 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 (NYS) Tournament

Each team competing in The Department (NYS) of New York American Legion Baseball Tournament must attend check-in with 12 registered players and have 12 registered players to start each game. Each team must be able to finish the game with at least nine (9) legal players.

If a District Champion cannot meet its requirements, the District Director must request a waiver (must include the reason for not being able to meet the requirement) from the Baseball Committee of the Department (NYS). The ruling of this waiver will be the responsibility of the Department (NYS) Baseball Committee. If unable to field a team after this, the next best team from the district that can meet this requirement will be sent.

Section 6.3.1

All Department (NYS) Tournaments will be seven (7) inning games. The Department (NYS) Junior Program Director and the Department (NYS) baseball committee will draw the pairings for the first round of the Tournament.

Tournament format will be a 4-team double elimination tournament with the following schedule:

Friday August 1st

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| Game 1 | 4:00PM | 9th District Champion vs 6th District Champion |
| Game 2 | 7:00PM | 4th District Champion vs 5th District Champion |

**Opening Ceremony: Friday 6:45 PM (All teams report by 6:30 PM)
All teams must be present and in uniform (subject to change)**

Saturday August 2nd

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|--------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Game 3 | 11:00AM | Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2 |
| Game 4 | 2:00PM | Loser Game 1 vs Loser Game 2 |
| Game 5 | 5:00PM | Winner Game 4 vs Loser Game 3 |

Sunday August 3rd

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|--------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Game 6 | 10:00AM | Winner Game 5 @ Winner Game 3* |
| Game 7 | 1:00PM | Loser Game 6 @ Winner Game 6** |

* Undefeated team is home team

**Will be played if necessary if the Winner of Game 3 loses game 6.

Three (3) umpires will be used in The Department (NYS) Tournament. The Department (NYS) 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 (NYS) shall pay expenses for the Department (NYS) Junior Tournament. This includes housing, providing baseballs, umpires, and daily meal money. Travel will be the responsibility of the team.

Section 6.3.3

The Department (NYS) will provide a Championship Trophy plus Championship banner to the Department (NYS) Champions and a plaque/trophy to the runner-up. Department (NYS) Champion shoulder patches will be awarded to the winning team.

Section 6.3.4

The Department (NYS) Junior Champion will advance to participate in the Northeast Regional Junior Tournament.

SECTION 7 Playing Regulations

Section 7.1 Baseballs

The Baseball Committee has selected two eligible baseballs, the Diamond model D1 OR Baden model 3B-Pro. All baseballs must be stamped with the legion emblem and must be used for regular season and district playoffs.

Section 7.2 Bats

FOLLOW NATIONAL RULE

Section 7.3 Courtesy Runners

Section 7.3.1 Seniors

FOLLOW NATIONAL RULE

Section 7.3.2 Juniors

Teams have the *option* to use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher at any time in compliance with the National Rule Book. 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 Mandatory Safety Equipment

New York State enacted legislation S .7424/A.366A requiring all youth sports programs to establish automated external defibrillator, or AED, implementation plans. Every team **MUST** have the following resources at every GAME/PRACTICE. No game/practice can take place without the following:

1. An AED located on the bench in full operational condition
2. A person(s) certified in CPR (having more than one person certified in CPR is highly encouraged)
3. A fully stocked first aid kit on the bench

The Department of New York State American Legion has invested significant resources to comply with the NY State mandate. In return, the Department expects every Post to return their unit when requested to do so, in full operating condition.

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). **Players coaching bases must wear double flap batting helmet.** Batters are required to wear a standard batting helmet with earflaps.

Section 7.7 Re-entry

Section 7.7.1 Seniors

FOLLOW NATIONAL RULE

Section 7.7.2 Juniors

FOLLOW NATIONAL RULE

A starting player can only re-enter the game one (1) time and must hit in the same spot in the batting order.

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 on 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 (NYS).

Section 7.8.2

A pitcher can 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

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

Section 7.9 Pitching Rule

American Legion Baseball programs, no player may pitch more than a total of 105 pitches a day pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they reach or exceed the maximum limit during an at bat but must exit the position after the hitter. **No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period.**

PENALTY – The pitcher and team manager shall be ejected from the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

1. Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed from the position when a coach makes a second trip to the mound in the same inning, and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game. PENALTY – Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.
2. Rule 1.R shall be used in all state and national tournaments.
*Double header clarification If a pitcher throws 45 or fewer pitches in game one of multiple games on the same day, the player may return to pitch in game two, up to 105 pitches total for the day. **Please be aware that this would count as two (2) appearances.***

If a pitcher were to throw more than 45 pitches in game one, the player would be ineligible to pitch in in another game that day and will be required to follow the rest protocol.

Clarification: At all national regional and world series tournaments, any game suspended by the on-site tournament director will become a suspended game and will be completed from the point of suspension.

3. When the bases are unoccupied, the pitcher shall deliver the ball to the batter within 12 seconds after the player receives the ball. Each time the pitcher delays the game by violating this rule, the umpire shall call "Ball."

- a. The 12-second timing starts when the pitcher is in possession of the ball and the batter is in the box, alert to the pitcher. The timing stops when the pitcher releases the ball.
- b. The intent of this rule is to avoid unnecessary delays. The umpire shall insist that the catcher return the ball promptly to the pitcher, and that the pitcher take his position on the rubber promptly. Obvious delays by the pitcher should instantly be penalized by the umpire. (Official Baseball Rule 8.04.)

| AGE | Daily Max (Pitches in Game) | Required Rest (Pitches) | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | 0 Days | 1 Days | 2 Days | 3 Days | 4 Days |
| ALB Senior Program | 105 | 1-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-80 | 81+ |
| ALB Junior Program | 105 | 1-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-80 | 81+ |
| ALB Prep Program | 105 | 1-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | 61-80 | 81+ |

- A pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter.
- Teams will have the responsibility to maintain every pitching chart and have available prior to each game to show that day's opponent each pitchers' availability.
- During games, each team will record pitch counts on the official pitch count form (available at www.nylegionbaseball.com) not including warm-ups or pick off attempts. After each half inning, the pitch counts will be confirmed, and any discrepancy will be resolved based on the records of the home team pitch count chart.

PENALTY

For the first offense, the head coach will be suspended for one (1) game and the game is declared a forfeit.

For the second offense, the head coach will be suspended for two (2) games, and the game is declared a forfeit.

For the third offense, the head coach will be suspended for one (1) year, and the game is declared a forfeit.

In all cases the offending pitcher will be required to take the maximum four (4) days rest from the date of the violation.

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, volunteer staff, and any player that will be 18 years of age or older before August 20, 2025, of all

American Legion Baseball teams.

Players that have NOT successfully completed the background check and abuse training are not eligible to participate in any team activity. If a player that has NOT successfully completed the background check and abuse training participates in a contest, that contest will be ruled a forfeit for using an ineligible player. The Manager of the team will also be suspended for one game for using an illegal player.

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 suspended from having any contact with any American Legion Baseball Team and 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 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 (NYS) Chairman or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the Department (NYS) Baseball Committee. The Department (NYS) baseball committee's decision will be final.

SECTION 9

Deadlines

APRIL 15 District By-Laws submitted to Department (NYS) Chairman by email.

MAY 15 All teams must be registered electronically.

MAY 15 Deadline for Insurance Coverage.

Rosters must be submitted online before a team's first scheduled game. Each player MUST complete the electronic form 2 player registration form BEFORE participating in any contest. All 76s and 77s need to be properly approved before player is added to the roster. A player that has not completed the proper paperwork is deemed to be an illegal player, and the team is subject to forfeit any and all games of which that player participated.

JUNE 1 District Tournament format and schedule submitted to respective Department (NYS) Chairman by email to nysalb@gmail.com.

JUNE 15 Forward All National Entry Forms 2, supporting documents and coaches code of ethics form to the District Director.
(Must be submitted electronically)

JUNE 25 Last date to make changes to roster

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

TOURNAMENT DATES

DEPARTMENT (NYS) JR. TOURNAMENT: Aug 1-3 -Utica, NY

**DEPARTMENT (NYS) SR. TOURNAMENT:
July 26-30 - Rochester, NY (Arrive Friday July 25)**

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SENIOR: August 6-10 -Hanover, MD

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT JUNIOR: August 8-10, TBD

WORLD SERIES – August 14-19- Shelby, NC

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Background checks: <https://opportunities.averity.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NYLegionBaseball/>

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