

American Legion Baseball post season meeting, October 6, 2018 Dodge, Nebraska

Key dates:

January 1 – National team registration begins <https://baseball.legion.org/>

May 15 - Teams must have APPROVED registration and registration fees and insurance paid. System is set to apply a \$200 late fee.

May 31 - all transfer Form 76's submitted (mailed, faxed, emailed)

June 8 – Tournament Director meeting, Lincoln

June 15 - Roster submitted (online)

June 30 – all players have mandatory Legion DOB ID card (good for duration of player eligibility, only new players or players who do not have one need them)

A	Junior/Senior Area Tournaments	19-23 July
A	Junior/Senior STATE Tournaments	27-31 July
B & C	Junior Area Tournaments	12-16 July
B & C	Senior Area Tournaments	19-23 July
B & C	Junior STATE Tournaments	20-24 July
B & C	Senior STATE Tournaments	27-31 July
A	Class A Senior Playoff Game	2-3 Aug (3 game playoff, 1 on 2 Aug, 2 nd and if needed on 3 Aug) (National Division winner host 2019)

Class A Only 2019 Central Plains - Region 4 Tournament 7 Aug (Host is Hastings, NE for 2019-2020)

* Several years ago when the dates for B&C were adjusted to separate Jr from Sr, teams were notified that the separate dates (in order to have the DRs available for the Sr team) would be a year to year decision. This year, the dates did not line up.

* The committee is open to recommendations for possible exemptions for this season, only on DR issues. Your input for the January committee meeting on the DR situation is important in this decision.

Registration / insurance fees:

a) State fees \$150 per team

b) there is no fee for player DOB certification cards (every player MUST have a card)

b) National fees will remain \$50 for Sr team and \$25 for Jr team (will rise by \$25 ea. next year)

C) insurance: Senior team Annual premium: \$225
 Senior team Seasonal premium \$155
 Senior team liability \$100
 Junior team Annual premium \$185
 Junior team Seasonal premium \$130
 Junior team liability \$68
 Administrative fee \$35

New method of acquiring and paying for insurance: Attached is a guide, the guide seems difficult; the process will actually be a little easier than the guide makes it out to be. Bottom line is that you will need to notify this office once you have acquired insurance.

Adding an “additional insured” – if your city or school requires you to also list them on the insurance as an “additional insured”, you must request that separately from S.a. vandyk.

Pending rule changes, Exact wording and/or penalty will be determined at the January meeting:

*again, input from the coaches prior to the January meeting is vital

- Use of logo baseball during regular season; during regular season, the use of baseball with the American Legion Baseball logo is no longer “required, however it is “recommended”. It is still required during all Post Season tournament games.

- Players indicated as Dual Roster, must play in a minimum of 10 junior games during the regular season. If challenged, prof will be lineup card.

- 8 run rule for B&C SR/JR and A JR to carry on from regular season into Area tournaments, but 10 rule remains at State tournament

- Coaches may have traditional score books while on the field as a base coach, electronic devices are not allowed as part of this rule

- For the 2019 and 2020 seasons – the winner of the Class American and National Division will face off in a 3 game playoff, 1st game to be played on the Friday following the final game of the Division, 2nd game and what if game on that Saturday. The location of the playoff game will remain at the normal Divisional rotation site. 2019 will be the winner of the National Division.

- Player appeals must be in writing

- State wide standardized player, coach and umpire expectations during the National Anthem. (player is already in rule book)

Season to Season reminders and recommendations:

5.01 ROSTER AND OTHER OFFICIAL PAPERWORK SUBMISSION:

(a) Each team will be required to provide the Tournament Directors (at the seeding meeting), Team Rosters, Form 2s, Transfer Form 76s (if any), CDC Certificate of Training for Brain Injury, two (2) 5X7 Color Team Photos or a digital version, SA Vandyke Insurance Forms, Legion Birth Certificate Verification Cards (LBCVC) and **signed copy of NALB Code of Conduct for the head coach and team manager listed on roster**. Failure to provide said material may result in disqualification.

(b) All players must have a National Form 2 (Player Agreement and Parent's Consent and Release Form) completed by the player's parent or guardian, and be in the possession of the team's coach/manager at all regular and Post Season games. Those without a properly completed form cannot participate.

(c) Any player who does not have a LBCVC or Form 2 for presentation to the Tournament Director at the seeding meeting, shall be ineligible for all games in that tournament until such items are provided. Each coach and/or manager shall be responsible for carrying the LBCVC and Form 2's for the team's players. Coach/ Managers that do not provide required documents for each player or team will be suspended for the duration of the tournament.

Roster injured or questionable players if there is room on the roster – every year we have a request to add a player to the roster after the deadline because the doctor cleared him and you were told he would not be available for the whole

Dual participation: players that participate in another baseball program other than the Legion team they rostered on need to have an approval letter from the chairman. This is an easy process and saves the player and the team issues down the road, strongly encouraged to request the approval letter.

Tailgating (alcohol): We had several instances where adults were “tail gating” in the parking lot or near a Legion game and watching the game from outside the gate – please do your best to put a stop to this as best you can. Additionally, should the team travel, the Legion holds the Head Coach accountable for the safety and conduct of those players.

Reminder, Concussion Training is required every 2 years. Concussion Training is only good for two years, so look at your certificates and determine if your 2 year window is up. <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/Training/index.html>

Reminder, background checks need to be done every year. Do not start doing them until after January 1. Go to <https://www.opportunities.averity.com/alnebraska>.

Umpires:

Umpires applying for Post season are required to attend a clinic in the year they apply for post season

Umpires wanting to apply for a Regional tournament need to contact this office and apply prior to December 10th.