

**5TH DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
DISTRICT V  
AMERICAN LEGION  
BASEBALL**

**2019**

**BY-LAWS**

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# District V American Legion

## Baseball League

### Section 1 – Administrative / Membership

#### Section 1.1.1

A Chairman appointed by then District V Commander shall be the Chief Executive and Administrator of the District V American Legion Baseball League. Additional administrative positions are noted in section 6.

#### Section 1.1.2 - 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Chairman Section

An individual appointed or elected to oversee and supervise the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball program, under the general rules/regulations of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball committee. District Baseball Chairmen are appointed by their respective District Commanders.

#### Section 1.2- 5th District Chairman

##### Section 1.2.1

Promote the highest level of competition within the 5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Senior and Junior Baseball program in the Department of New York. To make changes that benefit the 5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Baseball program first and foremost.

##### Section 1.2.2

Submit By-Laws to Department Baseball Chairman by December 31 and publish the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Rules & By-Laws at the first meeting after the first of the year.

##### Section 1.2.3

Call and preside over all meetings of The 5<sup>th</sup> District Committee.

##### Section 1.2.4 District Chairman Section

Review all National **Form 2** with supporting papers under his jurisdiction. Upon completion of his review, he shall: Transmit to The 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman 1 set of Team Entry by date listed in Section 9, Deadlines. Retain one copy of each National Form 1, 2, 76 and 77 for their records

##### Section 1.2.5

Rule upon all protests and rule interpretations within his District within 24 hours.



### **Section 1.2.6**

5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman must schedule at least one meeting with all coaches and the Dept. Chairman in order for his district to be eligible for post season play.

### **Section 1.2.7**

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 5th District 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 1.2.8**

Inspect and certify all documents and papers required by The National and 5th District Rules for team participation in the National Tournament.

### **Section 1.2.9**

Arrange for and conduct a Championship 5th District Baseball Tournament among the playoff finalist.

### **Section 1.2.10**

Make and enforce interim rules pending action at the next meeting of The 5th District Committee.

### **Section 1.2.11**

Interpret and rule upon questions on National, New York State and 5th District Rules submitted to him in accordance with these Rules.

### **Section 1.2.12**

Promote and encourage expansion of The American Legion Junior Baseball Program in the 5th District of New York.

### **Section 1.2.13**

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Chairman will submit to the Dept. Chairman a National Form 18 with the team representing their District in the Dept. Tournament. This form will be emailed to the Dept. Chairman ASAP after you have a representative for the Dept. Tournament.

### **Section 1.2.14**

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

### **Section 1.2.15**

**The Individual Post Baseball Chairman must** Supervise play of his Post entry and assure that all National and 5th District Rules are fully complied with. Also, is responsible for team conduct while participating with American Legion Baseball

## **League Membership**

### **Section 1.3.0 Team Membership**

The District V American Legion Baseball League shall be comprised of the Manager of each team in the league as appointed by their respective Post Commander and the District Commander. Team Manager or representative assigned to act in his absence shall be the sole spokesman for the team and its respective post. These By-Laws shall in no way be used to circumvent, revise, or amend the rules of the National Committee or the 5th District Committee, but are established for the District V American Legion Baseball League. Voting on any matter requiring action shall be by a majority vote of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee members.

## **5th District Baseball Committee**

### **Section 1.3.1**

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee shall be comprised of the following:

- A 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Chairman appointed by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander shall be the Chief Executive and Administrator of the Baseball Program within the 5<sup>th</sup> District of New York.
- He shall be assisted by two (2) Vice-Chairmen and two (2) Sub-Committee members who will be appointed by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Chairman.
- This group will be referred to from this point on as the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee.

### **Section 1.3.2**

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee duties will consist of the following:

- The Baseball Committee/Chairman will appoint/select, members to the Baseball Committee.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee shall decide all questions, disputes and protests within the 5<sup>th</sup> District.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee shall have the authority to disqualify or suspend anyone violating a 5<sup>th</sup> District or national rule.
- Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman/Committee or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee. The 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee's decision will be final.
- 5<sup>th</sup> District 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 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee. No league or District rule may conflict with a Department or National rule.



## 5TH DISTRICT BASEBALL COMMITTEE OFFICIAL:

### Section 1.3.3

A volunteer appointed by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Chairman to assist, oversee and support the 5th District baseball program, within a given area of responsibility.

### Section 1.3.4

Any Vice Chairman or Committee member that fails to carry out their responsibilities or resigns may be replaced by the 5th District Baseball Chairman.

### Section 1.3.5

Voting on any matter requiring action by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee shall be by majority vote of the Committee members at a regularly or impromptu meeting of the Committee. The Committee may also vote via Email or text

## Section 2 – Team Eligibility

### Section 2.1

In order to participate in the league each team shall have a representative at the meeting held in the fall following the season. Each team must officially register a minimum of twelve (12) roster players and no more than eighteen (18) roster players. All returning teams must commit to league participation by the December 31. Any new teams that would like to join the league must declare their intention, by completing a new team application and paying a non-refundable deposit of \$500 by December 31 in order to be included in the league. **Existing programs starting a junior team are exempt from this application fee.** Teams entering after this deadline will be considered members of the “B” (see Section 2.1.3 5th District By-Laws) league until the following season and will not be eligible for the post season tournament. During the initial season, the team may play the league members as ‘non-league’ games. Acceptance into either the Senior or Junior program is at the discretion of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee.

## Section 3 – League Rules

### Section 3.1

The League will be comprised of two (2) divisions made up of 13 teams, seven (7) in the Navy Division and six (6) in the Air Force, aligned per previous year's final league regular season standings. If divisional play was used last season, there will be no consideration of divisions and playoff seeding. Teams will be ranked, and divisions determined based on the previous season order of finish. The team numbers will be applied to the master schedule. Each team in the Navy Division will play teams within their division twice (2) and within the Air Force division once (1) per season for a total of sixteen (18) regular season games. Each team in the Air Force Division will play teams within their division twice (2) and one (13/5/19 10:15 PM) randomly selected within the Air Force division once (1) per season for a total of sixteen (18) regular season games.

### Section 3.2 -League Fees

	Senior Teams	Junior Teams
National Fee	\$50.00	\$25.00
Administration Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00
General Liability	\$106.00	\$73.00
Personal Accident (Seasonal)	\$155.00	\$130.00
Personal Accident (Yr-Round)	\$225.00	\$185.00
Department Fee	\$200.00	\$200.00

### Section – 3.3

**Teams are permitted to play non-league contests during and after the completion of the league regular season up to the expiration of the team insurance certificate. In order to have insurance coverage, teams must require the non-legion team to follow American Legion Baseball rules.**

### Section – 3.4

In accordance with 5th District rules the league must notify the State Chairman of the District V representative by the date noted in section 6. It is agreed that District will use every possible date made available to us by the State Chairman to complete the season and to determine the District Champion. The League will complete its regular season by the date noted in section 6 and send their representatives to the District Tournament, which will begin on the date noted in section 6. Regular season games will take precedence over any practice or exhibition games if necessary, such games will be canceled to ensure completion of regular season games.

### Section -3.5

Game time shall be 6:00 PM weekdays and 2:00 PM Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays unless another time is specified. The maximum time allowed between the completion of



game 1 of a doubleheader and the start of game 2 shall be no longer than 30 minutes, provided the teams are the same for both games. Home teams are required to be off the playing field 25 minutes prior to game time. Visiting teams warm up once the home team warm up is completed. Both team managers and umpires should meet at home plate 10 minutes prior to game time for ground rules and lineup exchange. This will allow time for the National Anthem and the Code of Conduct to be completed and the game started on time.

### **Section - 3.6**

#### **Postponed, Rained Out, or Suspended Games must be rescheduled within 48 hours.**

The home team is responsible for contacting the opposing team and shall notify the District Chairman of their decision **within 72 hours**. The District Chairman will contact the managers concerned if this is not accomplished within the time limits prescribed. Additionally, the District Chairman has the authority to revise the schedule in the final week of regular season play as may be necessary. Rescheduled league games take precedence over non-league games. If necessary, teams must be willing to postpone or cancel non-league games to complete the required league schedule.

### **Section – 3.7**

A suspended game tied after 5 innings or more complete innings will be completed from point of suspension. Continuation games should be scheduled prior to another regularly scheduled game. Approval for additional umpire fees is required from the District Chairman to schedule a continuation game as a stand-alone game.

### **Section – 3.8**

The home team is responsible for field conditions, if applicable.

### **Section – 3.9**

Home team scorekeeper will be the official scorekeeper. Care must be taken that only competent scorekeepers are used. *NOTE: As this is the first year the 5<sup>th</sup> District will be using the New York Statebaseball.com web site. All teams MUST, WITH NO EXCEPTIONS, enter game day results into the web site before noon the following day of the completed game. Teams are encouraged to use iScore to electronically and simultaneously download the complete score into [www.nylegionbaseball.com](http://www.nylegionbaseball.com). IMPORTANT: every team, while directed to use technology for scorekeeping should also use traditional scorebooks in the event of malfunction of equipment or any other upset that may occur- as a safety net.*

### **Section -3.10**

The home team shall notify umpires if the weather or field conditions warrant postponement of the game. Umpires and visiting team will be notified of postponement at least 90 minutes prior to game time. It should be noted, in cases where teams must travel a great distance, 90 minutes will not be sufficient and earlier notification must be





affected. Failure to notify umpires will cause the home team to be assessed the umpire fees.

### **Section - 3.11**

For any non-weather-related changes to the game schedule (both league and non-league), made after a date agreed upon by the Assignor and the District, the offending team will incur a fine based on the following schedule:

- First offense - \$20
- Second offense - \$40
- Third offense and any thereafter - \$60

The umpire assignor will notify the District of any non-weather-related changes that should incur this penalty. It will be up to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Committee to determine which team is responsible for the fee. These fees will be paid to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman prior to the end of the season. Fines must be paid in order for the team to retain its membership in the league.

### **Section – 3.12**

Home team managers are responsible for paying BOTH umpires via cash or check. Managers should be prepared to pay both umpires when providing the game balls prior to the pre-game conference. The home team is responsible for providing game balls. In the event that a game is rained out before it begins, the umpires are to be paid half fee. This should be reported to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman/Administrator immediately. In the event that a game is rained out before its completion, the home team will not be responsible for paying the umpires for the makeup game. This will be handled by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman. At NO time should a voucher be used.

### **Section – 3.13**

If the responsible team does not pay both umpires prior to the start of the game the umpires are to report this to their assignor, who shall inform the District. The first offense will be a written warning with an opportunity for the team to provide an explanation. The second offense will result in the suspension of the team manager/head coach (game coach) for the next league game. The third offense will result in a forfeit of the game that involved the third offense.

The contest will end when the losing team is behind by (10) ten or more runs and has had at least (5) five opportunities on offense (only applicable in a seven (7) inning game).

### **Section – 3.14**

Any team that forfeits two league (2) games due to lack of players (prior to the start of the game) will be disqualified from league play for the remainder of the season. Any games played by this team will be void and will not count on the record of the other teams in the league. Any team that declines to play the final regular season game will be forced to play as a 'B' team the next season and will not be eligible for the post season.



### **Section – 3.15**

Teams that fail to reschedule games, elect to not complete all regular season contests, or elect to not participate in the playoffs (should they qualify) after the declaration date of 7/1, shall be fined \$500. Such fine must be paid by the next league meeting in order for the team to retain its membership in the league. The fine will be waived should the team elect to become an option B team.

### **Section – 3.16**

A team may apply for reinstatement for the next season. An application for reinstatement will include a \$500 reinstatement fee that must be paid by 12/31. This fee will not be refunded nor, will it be applied to the upcoming league fee. The team may then address the 5<sup>th</sup> District Committee before voting on the reinstatement application. A majority vote is required for reinstatement. The 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman will break any voting ties.

### **Section 3.2**

The top four (4) teams from each division will advance to the District Championship Tournament based on final regular season standings, as determined by winning percentage. See Section 5 for Senior tournament schedule and rules and Section 7 for Junior tournament schedule and rules.

### **Section – 3.3**

Tiebreaker rules:

The following tie breaker rules apply to determine the standings within each division.

- Two-way tie for any seeding position.
  - Best record of the deadlocked teams against each other.
  - Best record against play-off teams.
  - Best record within their division.
  - Best record against teams seeded above you (based on win percentage with no accord for divisions)
  - Runs allowed in games amongst teams tied
  - Runs allowed for the year against division opponents
  - Runs allowed for the year against league opponents
  - Runs allowed for the year against playoff teams
- Three-way tie for any seeding position:
  - Same rule as above
- Four-way tie for any seeding position:
  - Same rule as above

## Section – 3.4

All ties for seeds will be determined as defined within this section. No additional games will be needed to break a tie for seeding position only. In no case, should a team be eliminated from the playoffs by a tiebreaker without playing a game, unless the teams tied have played each other twice with the same team winning both contests. In this case the winning team will advance to the playoffs without an additional game. The other team will be eliminated.

- If two (2) teams are tied for a Playoff Spot with an identical winning percentage at the conclusion of the season, the tie shall be broken as follows:
  - A one-game playoff shall be played on the tiebreaker date noted in section 6 to determine which team qualifies for the post season tournament.
  - The site of the game would be determined by head to head competition from regular season
  - The winner of the game shall be seeded in the same manner as the other playoff teams
  
- If three (3) teams are tied for a Playoff Spot with an identical winning percentage at the conclusion of the season, the tie for 8th place shall be broken as follows:
  - A two-game playoff shall be played on the tiebreaker date noted in section 6 to determine which team qualifies for the post season tournament
  - The site of the games will be decided by coin toss.
  - Teams will be labeled “A”, “B” and “C” based on a draw. First game will feature team A vs. team B.
  - The second game will feature the winner of the first game will play team C.
  - Home team will be decided by head to head competition from regular season.
  - The winner of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) game shall be seeded in the same manner as the other playoff teams.
  
- If four (4) teams are tied for the 8th Playoff Spot with an identical winning percentage at the conclusion of the season, the tie for 8th place shall be broken as follows:
  - A three-game playoff shall be played on the tiebreaker date noted in section 6 to determine which team qualifies for the post season tournament. The site of the games will be decided by coin toss.
  - The four teams will be designated Club "A," "B," "C," and "D" based on a draw.
  - Team A will play Team B.
  - Team C will play Team D.
  - The second game will feature the winners of the first game.
  - Home team will be decided by head to head competition from regular season.

The winner of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) game shall be seeded in the same manner as the other playoff teams.

### **Section 3.5**

American Legion pitching rules will be enforced throughout the season. Any violation of the pitching rules will result in the forfeit of the game in which the violation occurred. The complete list of penalties is listed in the 5th District by laws. In order to validate the violation, the game must be protested prior to the conclusion of the game. The protest will be presented to the District V baseball committee for a final ruling. All games played in or out of the league will be considered when applying the pitching rule. Any forfeits due to pitch count rule violations will not be counted towards the maximum forfeit rule in section 3.1. All ejections/suspensions due to pitch count rule violations will count towards the allowable limits in section 3.4.

### **Section – 3.6**

Designated Hitter: **The Professional Designated Hitter Rule** as defined in the Major-League Baseball rule book was adopted for league play as of June 1996.

### **Section -3.7**

Beginning with the 2018 season, the Designated Hitter Rule as defined for Junior ALB in which the designated hitter can be used for any position, will be **ALLOWED** for Senior ALB during the both the regular season and District playoffs.

### **Section – 3.8**

Beginning with the 2018 season, the **Player Re-entry Rule** as defined for Junior ALB will be **ALLOWED** for Senior ALB during the both the regular season and District playoffs.

### **Section – 3.9**

At no time during the regular season or the playoffs shall Senior teams use the speed up rule.

### **Section – 3.10**

All players are required to wear double ear- flap protective helmets when at bat and when running bases. Catchers are required to wear protective helmets and masks with throat protectors in game. When warming up pitchers on the field or in the bull-pen, a catcher must wear a mask. All Coaches will wear a helmet when in the coaching boxes. **Bat Persons and Minor Age Scorekeepers must wear a double ear flap protective helmet at all times.** Each team is required to maintain an appropriately supplied First Aid Kit.

### **Section 3.11**

Base School Rule (adopted 4-10-86)

Each team must have a base school: Base School will be the school within the community (school district).

## **Section – 3.12**

Waivers granted will be valid throughout each individual player's remaining eligibility. Enrollments will be added to the enrollment of the team only for the school that the player is recruited from.

## **Section – 3.13**

Players will be allowed dual participation in accordance with National Rules. A player who registered on a District V American Legion Baseball Team who desires, and qualifies, to register on a different team in the current year must obtain a written release from the previous team. The release must be obtained from all required teams prior to the player participating in any team activities for the new team. The release must be approved by the District Chairman prior to the player participating in a game. Any contest that a player participates in prior to the release being approved by the Chairman will be automatically forfeited. A copy of the release must be filed with the District Chairman on the regular form available from the National website and furthermore will not be accepted unless signed by the current manager. This rule will apply in all cases not in conflict with National Rules on Recruiting.

## **Section – 3.14**

### **Non-Roster Players:**

- **There will be no Non-Roster Players allowed on any District V Team.**
- If a Non-Roster Player participates in any league or non-league contest, the team forfeits their last league victory, and the Manager will be suspended according to the League Suspension Rule.

## **Section - 3.15**

### **Player ejections / suspensions**

- Suspended players should be listed on the lineup card and identified as ineligible to participate in the contest but remain eligible for ejection. This should be communicated to the umpires and the opposing team manager at the time lineup cards are exchanged.
- In the event a game is called before becoming an official game, any ejections will be enforced along with any required suspensions based on the criteria listed below
- The team Manager must report any player or coach ejection directly to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman/Administrator within 24 hours of the ejection.
  - The report should include the players or coaches name and uniform number
  - This can be reported via text, email or phone call
  - Failure to report this information will result in the Manager being suspended based on the criteria listed below
- Failure of a team to uphold the suspensions of players or coaches as determined by the criteria listed below will result in the Manager being suspended for all games that the ineligible player or coach participated in
  - Any game that an ineligible player or coach participated in will be deemed a forfeit

- Any player suspended from a game for physical violence will not be allowed to play again until the Problem is reviewed by the District Chairman. A decision will be made before the next scheduled game.
- Player & Assistant Coach's suspensions:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Ejection: Sit out the following league game.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ejection: Sit out the following three (3) league games.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ejection: Will be suspended for the rest of the season.
- Managers or Head Coach suspensions:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Ejection: No penalty (unless for pitching rule violation).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ejection: Sit out the following league game.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ejection: Will sit out the following three (3) league games.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Ejection: Will be suspended for the rest of the season.
  - Note that assistant coaches will be subject to the same ejection/suspension rules as players.
- All suspensions are in effect and will run through the District Playoffs and carry into the next season if applicable.

### **Section – 3.16**

Any Coach, Manager, Trainer in uniform or in street clothes who is an active participant in the game will be ejected if an act of consuming alcoholic beverage is detected. In all instances ejection from the game means departure from the ball park environs and being **“out of sight, out of sound”**. Out of sight, out of sound, does not apply to the players. Player must remain on the bench for the remainder of the game. If the player continues their bad conduct the umpire may add additional ejections and ejection rules will apply. Violation of this rule will subject the individuals to further suspension.

### **Section – 3.17**

Parents ejected from a game must leave the environs of the ball park and remain **“out of sight, out of sound”**. If a parent gets ejected a second time, that parent will be prevented from watching their son play for the rest of the sons Legion Baseball career. If the parent is within sight or sound of the game, the umpire will stop the game, direct the team that the parent belongs to and give that coach/manager 15 minutes to be considered out of sight, out of sound, or the opposition will win by forfeit with no appeal. If neither team claims the protester, the umpire may stop the game and a forfeit awarded the visiting team.

### **Section – 3.18**

Players are not permitted to consume alcoholic beverages while in uniform or any part that identifies them as a member of any American Legion Baseball Team. Disregard of this rule will result in suspension of said players.

### **Section – 3.19**

The use of any form of tobacco by a player, coach, manager or umpire while on the playing field, benches, in the bullpen or dugouts is prohibited. Any individual violating this rule will be ejected from the game.

### **Section – 3.20**

All rosters and forms will be reviewed by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman/Committee for compliance. Any team found to be using an ineligible player(s) will forfeit any game in which that player appeared or appears in the future. The player is ineligible for the remainder of the season. The team that used an ineligible player is not allowed to use that roster spot for another player that season.

### **Section – 3.21**

All teams will submit, to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Baseball Chairman, the required forms as outlined in section 6 by the date noted in section 6. Any team not in by that date will forfeit any and all league games until turned in.

### **Section - 3.22**

It is the home team's responsibility, that the American Legion Baseball Code of Conduct will be recited before every league game as well as District V tournament games. It is to be conducted at home plate just before the start of the game, after the coaches' exchange line-up cards with the umpires and the ground rules are covered, and PRIOR to the national anthem. BOTH teams should be lined up on the baselines. It is up to the home team to choose a person to lead the code; it can be a legionnaire, coach, player, parent, etc. The person leading the code should instruct the players to 'repeat after me', then read each line and pause to allow the players to repeat.

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

### **Section 4 – Protest / Appeals**

Protest committee shall be comprised of the committee members noted in section 6. The two teams involved in the protest shall not have a vote. The Chief of Umpires must be present to give their interpretation and to respond to questions from the committee. Each team manager and his coaches shall be entitled to speak. Voting on the protest will be by secret ballot. The decision of this committee shall be final. The 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. Once a decision is made, no further protests may be entered on the same subject unless new information is provided to the committee. All protests must be filed no later than 24 hours after the start of the game under protest.



If the protest concerns the application of the rules of baseball, and the 5<sup>th</sup> District Committee upholds the protest, the game will be replayed from the point at which the rule was incorrectly applied. 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 5 – District V Senior Tournament

### Section – 5.1

The American Legion Baseball Championship Tournament will be held starting on the date noted in section 6. To be eligible for the playoffs, each team must have submitted a digital team picture with all players and coaches in uniform, including a description with names as they appear in the photo, by the date in section 6.

#### Rules of Conduct and Tournament:

- All Games will be seven (7) innings.
- All weekday games should start at: 5:15 PM, however the home team can request an exception from the chairman for a different start time if field conditions dictate (sun, darkness, lights, weather)
- Teams will be at the field one (1) hour, prior to scheduled game.
- Teams will split the umpire fees for each game, to be paid prior to the start of each game unless directed otherwise by District personnel
- A copy of your starting line-up and substitutes must be taken to the press box twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of the game.
- Each team will retrieve foul balls on their side of the field at neutral site games
- Any profanity, throwing of equipment or any other un-sportsman like conduct by a player, coaches or manager will result in ejection from the game. (League ejection rules apply)
- Any Physical abuse from Coaches, Players or Spectators will result in being thrown out for the rest of the Tournament and not allowed on the field for the rest of the Tournament and **must be out of sight and out of sound.**
- A 10 Run Rule after 5 innings unless the home team is ahead after 4 ½ will be in effect for the Tournament.
- Any game suspended due to weather, lighting failure or darkness will be resumed at the exact point of the original game unless the game is official (completed 4 ½ or 5 innings). The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game. No innings shall be replayed.
- The Junior ALB DH rule, player re-entry rule, college slide and collision rules apply
- All teams in the tournament will provide one (1) dozen new baseballs
- If the length of the previous game goes past the start time of the next game, all other games will start one half hour after the completion of the game.
- All teams must have 12 players available to play in every game they have been scheduled to play, unless receive prior approval from 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman.
- A team that forfeits any game will not be eligible for the championship tournament next year.
- The higher seeded team will be the home team in all games with the following exceptions:
  - Game 14 the undefeated team will be the home team
  - Game 15 in which the teams will flip a coin to determine the home team

## Tournament Schedule:

### Section – 5.1.1

#### 8-Team Double Elimination Format

Teams will be determined as described in 3.2. In the event that the higher seed is not able to use its home field, there are fields that will be available depending on that team's place in the playoffs. In the event that there is more than one team that needs to use an alternate field, the field selection will be made in the same order as the seeds, with the highest seed selecting first.

Sunday July 14

- Game 1: Air Force #2 seed vs. Navy #3 seed---4 pm @ higher seed
- Game 2: Air Force #1 seed vs. Navy #4 seed---1 pm @ higher seed
- Game 3: Navy #2 seed vs. Air Force #3 seed---1 pm @ higher seed
- Game 4: Navy #1 seed vs. Air Force #4 seed---4 pm @ higher seed

Tuesday July 16

- Game 5: Loser game 2 vs. Loser Game 3--- 5:15 pm @ higher seed
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 6: Loser game 1 vs. Loser Game 4-- 5:15 pm @ higher seed
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 7: Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3--- 5:15 pm @ higher seed
- Game 8: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 4--- 5:15 pm @ higher seed

Wednesday July 17

- Game 9: Loser Game 7 vs. Winner Game 6---3 pm @ Murnane Field
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 10: Loser Game 8 vs. Winner Game 5---5:30 pm @ Murnane Field
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 11: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8---8 pm @ Murnane Field

Saturday July 20

- Game 12: Winner game 9 vs. Winner Game 10---10 am @ Murnane Field
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 13: Winner Game 12 vs. Loser Game 11---12:00 noon @ Murnane Field
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)

Sunday July 21

- Game 14: Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 13---5:00 pm @ Murnane Field
  
- Game 15: Winner Game 14 vs. Loser Game 14-----8:00 pm @ Murnane Field  
(if necessary)

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## Section 6 – Deadlines

- **March 15<sup>th</sup>** – District By-Laws must be submitted to 5th District
- **March 15<sup>th</sup>** – All teams must be registered electronically
- **April 1** - Copy of District Tournament format and League format submitted to Department Chairman and Department Committee Member overseeing District 5
- **May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline for Insurance Coverage
  - Rosters must be submitted on line before first scheduled game. All 76's and 77s need to be properly approved before player is added to the roster.
- **June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Regular Season games may be played
- **June 1<sup>st</sup>** - (or before first scheduled game) - National Forms 1 must be filed electronically. Following items must be received by District Administrator:
  - Printed roster from National website
  - Individual player form 2's — team to retain original
  - Birth Certificates – copies only (for new players)
  - Form 76 & 77 for current season only – must be approved before the player participates in a game
  - For those that wish to submit electronically please send a total of 4 separate files in the following format
    - **File 1** – roster printout from National website
    - **File 2** – player form 2's in alphabetical order
    - **File 3** – Birth certificates in alphabetical order
    - **File 4** – Any form 76 or 77 (new this season) in alphabetical order.
- **June 20**- Forward All National Entry Forms 2 and supporting Documents and Coaches Code of Ethics form to the District Chairman. (2copies)
- **June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Last date to make changes to roster
- **June 25<sup>th</sup>** – 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman forward copies of National Form 2 & supporting Documents to Department Chairman
- **July 1** – Digital team photo (with names) due
- **July 10<sup>th</sup>** – Last day of District V regular season
- **July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** - Rain dates
- **July 13<sup>th</sup>** – Tiebreaker games (if necessary)
- **July 14<sup>th</sup>** – District V Tournament begins
- **July 26<sup>th</sup>** – Junior teams report to play in NYS Tournament
- **July 27<sup>th</sup>** – Senior teams report to play in NYS Tournament
- **July 28<sup>th</sup>**- All team roster will be approved and submitted to National

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## Section 7 – Junior Legion

### Section – 7.1

The By-Laws of the National American Legion, The 5th District of New York American Legion and the District V American Legion Baseball League apply with the following exceptions:

#### *7.1 Highlights and reminders*

- All coaches must be in uniform
- All uniforms must properly display legion patch
- Major League Baseball rules with exceptions
  - New in 2014
    - **Rule 1 E. Courtesy runners.** 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.
    - **Rule 1 G. Designated hitter.** 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.
    - **Rule 1 Q: Re-entry.** 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
  - These rule changes are optional, which means a team can elect not to use them but cannot prevent their opponent from doing so.

#### *7.2 League format*

- The League will be comprised of one (1) division having ten (10) teams, aligned according to previous year's final league regular season standings. The team numbers will be applied to the master schedule. Each team will play at total of 18 league games which will be comprised of playing each team twice and then an additional 4 games against randomly drawn teams.

- League fees are posted in Section 3.2
- The home team is responsible for providing game balls
- All games are 7 innings, with a standard 10 run rule after 5 innings
- The code of conduct should be recited prior to each game (see section 3.5)

### ***7.3 Umpires***

- Umpires for league games will be scheduled by the league
  - Each coach is responsible for scheduling umpires for any non-league home games with MVBUA Assignor Lon Thrasher at LThrasher@roadrunner.com
  - This carries an assignment fee of \$5 per game
    - The umpire assignor will invoice each team individually

### ***7.4 Playoff format***

- The top four (4) teams with the best record, based on winning percentage will advance to the District Championship Tournament based on final regular season standings.
- Once the teams are determined, the teams will be seeded #1 to #4 based on winning percentage.
- See tiebreaker rules in the above section 3.2



## Section - 7.5

### District V Junior Tournament

The JUNIOR American Legion Baseball Championship Tournament will be held starting on the date noted above. In order to be eligible for the playoffs, each team must have submitted a digital team picture with all players and coaches in uniform, including a description with names as they appear in the photo, by the date listed in Section 6.

- **Rules of Conduct and Tournament:**
  - All Games will be 7 innings.
  - Teams will be at the field one (1) hour, prior to scheduled game.
  - The host will designate an entry fee or donation
  - No outside coolers or food or drink are allowed
  - Teams will split the umpire fees for each game, to be paid prior to the start of each game
  - Each team participating in the tournament will provide four (4) new baseballs prior to the start of each game
    - Each team will retrieve foul balls on their side of the field
  - A copy of your starting line-up and substitutes must be taken to the press box twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of the game.
  - Any profanity, throwing of equipment or any other un-sportsman like conduct by a player, coaches or manager will result in ejection from the game. (League ejection rules apply)
  - Any Physical abuse from Coaches, Players or Spectators will result in being thrown out for the rest of the Tournament and not allowed on the field for the rest of the Tournament and will be placed **“out of sight and out of sound”**.
  - A 10 Run Rule after 5 innings unless the home team is ahead after 4 ½ will be in effect for the Tournament.
  - Any game suspended due to weather, lighting failure or darkness will be resumed at the exact point of the original game unless the game is official (completed 4 ½ or 5 innings). The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game. No innings shall be replayed.
  - The same JR rules apply, include DH for anyone, re-entry & catcher courtesy runner and pitching limits
  - If the length of the previous game goes past the start time of the next game, all other games will start approximately one half hour after the completion of the game.
  - All teams must have 12 players available to play in every game they have been scheduled to play, unless receive prior approval from the 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman.
  - A team that forfeits any game will not be eligible for the championship tournament next year.

- The higher seeded team will be the home team in all games with the following exceptions: Game 6 the undefeated team will be the home team & Game 7 home team will be determined by coin toss

## Section - 7.5

### Junior Tournament Schedule:

4-Team Double Elimination Format

Seeding will be determined as described in Section 7.

Sunday July 14

- Game 1: #2 seed vs. #3 seed---1 pm @ Highest Seed
- Game 2: #1 seed vs. #4 seed---1 pm @ Highest Seed

Tuesday July 1

- Game 3: loser of game 1 vs loser of game 2---5 pm @ Murnane Field
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 4: winner of game 1 vs winner of game 2---7:30 pm @ Murnane Field

Wednesday July 18

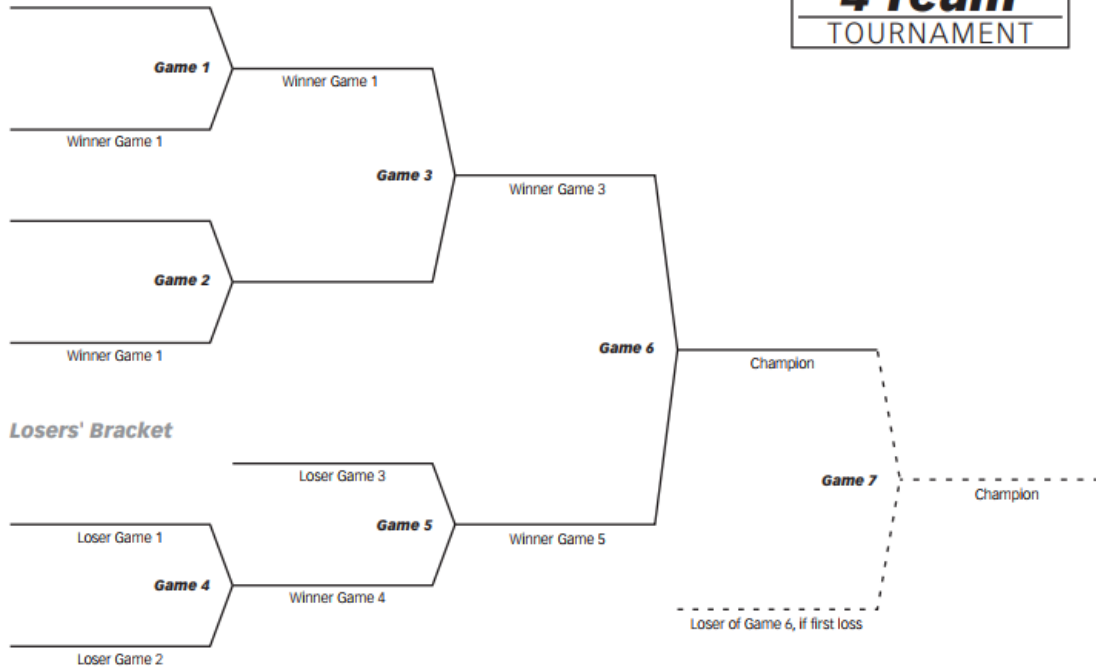
- Game 5: loser of game 4 vs winner of game 3---11:30 am @ Murnane Field
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)

Thursday July 19

- Game 6: winner of game 5 vs winner of game 4---5:00 pm @ Murnane Field
- Game 7: winner of game 6 vs loser of game 6-----7:30 pm @ Murnane Field
  - (if necessary)

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## Winners' Bracket



# Notes