

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK FOURTH DISTRICT BYLAWS FOR SEASON 2019

Section 1 – Organization & Membership

Section 1.1 – Organization

The Fourth District American Legion Committee is hereby established to represent the member Counties of the Fourth District of New York in all matters pertaining to American Legion Baseball. The purpose of the Committee is to further the goals and initiatives of the American Legion Baseball program in providing competitive baseball playing opportunities for young adults. The Committee's goals are to foster the development of player/team discipline, individual character, sportsmanship and leadership qualities in all those competing.

Section 1.2 - Members

The Fourth District Baseball Committee shall consist of representatives from the following Counties: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Saratoga, Schenectady, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Fourth District Baseball Chairman as appointed by the Fourth District Commander.

Section 1.3 – Voting

Each of the Counties listed in Section 1.2 will be entitled to designate one voting representative for each registered team for matters pertaining to Department of New York American Legion Baseball. Only a duly registered Senior Team representative will be entitled to vote on matters pertaining to Senior Baseball play and only duly registered Junior Team representatives will be entitled to vote on matters pertaining to Junior Baseball play. A quorum will consist of one-half of the members having duly registered teams. A majority vote of members present at Official Meetings (assuming a quorum) will be required on all matters. The Committee Chairman will be entitled to a vote only in the event that such vote is required to break an otherwise tie vote.

Section 1.3 – Official Meetings

1.3a) The Committee Chairman will chair and preside at Official Meetings and may designate a Recording Secretary.

1.3b) The Baseball Committee will hold two *Official Meetings* each calendar year, such meetings to be called by the Chairman approximately as follows: 1. Within sixty days after the close of the Department of New York Baseball tournament; 2. No later than thirty days following the mid-winter conference of the Department of New York; Attendance at Official Meetings is required by at least one representative of each registered team.

1.3c) The Committee Chairman may call additional meetings as he deems necessary and, if reasonable notice is given to all Committee members, matters voted upon at such meetings will be binding as described in Section 1.2. To the extent deemed necessary by the

Committee Chairman, matters may also be voted upon via telephonic or e-mail communications.

Section 2 – Baseball Rules and League Play

Section 2.1 – Baseball Rules

All League Games (as defined below) as well as all Legion games within the State of New York will be conducted in accordance with The Department of New York American Legion official baseball rules as published for that season of play. In games other than League Games or New York Legion Games, teams will comply with the American League National Baseball Rules as appropriate in the circumstances.

Section 2.2 – League Play

2.2a) The Fourth District American Legion Baseball League will be formed to encourage the most possible Legion play and to determine a team to represent the Fourth District in the Department of New York Senior Baseball Tournament. Similarly, a League will be formed among any Fourth District Junior Legion Teams. Teams desiring to participate in the Fourth District League(s) must express their desire to do so to the Fourth District Baseball Chairman by January 15 of the upcoming Season Year.

2.2b) League Play will be scheduled as follows:

Senior Teams will schedule a minimum of 3 League Games against each other team participating in District League Play. If teams schedule more than the forgoing, those teams will determine *prior to the start of the season* which 3 games will be considered League Games. League Game win/loss records will be used to determine the District Tournament Home (Host) Team. Junior Teams will schedule a minimum of 3 League Games.

The foregoing assumes 3 Senior League Teams and 2 Junior League Teams participating in League Play for Season 2018. If more teams are registered, the games will be adjusted proportionately.

2.2c) League Games Mandatory

Each team will be required to schedule the minimum amount of League Games as outlined in Section 2.2b), above. Every effort will be made to reschedule League Games which are postponed due to weather and the like. If a team forfeits a League Game, such forfeit will be counted as a loss. **If a team forfeits one or more League Games during the season, they will be ineligible to play in the District Tournament that season, regardless of their league standing. That team's reinstatement to League Play in the following season will be subject to the vote of the other voting team representatives.**

Section 3 – Registration, Deadlines, Fees, etc.

3.1 National and Department Registration

To participate in Fourth District League play, each team will be required to properly register a Senior or Junior Team with American Legion National and Department of New York and to complete all registration, insurance, background checks, fee requirements, etc. within the established deadlines.

3.2 District Deadlines and Requirements

To permit timely review of team submissions, the District Committee Chairman will set appropriate deadlines in advance of those required by Section 3.1. For the 2019 Season, these deadlines are as follows:

1. Early Registration of teams – May 15, 2019
2. Submission of regular season schedule to District Chairman – June 10, 2019
3. Insurance Coverage in Force – May 15, 2019
4. Submission of Forms 1 & 2 (two copies) and Supporting Documentation to District Chairman - June 20, 2019
5. Last date to make changes to roster – June 25, 2019
6. District Chairman forward copies of National Form 2 and supporting documents to Department Chairman – June 25, 2019
7. All rosters to be approved and submitted to National – June 28, 2019
8. Rosters must be submitted online before first scheduled game. All 76s and 77s need to be properly approved before player is added to the roster.

Section 4 – District Tournaments

Senior Tournament

For Season 2019, the Fourth District Tournament will determine the team to represent the District in the Department of New York Baseball Tournament. The Home (host) team will be determined based upon final standings after conclusion of League play. The format of the Tournament will comply with American Legion National and Department of New York playoff formats. The District Champion will be decided no later than July 21, 2019.

Junior Tournament

District Junior teams will participate in a Best of Three Game Tournament to determine the team to represent the Fourth District in the Department of New York Junior Zone Tournament. Junior Team managers will agree upon a convenient location for the tournament, so as to decide a Junior Champion no later than July 21, 2019.

2019 TOURNAMENT DATES TOURNAMENT DATES

DEPARTMENT JR. TOURNAMENT – Arrive 7/25/19 – Utica, NY Start play 7/25-7/27

DEPARTMENT SR. TOURNAMENT - Arrive 7/26/19 – Utica, NY Start Play 7/27-8/1

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT - 8/7/19 thru 8/11/19 – Asheboro,NC

REGIONAL JR TOURNAMENT – 08/09/19 through 08/11/19 Concord, NH

WORLD SERIES - 8/15/19 thru 8/20/19 - Shelby, NC