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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL JUNIOR TEAM ADMINISTRATION AND RULES

APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL
COMMISSIONER
PROCEDURE FOR BEGINNING A BALL
GAME:

AS APPROVED BY NATIONAL
COMMISSIONER

1. Open with prayer.
2. Code of sportsmanship:
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 A VICTORY
KEEP A SOUND SOUL, A CLEAN
MIND, AND A HEALTHY BODY
3. National Anthem

ADMINISTRATION/ORGANIZATION

- A. All teams will deal with the Junior American Legion Baseball Team Directors that are appointed by The American Legion Department Commander in **all matters** pertaining to Baseball.
- B. All teams will be assigned a base school by the Area Director and approved by the NC American Legion Baseball Committee.
- C. A sponsor of a Junior American Legion Baseball team must file a notice online at www.baseball.legion.org on or before May 15. Once a team is approved, a registration fee of \$100 Department fee and \$25 National fee must be filed online using a credit or debit card.
- D. S. A. Van Dyk Insurance must be carried separate from the Sr. team. No team may practice or play any games until that team executes all written documents required by The American Legion, Department of NC and receives its Certificate of Insurance. Until said team receives its Certificate of Insurance naming the team as insured, it is

not an official Junior American Legion Baseball Team.

- E. **Resolution 16, adopted during the American Legion 2012 Fall Meetings, mandates a background check screening for coaches, managers and volunteer staff of junior and senior American Legion Baseball teams.**
- F. Any sponsor, Legion Post or non-Legion entity must be incorporated under the laws of the state of North Carolina. Non-American Legion Post sponsor may be a for-profit or non-profit corporation as defined by the rulings of the Department of NC Judge Advocate. All sponsorship applications must be signed by the Commander/President and attested by the Adjutant/Corporate Secretary with the attestation incorporating the corporate seal.
- G. Coaches shall obtain a birth record for all players trying out for their ball team. Any player too old or out of recruiting area will cause the team to forfeit of all games in which said player was on the team roster.
- H. Any player born on or after January 1 1998 is eligible for American Legion Junior Team Baseball.
A player born in 1998 must try out and be sent down from a Sr. team nearest the player's residence. The Jr. Release Form is mandatory and must be signed by the American Legion Baseball Sr. Head Coach is mandatory for the player to be eligible to play Jr. Legion Baseball
- I. A team may have a manager and up to 3 coaches in addition, a scorekeeper, athletic officer and up to 2 bat boys/girls (no adults) may sit on the bench or in the dugout, **but no other persons** may do so. Bat boys and/or bat girls shall wear a helmet at all times when not in the dugout. Base coaches are required to wear a standard batting helmet, with or without earflaps. (Ejection for non-compliance after one warning.) Batters are required to wear a standard batting helmet with earflaps.

J. All players and coaches must wear an American Legion Baseball Patch on either the left sleeve or left breast of the uniform. All uniforms must have a number on at least the back of the uniform and all players and coaches must be attired in the same uniform. Outer garments must be worn over a uniform top and must have a Legion Baseball patch on either the left sleeve or left breast.

K. All teams **must** have an ALB Form #2 - Player Indemnification Agreement filled out and one notarized copy submitted to the Jr. American Legion Baseball Director before a team's first practice. There **will be no exceptions** to this requirement. Team managers shall retain notarized original with a copy to the Area Director.

L. A fee of **\$200.00** shall be assessed each Jr. Legion Baseball team for protection against a forfeit. A check made payable to The American Legion Department of North Carolina is to be submitted to the Area Director before play begins. No team shall begin play without paying this fee. In case of the forfeit of a game, the \$200.00 forfeit fee will go to the opposing team and the offending team **shall post another \$200.00 forfeit fee**, cashier's check or money order, before that Jr. Legion Baseball Team can resume play. If a double header is scheduled, the forfeit fee will apply for each game. (Clarification \$400). The \$200.00 will be retained from season to season until the team no longer participates in Jr. Legion Baseball.

M. A team **may elect** to charge admission to a game. Admission **is not to exceed** \$5.00 for adults (\$8.00 for double header).

N. The Jr. American Legion Baseball Directors shall divide the Jr. American Legion Baseball League teams into Areas or leagues, before the start of play, determine schedules and rules for eliminating teams, determine the Championship teams, and shall certify the participating teams for State Championship play by midnight July 15, for a State Championship tournament to begin on or before July 17.

O. All expenses are the **responsibility** of the team sponsor(s).

RULES

A. The American Legion Baseball Rules as published by the American Legion National Americanism Commission shall apply to all Junior Baseball games in the Department of NC. These rules shall apply to all games including pitching limitations of said rules.

B. All conference games will be seven innings in length and double headers are allowed. **Under no circumstances will a team be allowed to play more than two games per day.**

C. The host team will be responsible for providing and paying for two umpires for each home game.

D. The host team will provide high school regulation game balls for each home game.

E. If a game must be rescheduled, the home team will be responsible for notifying the umpires and the Director.

F. If a game is rained out, every effort is to be made to reschedule that game within 24 hours. The game can be played at a later date; however, it must be rescheduled within 24 hours. The home team Athletic Officer or Manager must advise the Jr. American Legion Baseball Director, the visiting Athletic Officer or Manager and the umpires of the new date. If no effort is made to reschedule or to play rained-out game(s), any basic scheduled game(s), these games shall be forfeited and/or a position in the playoff may be lost at the discretion of the Jr. American Legion Baseball Director.

G. All protests must be made in writing to the Jr. American Legion Baseball Director, with a copy to the State Baseball Chairman, within 24 hours of the time of protest. All protests to the Jr. American Legion Baseball Director do not require a monetary remittance. Any appeal of the Jr. American Legion Baseball Director's ruling must be submitted to the State Baseball Chairman accompanied by a

\$100 certified check or money order made payable to The American Legion Department of NC. All appeals from a ruling of the Jr. American Legion Baseball Director shall be to the Department of NC American Legion Baseball Committee. Any applicable appeal from the NC American Legion Baseball Committee shall comply with the Department of NC Constitution and By-Laws. In the event a protest is properly registered during a game, it is the home team Athletic Officer's or Manager's responsibility to ensure that the Umpire in Chief files a written report with the Jr. American Legion Baseball Area Director and State Baseball Chairman immediately after the protest game as to the baseball rule in question.

H. There is to be **no use of tobacco products** by anyone participating in a Jr. American Legion Baseball game.

I. Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of a Jr. American Legion Baseball Director, State Baseball Chairman or an Area Commissioner, conduct themselves in an un-sportsman-like manner, that would discredit this program, may be suspended from NC American Legion Baseball program by the Area Director. Any person suspended under this rule shall have the right to appeal such decision by the Area Director to the Department of NC Baseball Committee for a hearing De Novo. Any applicable appeal from the Department of NC Baseball Committee shall comply with the Department of NC Constitution and By-Laws.

J. No player, coach, manager or any other party associated with an American Legion Baseball team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players or team officials. An individual violating this rule shall be ejected immediately from the game by the umpire. An ejection may lead to suspension pursuant to Rule I of this section.

K. Any player, coach, manager or other party accompanying a team will be **ejected from the game** if they:

(a) Use profane language.

(b) Make unnecessary gestures to fans or opposing players.

(c) Throw bats or other equipment.

(d) Make unnecessary gestures in protesting an umpire's decision. (Only team managers or coaches may ask for clarification of a rule; they may never argue).

(e) Resort to unnecessary roughness on the playing field.

(f) American Legion officials, including coaches, Athletic Officers, bat boys, players, etc. who before, during or after a game utter derogatory remarks which would indicate the un-professionalism of an umpire and/or derogatory remarks about Legion Baseball will be suspended.

(g) An ejection may lead to a suspension pursuant to Rule I of this section.

L. Any coach, manager or adult associated with the American Legion Baseball team ejected by an umpire must be out of sight and sound of the playing field. Failure to comply **shall lead to a suspension** pursuant to Rule J of this section.

M. The Junior American Legion Baseball Directors will have the authority to apply discretionary disciplinary actions to anyone for improper conduct or ejection from games. Any person ejected from a ball game by an umpire will automatically be reported, describing the events that led to the ejection, to the Jr. American Legion Baseball Director by the Athletic Officer or Manager of that team and Chief Umpire for disciplinary review and disposition of discipline prior to the next scheduled game. A copy will be forwarded to the Department Baseball Chairman. This will be an automatic suspension from the next scheduled game. Any appeals for a suspension shall follow the procedures of Rule I of this section.

N. Only umpires that are certified by an NC High School Athletic Association or the Area Supervisor of Umpires can be used for officiating a Jr. American Legion Baseball game. All umpires must have a Legion patch on left chest, left shoulder, or a Legion Umpire cap.

O. Players will have the opportunity, at the discretion of their Head Coach, to attend and participate in any other baseball activity except if it interferes with their play in the State Playoffs beginning this year on July 17.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 15, 2015	Last day to notify Department Headquarters of your intention to sponsor a Baseball team, thru online registration at www.baseball.legion.org , submit entry fee of \$100.00 Department fee and \$25 National fee and submit proof of insurance, also paid online.
May 15, 2015	Forfeit fee of \$200.00 made payable to The American Legion must be sent to the Department Headquarters, PO Box 26657, Raleigh, NC 27611.
May 16, 2015	Baseball play may start. All teams must have Form 2, Agreement and New Team/Sponsor Entrance Notice on file with Jr. American Legion Baseball Directors no later than this date.
No later than June 23, 2015	All team rosters with a maximum of 18 players must be submitted online at www.legion.org/baseball before the first conference game. No changes may be made to this roster once submitted
July 15, 2015	Championship teams shall be certified for participation in the state tournament.
July 17, 2015	State Tournament will begin.