

Jr. & Sr. Baseball 2020

JR. STATE TOURNAMENT

July 16 - 21, 2020
Play starts July 17
Location - High Point

SR. STATE TOURNAMENT

July 23 - 28, 2020
Kings Mountain, NC
Orientation and Opening Ceremonies July 23
Play starts July 24

REGION 3 TOURNAMENT

will be played
August 5 - 9, 2020
at
Asheboro, North Carolina

REMEMBER:

Any player born in 2001 or thereafter is eligible
for Senior American Legion Baseball.

Mark Cauble, Chairman

WORLD SERIES

will be played
August 13 - 18, 2020
at
Shelby, North Carolina



The American Legion
Department of
North Carolina



**2019 SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONS
Post 10**

1st Row –

Chase Hardee, Shane Nolan, Ben Whitehurst,
Jonathan Manis, Matt Suggs, Jason Culley, Mitch Baddour,
Zach Zabriskie, Brayden Barry

2nd Row –

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Anthony Guffey (Coach), Hayden Wilson, Harrison Jackson,
Hayden Wheeler, Tanner Boone, Christian Hardin,
Cameron Hill, Ridge Beheler (Coach)

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NORTH CAROLINA AMERICAN LEGION SENIOR BASEBALL RULES FOR 2020

(Supplementing and superseding the National Rules)

APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER

PROCEDURE FOR BEGINNING A BALL GAME:

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 IN VICTORY
KEEP A SOUND SOUL, A CLEAN MIND,
AND A HEALTHY BODY
3. NATIONAL ANTHEM.

All American Legion regular season, area, or Department playoff games played to determine the NC Champion will be under the jurisdiction of the NC Department Baseball Committee.

1. All Post Athletic Officers shall deal with their Area Commissioner on all matters pertaining to Baseball. Where the matter pertains to teams of two areas, the matter will be referred to the two commissioners for the two areas, and the Department Baseball Chairman. Any appeal to the National Appeals Board, without **written** permission of the Department Baseball Chairman by Fax, email or letter, will immediately disqualify the appealing team from further play.
 - All Athletic Officers should obtain a birth record and current address for all players trying out for their ball team. Any player too old or out of **recruiting area** will cause forfeit of **all** games in which said player was on the team roster.
2. All American Legion Baseball Teams operating in North Carolina must comply with the National Rules for American Legion Baseball; and the pertinent resolutions including Resolution #16, adopted by the National Executive Committee, October 2016, titled "Expectations for Rendering Proper Respect when Participating in Programs of the American Legion," and the regulations adopted by the Department Baseball Committee as set forth herewith:
 - A. **Entrance Notice.** A Post deciding to sponsor a Baseball team must file a notice online at www.legion.org/baseball on or before **May 15**. Teams will be able to enter the program late if approved by the Area Commissioner and Department Chairman. Once a team is approved, a registration fee of \$200 Department fee and \$50 National fee must be filed online using a credit or debit card.
 - B. **Records Required.** All forms to be used in Baseball activities will be furnished by The American Legion. **ALL FORMS AND RECORDS MUST BE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS LISTED ON THE FORMS IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES.**

JUNIOR DATES TO REMEMBER

May 15, 2020	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, 2020	Forfeit fee of \$200 made payable to The American Legion must be sent to the Department Headquarters, PO Box 26657, Raleigh, NC 27611
May 15, 2020 Or prior to 1 st game	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. Directors shall deliver the Agreements and Team Entrance Notice originals to Department Headquarters. Forms 2s remain with the Area Commissioner.
No later than June 25, 2020	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 14, 2020	Championship teams shall be certified for participation in the state tournament, High Point, NC
July 17, 2020	State Tournament will begin.

Each individual team will be obligated to see that their records are in order and submitted to the Area Commissioner at the prescribed time. Registration and insurance must be filed online at www.baseball.legion.org. All forms will be available at this website.

- (1) All American Legion Baseball teams in NC shall be sponsored by a chartered American Legion Post in good standing.
- (2) All teams must have a base school from which they may start their recruiting under Plan B. Teams are prohibited from using private schools as base schools. The population of the base school shall be included in the enrollment as required by National Plan B, even if the team does not have any players from base school. All new teams and any change of base schools or feeder schools by existing teams must be approved by the Baseball Committee. Requests for changes must be made by **February 1** to Department Baseball Chairman and the Area Commissioner. Teams not under Plan B will be zoned.
- (3) All teams registered shall file a roster electronically with the Area Commissioner and Department Headquarters showing the players name, address, date of birth, high school attended and the enrollment of that school as of **as of March 31, 2020**. For insurance purposes this roster must be filed prior to games being played. The total high school enrollment (Grades 10 - 12) cannot exceed 6,000 students for any game.
- (4) **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 every year.**
- (5) Every American Legion Baseball team (both junior and senior) must purchase both group liability and accident insurance from The American Legion's agent of record (S. A. Van Dyk, Inc.). **Before the team practice or baseball play begins, 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. However, they shall not practice or play until the insurance policies have been received and a copy sent to Area Commissioner and Department Headquarters. Should a previously registered team miss the established deadline, then they shall have a "grace" period until June 1 to purchase insurance, but the team will be assessed a late fee of \$200. **Missing the June 1 deadline will result in the disqualification from any further competition.**
- (6) A completed, notarized copy of all Form 2's must be submitted to the Area commissioner prior to first practice.
- (7) **Team Certification of Entry:** Team roster must be completed online no later than June 25. Each team must maintain a certified copy of each player's birth certificate subject to being checked at any time.

ALL SCHOLARSHIP FORMS NOMINATING A PLAYER FOR THE BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE SUBMITTED TO AREA COMMISSIONER.

Birth Certificates. Records of birth must be an **original or a state certified document** from the State Bureau of Vital Statistics or Department of Health or other governmental agency authorized to certify birth documents. (A state seal **or appropriate government stamp** shall be visible on the state certified document.)

- a. A state issued driver's license that complies with the Federal Real ID Law, or a state issued ID that is also in compliance with the Federal Real ID Law. NC DOT has verified NC driver's licenses are in compliance with the Federal Real ID Law.
 - b. In case of foreign birth, a player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service or by the Department of State that shows the birth date of the bearer. Official birth certificates issued by a foreign country are acceptable when accompanied by a letter with an English translation, and such birth certificate must have an official seal.
 - c. A properly **court certified** copy of that portion of permanent legal adoption papers showing the place and date of a player's birth shall be acceptable in cases involving adopted players. **Note:** It is suggested that when obtaining out-of-state certificates that these be requested by the parent or legal guardian. Many states will release birth records only to a parent or guardian.
 - d. **Notarized photocopies of birth certificates, hospital records, baptismal records, school records or certificates are not acceptable proof of age and will disqualify a player and/or the team.**
- (8) **All questions, disputes and protest within the Department shall be decided by the Department Baseball Committee. The Baseball Committee shall have the power to disqualify or suspend anyone violating Department or National Regulations. THEIR RULING SHALL BE FINAL.**
- (9) **Any situation arising in the Department that is not covered by State or National rules will be under the jurisdiction of the Department Baseball Committee whose decision is final.**
- (10) a. A Post entering a Baseball team shall be obligated to pay all justifiable financial obligations and/or debts of their baseball team for the previous baseball season prior to acceptance for entry of play and/or continued participation.

- 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 event that led up 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. Any coach, manager or adult associated with the American Legion baseball team ejected by an umpire, must leave the ballpark. 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 a 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 the 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 19.
- P. Dual Participation: Any American Legion player who chooses to dual participation shall provide the Area Director with the proper form prior to play, or risk being disqualified. It is the responsibility of the team coach to file all the proper paperwork with the Area Director. Dual participating is not allowed after midnight on July 15. The state tournament orientation begins, July 16, 2020.
- Q. Dual participation is only allowed between Junior and Senior teams. Junior players shall only be listed on one Junior roster.

- 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 unsportsman-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:
- Use profane language
 - Make unnecessary gestures to fans or opposing players.
 - Throw bats or other equipment.
 - 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.)
 - Resort to unnecessary roughness on the playing field.
 - 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 unprofessionalism of an umpire and/or derogatory remarks about Legion Baseball will be suspended.
 - 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 I of this section.

- Any alleged violation(s) of this rule shall be forwarded to the Internal Affairs Commission of the Department of North Carolina which shall review, investigate, evaluate, and issue a final determination whether a violation occurred.
- If the Internal Affairs Commission of The Department of North Carolina determines there is a violation, then in that event, the individual Team will be suspended from entering and/or play until all justified debts or obligations are paid in full. This rule shall be strictly enforced.

C. Territory and Residence:

(1) National Rule 4C applies in the State of North Carolina rules on territory and residence.

National Rule 4C Option Rule: Players attending a high school (including freshmen) outside a team's recruiting area, may have the option of playing for the team nearest the high school the player attends or playing for the team nearest the parent's legal domicile. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by Google Maps.

- The player must complete National Declaration Form #77, on which the player declares in writing the team for which he wishes to play.
 - Such election shall be for the 2020 season and shall expire on Dec 31, 2020.
- The team manager must forward Form #77 to the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on National Form #1.

(2) National Rule 4D Transfer Rule: A player released from a team must obtain permission on National Transfer form #76 from the team's manager to play for the team closest to his parent's domicile.

- To determine the nearest team from among several, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by Google Maps.
- The player must provide signed Transfer Form #76 (available online at www.legion.org/baseball) to the new team manager, which must be forwarded to the authorized department baseball official for approval, prior to listing the player on Form #1. All transfers shall be for one year. All transfers shall expire on Dec 31, 2020.
- Any transfers across state lines require mutual written permission of both department chairmen.
- Players who have qualified and played for a Legion team under Rule 4.C are not eligible for a transfer under Rule 4D.

D. Elimination:

- As soon as the Baseball Committee can determine accurately the Posts that are entering teams, it will divide the State of North Carolina into areas and assign a Commissioner to each Area.

- (2) Each Commissioner may divide the teams in his Area into groups or leagues, and shall, before **May 15, 2020**, determine schedules and rules for eliminating teams and determining the Championship Team in their Area, and shall certify ***the two participating teams from their area for state championship play by*** midnight of **July 20, 2020**.
- (3) The Department Championship Tournament will begin on **July 23, 2020**.

E. Regulations:

- (1) **All conference games will be 7 innings to include double header games.**
- (2) Teams must be properly uniformed before area scheduled play (including Legion Patches according to National Rule 1.S. Failure to comply invokes National Rule. Any team which is unable to field a team with sufficient number of players as outlined in "Official Rules of Major League Baseball", with Legion Patch as outlined by National Rule 1.S.(1), said team shall forfeit said game. 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. All outer garments must have patches or approved screenprint.
- (3) All umpires will be paid by home team prior to start of game. ***All umpires must be certified by authorized booking agent and must have patches, etc.***
- (4) The personnel of Baseball teams shall consist of:
 (a) Only Bonafide players on the team; (b) May have three coaches; (c) One bat person (not adults); (d) Official Score Keeper; (e) The Manager; (f) Certified Trainer. Only the personnel listed and the Post Athletic Officer will be permitted to sit on the players' bench. It shall be the duty of the UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF to enforce this rule. The only adults permitted to be in uniform shall be the Manager and three coaches. Once warned, violation will result in the game being forfeited.
- (5) The Umpire in Chief will be assigned by the Area Commissioner. Booking fee and umpiring fee will be set by the Area Commissioner and booking agent. Only high school or college certified officials will be used.

Umpires are not to be permitted to fraternize with any person connected in any manner with a Legion Baseball team. Violation of this rule will result in the umpire being discharged from the American Legion Baseball

- 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 Championships tournament to begin on or before July 17.
- O. All expenses are the **responsibility** of the team sponsor(s).

RULES

- A. North Carolina American Legion Jr. Baseball play will be governed by National Rules as published by the American Legion National Americanism Commission, concerning safety and ejections, www.legion.org/baseball/resources; and the pertinent resolutions including Resolution #16, adopted by the National Executive Committee, October 2016, titled "Expectations for rendering Proper Respect when Participating in Programs of the American Legion", or imposed by the NC Baseball Committee.
- B. All conference games will be seven innings in length, to include double headers. **Under no circumstances will a team be allowed to play more than two games a 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 the high school regulation or American Legion approved 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 be advised and 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 of the State Baseball Chairman, within 24 hours of the time of protest. All protests to the Jr. American Legion Baseball Director do not require 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

- 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 all games in which said player was on the team roster.
- H. Any player born on or after January 1, 2003 is eligible for the American Legion Junior Team Baseball. A player born in 2003 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 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. Each team must have a minimum of 2 coaches
- 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 or approved screen print.
- 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. Baseball team for protection against 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. 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** \$6.00 for adults (\$8.00 for double header), \$5.00 for students.

Program. **UMPIRES WHO DO NOT FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE LEGION BASEBALL RULES AND ENFORCE SAME SHALL BE DISCHARGED FROM THE PROGRAM.**

- (6) **Protest Procedures.** All protests in area play must be recorded with the home plate umpire before the last out of the game. The area commissioner must be called at that time and written protest must be given to commissioner the next day. The protest must be signed by the Athletic Officer or his duly authorized representative. Protests must be of a specific nature and must set forth definite proof. *All protests shall comply with Rule 5D of the National Rule Book in respect to the State Tournament.*

ANY PROTEST TO THE AREA COMMISSIONER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A \$100 CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA, OR CASH. ANY APPEAL TO THE STATE COMMITTEE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A \$200 CHECK.

ELIGIBILITY PROTEST OF PLAYERS MUST BEAR WRITTEN PROOF OF INELIGIBILITY AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE AREA COMMISSIONER BEFORE THE END OF AREA PLAY. PROTEST MUST COMPLY WITH RULE 2 OF THE NATIONAL RULE BOOK.

ANY APPLICABLE APPEAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NC BASEBALL COMMITTEE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NC CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. APPEALS TO NATIONAL MUST BE APPROVED BY THE STATE BASEBALL CHAIRMAN. PERSONS OR TEAMS MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FOR APPEALING TO NATIONAL WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Protests involving umpire judgment will not be considered. No telephone protest will be considered. Faxes and emails to be considered as **a legal protest.**

The Umpire-In-Chief will file, immediately after a protested game, a written report with the Area Commissioner and **State Baseball Chairman** as to the circumstances involved.

- (7) All rained-out games must be re-scheduled within 24 hours and the Area Commissioners must be advised of the new date **by the home team athletic officer**. If the two teams involved are unable to reach an agreement as to the time and place of the the rained-out game, the Area Commissioner will name the time and place **within the 24 hour period**. If no effort is made to re-schedule or to play rained-out games, games will be forfeited or a position in the play off may be lost at the discretion of the Area or State Commissioner. It is the home team's responsibility to advise the umpires of the new date. No playoff game can be cancelled or rescheduled without the approval of the Area Commissioner or State Baseball Chairman.

DOUBLE HEADERS will be allowed and may be ordered through the entire season when necessary to complete schedules or play-offs. It is a regulation game if terminated by the Umpire due to rain or other causes which prevent further play, providing five or more innings have been played or the visiting team has completed five innings. Games may be moved to other parks when necessary, by the Area Commissioner or State Commissioner to complete schedules.

- (8) No player is eligible to play with more than one Senior American Legion team.
- (9) Dual Participation: Any American Legion player who chooses to dual participate shall provide the Area Commissioner with the proper form prior to play, or risk being disqualified. It is the responsibility of the team coach to file all the proper paperwork with the Area Commissioner. Dual participation is not allowed after midnight on July 22. The tournament begins on July 23.
- (10) Co-Sponsorship: In the case of two or more Posts co-sponsoring one team, all Posts must file with Department Headquarters on the Team Entrance Notice.
- (11) In the event a Team is entering play for the first time, those players affected and on last years roster will have the option to play with the team they started their "career" with or they could play for the new team nearest their parent's legal residence.

Each Player must declare and file National Form 77 as to which team the player wants to play for, and the decision is final for the remainder of their eligibility.

All existing rules will apply to both teams, except those players who, by their declaration, are grandfathered onto the team they started their Legion Baseball career.

AMERICAN LEGION LEAGUE JUNIOR BASEBALL ADMINISTRATION AND RULES FOR 2020

APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER
PROCEDURE FOR BEGINNING A BALL GAME:
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3. NATIONAL ANTHEM

ADMINISTRATION/ORGANIZATION

- A. All teams will deal with the Junior American Legion 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. In addition, team sponsors must execute the Baseball Agreement of NC and the team sponsor entry form.
- D. K & K 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 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. A Legion Post must be incorporated under the laws of the state of North Carolina. All sponsorship applications must be signed by the Commander/President and attested by the Adjutant.

SENIOR DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1, 2020	All registration for existing teams must be completed online.
May 15, 2020	All registration for new teams must be completed online except those documents required by North Carolina.
May 15, 2020	All teams must have Form 2, Agreement Form and Team/Sponsor Entrance Notice on file with <u>Area Commissioners</u> prior to team practice. Commissioners shall deliver the Agreements and Team Entrance Notice originals to Department Headquarters. Form 2s remains with the Area Commissioner
May 15, 2020	Forfeit fee of \$200 made payable to The American Legion must be sent to the Department Headquarters prior to the first game.
May 15, 2020	All insurance must be paid online.
May 15, 2020	2020 Baseball may start.
No later than June 25, 2020	All team rosters with a maximum of 18 players must be submitted online at <u>www.baseball.legion.org</u> . No changes may be made to the roster once submitted.
July 15, 2020	Any scholarship nomination forms must be postmarked or hand delivered to <u>Area Commissioner, or Department Headquarters</u> no later than this date.
July 23, 2020	Area play will be completed and state championship teams will be determined.
July 25, 2020	Teams representing each area will arrive in Kings Mountain, NC for mandatory orientation. Each participating team shall bring to the Department Chairman a flash drive with digital team photo, document identifying each person in photo and Form 25, the regional rooming list.
August 1, 2020	Department Championship to be completed and certified to National Headquarters.

(12) All ballgames will be turned over to the Umpires 10 minutes prior to game starting time.

(13) All batters and base runners, bat boys and girls are required to wear double flapped ear protective helmet while in the playing field at all times. **The player's helmet must bear NOCSAE stamp. Violation of this rule will result in a warning to both teams with a subsequent violation resulting in a game forfeit. Base coaches are required to wear a standard batting helmet, with or without earflaps. (Safety rule: Ejection for non-compliance after one warning. Batters are required to wear a standard helmet with earflaps.)**

(14) **Ball Rule.**

Balls approved for use are:

American Legion Emblem ball, Diamond DI, Wilson A1010, Rawlings NCAA, STARR 600 , and 800. All balls must be stamped with the Legion Emblem.

F. **Expenses:** All team expenses shall be taken care of by the team sponsors.

G. A fee of \$200 will be assessed each team for the protection against forfeits. The fee shall be submitted to Department Headquarters **CERTIFIED CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF N. C.** No team shall commence play without paying this fee. In case of forfeiture of any game, the \$200 will go to the opposing team and offending team will not be permitted to play further games until another cashier's check for \$200 is received by **Department Headquarters**.

(1) The forfeit fee will be returned when a team withdraws from the baseball program permanently.

(2) Forfeit fees will be retained by Department and not returned if a team withdraws before the end of season play.

H. **National Rule in respect to Tobacco will be strictly enforced.**

I. For any playoff game that may be a split gate, the following rules will be in effect:

(1) Home team will sell tickets.

(2) Visiting team will collect tickets.

(3) No passes will be honored except State Officials and persons itemized in "Regulations E, Rule 3".

- (4) Gate will be determined by visiting team by multiplying adult tickets not to exceed \$6, students tickets not to exceed \$5, (\$8 for double header); times admission price; adding the sums together and then subtracting \$300 plus Umpire fees to arrive at gate to be divided equally between the two teams. If home team is unable to comply, game will be moved to other team's field. Violation of fair gate splitting will result in game being forfeited and team suspended from further play.

J. Conduct

- (1) Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of the Department Baseball Chairman or his Area Commissioner conduct themselves in an unsportsman-like manner that would discredit this program, may be removed by the Department Baseball Committee. Any applicable appeal from the Department of NC Baseball Committee shall comply with the Department of NC Constitution and By-Laws. Each team must have a minimum of 2 coaches.
- (2) 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 regulation shall be ejected immediately from the game by the umpire.
- (3) Any player, coach, manager or other party accompanying a team will be **ejected from the game** if they:
- Use profane language.
 - 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).
 - Throw bats or other equipment.
 - Make unnecessary gestures to fans or opposing players.
 - Resort to unnecessary roughness on the playing field.
 - American Legion officials, including coaches, athletic officers, bat boys, players, etc., who utter derogatory remarks which would indicate the unprofessionalism of an umpire and/or derogatory remarks about Legion Baseball will be suspended. This applies before, during or after the game.

- (4) **Any coach, manager or adult associated with the American Legion baseball team ejected by an umpire must leave the ballpark.**

- Coaches, managers or adults associated with the team (this includes any legion member) will automatically be suspended for one game. During the suspension the person will NOT be allowed to attend the game without permission from the Baseball Chairman. No type of communication with the dugout or team will be allowed. Violation of this rule will be additional suspension as deemed by the Area Commissioner and Baseball Chairman.

- (5) Any person ejected from a ballgame must be reported to the Area Commissioner by the Athletic Officer or manager and the game umpire or Chief umpire no later than noon the day following the suspension. Any suspension for more than one game must be reported to the Baseball Chairman by the Area Commissioner.