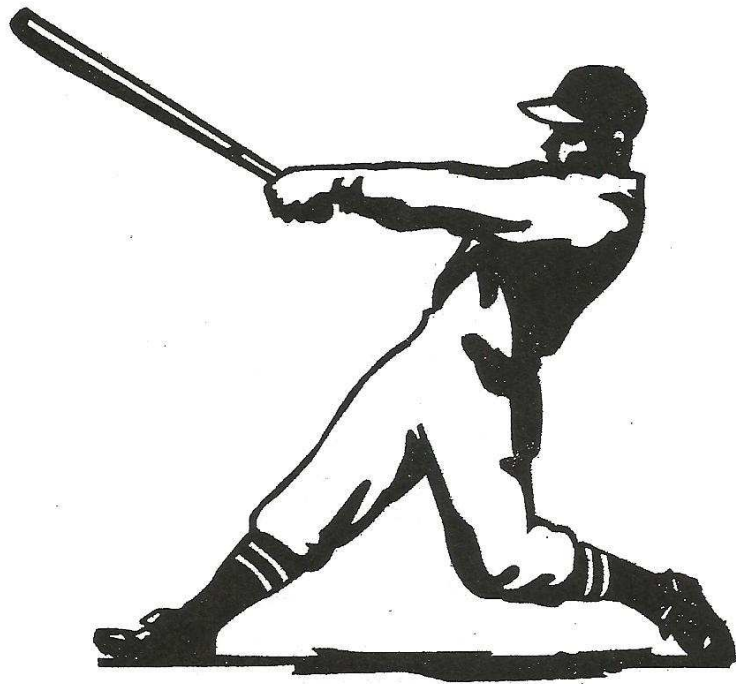


# MISSOURI

## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



**2010**

**RULE BOOK**

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, INC

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI**

**OUR 2010 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SEASON  
IS DEDICATED TO ALL VETERANS  
AND SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN  
SERVING AROUND THE WORLD  
WITHOUT WHOSE SACRIFICES  
WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE PLEASURE  
OF ENJOYING OUR NATIONAL PAST TIME**

**THANK YOU**

# NOTICE

## TO ALL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL FANS

**Any person entering the Ball Park assumes all risks and dangers incidental to the playing of the game of Baseball, whether occurring prior to, during or after the game, including but not limited to the danger of being injured by thrown bats and or batted balls.**

**Each person agrees that the participating teams, players, and team officials are not liable for any injuries resulting from any such causes.**

*The American Legion, Department of Missouri  
Baseball Commission*

**Since 1925, The American Legion has sponsored a nationwide Youth baseball program. During these past eight decades, Millions of young players have enjoyed playing baseball. The American Legion and their 2.8 million members have raised millions of dollars each year for players to learn the importance of teamwork, discipline, leadership and good sportsmanship.**

**The American Legion sponsors American Legion Baseball to give players an opportunity to develop their skills, personal fitness, and leadership qualities; while having fun.**

### **American Legion 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.**

## **SENIOR & JUNIOR LEGION AGE ELIGIBILITY CHART**

<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	Grade	Year
14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	8th Grade	1996
15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	Freshman	1995
16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	Sophomore	1994
17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	Junior	1993
18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Senior	1992
19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	College/HS	1991
20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	College	1990

If a player is born in 1990, he is no longer eligible to play Legion Baseball.

**RED** is ineligible to participate

If a player is born in 1991 or 1992 – those players **must** play Senior Legion Baseball.

**Note - For insurance purposes - if the team has a player on the ALB Form #1 who is or will be 18 years of age, the team is mandated to purchase Senior Legion Insurance from the agent of record.**

**If team has no players who turn 18 during the season, then that team must register and play in the Junior Legion Baseball program.**

**2010 BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
THE AMERICANAL LEGION**

All Teams, Managers, Coaches, and players participate in The Department of Missouri American Legion Baseball Program, at the invitation of the Department of Missouri and under the jurisdiction of The Department of Missouri American Legion Baseball Commission. The invitation can be and will be withdrawn for conduct deemed to be unbecoming to The American Legion.

**"Online team registration must be completed by March 31, 2010".** National Registration Form #1 and other required documentation must be filed with The Department Baseball Commission by June 15, 2010.

**RULE #1 PLAYING REGULATION**

(A) Department of Missouri American Legion Baseball will follow the Official Baseball Rules as authorized by the Commissioner of Major Legion Baseball and published by the Sporting News. Modifications of these rules, as noted in Rule 1, generally pertain to matters of safety, equipment and insurance. They are made with the welfare of the players in mind.

(B) Teams must be in a like uniforms to play League, non League, District, Zone, State Tournament and National play. At all times, the American Legion Baseball insignia must be on the left sleeve of the uniform or left breast. No one shall be allowed to participate unless thee aforementioned Rule #1 (B) is adhered to.

(C) A coach must be in uniformed in order to go onto the playing field.

(D) All batting helmets must have the NOCSAE seal of approval stamped on the helmet, and such seal must be visible on the outside of the helmet. All players are required to wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while batting, running the bases, and while on deck. Catchers are required to wear a safety helmet, throat protector and protective cup, in addition to normal catcher's equipment. While warming up a pitcher, either in or out of the bullpen, a catcher must wear a mask. Any player who refuses to do so shall be ejected from the game.

**(E) Baseball Requirements:** All teams will use an official Baseball recognized by the Department Baseball Commission. Approved baseballs for the 2009 season are the Rawlings (RO), Wilson (A1010), Diamond (D-1Pro), Worth (ML) or A.D. Starr (600).

(F) All teams must have a first aid kit with them in the dugout at all American Legion Baseball games. Failure to have a First Aid Kit shall result in forfeiture of the game.

(G) A designated hitter may be used for the pitcher only. The DH will follow the Federation Rules.

(H) The use of any form of tobacco (smoking, chewing and snuff) by a player, coach, manager or any official accompanying any American Legion Baseball Team while on the playing field, benches, in the bullpen or dugouts is prohibited. Any individual violating this rule will be ejected from the game and the playing area. Additional, this individual may be subject to additional penalties. The District Chairman is encouraged to monitor individuals involved in previous incidents and to insure this incident is not repeated. All incidents will be reported to Department Chairman.

**(I) The use of alcohol of any illegal performance enhancement drug or non prescription steroid is strictly prohibited. Any individual player or coach violating this rule will be immediately terminated as an active participant and be permanently banned from any involvement whatsoever, relating to Missouri Legion Baseball. This is to be considered as a zero tolerance policy. There will be no exceptions.**

**(J) Every American Legion Baseball team must purchase both group liability and accident insurance from the American Legion agent of record. Coverage must be purchased by March 31<sup>st</sup> for existing teams. New Teams must have coverage by their first tryout/practice. Proof of such coverage must be submitted to the Department. Any team that fails to purchase insurance from the approved carrier by the required date, shall be disqualified from competition in the State Tournament and the team will not be counted in the leagues “number of teams count” used to determine number of positions in the State Tournament.**

**(K) All games will be played to completion in accordance with the official Major League Rules.**

**(1) In any NON-LEAGUE game the managers at their option may choose not to utilize rule (L) below.**

**(2) In any (AA or A) NON-LEAGUE game the managers may at their option play a 9 inning game. If they elect this option a pitcher will not be allowed to pitch more than 7 innings.**

**(L) In (AAA) games a 10 run rule is in effect after 6 ½ innings if the home team is ahead by 10 runs or after 7 innings if the visiting team has had the opportunity to bat in that inning in a 9 inning game. In (AA) and (A) games a 10 run rule is in effect after 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead by 10 runs or after 5 innings if the visiting team has had the opportunity to bat in that inning in a 7 inning game.**

**(M) Any manager, coach or person accompanying a team who is ejected from the game or dugout by an umpire must leave the park where the game is being played. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game. Any player ejected from the game will be confined to the dugout, or released to his parent ONLY and they must leave together immediately. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game. If the player is confined to the dugout and is the subject of further disciplinary action, the manager of the team will be ejected from the game and the game will be forfeited to the opposing team. An ejection from any game during the season is punishable by suspension from play. The severity of any ejection will determine the length of the suspension. Ejection’s will be classified as incidental, secondary, or Major. An Incidental Ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of the game, from the time of ejection. A Secondary Ejection will result in a suspension from the current game and the next game. A Major Ejection will result in a suspension from the current game and the next two games. If a player is ejected during a league game, his suspension will be served during league play. If the suspension occurs during a non-league game the suspension will be served in the immediate subsequent games. All ejection will be reported to the District Baseball Chairman and Department Chairman before the game. The District and Department Chairman will determine whether the ejection will be classified as Incidental, Secondary or Major.**

**(N) Coaches shall be mandated to wear a helmet when in the coaching box. The decision as to what type of helmet to wear is up to the coach or club. He can wear a single, double or no flap helmet. If he does not have a helmet the coach can not remain on the field.**

## **RULE #2-PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

(A) Competition is open to players born on or after January 1, 1991. Record of birth must be by Certificate bearing the appropriate seal or certified copy of such from the Bureau of Vital Statistics or Department of Health or an accepted certified birth recording agency of this State. Official Federal Department certificates are acceptable with a parent's affidavit on the back stating it is a true copy.

(B) In case of foreign birth, a player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the Bureau of Citizenship and immigration Services or by the Department of State that shows the birth date of the bearer. Official birth certificates issued by a foreign are acceptable when accompanied by a letter with an English translation, and such birth certificate must have an official seal.

(C) 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 government agency authorized to certify birth documents. A raised seal must be visible on the state certified document.

(1) Notarized photocopies of birth certificates, hospital birth certificates, baptismal records, school records or certificates are not acceptable proof of age and will disqualify a player and / or team.

(D) It shall be mandatory that all players competing in American Legion Baseball in Missouri will have their parents or legal guardian(s) sign the National A.L. Player Agreement Form #2

(E) All requests for interpretation of rules because of disagreement, on player eligibility beyond the District Chairman must be in writing and follow the organization structure. (Organizational Structure: After District Baseball Chairman is Department Baseball Chairman and then Department Baseball Commission.) No verbal requests will be honored by the Department Baseball Commission.

## **RULE #3 – PLAYER RECRUITMENT**

(A) Missouri in accordance with the National Rules is currently playing under Plan "B" except for those counties granted permission by National to use Plan "A".

(B) Any player not attending a base school must play for the team nearest their legal residence. The next closest base school is determined by using map quest @ [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com). If the player is cut from the team's roster he must get a signed National Transfer Form #76 and try out for the next nearest team. A Transfer #76 Form is required from each team. The exception to this rule is private and parochial schools which must comply with National Rule 4.C.

(1) Should a Post not grant a release to a player, the player's name must appear on the team's National Form #1 and every opportunity must be given to insure that the player can actively participate with the team.

(2) If a team's roster (Form #1) is full an automatic transfer will be granted to players unable to make the team.

(3) All players attending a Non Public School must sign a National Form #77.

**(C) The Baseball Chairman and Department Baseball Commission may adopt policies more restrictive than the National Rules. The Baseball Chairman or District Committees who directly supervise the District league may also impose policies more restrictive than State Rules if in the best interest of the local program, provided these policies are submitted to the Department Baseball Commission on a yearly basis for approval, by April 15<sup>th</sup> of the current Baseball Season.**

## **RULE #4 – PROTEST**

**(A) All protests of player eligibility and team eligibility must be specific with proof in writing, within (48) forty-eight hours after the game. If a player is found ineligible, he shall be disqualified immediately. No protest may be made in any District beyond the last game played by his team. If the protest is upheld, all games in which the disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.**

**(B) All protests and interpretations of the Department and National Rules shall be handled in this manner.**

**(1) Protests and interpretations must be submitted to the District Chairman or the District Protest committee for a decision.**

**(2) District Chairman may request that the District Committee conduct a hearing and render a decision on any manner. An answer must be given within seventy-two (72) hours in writing. After following the organizational structure, an appeal of such a decision may be made to the Department Commission. There is a one hundred dollar (\$ 100.00) bond to be designated to the scholarship fund when such an appeal to the Department Commission is made. If on appeal the decision is overturned, the bond will be returned.**

**( C) No manager, coach, player, player’s agent, player’s parent, or legal representative shall be permitted to bypass the District Chairman, the District Baseball Committee, or Department Chairman and appeal directly to National Headquarters on the matter of protest or interpretation of rules. All appeals must proceed up the organization structure of the Department Baseball Commission (District Chairman to District Baseball Committee to Department Chairman/Commission.) Violation of this rule shall result in sanctions, including but not limited to suspension of the violator and/or violators, for the remainder of the season and playoffs.**

**(1) The required process for a protest above the District Chairman is to document the issue and submit it to the District Baseball Committee. The District Baseball Committee will review, and consult with appropriate Department Commission members. The Department Rules interrupter and render a decision. All decision of the Department Chairman /Commission is final.**

## **RULE #5 – TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION**

(A) Each team must register with the responsible Department Official or Committee their complete packet no later than 5:00 P.M. June 15, of this year. The packet consists of fully completed National Form #1, a National Form #2 for each player on your Form #1, proper Insurance Coverage (Accident & Liability certificates from S.A. Van Dyke), and National Forms #76 & #77 where applicable. Failure to comply with the above will make the team ineligible for the State Tournament.

(B) March 31<sup>st</sup> is the date for establishing legal residence in school. A copy of proof of team insurance must be attached to National Form #1.

(C) All AAA Teams must use the National Transfer Form #76 when a player transfers from one team to another.

(D) The Department Chairman has the authority to make judgments that are in the best interest of the American Legion Baseball and the quality of play within its leagues. This includes not allowing entry of a new team or a change of drawing schools if in his opinion, it will damage an existing team or teams, or lower the level of play within the league.

(E) Requests for Base School changes need to be submitted to the Department Baseball Chairman by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The District Chairman and the Department Baseball Chairman must approve requests for Base School changes. Unless unusual circumstances occur, teams must maintain their base school for a minimum of 3 years. Changing a base school and not following the above process may result in the team being declared ineligible for both the regular season and post-season play.

(F) There will be only one team from a base school.

(G) Official school enrollment figures shall include the total enrollment of all students in the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades as of March 31<sup>st</sup> of the current school year. Enrollment numbers will be provided by the State Baseball Commission.

## **RULE #6 – SPONSORSHIP**

(A) IN The Department of Missouri the following methods of team sponsorship are permissible:

(1) The AMERICAN Legion Post entirely sponsors a team or teams.

(2) The American Legion Post and an outside individual or entity co-sponsoring a team or teams.

(3) An individual or an outside entity sponsoring a team or teams in The American Legion Baseball Program.

(4) In #3 above, the individual or outside entity sponsoring a team must first secure the permission of the District Baseball Chairman and The Department Baseball Commission.

**NOTE: In all instances pertaining to team sponsorship, all the rules as set forth by the American Legion will be strictly adhere to.**

## **RULE #7 – TOURNAMENT**

**(A) The Department Baseball Commission may prescribe such rules for the playing of Zone and State Tournament, as it considers necessary.**

**(B) Each District must have a District Champion by the dates established by the Department Baseball Commission in order to advance to the Zone Tournament, State Tournament and National Competition. The teams participating in the Zone, State and Regional Tournament must be Notify the Department Baseball Chairman or his representative within 24 hours after winning each respective Tournament. The teams participating in the State Tournament must be represented at the Pre-Tournament Meeting which will be announced at the conclusion of the Zone Tournament.**

**(C) All Tournaments will start on the dates established by the Department Baseball Commission.**

**(D) Teams reaching the Zone Tournament must supply the Department Chairman with SIX (6) 5"x 7" and (1) 8"x 10" color, glossy print photograph. Each photograph must properly identify the sponsoring Post and Post number, or outside sponsors name, and also identify the full name of all players, coaches and manager. On a separate piece of paper for each photograph. Photographs must not have more than three (3) rows of individuals. Failure to supply the pictures will result in disqualification from Zone Tournament.**

**(E) The Department Chairman shall approve fields for the Zone and State Finals.**

**(F) NO State Official or Representative will be assigned by the Department Baseball Chairman to a tournament site in which a team he is affiliated with is playing.**

**(G) All necessary expenses of the competing teams shall be borne by the Post, Individuals or outside sponsors of the teams. Neither The American Legion Department of Missouri. The Department Baseball Commission or its members shall be held liable for any expenses incurred by participating teams.**

**(H) All teams in Missouri will remit to the Department of Missouri a yearly non-refundable entry Fee. The Entry Fee represents the teams' intent to Play American Legion Baseball for the current season. The Entry Fee for the 2009 season will be as follows: \$200.00 for AAA teams, \$150.00 for AA teams and A teams. This fee covers the necessary expenses to operate The Department Program for the Year and must be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Entry Fees received after that date are subject to a penalty which will be established by the Department Baseball Commission.**

**(I) Any team or District Baseball Chairman having a specific problem regarding player's eligibility, territorial boundary lines, or other problems not covered by either the National or State Rules, is required to consult with their respective District Chairman prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>. The District Chairman will consult with the Department Chairman as required to resolve all issues.**

**(J) Tournament Commissioner's shall decide whether a game will be cancelled or postponed for any reason. Their decision shall be final. After a game has started, umpires must confer with the Tournament Commissioner's before a game can be called for any reason.**

**(K) Any player, manager, coach or person accompanying a team participating in a State Tournament that is ejected from the game or dugout by an umpire must leave the park where the Tournament games are being played and depending on the severity of the ejection may also sit out the next game, unless the Tournament Commissioner determines that it should be longer. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game. Note: (Any player participating in a State Tournament that is ejected from the game by an umpire will be confined to the dugout and depending on the severity of the ejection may also sit out the next game, unless the Tournament Commissioner determines that it should be longer.)**

**(L) Any team that forfeits a game in the Department Tournament for reasons other than injury will be subject to 1-year probation, fines, Sanctions or Suspension upon review by the Department Baseball Commission. Any team that fails or refused to take the field in a timely manner will be given warning. Failure to take the field after being warned will result in a forfeit.**

**(M) All teams participating in Missouri American Legion Baseball must play in the District where their base school is located. The Department Baseball Commission may grant a waiver to this provision for travel purposes and/or other unusual circumstances.**

**(N) A team cannot participate in the District Tournament unless it has a minimum of active players on their roster. At least 12 active players must be present and available to participate at the beginning of each game or they will forfeit out of the Tournament. (SEE RULE M ABOVE) A player who was ejected in a prior game will count in totaling the required 12 players. The Tournament Commissioner, after consulting with the Department Chairman or his representative can exercise common sense judgment where unusual circumstances have occurred and players may be late because of major traffic or other circumstances.**

**(O) No team will be allowed to have more than 18 players dressed in uniform in the dugout for any game prior to the submitting of their National Form #1. All players eligible to compete in any game will be listed on the official line-up card which will be presented to the chief umpire prior to the start of the game. PENALTY: Forfeit of game.**

**(P) Coaches will remain in the coach's box until the ball is put into play. Coaches must have both feet inside the front of the coach's box. However if the coach wants to move away from the plate or out the back of the box this is not a infraction of the new rule. If the coach is outside the box (closer to home plate) he will be warned once and the 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction he will be ejective from the game.**

## **RULE #8 UMPIRES**

**(A) All umpires officiating, any District League game, District, Zone or State Tournament game, must have a minimum qualification of High School Baseball Certification. Umpires must be dressed in approved umpire attire/ uniforms. American Legion umpire patches will be worn.**

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POLICYS**

**(A) Department Baseball Meting will be open to all Department Officers, American Legion Members, Department Baseball Officials, League Officials, and Sponsors and invited Guests. The Department Baseball Commission may hold closed executive sessions to discuss issues relating to discipline and protest matter, personnel and financial concerns.**

**(B) District Chairman, League Presidents or their representative may participate in roll-call, voting in favor or against recommendations. The Department Baseball Chairman will cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie. Each District Chairman, with a team will be entitled to one vote.**

## **GENERAL FINANCIAL POLICYS**

**(A) The Department Baseball Chairman or Department Baseball Commission will approve all purchases and expenditures relating to this Baseball operation and needs.**

**(B) All requests for reimbursements and payments will be in writing in the form of the Official Authorized Department of Missouri voucher. The bill, invoice or receipt must accompany the voucher request.**

**(C) The Department Baseball Commission will not be responsible for any financial obligation incurred by any individual, Department or District Official in the operation or execution of American Legion Baseball in Missouri.**

**1. To partially off set expenses associated with the duties of their position (lodging, mileage, phone bills, meeting expenses etc), will be paid to Department Baseball Officials acting in an official capacity as determined by the Department Commission. The exact amount will be determined by the Department Baseball Chairman and Department Baseball Commission. The amount will be base on assignments and related expenses incurred by the particular official.**

## **APPENDIX**

**In State Tournament games, where a game has not been played to completion in accordance with professional Baseball Rules, and where a game is called by the Umpire-in-Chief because of in climate weather or curfew before the full nine innings have been concluded, the game shall be suspended with the remainder of the game played from where it was called to it's conclusion. When a game has been suspended for either darkness or rain, the game must be completed, but the next regularly scheduled game may be played first. This decision rest with the Tournament**

**No District shall impose individual rules for any new team entered into their program, nor shall any new team be subject to any undue financial burden that is not imposed on the rest of the league.**

**A person must be a member of the American Legion, Department of Missouri to direct, administer, and guide or enforce discipline or otherwise be the sole Chairman of a District American Legion Baseball League. The baseball program is a part of The American Legion and therefore must be under the direct supervision of a person or persons who are members of the parent organization, The American Legion, Department of Missouri. The 2009 Missouri State Rules were adopted by the Department Baseball Commission.**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
2010  
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES  
AND REQUIRMENTS**

**2010 AMERICAN LEGION SENIOR BASEBALL  
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

District Tournament winners must be determined by July 22, 2010.

Zone Tournament will be played on July 24, 25 and 26, 2010

**TOURNAMENT HOSTS AND LOCATION**

**ZONE 1 will be held in Washington, MO  
ZONE 2 will be held in Independence, MO  
ZONE 3 will be held in Carl Junction, MO  
ZONE 4 will be held in Cape Girardeau, MO**

Each District Champion must have a copy of their ALB National Form #1 and a Form #2 filled out in full and signed by the Department Baseball Chairman. This copy of the ALB National Form #1, Form #2, and a birth certificate for each player whose appears on the ALB National Form #1 and Insurance Forms, must be presented to the Commissioner in charge before the first game of the Zone Tournament; any player failing to do so will not be allowed to participate in the Tournament. (All Valid team copies of Form 76 and / or 77 must be attached to the team copy of the ALB Form #1.)

Zone winners will need (6) 5x7 color photographs and (1) 8x10 color photograph prior to the first game of the Zone Tournament. Failure to do so will result in automatic forfeiture of the first Zone Tournament game and any subsequent game until proper photographs and forms are submitted. The Host of the Zone Tournament will keep all gate receipts and all other revenue generate by the tournament. The Host will furnish all the official baseballs for the tournament. Umpires fees will be shared by the teams playing in each game and will be paid prior to the start of each game to the Chief Umpire. Two Umpires will be required for each game. Three Umpires will be required for the Championship game.

There will be no per diem monies allowable to any team to help with team incurred expenses. Host will arrange for housing at the tournament site (40) rooms (10 per team) to be held in reservation until Thursday Noon July 22, 2010, before the start of the tournament on Saturday July 24, 2010. **TEAM SPONSORS, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE INCURRED BY THEIR TEAMS.**

For the Zone Tournament, the Host Team will arrange rooms for Tournament Commissioners. The Department will pay for the Tournament Commissioners rooms.

**ALL PLAYERS, MANAGERS, AND COACHES MUST BE IN FULL UNIFORM BEFORE ENTERING THE BALLPARK. ALL UNIFORMS MUST BE THE SAME. DRESSING IN THE DUGOUT OR INSIDE THE BALLPARK BEFORE THE GAME, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**

**THE STATE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HOSTED BY**  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI**

STATE TOURNAMENT will be played July 29, 30 and 31 and completed by August 1, 2010 in Sedalia, MO.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT - August 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in Blue Springs, MO

WORLD SERIES - August 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> in Spokane, WA

Teams playing in the State Finals will report to the Headquarters Hotel by 3:00 P.M. July 29, 2010 for a meeting with the Managers, Coaches, and Tournament Commissioners. The First game will be Thursday evening with the finals schedule for Saturday afternoon.

The Department Baseball Commission will reserve an adequate block of rooms for Players, Managers, and Coaches until deadline of July 27, 2010. Managers of the teams winning their Zone Tournament will be responsible for making their own motel reservation for the State Tournament. Managers will be notified of the motel location upon the completion of the Zone Tournament.

Teams will be responsible for their own transportation to the State Tournament, and their own meals. The Department will pay for housing up to \$500.00 provided teams stay at Host hotel.

State Tournament—Three Umpires will be required for every game. Championship games will require four Umpires. Umpires will be paid by the Department.

The team Managers, Umpires, and Tournament Commissioners, will confer prior to the first game of the Tournament to establish ground rules and protest procedures. Umpires will be instructed to start all games on time and see that the games run without undo delay.

No player in the Department Tournament Competition may pitch more than 12 innings or make more than four appearances as a pitcher in combining the total innings or appearances in any (3) consecutive 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 A.M. day period. Any pitcher may be removed as a pitcher and still remain in the game at another position. The player may return as a pitcher, but if he does he will be charged with an appearance. When a manager or coach makes two trips to the mound in any one inning, to the same pitcher the pitcher must be removed on the second trip and cannot return to pitch in the game. If any pitcher is in violation of the 12 inning or 4 appearance rules, the team will forfeit the game. (Exception) A double or triple play will not cause the pitcher to exceed the 12 inning rule.

Eight warm up pitches will be allowed to a new pitcher, unless the previous pitcher was removed due to injury. In such cases the new pitcher will be allowed as many warm up pitches as necessary. Five warm up pitches will be allowed between innings.

The 10 run rule will be in effect after seven innings in all Department Tournament game, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 6 ½ innings.

Teams competing in all Department Tournaments must have a minimum of 12 players available to start any Tournament game. Teams with less than 12 players will forfeit participate and the Department Baseball Commissioners will determine a suitable replacement, if circumstances permit. The lost of two games in any Department Tournament by one team eliminates the team from the Tournament.

**2010 AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR BASEBALL  
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS**

District Tournament winners must be determined by July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Zone Tournaments will be played July 15, 16 and 17, 2010.

**TOURNAMENT LOCATION**

ZONE 1 will be held at the ballpark of the 8<sup>th</sup> District Winner

ZONE 2 will be held at the ballpark of the 7<sup>th</sup> District Winner

ZONE 3 will be held at the ballpark of the 17<sup>th</sup> District Winner

ZONE 4 will be held at the ballpark of the 13<sup>th</sup> District Winner

STATE TOURNAMENT will be played July 22, 23 and 24, 2010 at St Charles, MO

JUNIOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT will be played August 5-8 at Fargo, ND

Zone winners will need (4) 5x7 color photographs and (1) 8x10 color photograph prior to the first game of the Zone Tournament. All photographs must have all players and team officials properly identified on separate pieces of paper for each photograph. The Host of the Zone Tournament will keep all gates receipts and all other revenue generated by the tournament. The Host will furnish all official game balls. Umpire fees will be shared by the teams playing in each game and will be paid prior to the start of each game to the Chief Umpire. Two Umpires will be required for each game. Three Umpires will be required for the Championship.

**STATE TOURNAMENT**---Three Umpires will be required for every game. Championship games will be requiring four Umpires. Umpire fees will be shared by the teams playing in each game and will be paid prior to the start of each game to the Chief Umpire. The Host team is responsible for the official Baseballs for the Tournament. The Host team will keep all gate receipts and any revenue generated by the Tournament.

For the Zone and State Tournament, the Host team will reserve rooms for the Commissioners. The cost of the rooms will be paid by the Department.

**\*\*\*2010 AMERICAN LEGION “A” BASEBALL RULES\*\*\***

1. Any player born on or after May 1, 1994 is eligible to participate in the “A” Baseball Program.
2. Each team must use the same Base School for all levels of competition. All teams must be properly registered with the American Legion Department of Missouri.
3. Players attending a non Base School must play for the Base School nearest their parents residence. Releases will be allowed and will be permanent for the remainder of the players eligibility to compete in the “A” Baseball Program.
4. All League games will be seven (7) inning games except that in a tie game, the game will be played until a winner is determined.
5. **SLIDE RULE---** The American Legion Slide Rule (Rule 1.(G) WILL BE USED IN ALL Department league, non-league games, and in ALL Tournaments.
6. **10 Run Rule---** is effect for all Department games after five innings. (Unless the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs after 4 ½ innings.)
7. Teams competing in all Department Tournaments must have a minimum of 9 players available to start any Tournament game. Teams with less than 9 players will forfeit to participate and the Department Commissioners will determine a suitable replacement, if circumstances permit.

**ALL AMERICAN BASEBALL TEAMS AT ALL LEVELS WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES, UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI HAS ADOPTED AN APPROVED EXCEPTION TO A SPECIFIC RULE, OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE.**

**IF YOU NEED CLARIFICATION OF ANY RULE CONTACT YOUR DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONNERS.**

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**\*\*\*2010 AMERICAN LEGION “A” TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE\*\*\***

**DISTRICT TOURNAMENT WINNER MUST BE DETERMINED BY JULY 11, 2010.**

**STATE TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**STATE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, MO.**