

American Legion Baseball Program,

Congratulations to the 2011 Department Champions. They are: A Division – Eureka Post 177; AA Division – Jefferson City Post 5; AAA Division – Festus Post 253. Eureka was a repeat Champion, while Festus was Champion for the third consecutive year.

Planning for the 2012 season is underway. The Department Baseball Commission thanks all participants for a successful 2011 season, and with everyone's assistance, we anticipate the program will continue to be successful in providing young men the opportunity to enjoy the greatest amateur baseball program in the country.

There are several important rule changes coming next year. To explain these changes and how they will impact the program, a meeting has been scheduled for Saturday January 21, 2012 at Post 5 in Jefferson City, 1:00 PM. (The Commission will meet at 11:00 AM.) It is very important that all District Baseball Chairmen and Team Managers plan on attending.

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## **General Information:**

2012 Team Entry Fees – A - \$150; AA - \$150; AAA - \$200

There has been no increase in insurance premiums. However, the cost will depend on whether teams opt to purchase additional coverage, or the standard.

Entry Fees and Insurance Premiums must be paid online. A credit card is required.

Teams interested in hosting the A State, AA State, AAA Zone, or \*\*\*AAA State Tournaments must submit a bid, along with a \$300 check made payable to American Legion Department of Missouri Baseball. Bids and checks are to be sent to the Department Chairman at the address listed above. If a bid is not selected, the check will be returned. Bids must be submitted no later than February 1, 2012. Host requirements can be found on our website, [www.missouriamericanlegionbaseball.com](http://www.missouriamericanlegionbaseball.com), or in the back of the 2011 Missouri rulebook.

\*\*\*NOTE – AAA State Tournament consists of the four Zone Champions, there is NO Host team. Bidding this Tournament only determines location of the site where it will be played.

If there are any issues for Commission consideration, please submit to the Department Chairman in writing or via email no later than January 10, 2012.

### Tournament Dates

A and AA Districts – completed by July 15  
A State – completed by July 22  
AA Zones – completed July 22  
AA State – completed by July 29  
AA Regional – Fargo, ND – August 2-5  
AAA Districts – completed by July 23  
AAA Zones – completed by July 30  
AAA State – August 2-4  
AAA Regional – New Orleans, LA – August 9-13  
AAA World Series – August 17-21

All Tournament sites TBA pending bid or assignment.