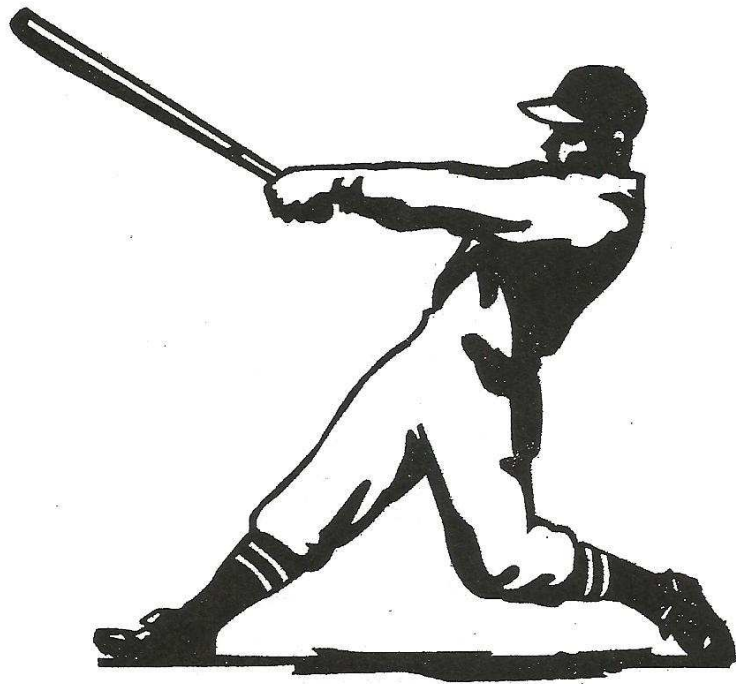


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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



2012

RULE BOOK

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
THE AMERICAN LEGION, INC

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**The American Legion
Department of Missouri
2012 Baseball Season**

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Our 2012 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!

Brief History

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

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



Senior & Junior American Legion 2012 Season Age Eligibility Chart

Jan.	Feb	Mar.	Apr	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Traditional grade in school	Birth Year
Age - 12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	Not Eligible	2000
Age - 13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	7 th Grade	1999
Age - 14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	8 th Grade	1998
Age - 15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	Freshman	1997
Age - 16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	Sophomore	1996
Age - 17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	Junior	1995
Age - 18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	Senior	1994
Age - 19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	College/HS	1993
Age - 20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	Not eligible	1992

"2012 Rule Change" – Players that graduated High School in 2011 are not eligible for transfer, they must play for the team they played for during the 2011 season.

A player is born in **1992** is no longer eligible to play American Legion Baseball.

If a player is born in **1993** or **1994**, that player **must** play in the Senior Legion Baseball.

Players must be **13 years of age as of January 1, 2012** to play in the junior Legion Baseball program.

Players (age 12 and under) born in **2000** and after **are not eligible** to play American 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.

2012 BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI AMERICAN 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 and purchase of insurance must be completed by April 15, 2012." National Registration Form #1 and other required documentation must be filed with The Department Baseball Commission by June 20, 2012.

RULE #1 PLAYING REGULATION

(A) Department of Missouri American Legion Baseball will follow the Official Baseball Rules as published by Major League Baseball. 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 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 the aforementioned Rule #1 (B) is adhered to.

(C) A coach must be in uniform 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) 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.

(F) A designated hitter may be used for the pitcher only.

(G) 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. 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.

(H) The use of alcohol or 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.

(I) 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 April 15th for existing teams. Teams must have coverage by their first tryout/practice. Proof of such coverage must be submitted to the Department.

(J) 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.

(K) 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. Ejections 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.

(L) 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, 1993. 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 country 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) 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 are 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. 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 Form #76 is required from each team. The exception to this rule is private and parochial schools which must comply with National Rule 4.C.

- (1) In the event a Post should 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.

RULE #4 – PROTEST

(A) All protests of player eligibility and team eligibility must be made, with specific proof in writing, within forty-eight (48) 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 matter. 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 over-turned, 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. All decision of the Department Chairman /Commission is final.

RULE #5 – TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION

(A) Each team must register and purchase insurance at the National website, www.legion.org/baseball, no later than April 15, 2012. Fully completed rosters, Forms ALB #2, Forms #76 and #77, birth certificates, and copies of insurance certificates are due to respective District Chairmen no later than June 15, 2012. These documents are due to Commission members no later than June 20, 2012. Failure to comply will make a team ineligible to compete in the Program.

(B) March 31st is the date for establishing legal residence in school.

(C) All 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(s) 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 1st 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 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Official school enrollments will be those found on www.high-schools.com.

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 applied.

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 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 must be completed by the dates established by the Dept Baseball Commission.
- (D) Teams reaching the Zone Tournament must supply the Department Chairman with TWO (2) 5"x7" digital quality photographs.
- (E) The Department Chairman shall approve fields for the Zone and State Finals.
- (F) All necessary expenses of the competing teams shall be borne by the Post, Individuals or outside sponsors of the teams. The American Legion Department of Missouri, the Department Baseball Commission and its members will not be held liable for any expenses incurred by participating teams.
- (G) All teams in Missouri will remit to the Department of Missouri via the Internet 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 2012 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 April 15th of each year. Entry Fees received after that date are subject to a penalty which will be established by the Department Baseball Commission.
- (H) Any team having a specific problem regarding a 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 15th. The District Chairman will consult with the Department Chairman as required to resolve all issues.
- (I) Tournament Commissioners 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 Commissioners before a game can be called for any reason.
- (J) Any player, manager, coach or person accompanying a team participating in Zone or State Tournaments that is ejected from the game or dugout by an umpire must leave the park where the Tournament games are being played and is ineligible for the remainder of the Tournament unless reinstated by the Tournament Director.
- (K) 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 refuses 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.
- (L) No "AAA" team can participate in the District Tournament unless it has a minimum of 12 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.
- (M) 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.
- (N) 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 an infraction of the new rule. If the coach is outside the box (closer to home plate) he will be warned once and the 2nd infraction he will be ejected 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 POLICIES

(A) Department Baseball Meeting 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 matters, 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 POLICIES

(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.

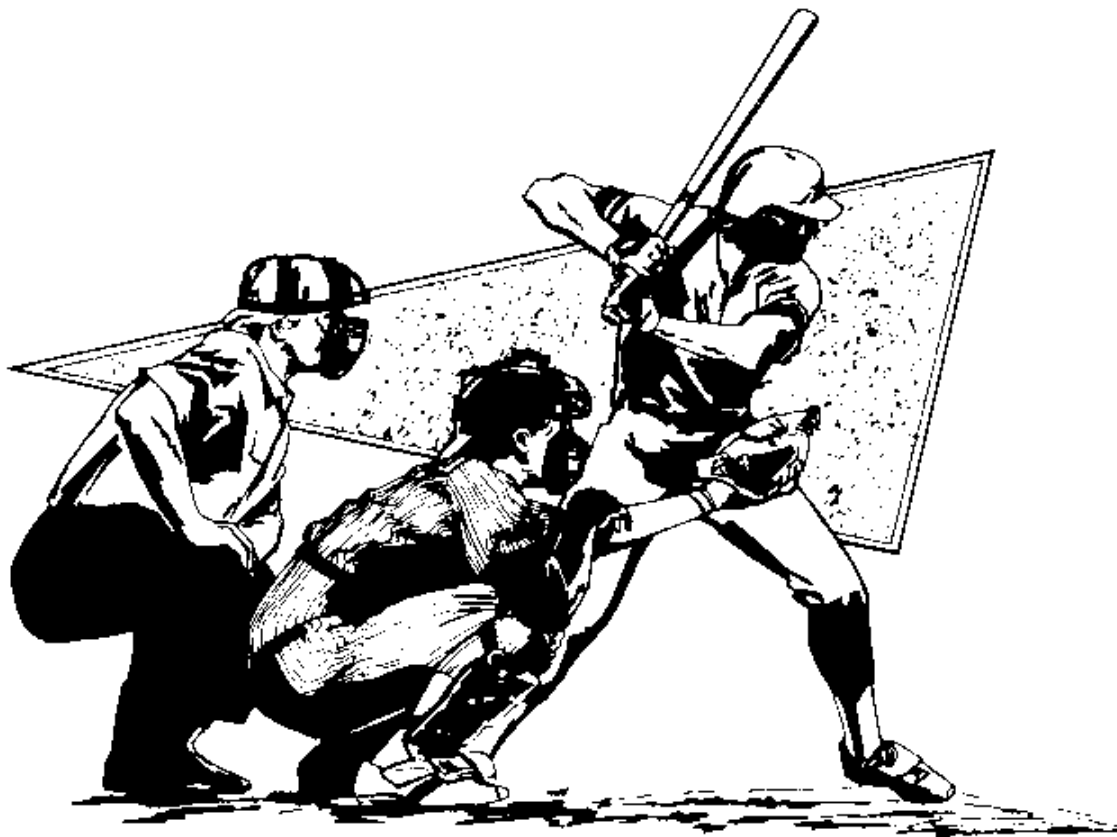
APPENDIX

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 rests with the Tournament Directors.

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 2012 Missouri State Rules were adopted by the Department Baseball Commission.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
2012
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES
AND REQUIRMENTS**



2012 AMERICAN LEGION SENIOR BASEBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- **District Tournament** winners must be determined by July 23, 2012.
- **Zone Tournament** will be completed by July 30, 2012

TOURNAMENT HOSTS AND LOCATION

- **ZONE 1** Washington, Mo
- **ZONE 2** Sedalia, Mo
- **ZONE 3** Carthage, Mo
- **ZONE 4** Cape Girardeau, Mo

Each District Champion must have a copy of their roster, as printed from the National website, fully completed and signed by the Department Chairman. A completed Form #2 is required for all players listed on the roster. The roster, Forms #2, any Forms #76 & #77, and copies of insurance certificates must be provided to the Commissioner in charge of the Tournament before play begins. Teams will not be allowed to participate until this documentation is provided. The winners of Zone Tournaments must provide valid birth certificates when they advance to the State Finals.

District winners will provide TWO 5x7 digital quality photographs along with a separate sheet identifying team members in the photo upon arrival at the Zone Tournament. The Host of the Zone Tournament will keep all gate receipts and any other revenue generated by the Tournament. The Host will furnish all baseballs for the Tournament. Umpire fees will be shared equally by the two teams participating in each game and will be paid prior to the start of each game. Two umpires required per game with three required for any 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 Noon on Thursday, July 26, 2012, before the start of the tournament on Friday July 27, 2012. **Team sponsors will be responsible for any damage incurred by their teams.**

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

Teams Hosting a Zone Tournament, who were also their District Champion, have the option of entering Tournament play as the Host or the District Representative. The Tournament will be held at the site awarded and the bidding team will still have responsibilities outlined in the Hosting requirements. Said team will enter the "blind draw" process along with the other teams participating.

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 “AAA” STATE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

- **State Tournament** will be played August 2 - 4 (Site: Sedalia, Mo)
- **Regional Tournament** will be played August 8 - 13 in New Orleans, LA
- **World Series** will be played August 17 - 21 in Shelby, NC

Teams playing in the State Finals will report to the Headquarters Hotel by 3:00 P.M. August 2, 2012 for a meeting with the Managers, Coaches, and Tournament Commissioners. The First game will be Thursday evening with the finals scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

The Department Baseball Commission will reserve an adequate block of rooms for Players, Managers, and Coaches until the deadline of July 31, 2012. Managers of the teams winning their Zone Tournament will be responsible for making their own motel reservations 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 \$500.00 expense money to each team staying in the Host hotel. Additionally, the Department will pay motel costs for up to six rooms for two nights to each team staying in the 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 undue 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 games, 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 participation and the Department Baseball Commissioners will determine a suitable replacement, if circumstances permit. The loss of two games in any Department Tournament by one team eliminates the team from the Tournament.

2012 AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR BASEBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS

- **District Tournament** winners must be determined by July 15, 2012.
- **Zone Tournaments** will be completed by July 22, 2012.

TOURNAMENT LOCATION

- **ZONE 1** District 9 Host
 - **ZONE 2** Sedalia, Mo
 - **ZONE 3** Warrensburg, Mo
 - **ZONE 4** Ellisville, Mo (Host is Eureka, Mo)
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- **State Tournament** will be completed by July 29, 2012 (Site: Blue Springs, Mo)
 - **Junior Regional Tournament** will be played August 2 – 5, 2012 at Fargo, ND

District winners will provide TWO 5x7 digital quality photographs along with a separate sheet identifying team members in the photo upon arrival at the Zone Tournament. The Host of the Zone Tournament will keep all gate receipts and any other revenue generated by the Tournament. The Host will furnish all baseballs for the Tournament. Umpire fees will be shared equally by the two teams participating in each game and will be paid prior to the start of each game. Two umpires required per game with three required for any Championship game.

Teams Hosting a Zone Tournament, who were also their District Champion, have the option of entering Tournament play as the Host or the District Representative. The Tournament will be held at the site awarded and the bidding team will still have responsibilities outlined in the Hosting requirements. Said team will enter the “blind draw” process along with the other teams participating.

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.

2012 AMERICAN LEGION “A” BASEBALL RULES

All Department “A” teams will comply with rules applicable to the “AAA” and “AA” programs, the only exception being the 12 player requirements for “AAA” Teams. Length of games will be the same as “AA” games (7 innings).

Under no circumstances will games be played in accordance with anything but approved American Legion Baseball rules. All other rules are prohibited. There shall be no re-entry, courtesy runners, or EH. The DH is allowed for the pitcher only.

Only players who are 13 years old on January 1, 2012 are eligible to play American Legion Baseball. Anyone born in the year 2000 or later are not eligible.

2012 AMERICAN LEGION “A” TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- **District Tournament** winner must be determined by July 15, 2012
- **State Tournament** will be completed by July 22, 2012 (Site: Branson, Mo)