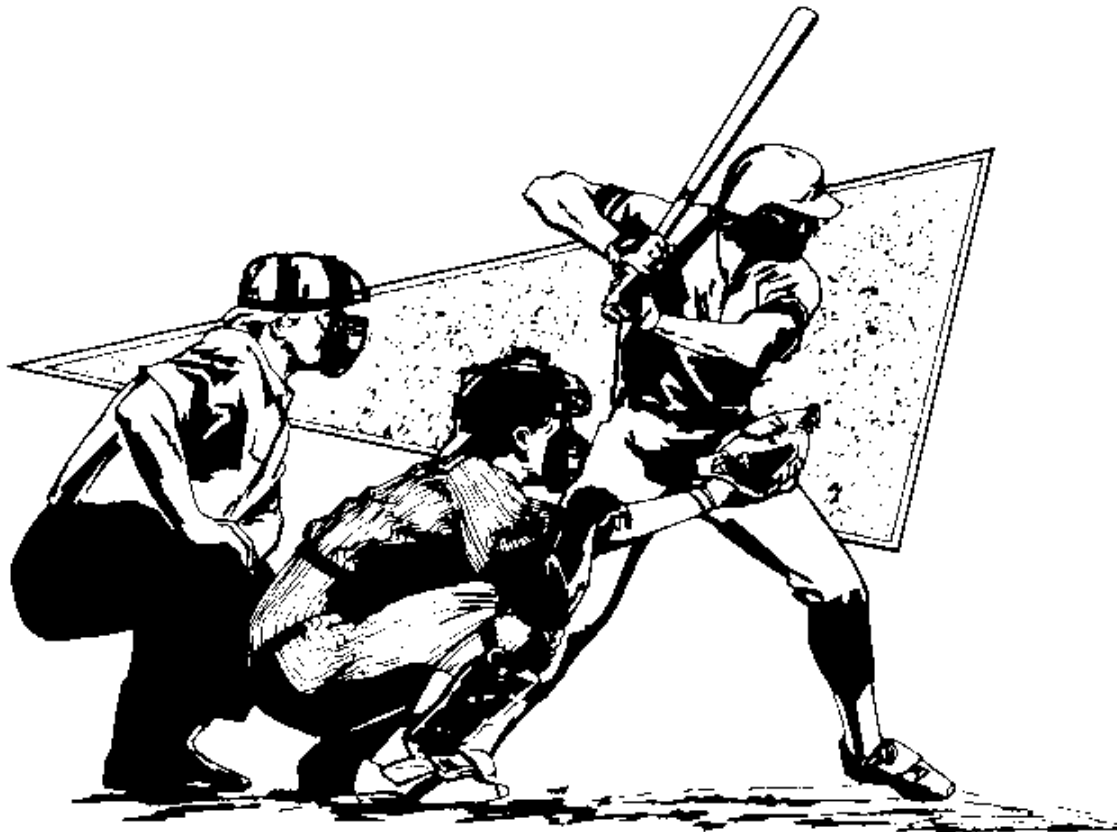


**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
2012  
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES  
AND REQUIRMENTS**



## 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)