



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL  
DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA  
BASEBALL RULES

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PURPOSE:

These rules provide guidance for the formation, administrative control and competition of American Legion baseball teams organized under the Department of Alabama and approved by the Department of Alabama Baseball Commission.

SCOPE:

These rules govern ALL teams and associated personnel participating in the American Legion Baseball program in Alabama.

REFERENCES:

American Legion Baseball Rules as published by the American Legion National Americanism Commission

The Official Baseball Rules as published by The Sporting News

Approved for Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The American Legion, Department of Alabama, Baseball Commission, developed these rules on November 16, 2008.

12 RULE 1 - NATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

National rules and regulations take precedence in all cases where there is conflict with these rules. National rules and regulations apply in all situations and issues not covered by these rules.

RULE 2 – TEAMS

All Posts planning to sponsor baseball teams in the 2009 season will notify the Department Baseball Commission Chairman and District Commissioner in writing from March 1 until midnight May 31, 2009. All teams should be set by this date. The \$250.00 entry fee will be paid when the team submits its intent to have a team.

RULE 3 – TEAM REGISTRATION

The following will be submitted to the appropriate Commissioner by July 1, 2008:

- a) National Form 1 – 4 typed copies
- b) National Form 2 – 2 copies
- c) Copy of team insurance
- d) Copies of players' birth certificates (Coaches will maintain certified official copies.)

RULE 4 – INSURANCE COVERAGE

Each team shall furnish the Division Chairman a copy of the team insurance policy before try-outs. If you don't have insurance and entry fee paid, you don't have a team. Insurance must be purchased from S. A. Van Dyke in accordance with National Rules.

## RULE 5 – STATE TOURNAMENT

There is a three year contract for both Junior and Senior Tournaments with Troy University with the following tentative dates:

Junior Tournament  
July 17-19, 2009

Senior Tournament  
July 24-26, 2009

Players will be housed in University dormitory rooms the Thursday prior to tournament play. Meals will be available to team players, coaches, Legion officials in the University cafeteria. There will be separate housing for Legion officials and umpires in University cottages.

All concessions go to Troy University. This does not include tee shirts. All gate receipts go to American Legion. Facilities fee for the use of the field is \$500 per tournament. The scoreboard instant reply may be available, but for a fee. Troy University recommends using six umpires for each tournament.

## RULE 6 – UMPIRES AND UMPIRE REPORTS

All American Legion teams shall only use umpires certified at the high school level or above.

All umpires must file reports on ejection of game participants. A copy of each report will be forwarded to the District Commissioner.

## RULE 7 – STANDARD BASEBALL

Diamond D-1 Pro baseballs are recommended for American Legion Baseball play.

## RULE 8 – LENGTH OF GAMES

District Tournament and State Tournament games will be nine innings with the ten run rule in effect after seven innings. All tournament games must be completed.

## RULE 9 – TOURNAMENT DRAWINGS

Tournament drawings will be held with each team represented by a manager, coach or other authorized person.

## RULE 10 – PROTEST

- 1) An umpire's call questioned on the basis of an interpretation of the rules may be protested. The umpire will be informed of intent to play the game under protest. Notice of intent to file a protest must be made prior to the next pitch or play, before play is resumed.

- 2) All player eligibility will be certified by the District Tournament Commissioner in charge before tournament begins. All teams are required to have team packets at each tournament.
- 3) Violation of State or National Rules by a manager, team or person affiliated with a team may cause suspension of the team or individual for one year depending on severity of infraction. Reinstatement may be considered after submitting a written request to the Baseball Commission.

#### RULE 11 – JEWELRY

No visible jewelry may be worn on the playing field with the exception of a medical alert tag. The tag should be taped if possible.

#### RULE 12 – TEAM DOCUMENTS

The team manager shall bring original copies of all paperwork to District and State Tournaments for review by Commissioners on site.

#### RULE 13 – UNIFORM APPEARANCE

All coaches and players shall be dressed alike and in proper uniform. Exceptions will be considered prior to beginning of play.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 How to form a Legion team
- 2 Senior Calendar of Events
- 3 Junior Rules
- 4 Junior Calendar of Events
- 5 Baseball Commission Organizational Structure

#### RULE 14 – DUAL PARTICIPATION

See National Rule 6(d).

## ATTACHMENT 1

### i. HOW TO FORM A LEGION TEAM

1. File a Team Entry Form to your appropriate Division Official from March 1 – May 31 with the \$250 entry fee.
2. Apply for Insurance and have in place prior to try-outs. Insurance must be purchased from S. A. Van Dyke in accordance with National Rules.
3. Start collecting players' birth certificates as soon as possible.
4. Form 2 (Consent form) should be completed as early as possible and must be notarized.
5. Form 1's will be typed and in alphabetical order, including front and back of form.
6. Team pictures with players and coached identified. Picture must be clear. Questionable identification of players could result in player disqualification.
7. Recruiting: Reference National Rule Book. Player recruiting plan "B", Rule B.
8. Remember, very important, STOP recruiting when you have reached your *5000-student* limit. DO NOT reach out; this causes headaches.
9. When you have all of the above and your team is in place, why wait to give this package to your Division Director? The Documentation Package must include:

National Form 1 (4 typed copies)  
National Form 2 (2 copies)  
Birth Certificates (1 copy each)  
Applicable Release Form 76 or 77  
Insurance Voucher(s) (1 copy)

## ATTACHMENT 2

Department of Alabama Baseball  
SENIOR Calendar of Events  
2009

March 8, 2009	Spring Baseball Meeting, 10:00 AM, Post 171, Birmingham
May 31, 2009 (NLT midnight)	Notify Department Baseball Chairman of team sponsorship. Declaration of Base School for recruiting must be submitted in writing to Department Baseball Commission Chairman. Teams must have insurance by this date or by first day of practice or tryouts, whichever is earlier.
July 1, 2009	Submit Registration Packets required by Rule 3.
July 16-19, 2009	District Tournaments
July 24, 2009	Tournament Banquet -All participating teams must attend.
July 25-27, 2009	State Baseball Tournament
August 7, 2009	Department Cut-off
August 6-11, 2009	Southeast Regional Tournament, Sumter, South Carolina
August 14-18, 2009	American Legion World Series, Fargo, North Dakota

## ATTACHMENT 3

### Department of Alabama Baseball JUNIOR RULES

The Junior Baseball program will be administered in accordance with Alabama Legion Baseball SENIOR Baseball Rules and references, except as modified by these JUNIOR Rules and adopted by the Alabama Baseball Commission.

- Rule 1:           Players born on or after January 1, 1992, are eligible for Junior American Legion Baseball. All 17-year-old players should try out with a Senior team and receive a release to play on the Junior team.
- Rule 2:           All Junior games will be seven-inning games and the ten run rule will be applied after five innings.
- Rule 3:           Junior teams must schedule a minimum of 25 games. A copy must be furnished to the District in the teams' areas.

## ATTACHMENT 4

Department of Alabama Baseball  
JUNIOR Calendar of Events  
2009

April 5, 2009	1 <sup>st</sup> Division meeting, Huntsville Post 237, 1:00 PM
April 19, 2009	2nd Division meeting, Northport National Guard Armory, 1:00 PM
April 26, 2009	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division meeting, Swindall RV Park, Troy, 10:00 AM
May 31, 2009 (NLT midnight)	Notify Department Baseball Chairman of team sponsorship. Declaration of Base School for recruiting must be submitted in writing to Department Baseball Commission Chairman. Teams must have insurance by this date or by first day of practice or tryouts, whichever is earlier. Fees will be paid by May 31, 2009.
July 1, 2009	Submit Registration Packet required by Senior Rule 3.
July 8-14, 2009	District Tournaments
July 17, 2009	Tournament Banquet -All participating teams must attend.
July 17-19, 2009	State Baseball Tournament

**ATTACHMENT 5  
BASEBALL COMMISSION**

<p><b>Department Commander</b> Bill Ferguson</p> <p><b>Department Adjutant</b> Braxton Bridgers</p> <p><b>PDC – Paul Locke</b></p>	<p><b>Baseball Chairman</b> Frank Hannah</p> <p><b>Vice Chairman</b> Ben Davis</p>	<p><b>Secretary</b> Terry Wofford</p> <p><b>Commissioner-in-Charge of Umpires</b> Gerry Story</p>
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