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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: _____ Date _____
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**Department of Alabama
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The American Legion, Department of Alabama, Baseball Commission, developed these rules on October 3, 2010.

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 – TEAM REGISTRATION AND VALIDATION

All teams will register on line by May 31st, 2011. Initial registration will include basic team information, payment of insurance, and payment of registration fee (\$150.00). Payment will be made with credit card. Team validation will be completed by July 6, 2011. Teams will complete their form 1 on line, and upload team pictures. Teams will construct a binder with each player's form 2, original certified copy of birth certificate or copy of drivers license, insurance certificates, and roster. This binder will be maintained by the coach and brought to each district, sub-state, and state tournaments. Teams MAY be asked to turn binders in to the tournament director.

RULE 3 – INSURANCE COVERAGE

Insurance must be purchased online from S. A. Van Dyke in accordance with National Rules when the team is registered. **Junior teams registering as senior teams must purchase senior team insurance.**

RULE 4 – STATE TOURNAMENTS – Troy University

The junior tournament will be an 8 team pool play tournament. The number of teams from each division will be based on the number of teams registered. Games will be 7 innings with 10 run rule. All other national rules will be applied.

The senior state tournament will a four team double elimination tournament, consisting of the top four teams from the sub-state shoot-out. Teams will be seeded, seed 2 vs. seed 3 in game 1 and seed 1 vs. seed 4 in game 2. Home team will be the highest seed until the championship game. The undefeated team will be the home team, with a coin-toss used for the "if" game.

RULE 5 – SENIOR SUB-STATE TOURNAMENT

Games will be 9 innings with 10 run rule. The tournament will be seeded based

on the regular season records (Game 1 – seeds 4 & 5, game 2 – seeds 3 & 6, game 3 – seeds 1 & 4, and game 4 seeds 2 & 7) Home teams will be the highest seed throughout the tournament. Teams will be seeded for the sub-state by winning percentages against other Alabama American Legion Senior teams. Games against junior teams registered as senior teams will NOT count. Teams will count no more than 4 games against any one team. Games that count will be identified at the beginning of the season and sent to the state baseball web engineer. Game results will also be sent to the web engineer. Email to johnrushing@post34baseball.com, or text to 205-242-7922. Standings will be posted weekly on our website. Rainouts will not be counted in the standings, however teams that cancel games for any reason other than causes of nature will forfeit the game(s) unless they are made up. The top 8 teams in the state will participate in the tournament. In the event we have less than 8 teams the national bracket will be followed with the highest seeded team(s) receiving byes. In the event a team folds prior to July 6 and does not register, all games against that team will be cancelled and will not count in the standings. In the event a team registers and folds after July 6, all future games against that team will be counted as forfeits.

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 Commission Chairman.

RULE 7 – STANDARD BASEBALL

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

RULE 8 – LENGTH OF GAMES

Senior Sub-State Tournament and State Tournament games will be nine innings with the ten run rule in effect after seven innings. Junior District and State Tournament games will be 7 innings with 10 run rule after 5 innings. All tournament games must be completed.

RULE 9 – JUNIOR DISTRICT 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 for Post Season Tournaments by the 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 12 – BASE SCHOOLS

Base schools for senior teams must be approved by the baseball commission at the senior scheduling meeting. Two senior teams will not use the same base school.

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. All releases must be signed by all required parties, including the Commission Chairman prior to placing a player on the form 1. Initiate all releases at the beginning of the season!

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.

RULE 14 – DUAL PARTICIPATION

See National Rule 6(d).

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Senior Calendar of Events
- 2 Junior Rules
- 3 Junior Calendar of Events
- 4 Baseball Commission Organizational Structure

ATTACHMENT 1

Department of Alabama Baseball SENIOR Calendar of Events 2011

March 6, 2011	Spring Baseball Meeting, 1:00 PM, Post 171, Birmingham
May 31, 2011	Register team on line, pay insurance and registration fee
July 6, 2011	Input rosters and upload team picture on line.
July 22-24, 2011	Sub-State Tournament, Birmingham Southern College
July 29 – 31, 2011	State Baseball Tournament, Troy University
August 15, 2011	Department Cut-off
August 4-8, 2011	Southeast Regional Tournament, Sumter, SC
August 12-16, 2011	American Legion World Series, Shelby, NC

ATTACHMENT 2

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: The American Legion Baseball National rule book states that junior players must be born on or after January 1, 1994. Teams meeting this criteria will register as junior teams, and purchase junior insurance. The Alabama Baseball Commission offers an additional option to accommodate high school teams. Teams may be comprised of players that exceed the age cut-off provided they are high school eligible. These teams will register as a senior team, purchase senior insurance, but will be allowed to play junior baseball.
- Rule 2: All Junior games will be seven-inning games and the ten run rule will be applied after five innings.
- Rule 3: All junior teams are encouraged to participate in district tournaments.

ATTACHMENT 3

Department of Alabama Baseball
JUNIOR Calendar of Events
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May 1, 2011	Scheduling meetings: 1 st Division – Post 15, Decatur, AL – 1:00 pm; 2 nd Division – Tuscaloosa Academy – 1:00 pm; 3 rd Division - TBA
May 31, 2011	Register team on line, pay insurance and registration fee
July 6, 2011 July 7-10, 2011	Complete rosters and validate team on line. District Tournaments
July 15-18, 2011	State Baseball Tournament, Troy University

**ATTACHMENT 4
BASEBALL COMMISSION**

<p>Department Commander Rico Hall</p> <p>Department Adjutant Braxton Bridgers</p> <p>PDC – Gordon Seale</p>	<p>Baseball Chairman Frank Hannah</p> <p>Vice Chairman Larry Tubbs</p> <p>Junior Director Gerry Story</p>	<p>Secretary-Comptroller Terry Wofford</p> <p>Commissioner-in-Charge of Umpires Gerry Story</p>
<p>General Chairman Gerry Story</p>		
<p>FIRST DIVISION:</p>		
<p>General Chairman Joe Elliott</p>		
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<p>General Chairmen Larry Tubbs</p>		
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