

**STATE OF ALASKA  
AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL  
RULES AND GUIDELINES**



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## **PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**

1. To inculcate in youth a better understanding of the American way of life, and to promote the principles of 100% Americanism.
2. To instill in the Nation's youth a sincere desire to develop within themselves a feeling of citizenship, sportsmanship, loyalty and team spirit.
3. To aid in the improvement and development of the physical fitness of our country's youth.

## **CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP**

- I will keep the rules.
- I will keep faith with my team mates.
- I will keep my temper.
- I will keep myself fit.
- I will keep a stout heart in defeat.
- I will keep my pride under in victory.
- I will keep a sound soul, clean mind, and healthy body.

**The State of Alaska American Legion Baseball Chairman is responsible for the overall American Legion Baseball Program. No member of Alaska American Legion Baseball shall contact the National Director without first contacting the Alaska Director. Anyone doing so is subject to discipline by the Department Baseball Committee.**

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>March 31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of player’s legal domicile (parent’s domicile) and school enrollment.</li> </ul>
<b>April 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for Department Chairman to file five (5) copies of Department Rules.</li> <li>• Form 100 filed with District Director</li> </ul>
<b>May 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New team entry forms due at Dept. Headquarters or Dept. Chairman.</li> <li>• \$825.00 Team registration fee due Department Hdqs</li> </ul>
<b>July 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DEADLINE:</b></li> <li>• <b>On Line Registration</b></li> <li>• <b>Include team photo with Registration</b></li> </ul>
<b>July 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Deadline for scholarship application forms to Department Headquarters</b></li> </ul>
<b>July 21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“AA” Department Tournament meal</b></li> </ul>
<b>July 22 - 29</b> <b>Aug 3-7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“AA” Alaska Department Tournament Mulcahy Stadium</b></li> <li>• <b>Alliance Open Invitational Tournament/Anchorage</b></li> </ul>
<b>July 31</b>	* <b>Department tournament must be completed by 12.00 Midnight</b>
<b>Aug 3 – 8</b> <b>Aug 5-9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“AA” Regional Tournament – Billings, Montana</b></li> <li>• <b>WCART Tournament Roseburg, Oregon</b></li> </ul>
<b>Aug. 12 - 16</b>	<b>WORLD SERIES – Shelby, North Carolina</b>

**Alaska American Legion web site**

**[www.alaskalegion.com](http://www.alaskalegion.com)**



## 2011 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES

American Legion Baseball competition shall be played in accordance with rules adopted by the National Americanism Commission, the American Legion, and 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. With a few exceptions, all Department (state) and national tournament competition of American Legion Baseball will follow the Official Baseball Rules as authorized by the Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

All individuals involved in the State of Alaska American Legion Baseball program are required to have current level 2 background check performed by the Alaska State Troopers. The results of that check must be on file with the Department Baseball Chairman.

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.

**Department (State) rules may also be modified for regular season play.**

**Due to special circumstances the Alaska 2011 schedule has been modified to accommodate National Regional competition.**

**We have also modified the “A” program to attract more players that want an opportunity to compete at this level.**

**All teams competing in American Legion Baseball in Alaska MUST carry S. A. Van Dyke, insurance. Failure to comply will eliminate the violating team and all coaches’ associates with that team from further competition in American Legion baseball.**

## ALASKA AMERICAN LEGION LEAGUE REGULATIONS/POLICIES

All “AA” teams in Alaska compete in a single league.

“AA” rosters must have a minimum of 15 players.

As of July 1, 2011 form 1, and National on line registration must be completed and no player may hold a spot on an A” and “AA” roster simultaneously.

During tournament play all teams must have a minimum of 12 players on hand to compete. See American Legion Rule 9, K page 23.

Alaska “AA” teams will complete a twenty (20) game schedule. Each team will play each other twice. Games will be scheduled by the league office. The league shall begin on or about May 31, 2011 and end on or about July 18, 2011, depending on weather and field conditions.

**League playing Rules will be established in conjunction with the League Director and the Alliance.**

The winning manager will be responsible for reporting the game results to the league office within 24 hours of the completion of each game. Failure to report within the specified time will result in forfeiture for the team responsible for reporting. League standings will be kept current and published on the Legion web site. Team standings will determine the seeding into the Department tournament. The winner of the Department tournament of “AA” teams will compete in the National Regional tournament and the runner up will compete in the NW Cart tournament.

**Should any team not complete league games as scheduled, that team shall forfeit those games and assessed a \$500 fine and be ineligible to participate in the Department tournament. Should this occur, fines must be in the hands of the League Director (Jeff Blake) prior to the teams next scheduled game.**

The Junior Legion program as outlined in the 2011 American Legion National rules is not a functioning level of competition for the 2011 playing season in Alaska.

### Alaska “A” Program

Players born in 1992 are not eligible for “A” team participation

The purpose of the “A” program in Alaska is to provide opportunity for a variety of age players. Teams will be formed to accommodate players regardless of residency. A player MAY be assigned to a team other than the team nearest his residency. Residency will be the first criteria; however, if players are needed to make up a team in an area other than players residency the league may place them on an appropriate team.

**In case of such a situation, the league will make the assignment based on where players are needed not where they wish to play.**

**Age restrictions apply, i.e. no 19 year olds and no more than six eighteen year olds per team.**

**“A” teams will complete a Twenty (20) game schedule, if they begin play in June. Teams that are certified for play after June 30<sup>th</sup> will play fewer games.**

**“A” league games will be 7 innings with a two and a half hour time limit.**

**“A” players may be granted permission, by the league director, with coaches approval to dual participate with other leagues, in Alaska only, such as Little League, etc.**

**The manager of the prevailing “AA” team is responsible for assigning “A” team coaches, with league and Alaska Departmental approval.**

**\*The head coach MUST be certified by the State High School Athletic Association.**

**\*All coaches must have a current first aid card and a current level two background check from the Alaska state troopers.**

**There will not be an American Legion Department tournament held at the “A” level. An invitational tournament hosted by the Alliance For The Support of American Legion Baseball in Alaska, will be held in August to accommodate all “A” teams and any “AA” team that did not qualify for Regional play. Players that participated in Regional play are not eligible for this competition. "AA" teams seeking entry into this invitational tournament must have the League Director, Department Baseball Chairman and the Baseball committee approval.**

- (A) Any Post or Sponsor requesting approval from the Department Baseball Chairman and the Baseball Committee to form a new “AA” team must have a base school and petition the committee after the two year entry period of participating at the “A” level.
- (B) Any team formed from predominantly another existing team’s boundary may play at the “A” level for one playing season and petition to move to the “AA” with the Department Baseball Chairman and the baseball committee approval.

The Department of Alaska has approved a policy that requires all teams, "A" and "AA," registered in Alaska to support the NW Cart program and pay a required fee to help the participating team from Alaska traveling to the NW Cart tournament, defray a portion of their travel costs. That fee will be set by the Department Baseball Chairman and the baseball committee. The fee will be used to offset the cost of airfare only, for a maximum of eighteen players and two coaches. All other expense will be the responsibility of the team winning and advancing to the NW CART Regional tournament. The team representing Alaska will be the runner up team from the Alaska "AA" Departmental tournament.

**COACHES: All coaches "AA" and "A" must have a Level 2 Background check, must be renewed every five years. An individual with a felony conviction may not coach Alaska American Legion Baseball.**

**Coaches must be ASHA certified and have a current FIRST AID and CPR card.**

**Base coaches must wear protective head gear and must remain in the coach's box until the batted ball passes their designated coaching box.**

**\*\* All coaches must be registered and certified with Department of Alaska Baseball Chairman, 1550 Charter Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99508, prior to the beginning of the 2011 playing season.**



## RULE 1 – PLAYING REGULATIONS

### A. **Bat Rule.** Wood, metal, ceramic, or graphite bats may be used.

1. Wooden bats are permitted under Official Baseball Rules.
2. The maximum length is 36 inches and the maximum diameter is 2 5/8 inches.
3. The knob and end plus (if applicable) must be firmly attached.
4. A bat may not weigh, numerically, more than three units less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 34-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 31 ounces).
5. A non-wood bat must have an approved coded certification mark on the barrel of the bat signifying the bat is legal for NCAA competition.
6. For all games and practice use, all non-wood bats must have leather, rubber or taped grips securely attached to the bat handle.
7. Any bat that fails to meet these specifications or, in the umpire's judgment, has been altered to affect the distance factor or cause an unusual reaction on the baseball shall be removed from the game. The batter shall be declared out. Base runners shall not advance.
  - (a) **The American Legion is placing a moratorium on all composite bats for the 2011 season.**
  - (b) **Non-wood bat (aluminum) must have an approved, coded certification mark on the barrel of the bat signifying the bat is legal with either BESR or BBCOR bats are permitted in competition in 2011.**
  - (c) **Effective with the 2012 season, non-wood bats with the BBCOR certification will be permitted.**
8. **Blood Rule.** If a player suffers from a laceration or other injury where blood is visible, the game shall be stopped at the earliest possible time and the athlete treated immediately. If the injury requires extensive treatment, a substitute shall replace the injured player. (Umpires are directed to give a reasonable amount of time to allow all injured players to be treated.) No re-entry is allowed.

### B. **Catcher's Equipment.** Catchers are required to wear a safety helmet, throat protector and protective cup, in addition to normal catcher's equipment.

1. All catchers' masks must have built in or attachable throat guard. Umpires and tournament officials shall halt the game until this rule is complied with.
2. 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.

### C. **Coaches.** Only those players and coaches listed on the team's National Registration Form #1 or those approved by the Tournament Director are permitted on the coaching lines. All coaches must be identified by the tournament officials prior to their participation.

### D. **Collision Rule.** The intent of this rule is to encourage base runners and defensive players to avoid collisions whenever possible.

1. When there is a collision between a runner and a fielder who clearly is in possession of the ball, the umpire shall judge:

- b. Whether the collision by the runner was avoidable (could the runner have reached the base without colliding) or unavoidable (the runner's path to the base was blocked) or
- a. Whether the runner was actually attempting to reach the base (plate) or was he attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder.

**PENALTY** – If the runner a) could have avoided the collision and reached the base, or b) attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner shall be declared out, even if the fielder loses possession of the ball. The ball is dead and all base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the interference.

**Ruling 1:** If the fielder blocks the path of the base runner to the base (plate), the runner may make contact, slide into, or collide with a fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base or plate.

**Ruling 2:** If the collision by the runner was flagrant, the runner shall be declared out and ejected from the contest. The ball shall be declared dead.

**Clarification**

**Ruling 2:** If the defensive player blocks the base (plate) or base line without the ball, obstruction shall be called. The runner is safe and a delayed dead ball shall be called.

**Ruling 3:** If the runner collides flagrantly he shall be declared safe on the obstruction, but will be ejected from the contest. The ball is dead.

**Clarification**

**Malicious Contact:** Any player who, in the judgment of the umpire, maliciously runs into another player is automatically ejected and is declared out. The American Legion is concerned that some coaches may not have explained to their players that malicious contact is illegal. The majority of intentional collisions occur at home plate where the catcher is blocking the plate. Runners should be instructed to slide directly to the plate, or away from the catcher, to avoid making contact with the catcher, especially when the defender is in possession of the ball. Umpires have been instructed that, if there is any intentional and excessive force or if there is any intent to injure another player, the offending player shall be ejected from the game. The malicious contact penalty will be enforced whether committed by an offensive or defensive player. Any player ejected by an umpire is automatically removed from the Tournament, unless the Tournament Director reinstates that player.

**E. Designated Hitter Rule.** All National Tournaments shall use the American League Designated Hitter Rule.

**F. Force-Play-Slide Rule.** The intent of the force-play-slide rule is to ensure the safety of the defensive player. This is a safety as well as an interference rule. Whether the defense could have completed the double play has no bearing on the applicability of this rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation at any base, regardless of the number of outs.

- 1. On any force play, the runner must slide on the ground and in a direct line between the two bases. It is permissible for the sliders momentum to carry him through the base in baseline extended.

**Exception** – A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder. Interference will not be called

- a. "On the ground" means either a headfirst slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground.

**Clarification 1**

If a runner goes into a base standing up and does not make contact or alter the play of the defensive player, interference shall not be called.

**Clarification 2**

If the runner goes into a base standing up and is safe or out, but makes contact with or alters the play of the defensive player, interference shall be called.

2. Contact with a fielder is legal and interference shall not be called if the runner makes a legal slide directly to the base and in the baseline extended.  
If contact occurs on top of base as a result of "Pop-Up" slide. This slide is legal.
3. Actions by a runner are illegal and interference shall be called if:
  - a. The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder and alters the play of the fielder (with or without contact).
  - b. The runner uses a rolling, cross-body slide and either makes contact with or alters the play of a fielder.
  - c. The runner's raised leg makes contact higher than the fielder's knee when in a standing position.
  - d. The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg.
  - e. The runner illegally slides toward or contacts the fielder even if the fielder makes no attempt to throw to complete a play.

**PENALTY for A - E**

1. With less than two outs, the batter-runner, as well as the interfering runner, shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
2. With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
3. If the runner's slide or collision is flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the contest.

**Clarification**

If the bases are loaded with no outs, a double-play attempt is made, and interference is called, all other runners must return to their original bases.

- H. First Aid Kit Rule.** Each team must have a first aid kit with them in the dugout at each game.
- I. Games per day.** No team shall be required to play more than two games in one day. Playing days will begin at 8:00 a.m. local time.
- J. Helmets.** All players are required to wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while batting, running the bases, and while on deck.
  1. Batboys or girls must wear a double-flapped, ear-protective helmet while on the playing field.
  2. 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.

3. Base coaches are required to wear a standard batting helmet, with or without earflaps (safety rule: ejection for non-compliance after one warning). Batters are required to wear a standard batting helmet with earflaps.

**Clarification**

Any helmet has a crack or the inside padding is worn or missing cannot be used and must be removed from the game.

**K. Insurance Rule.** Every American Legion Baseball team must purchase both group liability and accident insurance from The American Legion's agent of record (S.A. Van Dyk, Inc.). Coverage must be purchased prior to registering with the Department Baseball Committee. Proof of such coverage must be submitted to the Department Baseball Committee at the time of registration. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification from any further competition. Alaska American Legion teams competing, in Alaska, will not play, or scrimmage any team not covered by the American Legion agent of record (S.A. Van Dyke Inc.) Any team violating this rule shall be disqualified for the 2011 playing season.

A team may request an exception to this rule. That request must be submitted in writing to the Alaska Department Baseball Chairman for approval. It will be reviewed and ruled on by the Chairman and the Baseball Committee. All requests must be submitted and receive written approval prior to participation.

**L. National Tournament Rules.** The Americanism and Children & Youth Division may prescribe such rules for the playing of any national tournament, as it considers necessary. Copies of those rules are available from the Tournament Director.

**1. National Junior Tournaments: There shall be no nationally supervised post-season tournaments for the Junior Legion Baseball program. The National Americanism Commission understands that several departments host department tournaments and there are several regional "invitational" tournaments, however, these tournaments are supervised by the host department.**

**A copy of the Senior Legion Tournament Rules and Policies can be obtained from the department chairman or downloaded from the baseball internet Web site: [www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball).**

**Junior Legion tournaments shall follow the tournament procedures and policies, and official baseball rules (OBR) of the Senior Legion Baseball program.**

**M. On Deck Equipment.** Equipment permitted in the on deck area includes bats, weighted and unweighted, and devices designed to attach to and remain part of the bat, such as weights and wind resistant foils. Sledgehammers, weighted pipes and other "homemade" heavy items are not permitted. Devices deemed unsafe by the umpires and/or Tournament Director cannot be used.

**N. Senior Legion Pitching.** No player may pitch more than a total of 12 innings during any consecutive three-day period. No player may make more than four appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period.

**PENALTY:** Game shall be forfeited if protest is filed with the umpire in chief before the last out of the game.

1. Should a double or triple play cause a pitcher to exceed the permitted 12 innings in three consecutive days that action in and of itself shall not be construed as a violation of this rule.
2. Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed when a coach makes two trips to the mound in the same inning and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game.  
PENALTY for violating this rule: Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire in chief before the last out of the game.

#### **Clarification**

For the purpose of this rule violation, the official score-keeper must record 12 and 1/3 innings.

Rule 1.N. Pitching rule shall be used in all District, Area, Zone, State and National tournaments.

#### **Clarification**

**Suspended Games:** At all national regional and world series tournaments, any game suspended by the on-site tournament director will become a suspended game and will be completed from the point of suspension.

When a game is suspended on one day and completed the following day(s), the pitcher will be charged for the innings pitched on that day. Any innings pitched by that pitcher the next or following day(s) will be charged to that next or following day(s). If a pitcher pitches 6 innings on day one and 3 innings on day two, following a suspended game, he may only pitch 3 additional innings on day three. One appearance will be charged unless there is a change of pitchers.

**Junior Legion Pitching:** No player may pitch more than a total of 10 innings during any consecutive three-day period. No player may make more than three appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. **PENALTY:** Game shall be forfeited if protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

1. Should a double or triple play cause a pitcher to exceed the permitted 10 innings in three consecutive days that action in and of itself shall not be construed as a violation of this rule.
2. Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed when a coach makes two trips to the mound in the same inning and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game. **PENALTY:** Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.
3. Rule 1.N shall be used in all district, area, zone, and state tournaments.
4. The junior program shall use the same suspended game rule as the senior program. However, in the junior program a pitcher is only permitted to pitch ten innings in three days.

**O. Tobacco Rule.** The use of any form of tobacco by a player, coach, manager or umpire while on the playing field, benches, in the bullpen or dugouts is prohibited. Any individual violating this rule will be ejected from the game.

**P. Ten (10) Run Rule.** All Tournaments shall use a 10-run rule after seven innings, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 6 1/2 innings at which time that game will be halted.

**ALASKA RULE IS TEN (10) RUNS AFTER FIVE (5) INNINGS AND SEVEN (7) RUNS AFTER SEVEN (7) INNINGS.**

**Q. Uniforms.** Players and coaches must be in uniforms of the same color and style when competing in Department (State) and National Tournaments.

1. Any player, coach or manager who does not have an American Legion Baseball insignia on either the left sleeve or left chest of his uniform shirt will be removed from the game.
2. The front of the uniform shirt may carry lettering that identifies the Post, Department, town, city, community or sponsor that the team represents. Such lettering must be acceptable to the sponsoring Department.

**Clarification**

Courtesy jackets:

It is permissible at all levels of American Legion baseball for coaches and players to wear a courtesy jacket, (wind shirts, jackets, or alternate jerseys) because of adverse weather conditions. However, a uniform top must still be worn under these jackets.

Coaches and players not in proper uniform will be restricted to the dug-outs.



## **RULE 2 –“AA” PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT IN ALASKA**

**A. Players Age. Senior** American Legion Baseball competition in 2011 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 1992.

**Junior American Legion Baseball competition in 2011 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 1994. Junior Legion Baseball shall be limited to ages 17 and under. Any player born in 1993, 1992, or 1991 is NOT eligible to play in the Junior Legion Baseball program**

### **Clarification**

Any player born in 1991 is NOT eligible to play American Legion Baseball.

**B. Player’s Domicile.** A player’s legal domicile shall be established before March 31, 2011.

1. A player’s domicile shall be his parents, or permanent court-appointed guardian’s, permanent and legal domicile.

### **Clarification**

Temporary guardianship does not apply unless a court having jurisdiction over such matters has determined the parents to be incapable of supervision and care until the player reaches the age of majority (18 years of age).

Emancipated college or university players are required to play for the team nearest their parent’s domicile or for the team they last played for. The American Legion does not allow emancipated players to be “free agents.”

2. If the parents are divorced by a court order, that player may play for a team of either parent’s legal and permanent domicile provided:
  - a. The player must declare, in writing, the team of his choice and file that declaration with the Department Chairman prior to the Department closing date. The player’s declaration shall be final and valid for the remainder of the player’s eligibility. If a player participates and does not declare in writing, that participation shall be determined the team of his declaration.

### Clarification

The enrollment of the high school in which a player is enrolled on March 31, shall be counted. The completing of a National Form #2 shall be proof of the player's choice. Once a player is deemed qualified and plays for a team under Rule 2.B.2, that player is not eligible to qualify for Rule 4.E (Transfer Rule). The player's eligibility shall remain with that team.

3. In the event that both parents are deceased or incapable of caring for and supervising the player during minority, the player's domicile will be determined by the domicile of the permanent legal guardian appointed by the courts having jurisdiction to make such an appointment.
4. Should a situation arise which is not covered by the provision of this rule, the Department Chairman will, with the concurrence of the National Appeals Board, determine the player's legal domicile for the purpose of his participation in the American Legion Baseball Program. Such decision shall be in writing and filed with National Headquarters.

5. **ALASKA RULE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Players residing in rural Alaska unable to commute to the team nearest the parent's legal domicile due to geographical restrictions, may by written parental request to the American Legion Baseball Chairman, reside during the American Legion baseball season with an adult relative, i.e. aunt, uncle, sister, brother or grandparents, willing to accept responsibility for the player. This relative must, in writing, accept this responsibility and agree to abide by all American Legion rules, restrictions and decisions of the Department of Alaska. The player must play for the team nearest the relative's legal domicile. The relative's legal domicile must be established prior to **March 31, 2011**. No request will be considered after **May 15, 2011**. Application of this rule will be on a case by case basis by the Department Baseball Chairman and the baseball committee. Approval must be in writing and signed by the Department of Alaska, Baseball Chairman. Should this request be granted, it shall be for the duration of that player's eligibility. This rule has been reviewed and approved by the National Appeals Board.

**C. Professional Baseball Contract.** Players who are 18 years of age may be signed to a professional baseball contract in accordance with the rules of professional baseball.

### Clarification

It is important that teams select and register players that will complete their obligation to their American Legion team. Any player that signs a professional contract cannot be replaced on the National Form #1.

**D. Amateur Rule.** Only amateurs shall participate as players in American Legion Baseball. To be considered an amateur, players must not:

1. Receive money, favors or gratuities, direct or indirect, for playing baseball.
2. Accept money or favors for reimbursement for time lost at work while playing or for expenses incurred while playing.
3. Participate in an all-star baseball game that is not approved by the authorized Department Official.
4. Accept, directly or indirectly, money or any favors from anyone for their baseball services, past or present. This also applies to a player's parents, trustees, guardians, etc.
5. Try out for any professional team without the written permission of their American Legion Baseball coach or Post Commander.

**Note:** Departments, Districts or Posts planning an all-star game should contact their state high school athletic association to ensure each player's high school eligibility is protected.

**E. Proof of Age: The American Legion will accept as proof of age:**

**1. Records of birth that are an original or a certified document by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health or other governmental agency authorized to certify birth documents.**

**a.) Notarized photocopies of birth certificates, hospital records, baptismal records, school records or certificates are not acceptable proof of age and will disqualify a player and/or the team.**

**2. A state issued Drivers License, is legal if it complies with Federal I.D. law or state issued ID that is also in compliance with the Federal Real ID law.**

**3. A court certified copy of that portion of permanent legal adoption papers showing the place and date of a player's birth shall be acceptable in cases involving adopted players**

**4. A U.S. Government issued Passport.**

**5. A United States Government issued Military I.D. or dependant card is legal.**

**6. In case of foreign birth, a player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the Department of Homeland Security 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 English translation, and such birth certificate must have an official seal.**

**7. An American Legion Baseball ID card issued by those departments that use The American Legion Baseball registration computer program and who have filed the data with the national office no later than July 15th of the current year. The American Legion Baseball ID card shall be purchased from the national office and shall be laminated and recognized by the embossed sportsmanship code on the back of the card.**

## RULE 3 – PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN “A”

### **THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY TO ALASKA**

Plan “A” recruiting rules are based on zones (territory) and are usually designed for large cities where Plan “B” base school recruiting would be impractical. Under Plan “A” rules, a specific zone is drawn on a map. The secondary school enrollments shall be **5,000** students or less. Secondary school enrollments in a territory are added up and divided by **5,000** to determine the number of zones. For example, if in a territory there are 10,257 students (10th, 11th & 12th grades), the number of students is divided by **5,000** (enrollment cap), which equals 2.05, which will require a minimum of three (3) zones to be established. Players (including emancipated players) whose parents’ domicile is within this zone must play for the team in this zone, unless waived to an adjacent zone. All zoning is subject to approval by the National Americanism Commission.

**A. Zoning.** Zoning of cities, counties and/or school districts may be requested by a team(s).

1. The Department Baseball Committee shall review and approve requests for such zoning. It shall be the responsibility of the Department Baseball Committee to forward zone maps for final approval to the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division before April 15, **2011**.
2. A detailed street map showing specific boundaries, as well as the locations and enrollment figures of all high schools, must accompany such requests.
3. If a team’s boundaries are changed, a new map and letter of explanation must be submitted for approval prior to April 15, **2011**.

**B. Player Recruiting.** A Post may select players whose parents’ domicile was established in their zone on or before March 31, **2011**, and players whose parents have moved and established a new domicile in their zone after March 31, **2011**.

1. Players not selected to play with the team in their zone may play for the next nearest Plan A team provided the player has obtained a written transfer (Form #76) from the team manager in their zone.
2. Players in their final year of eligibility whose parents have established a new domicile shall have the option of playing for their old team or playing for the new team of their parent’s new domicile. A written request must be filed with, and approved by, the Department Chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1. This request must be accompanied by the parent’s affidavit stating that the move is permanent and listing the previous and present domicile addresses.
3. In the event a new team is formed and new zones are established that change a player’s eligibility, those players previously registered on National Form #1 are permitted a one-time option of playing for the team of their old zone or playing for the team of their new zone.
  - a) Zones must be adjacent to each other.
  - b) Transfers are permitted only when the combined enrollment of all zones is less than **5,000**.
  - c) Transfers shall be final and valid for the player’s remaining eligibility, unless there is a permanent change of address of the parents’ domicile.
  - d) The Department Baseball Chairman must approve all transfers prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.

- e) A written request for a transfer must be filed with, and approved by, an authorized baseball official prior to listing the player on the National Form #1. (This request must be accompanied by the parents' affidavit stating that the move is permanent and listing the previous and present domicile addresses.)
4. A written request must be filed with, and approved by, the Department Baseball Chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.



## **RULE 4 – PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN “B”**

Plan “B” allows Legion Baseball teams to select players who attend nearby high schools. High schools are combined to form a recruiting area. A player, whose parents’ domicile is nearest a base school, is eligible to try out and play for the team if the player meets all other eligibility requirements and the combined enrollment of the recruiting area (combination of schools) does not exceed **5,000** students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

**Note:** Plan “B” recruiting rules are more flexible but more complex than the Plan “A” (zoning) rules. **In Alaska a player must participate with the team whose high school attendance area is nearest his legal residence.**

**A. Base school.** All teams must have a base school.

1. New teams must request and receive approval for a base school from the Department Baseball Committee at the time the team registers with the Department Baseball Committee.
2. Existing teams may request to change their base school. This request must be in writing and approved by the Department Baseball Committee prior to submitting the National Form #1.
3. If two or more teams are sponsored by the same American Legion Post or outside sponsor, the Department Baseball Committee will assign the base school for each team.

**B. Player Recruiting.** Teams may select players who are enrolled on March 31, **2011**, in any public, private, technical, vocational, regional, or preparatory high school, or any combination of these schools.

1. Existing teams may request a new combination of schools from the Department Baseball Committee; however, approval must be given prior to listing any player on the National Form #1.
2. Teams may not recruit a player(s) from another team’s base school.

**Clarification**

Teams may select:

1. Non-base school players whose parent’s or guardian’s domicile is nearest the team’s base school. To determine the nearest team the shortest driving distance as calculated by **DeLorme™, Street Atlas USA® 2011** computer program.
2. Player(s) who qualify under Rule 4.C. – **DOES NOT APPLY TO ALASKA**
3. Player(s) who qualify under Rule 4.E. – **DOES NOT APPLY TO ALASKA**

3. The combined total enrollment of the schools cannot exceed **5,000** students for 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

4. Enrollment for a school(s) is determined using the number of 10th, 11th and 12th grade students officially recorded on March 31, 2011, by the State Board of Education or other state agency that has jurisdiction over school enrollment. Note: Every student registered shall be counted; including special education students, physically challenged students, bilingual students, and students over the age of nineteen (19).
5. When a single high school's enrollment exceeds 5,000 students, the team that has such a school as its base school, shall not recruit from any other school.

**Clarification**

The enrollment of the high school the player attends will be counted. Emancipated players such as college or university students or players no longer in high school must play for the team nearest their parents' or guardian's domicile or for the team they last played. Teams shall count the enrollment of the last high school attended. The school enrollment for middle schools, junior high schools and high school freshmen classes shall not be counted.

**C. "Option" Rule. – DOES NOT APPLY TO ALASKA** – Players attending a high school (including 9th grade freshmen) outside a team's recruiting area, may have the option of playing for the team nearest the high school the player attends or playing for the team nearest the parent's legal domicile. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by **DeLorme™, Street Atlas USA® 2011** computer program.

1. The player must complete National Declaration Form #77 on which the player declares in writing the team for which he wishes to play.
  - a) Such election shall be final and valid for the remaining player eligibility, unless that player changes school or domicile. Such declaration is final and permanent.
  - b) The team manager must forward Form #77 to the Department Baseball Chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.

**Clarification**

Players who qualify under Rule 4.C are not eligible in future years to qualify for Transfer Rule 4.E.

The enrollment of the high school the player attends will be counted. Emancipated players such as college or university students or players no longer in high school must play for the team nearest their parents' or guardian's domicile or for the team nearest the high school last attended. Teams shall count the enrollment of the last high school attended. The school enrollment for middle schools, junior high schools and high school freshmen classes shall not be counted.

**D. Middle School and Junior High Students.** These players shall play for the base school team of their parents' legal domicile. A non-base school player shall play for the team nearest their parents' domicile. Enrollment of the school attended shall not be counted.

**E. Transfer Rule. – DOES NOT APPLY TO ALASKA** – A player released from a team must obtain permission on National Transfer Form #76 from that team's manager to play for the team that is closest to his parents' domicile.

1. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest distance as calculated by **DeLorme™, Street Atlas USA® 2011** computer program.

2. The player must provide Transfer Form #76 to the new team manager, which must be forwarded to the authorized Department Baseball Official for approval, prior to listing the player on the Form #1. All transfers shall be final and binding through the remainder of a player's eligibility.

**Clarification**

Players who try-out for and fail to make the nearest team can request to transfer to the second closest team. If cut again, that player may try-out for the third closest team, until which time the player is able to play on a team. The enrollment of the high school a player attends on March 31, shall be counted.

3. Any transfers across state lines require mutual written permission of both Department Chairmen.
4. Players who have qualified and played for a Legion team under Rule 4.C are not eligible for a transfer under Rule 4.E.

**F. School Enrollment Expansion.** Players who are unable to complete their eligibility because enrollment expansion eliminated their school from previously approved combinations, may continue on the team for which they last played, provided no new players are recruited from their school.

1. Written permission for a player to continue under these circumstances must be obtained from the Department Baseball Chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.
2. Teams can not form different combinations of schools.

**G. Change of Address.** Players who realize a permanent change in their parents' or guardians' domicile shall be eligible to compete for the team nearest their parents' new domicile.

1. A notarized statement from the player's parents must list the previous address and new permanent address. Written permission must be obtained from the authorized Department Baseball Official in which the "new" team is located, prior to listing the player on the National Form #1. If released, a player may be transferred to the next nearest team as provided for in Rule 4.E (Transfer Rule).
2. The enrollment of their previous high school as of March 31, 2011, shall be counted.

**H. Final Year of Eligibility.** Players having one year of eligibility remaining, whose parents move out of the team's recruiting area, shall have an option of playing for the team nearest their parents' new domicile or returning to their former team.

1. The enrollment of the high school the player attends on March 31, 2011, shall be counted.
2. Written permission to play for their previous team must be obtained from the Department Baseball Chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.

**I. Home-Schooled Players.** A player who is home-schooled may compete for the team nearest their parents' or guardians' legal domicile. To determine the nearest team, the shortest driving distance as calculated DeLorme™, Street Atlas USA® 2011 computer program.

1. Written permission for such competition must be obtained from the authorized Department Baseball Official prior to listing the player on the National Form #1.

2. Enrollment figures for such players shall be that of the high school the parents' domicile is located in.

**J. New Team Formation. In the event a new Legion team is formed which is closer to a player's parents' domicile, (Alaska only) "AA" players previously listed on a Form 1 have the following option: That player has a one time option of playing for the newly formed team or for the team which he previously played. Players with that option must file in writing no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> of which team they choose to play for. This option does not apply to previous "A" players.**

1. **The Department Baseball Chairman, prior to listing the player on the National Form #1, must grant written permission.**
2. **The enrollment shall be added to the team's total enrollment.**



## **RULE 5 – PROTESTS**

- A. Protest Procedures.** All Department Baseball Committees shall, in their rules, define procedures for filing protests. This rule will specify how protests are to be filed, time limits, fees, if any, and with whom protests are to be filed.
- B. Written Proof.** All protests of player eligibility must be specific, with written proof. All protests shall be filed with the Department in accordance with Department Baseball Rules. All protests must indicate the specific rule that is alleged to have been violated.
- C. Forfeitures.** If a player is ruled ineligible, that player shall be disqualified immediately and all games in which the disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.
- D. Game Protest.** Protests of Official Baseball Rules during actual game conditions must be filed with the chief umpire before the next legal pitch.
- E. Appeals to National Headquarters.** All protests involving player eligibility and filed with the National Appeals Board must be sent via the Department Chairman. (See Rule 10).

### **RULE 5A – ALASKA PROTEST PROCEDURE**

**National Rule 5: B, C, D and E apply to Alaska Section A, and B Incorporated.**

- A. Procedure:** Protests must be in filed in writing by the team manager listed on the Alaska Form 100. Protests of eligibility must be submitted to the League Director, accompanied by a non-refundable fee of 100 dollars and forwarded to the Department Baseball Chairman for ruling. The baseball committee shall make the final determination and that ruling shall be final. During tournament play such protests must be filed by 9AM, local time, the first day of the tournament, except on the discovery of fraud. When fraud is discovered, eligibility protest and a written description of the alleged fraud must be filed immediately. All other protests shall be filed as specified in the Official Baseball rules.
- B. Department rule interpretation.** Interpretation of the Department of Alaska rules will be made by the Department Baseball Chairman, or his appointed representative.



## **RULE 6 – TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION**

- A. Player and Team Registration.** American Legion Baseball teams must register with their Department Baseball committee via the baseball website: [www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball).

### **Clarification**

For the 2011 season, The American Legion will utilize an on line registration program. Team managers shall register their team via the web. The team must be approved by the department. All players wishing to play American Legion Baseball must complete National Form #2. That form must be signed by the player and a parent and that form (which must be fully typed and completed) filed with the department by the registration deadline determined by the department. The Department Baseball Chairman must certify the team before department closing date.

- B. National Form #1.** American Legion Baseball players must enroll on Player Roster of Eligibility (National Form #1 via the national web site). This form must be completely filled out to include each player's full name and the address of their parent's permanent legal domicile. This is an on line registration beginning in 2010, and therefore no longer necessary to print and mail to the National Office.
- C. National Form #2.** All players, their parents or court approved legal guardians must complete Player Agreement and Parent Consent Form #2. The Team Manager will retain the original Form #2. The second copy must be filed with the Department Baseball Chairman. Any team or player who fails to complete and file Form #2 shall be disqualified from any further play.

**Documentation acceptable for proof of residence may be, Utility bill, Permanent fund application form, rental agreement etc.**

### **PENALTY FOR FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION:**

**PLAYER: Eliminated from participation in American Legion Baseball in Alaska for the balance of their playing eligibility.**

**MANAGER: Suspended from managing an American Legion Baseball team in Alaska for the current playing year plus the next successive playing year.**

**TEAM: Forfeiture of all games played with an ineligible player and will not be eligible to participate in the BP invitational for the coming year.**

## **D. Dual Participation.**

### **Clarification**

Dual participation shall in no way interfere with a player's responsibility to his American Legion baseball team. Once tournament play has begun (department tournament up through the American Legion World Series) the department chairman cannot grant permission to participate in non-Legion sanctioned baseball events, baseball tournaments, exhibition games, showcases or combines.

### **ALASKA RULE IS SOMEWHAT MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN NATIONAL RULE**

The American Legion believes team loyalty is a key ingredient for any team sport. Any American Legion Baseball player missing any portion of an American Legion season because that player participated in another baseball event such as exhibition game, tournament, showcase, combine or other youth programs shall be ineligible for the balance of that playing season.

- D 1. During the regular season, as in tournament play, dual participation will not be allowed. A player may not appear on a roster of an "A" and "AA" team simultaneously after June 30th, of the current playing year. Any player missing a game or games, including the Department tournament, or Regional tournament without the written approval of the Department Baseball Chairman and the baseball committee shall be subject to Departmental disciplinary action.**
- D 2. Penalty: That player or players eligibility to participate in American Legion Baseball in Alaska will be suspended for the balance of the current season and will be ineligible the following years playing season including all Legion sponsored tournaments.**
- D 3. Coach: Should a coach encourage or participate in such action as described referring to players, that individual will be removed from the American Legion baseball program in Alaska indefinitely.**
- D 4. Team: The team with which such player or coach is affiliated will be suspended and all games they have participated in will be forfeited. Such team will be ineligible to participate in the Department tournament the following playing year.**
- E. Players per Team.** No American Legion team may have more than 18 registered players once the National Form #1 is registered with the Department. Each team must complete on line registration before the Department closing date. A member of the Post should have charge of the team as manager, except in the case of outside sponsorship. A non-Legionnaire may act as coach.
1. In cases of death, a player may be replaced on a National Form #1.
  2. A player may be replaced if that player is placed on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States following the submission of the certified National Form #1.
- F. Non-American Legion Post Sponsorship.** Non-Legion (outside sponsorship) is permissible, subject to the approval and supervision of the Department Baseball Committee.



## RULE 7 – SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

- A. Conduct.** Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of the Department Chairman or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the Department Baseball Committee. The Department Baseball Committee's decision will be final.
- B. Heckling.** No player, coach, manager or other party associated with an American Legion Baseball team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players, team officials or umpires. The umpire shall immediately eject from the game any individuals violating this regulation.
- C. Sportsmanship.** Any player, coach, manager or other party accompanying a team will be ejected from the game from the time of the infraction, if they:
1. Use profane language.
  2. Throw bats or other equipment.
  3. Make unnecessary or obscene gestures to umpires, fans or opposing players.
  4. Commit unnecessary roughness on the playing field.
- D. Reinstatement.** Any player, coach or manager suspended from a game in tournament play by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct is suspended for the remainder of the tournament unless reinstated by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director's decision is final.
- E. Ejection from the Ballpark.** Any player, coach or manager ejected by an umpire must leave the ballpark.
- Penalties for ejections in the State of Alaska cover players as well as coaches:
    - **First offense:** A two game suspension, the balance of the current game being played plus the next two regularly scheduled games.
    - **Second Offense:** The offender must seek out the League Director, Department Chairman, or his representative to be re-instated.
    - **Offenses in excess of two:** That player or coach must appear before the Department Baseball Chairman and or the Department Baseball Committee. A determination shall be made at that time if that individual is to be re-instated or ejected from the American Legion baseball program.
- All ejections must be reported in writing, by the umpire making the ejection, to the Department Baseball Chairman, and the league director, appropriate baseball commissioner and the Department Adjutant.
- F. Violence:**
- Physical violence or threat thereof directed at an official, American Legion representative, coach, opposing player or volunteer will result in an immediate and automatic three year suspension from participating in Alaska American Legion Baseball.**



## **RULE 8 – DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION**

**A. Department Rules and Regulations.** It is the duty of the Department (State) Baseball Chairman and the Baseball Committee to formulate rules and regulations that are not in conflict with National Rules.

1. Department rules may be more restrictive than National Rules.
2. Department Rules will include procedure for protests. (The protection and stimulation of competition must be used in setting these regulations.)
3. Five (5) copies of the Department Rules must be filed with National Headquarters before April 15, 2011.

**B. Department Rulings.** The Department Baseball Committee shall decide all questions, disputes and protests within the Department. The Department Baseball Chairman and or Baseball Committee shall have the authority to disqualify, suspend or expel anyone from the Alaska American Legion Baseball program for violation of any Department or National Rule or policy.

**C. National Player Eligibility Rule Interpretations.** The National Americanism and Children & Youth Division shall make interpretations of National Rules.

1. All requests for interpretations must be in writing and routed through the appropriate Department Baseball Chairman or State Adjutant. Telegrams, e-mail and fax copies are considered written requests. Failure to follow this procedure may result in suspensions and/or forfeiture of fees.



## RULE 9 – NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

- A. National Tournament Registration.** The Department Championship team must be certified to the National Americanism Commission by the authorized Department Baseball Official. Certification must be mailed, postmarked no later than midnight, **August 1, 2011**.

**Note:** National Headquarters will only be financially responsible for a maximum of 18 players and two adults who are included on the National Registration Form #1.

- B. National Competition.** Tournament competition is open only to teams that have registered via the national web site [www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball) with the State Baseball Committee. The State Baseball Committee is responsible for approving the team's national on line registration.
- C. National Tournament Supervision.** All National tournaments will be played under the supervision of the National Americanism Commission. All disputes and questions shall be referred to the National Tournament Director. Any situation not specifically covered by National rules or regulations will be referred to the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division, whose decision shall be final.
- D. National Tournament Player Eligibility Protest.** Eligibility protests of players involved in national tournaments must bear written proof of ineligibility and must be filed with the National Tournament Director at each such tournament no later than 9:00 a.m., local time on the first day of the tournament involved, except on the discovery of fraud. When fraud is discovered, the eligibility protest and a written description of the alleged fraud must be filed immediately. All other protests shall be filed as specified in the Official Baseball Rules.
- E. National Tournament Play.** Teams competing in National tournaments will play every day.
1. The National Tournament Director has complete instructions concerning double elimination.
  2. No National Tournament games will begin after 11:00 p.m. local time.
- F. Regional Tournament Host.** No Regional host team shall be denied the opportunity of participating in tournaments leading up to the Regional Tournament. Nor shall any team hosting a Department or National Regional Tournament refuse to participate in any such tournament.

### **Clarification**

The host team for a Department or National Regional tournament is mandated to participate in the District and/or State Tournament until such time as the team is eliminated from competition. Host teams will not be permitted to rest their team creating an unfair advantage at either a Department or National Regional Tournament.

**G. Tournament Photographs.** Each department baseball championship team is required to furnish National Headquarters and the local regional tournament chairman a high quality glossy(color) photograh via the national web site.

**H. Department Championship Play.** No Department may enter a team in a National Tournament without first conducting an official Department Tournament that had two or more certified teams participating.

1. At least eight teams must be officially registered in regular season play for a Department to enter a team in a National Tournament.

**I. Artificial Noisemakers Prohibited.** The National Americanism Commission has an established policy that prohibits artificial noisemakers at all times. Fans that operate artificial noisemakers will be asked not to do so. A second warning will cause those fans to be removed from the stands.

**J. Suspended Games.** Suspended games will be completed from the point of suspension.

1. When games are suspended on one day and completed the following day the pitching records shall be charged as played the previous day.
2. The pitcher will be charged for innings pitched on the first day. Innings pitched on the following day will also be charged to the first day. One appearance will be charged unless pitchers change.
3. A suspended game completed on the following day will not count toward two (2) games in Rule 1.I. These teams can still play an additional two (2) full games.

**K. Minimum Active Players.**

**Teams competing in ALB Senior National tournaments must have 12 players available for participation at a national tournament. Teams with less than 12 players are permitted to transfer up to three players on their affiliated Junior American Legion team roster to the senior team. Any player transferred from a Jr. Team to a Sr. team, must be certified and approved by the Department baseball Chairman. The junior roster must be registered with the national office by July 15. Any senior team that does not have 12 players will forfeit their right to participate and the National Appeals Board, in consultation with the Department Baseball Chairman shall determine a suitable replacement team. This rule shall not apply to host teams at the National Regional Tournaments.**



## **RULE 10 – NATIONAL BASEBALL APPEALS BOARD**

- A. National Appeals Board.** There is a National Baseball Appeals Board (hereafter referred to as “the Board”) composed of (1) the Chairman of the National Americanism Commission; (2) the Chairman of the Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee; and (3) a third member appointed by the Chairman of the National Americanism Commission. The Chairman shall also appoint two alternate members. The term of office for board members and alternate members shall be one year.
- B. Time Limit.** An appeal filed under this rule must be made within 24 hours of the time when the rule interpretation of the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division is issued. Such appeal may be made by telegram, fax, and e-mail or mail-a-gram and shall state the precise points of contention that are the basis for the appeal. If an appeal is not filed within 24 hours to the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division, an interpretation will not be considered.
- C. Filing an Appeal.** All appeals must be in writing and addressed to The American Legion, National Baseball Appeals Board, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Faxes and e-mail protests are acceptable when sent in by the Department Baseball Chairman or Department Adjutant. National Headquarters Fax Number is (317) 630-1369. Email address: [baseball@legion.org](mailto:baseball@legion.org).
- D. Final Authority.** The Board shall have sole jurisdiction over any appeal filed following a decision involving American Legion Baseball rule interpretations rendered by the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division. The decision of the Board shall be final and may be enforced by a court of law. The concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board shall constitute the ruling by the Board.
- E. Approved Interpretations.** During tournaments supervised by National Headquarters, the Board shall approve interpretations rendered by the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division before publication of the interpretation.
- F. Appeal Procedure.** No appeal shall be considered by the Board until all established appeal procedures within the respective Department’s rules have been exhausted, as certified in writing by the Department Baseball Chairman.

# Where to Order Birth Certificates

For additional information visit the Vital Chek website at: <http://www.vitalchek.com/?clicked=1>

\*\*U. S. citizens born abroad, with U.S. citizenship at birth: Passport Service, Vital Records Section, 1111 19th St. NW, Washington, DC 20522 \$30.00

## State Where to Send Request For Birth Certificate Amount

Alabama Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Dept. of Health, PO Box 5625, Montgomery, AL 36103-5625 \$12.00  
Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics, 5441 Commercial Blvd, Juneau, AK 99801 \$20.00  
Arizona Arizona Dept. of Health Services, 150 N 18th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007 \$10.00  
Arkansas Division of Vital Records, 4815 W. Markham St., Little Rock, AR 72205-3867 \$12.00  
California Dept. of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, MS 5103, PO Box 997410, Sacramento, CA 95899 \$14.00  
Colorado Dept. of Health, Vital Records Sect/HSVRD-VR-A1, 4300 Cherry Creek Dr S, Denver, CO 80246-1530 \$17.75  
Connecticut Dept. of Public Health, Vital Records Sect., MS# 11VRS, PO Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308 \$15.00  
Delaware Office of Vital Statistics, PO Box 637, Dover, DE 19903 \$10.00  
DC Vital Records Branch, 825 N. Capitol St. NE, 1st Floor, Rm. 1312, Washington, DC 20002 \$23.00  
Florida State Office of Vital Statistics, 1217 Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32202 \$14.00  
Georgia Vital Records Service, Dept. of Human Resources, 2600 Skyland Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30319 \$10.00  
Hawaii Office Health Status Monitoring, Health Dept., PO Box 3378, Honolulu, HI 96801 \$10.00  
Idaho Vital Statistics, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036 \$13.00  
Illinois Division of Vital Records, 605 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62702-5097 \$15.00  
Indiana IN State Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Records, PO Box 7125., Indianapolis, IN 46206 \$10.00  
Iowa Dept. of Public Health, Vital Records, Lucas Bldg., 1st Floor, Des Moines, IA 50319 \$15.00  
Kansas Vital Statistics, 1000 SW Jackson, Ste. 120, Topeka, KS 66612-2221 \$12.00  
Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics 1E-A, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40621 \$10.00  
Louisiana Vital Records Registry, PO Box 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160 \$15.00  
Maine Vital Records Office, 221 State House, Station 11, Augusta, ME 04333-0011 \$15.00  
Maryland Division of Vital Records, 6550 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21215 \$12.00  
Massachusetts Registry of Vital Statistics, 150 Mt. Vernon St., 1st Floor, Dorchester, MA 02125-3105 \$18.00  
Michigan Dept. of Public Health, Vital Records, PO Box 30721, Lansing, MI 48909 \$26.00  
Minnesota Minnesota Dept of Health, PO Box 64882, St. Paul, MN 55164 \$16.00  
Mississippi Vital Records, 571 Stadium Dr., PO Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39215 \$15.00  
Missouri Bureau of Vital Records, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102 \$15.00  
Montana Vital Records, 111 N. Sanders, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604 \$12.00  
Nebraska Vital Statistics, PO Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509 \$12.00  
Nevada Office of Vital Records & Statistics, 4150 Technology Way, Suite 104, Carson City, NV 89706 \$13.00  
New Hampshire Division of Vital Records, 71 South Fruit St, Concord, NH 03301 \$12.00  
New Jersey NJ Dept. Health, Vital Statistics, PO Box 370, S Warren & Market St., Rm. 504, Trenton, NJ 08625 \$25.00  
New Mexico Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, PO Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110 \$10.00  
New York Office of Vital Records, 125 Worth St CN 4 Room 133, New York, NY 10013 \$15.00  
North Carolina NC Vital Records, 1903 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699 \$15.00  
North Dakota Division of Vital Records, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 301, Bismarck, ND 58505-0200 \$7.00  
Ohio Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics 246 N. High St 1st Floor Columbus, OH 43215 \$16.50  
Oklahoma Division of Vital Records, 1000 NE 10th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73117 \$10.00  
Oregon Oregon Vital Records, 800 NE Oregon St., Ste #205 - PO Box 14050 Portland, OR 97293 \$20.00  
Pennsylvania Division of Vital Statistics, 101 S. Mercer St., 4th Floor, New Castle, PA 16101 \$10.00  
Puerto Rico Demographic Registry, PO Box 11854, Fernandez Juncos Station, San Juan, PR 00910 \$ 5.00  
Rhode Island Dept. of Health, Div. of Vital Records, Room 101, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908-5097 \$20.00  
South Carolina Division of Vital Records, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201 \$12.00  
South Dakota Vital Records, 207 E Missouri, Suite 1-A, Pierre, SD 57501 \$10.00  
Tennessee Office of Vital Records, 421 5th Ave., 1st Floor, Central Service Bldg., Nashville, TN 37247-0450 \$12.00  
Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1100 W 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756 \$22.00  
Utah Bureau of Vital Records, PO Box 141012, 288 N 1460 W., Salt Lake City, UT 84114-1012 \$15.00  
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