



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
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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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The American Legion, Department of Alabama, Baseball Commission, developed these rules on October 4, 2009.

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, 2010. 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 1, 2010. Teams will complete their form 1 on line, and upload team pictures. Teams will also forward a copy of forms 2, 76, 77, and birth certificate/drivers license. Coaches will keep original copies of all forms.

RULE 3 – INSURANCE COVERAGE

Insurance must be purchased online from S. A. Van Dyke in accordance with National Rules when the team is registered.

RULE 4 – STATE TOURNAMENT

The senior state tournament will be a 4 team tournament this year. The tournament champion from each division will participate, and the 4th team will come from the division with the most validated teams.

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.

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

Junior Tournament
July 16-19, 2010

Senior Tournament
July 30 – August 1, 2010

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 District 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 – 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. 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
2010

March 7, 2010	Spring Baseball Meeting, 10:00 AM, Post 171, Birmingham
May 31, 2010	Register team on line, pay insurance and registration fee
July 1, 2010	Input form 1 and upload team picture on line. Submit copies of forms 2, 76, 77, and birth certificate/drivers license
July 22-25, 2010	District Tournaments
July 30 – Aug 1, 2010	State Baseball Tournament
August 3, 2010	Department Cut-off
August 5-8, 2010	Southeast Regional Tournament, Columbia, TN
August 13-17, 2010	American Legion World Series, Spokane, Washington

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, 1993. 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
2009

April 11, 2010	1 st Division meeting, Huntsville Post 237, 1:00 PM
April 18, 2010	2 nd Division meeting, Northport National Guard Armory, 1:00 PM
April 25, 2010	3 rd Division meeting, Swindall RV Park, Troy, 10:00 AM
May 31, 2010	Register team on line, pay insurance and registration fee
July 1, 2010	Complete form 1 and validate team on line, submit copies of forms 2, 76, 77, and birth certificates/drivers licenses
July 6-11, 2010	District Tournaments
July 16-19, 2010	State Baseball Tournament

**ATTACHMENT 4
BASEBALL COMMISSION**

<p>Department Commander Wayne Mitchell</p> <p>Department Adjutant Braxton Bridgers</p> <p>PDC – Paul Locke</p>	<p>Baseball Chairman Frank Hannah</p> <p>Vice Chairman Larry Tubbs</p> <p>Junior Director Gerry Story</p>	<p>Secretary Terry Wofford</p> <p>Commissioner-in-Charge of Umpires Gerry Story</p>
<p>General Chairman Gerry Story</p>		
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<p>General Chairman Joe Elliott</p>		
<p>SECOND DIVISION:</p>		
<p>General Chairmen Larry Tubbs</p>		
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