

# **Department of North Dakota American Legion Baseball**

## **2019 POLICY MANUAL**



**The following POLICIES are written to SUPPLEMENT and ADD to the provision of the National American Legion Baseball Rule Book.**

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## PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

The purpose of The American Legion Baseball program is to develop Americanism and Citizenship. Therefore, American Legion Baseball players will not be allowed to smoke while in uniform. The use of nicotine products (smoking, chewing or vaping), profanity, or the use of intoxicating liquors will not be permitted in the dugouts or on the playing field at any time. Anyone found doing so may be removed

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## CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

The Code of Sportsmanship, as printed in the National Rule Book, will be recited prior to all tournament games. Therefore, all teams are encouraged to institute reciting the Code prior to games during regular season.

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## NORTH DAKOTA BOYS STATE

The Department of North Dakota Athletic Committee requires that all teams refrain from scheduling league games during the week of North Dakota Boys State (June 9 – June 14, 2019) to allow for legion baseball players to fully participate in this worthwhile program. Any manager, coach, or other team official who is found to have used threats, coercion, intimidation, or other undue pressure to prevent or discourage a player from participating in the Boys State program will be subject to a minimum of one-year suspension from NDALB for such behavior.

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## NATIONAL ANTHEM

The American Legion has adopted the following policy concerning the National Anthem for all for all of its programs based on this action:

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2016, That the American Legion expects participants of all its programs to show proper respect to the Flag of the United States, at all times, including during the National Anthem: and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the National Organization of The American Legion recommends to departments and posts that the chairman or director of any American Legion Program make clear to all participants in advance of the program that The American Legion has the expectation for rendering proper respect to the Flag of the United States, at all times, including during the National Anthem: and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That if any participant of any program of The American Legion cannot or will not live up to this expectation, the individual should not be a participant in American Legion programs: and, be finally**

**RESOLVED, That if any participant of any national-level program of the American Legion cannot or will not live up to this expectation, the individual will be removed from the program and not be allowed any further participation.**

Therefore it is the policy of the Department of North Dakota Athletic Committee that any participant in a North Dakota program will be subject to the criteria and penalties cited above.

### **SCORE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**The Department of North Dakota Athletic Committee requires that the host team for all games played in the regular season will report the scores of the completed games to either the phone number or e-mail address provided by the Department at the conclusion of play. The text, email message, or voice mail will include the following information. Winner, loser, final score, league or non-league status, and date of play.**

**It is critical to the success of the program to be able to provide timely results and accurate standings to the fans and participants of American Legion Baseball through the use of electronic media. Regional and Divisional Chairman will provide the proper contact information and will monitor results. Teams failing to meet this requirement will be contacted and will be subject to action up to and including loss of post-season eligibility.**

**See the National 2019 Rulebook for American Legion Baseball to familiarize you with the rule changes effective for the 2019 American Legion Baseball Season.**

## PLAYING REGULATIONS - Policy 1

The Official Baseball Rules and National Rules shall govern all games, except as follows:

**D. Coaching Lines** - Any adult coach or player making any remarks or undue criticism of opposing players will be ejected immediately from the game, in accordance with National Rule 7 on conduct.

**F. Designated Hitter Rule** – A designated hitter may be used in all Class AA, A, and B Regular and Post Season games in accordance with the Major League Baseball American League Designated Hitter Rule, which allows a DH for the pitcher, only. Junior Legion teams may use the Designated Hitter for any player in the line-up in accordance with National Rule 1.I .

**K. Insurance** - ALL TEAMS MUST BE COVERED BY S.A. VAN DYK INC. ACCIDENT-MEDICAL AND LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON! Insurance must be purchased on-line by **May 1, 2019.**

**N. Innings Pitched.**

**4. Innings of Season Games** - All regular season games may be either nine or seven innings, except double-headers which will be seven innings.

**R. Substitution** - **The National re-entry rule will be in effect for all Class A and Class B regular season games. There will be no re-entry allowed in Class AA regular or post-season play.**

**S. Courtesy Runners** - **Courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher only will be allowed for all Class A and Class B regular season and post season games. There will be no courtesy runners allowed in Class AA regular or post-season play.**

**R. Pitching Rules** – Pitch count and appearance rules in National Rule 1.R and all sub-sections and clarifications will be in force for all regular season and post-season games.

**S. Regulations Outfield Fence** - All teams playing in the program must provide a regulation outfield fence. Regional Supervisor has guidelines.

## PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - POLICY 2

- A. **Date of Birth** - Players on Class AA, Class A or Class B North Dakota Legion Baseball teams must have been born on or after **January 1, 2000**. Any Legion Baseball program can field a Junior team providing all players are born on or after **January 1, 2002**.
- B. **Player Residence** - If a player's legal residence is established prior to March 31 of this year in a community other than the community where he attends high school, he may play for either team. His election must be in writing and filed with Department Athletic Committee Chairman **Russ Kroshus, 1518 Canyon Drive, Bismarck 58501, by June 1, 2019**.

### 4. Eligibility situations not covered under National Rules.

d. When a player and his parents move into a community after March 31, the player is immediately eligible to play American Legion Baseball in that community if he notifies Dept. Athletic Committee Chairman **Russ Kroshus, 1518 Canyon Drive Bismarck, ND 58501, by June 1, 2019**, and is granted approval.

### E. Order Needed Birth Certificates Early.

**4. Birth certificates of players born in North Dakota** should be secured as soon as possible from the Vital Records Program, State Department of Health, State Capitol, Judicial Wing, Bismarck, ND 58505. ***New Identification Requirements!!! Went into effective January 1, 2008, the Division of Vital Records will need proof of identity for all individuals requesting a birth certificate. These new requirements are based on legislative changes that occurred during the 2007 North Dakota legislative session. The new changes restrict access to birth records as a preventative measure against identity theft and fraud. These requirements are explained in more detail on the birth record ordering pages.*** The fee is \$7 for each certified copy of birth certificate issued...and fee must accompany request for certificate(s). Use special form, which will be sent, automatically with your Team Entry Form after you submit Team Entry Fee to Department Headquarters. **NOTE: Class A and B teams are allowed to submit photocopies of birth certificates and or hospital records.**

- F. **Playing on Other Teams** - A player will play with his Legion Baseball team on game dates and practice sessions. Upon approval of Legion team manager, a player may play with another organized team, such as an amateur baseball team, Babe Ruth or other recognized youth team, or a local softball team. Legion pitchers may not pitch for their Legion team if any activity with an outside team would place them in violation of the Pitch Smart guidelines outlined in the National Rulebook. It is important that such dual participation will not, in any way, interfere with a player's responsibility to American Legion Baseball.
- G. **Players in active military service** are not eligible to play American Legion Baseball in ND. Players who are in the Delayed Entry Program of any Active Duty Service or who are members of the National Guard or any branch of the Reserves are eligible for American Legion Baseball.

The Official American Legion Baseball Rules PLAN "B" of the National Americanism Commission will govern all American Legion Baseball competition in North Dakota, except for communities fielding more than one Class AA team, those communities will follow PLAN "A" for team formation.

### **PLAYER RECRUITING - PLAN A - POLICY 3**

### **PLAYER RECRUITING - PLAN B - POLICY 4**

#### **B. Team selection of players based on school enrollment**

6. A player enrolled in high school in a state other than his legal residence, must play with the team of his legal residence. If no team is available, he must play with the school he attends.

7. If no program is available in his community and a player is in school, he must play with the team recruited from the school he attends. If no team is recruited from his school or in the community of his legal residence, established prior to March 31 of this year, he must play for the team nearest his legal residence provided he is eligible to compete with this team and his election must be in writing and filed with and approved by **Russ Kroshus, 1518 Canyon Drive, Bismarck, ND 58501** , by **June 1, 2019**. **In cases involving the crossing of state lines, mutual written permission of both Department Chairmen is necessary.**

### **SPECIAL POLICY - PLAN B ONLY**

Department closing date as referenced to in the National Rule Book under Rule 4 is hereby established as **June 1, 2019**.

### **PROTESTS - POLICY 5**

**A. The Department Athletic Committee** will handle all formal protests of rules other than those made during a game, which will be handled by the chief umpire. All decisions of the Committee are final.

1. **Filing Deadlines** - Protests of rulings, other than those made during a game, can be made anytime during the season but must be submitted to the Department Athletic Committee Chairman, **Russ Kroshus, 1518 Canyon Drive, Bismarck, ND 58501**, within 15 days of knowledge of a violation or dispute. (See Policy 9.D for specific deadline for protest involving player eligibility.)
2. **Filing Fee** - Due to the increase in time and expenses related to handling a protest, a \$25 deposit must accompany protest filed with the Department Athletic Committee. The protesting post must pay any court costs that may be incurred as a result of a protest.
3. **Processing Time** - The Department Athletic Committee will make every effort to resolve properly filed protests within 5 workdays.
4. **Investigation** - Any coach or manager who, in any way, interferes with the investigation of the eligibility of players will be suspended from the Legion Baseball program for a minimum of one year.

**TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION - POLICY 6**

**A. Team Registration** - All posts or other organizations sponsoring teams must fill out the Team Entry Form on line at [www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball), by **May 1, 2019**. The National Team Entry Fee of \$50.00 for a Senior Team and \$25.00 for a Junior Team, as well as the required State Registration Fee, **MUST** accompany Team Entry Form. Teams who fail to meet this deadline will be ineligible for competition in the 2019 season. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.**

**1. Form 1** – National Form 1 will be completed on line after team entry form is approved

**2. Filing deadline for Form 1 is prior to June 21, 2019.**

**a. Class B Teams** – All Form 1s will be downloaded by the Athletic Officer in Charge of your Region on **June 23, 2019**.

**Class B Commissioner – Eugene Kachena, C. 701-331-0591**  
**PO Box 45, Pisek, ND 58273 ekachena70@gmail.com**

**Athletic Officer in Charge of Region, Address & Phone No.:**

**District 1 -Open**

**District 2 Shane Aadnes-Stanley, ND 701-629-8771**  
**PO Box 681, Stanley, ND 58784**

**District 3 -Open**

**District 4 -Open**

**District 5 - Rodney Kadlec, H. 701-284-6981**  
**5965 134th Ave NE, Pisek, ND 58273 rjkadlec@polarcomm.com**

**District 6 - - Larry Fontaine, C. 701-261- 9845**  
**702 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Casselton, ND 58012 larry.fontaine@k-12.nd.us**

**District 7 - Matt Hebl, C. 701-320-4722**  
**113 5th ST SE, LaMoure, ND 58458 Matthew.j.hebl.mil@mail.mil**

**b. Class A Teams** - All Form 1's will be downloaded by the Athletic Officer in Charge of your Division on **June 23, 2019**.

**Class A Commissioner – Open**

**Athletic Officer in Charge of Division, Address & Phone No.:**

**Co-East Division - Robert Greene, 218-230-4101**  
**2927 US 2, Arvilla, ND 58214 robert.greene.13@us.af.mil**

**Co-East Division - Larry Reed, 701-318-5140**  
**702 10 1/2 Ave W, Bismarck, ND 58501 larry0249@gmail.com**

**West Division - Gary Skarphol, 701-580-6760**  
**1726 27th Street W, Williston, ND 58801 skarp49@nemont.net**



**c. Class AA League.** All Form 1s will be downloaded by Department Athletic Committee Chairman Russ Kroshus, 1518 Canyon Drive, Bismarck, ND 58501, C – 701-426-5102/ russ.kroshus@bis.midco.net on **June 22, 2019**.

**d. Errors** - The Department Athletic Officer in charge of your Region/Division will notify all teams whose forms are incomplete by **June 22, 2019**, so they can correct errors by midnight, **June 23, 2019**.

**e. Incomplete Form 1 Disqualifies Team** - Any team whose forms are not complete by midnight, **June 23, 2019**, will not be allowed to compete in all post-season tournaments according to State Policies and National Rules.

**3. Insurance** - National Rule requires that Proof of Group Accident and Liability Insurance Coverage for the entire season must accompany completed National Form 1. All team coverage must be through the recommended carrier, which is S.A. Van Dyke, Inc., PO Box 4806, Oak Brook, Illinois 60522-4806. This insurance may be purchased on line at the time of registration. S.A. Van Dyke Insurance Administrators will automatically notify the Department when insurance is purchased. The insurance deadline for **2019 is May 1, 2019**.

**4. Birth Verification** – All American Legion players will have their date of birth verified in accordance with Rule 2.E. of the National Rulebook.

**5. Team Photograph** - All Class AA, Class A and Class B Teams must submit a digital Team photograph at the time they submit their completed Form 1. Each team photograph **MUST** include the identification of personnel shown on the picture.

**D. Dual Registration** – Any number of players listed on a Senior team roster may be eligible to play on their Junior squads providing that they meet all eligibility requirements for Junior play and they are duly listed on that posts Junior roster by the official roster deadline.

**E. Sponsorship** - Outside companies, groups, or clubs may sponsor a team or league in The American Legion Baseball program.

**F. Class AA Teams** – At a minimum, teams from the communities of Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Mandan, Minot, West Fargo, and Williston will be Class AA teams. All other teams wishing to compete in National post-season tournament play must register as Class AA teams. All teams will play four or home doubleheaders and four or away doubleheaders, based on the master schedule provided by the Department Athletic Committee, which will count for standings in the Class AA League. The final regular season standings will determine the seeding for the **2019** State AA Post Season. Rainouts do not need to be made up unless they affect the standings. If a make-up is required to be played, the game will be forfeited by any team not willing to play the make-up game.

A playoff game will be held at least 4 days prior to the beginning of the State Tournament, with the # 8 team hosting the #9 team. Should the tournament host team finish the regular season as the #8 or #9 team, they will automatically assume the #8 seed in the State Tournament and the playoff game will have the #7 team hosting the remaining non-qualifier, with the winner of this game advancing to the 8 team State Tournament and as the #7 seed in the tournament field.

- G. Class A Teams** – There will be minimum of 16 teams competing as Class A in 2019. For the 2019 season, all teams registered as Junior teams will be assigned by the Department Athletic Committee as a Class A or Class B team for both the regular and post season. The remaining teams for Class A will be determined by the Department Athletic Committee based on criteria including student enrollment from the previous year’s registrations, registration classification, geographical considerations, and the wishes of the local program. They will compete in the regular season in a two Division format, with divisional tournaments determining the team that will advance to an 8 team State Class A tournament. The winning team from each division will advance unless the host team does not qualify. If that occurs, the host team will automatically be seeded as the #4 seed from that division.  
Class B teams that do not meet the mandatory enrollment requirements for Class A but that would like to play at a higher level of competition may request to be classified as a Class A team. The Department Athletic Committee will place them in a Division as needed to maintain balance of competition.
- H. Class B Teams** - All Senior American Legion Baseball teams except those in policies F. and G. above will play in Class B competition.
- I. Junior Team** - Any city can field a Junior team, providing all team players are born on or after January 1, 2002, and team entry fee for that team has been paid. All other requirements are the same.

#### CONDUCT - POLICY 7

- C. During the Regular Season** - Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for the following game as well. Any ejection must be reported to the baseball committee by having the game umpire-in-chief or the manager of the team hosting the game send an email to the following address; [ndalbaseballumpires@yahoo.com](mailto:ndalbaseballumpires@yahoo.com). This email will include the names of the participant(s) that were ejected, the name of the umpire doing the ejection and a brief description of the behavior that caused the ejection. This will allow for the tracking of repeat offenders. Failure to report these incidents could result in disciplinary action taken against the host team.
- D. During a Department Tournament** - Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for the remainder of that tournament unless he is re-instated by the Tournament Umpire-in-Chief, the Tournament Manager, and the Department Athletic Committee Representative in charge of the tournament.
- F. Post Responsible for Players Conduct** - All posts will be held responsible for the conduct of their players during the baseball season and during tournament play. It is strongly urged that the Team Manager or another adult be in the dugout at all times. It is mandatory that team personnel stress to the team that any derogatory or improper use of social media or on-line bullying as pertains to American Legion Baseball will not be tolerated.

- E. Bench Decorum** – Chatter is a baseball tradition and positive language directed at your team mates is encouraged. However, language directed at opposing players or coaches in a negative or derogatory manner, or noise or sounds not associated with the game of baseball that are meant to cause a distraction to the opposing team will not be tolerated. The penalty for “bench jockeying” will be ejection from the game for the offending player or players if identified by game officials. Failure to control this behavior after umpire warning could result in the ejection of coaches or managers as deemed necessary by the umpiring crew.

### DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION - POLICY 8

- A. Department Policies** - The Department Athletic Committee is responsible for formulating Department Policies. All corrections and recommended changes must be submitted to the Committee Chairman prior to January 1st each year.
- D. Appointments and Supervision** - The Department Athletic Chairman is in charge of his assignment and will appoint a qualified assistant to help supervise The American Legion Baseball program.
- E. Umpire-in-Chief** – The Department Athletic Committee shall appoint an Umpire-in-Chief to oversee the Department Baseball Program, as well as a Deputy Umpire-in-Chief for each classification in the program. The Umpire-in-Chief and his Deputies will:
1. Assist the Department Athletic Committee on:
    - a. Setting up rules clinics and umpire workshops
    - b. Selecting umpires for Regional, Divisional, and State tournaments
    - c. Interpreting rules situations
    - d. Creating an information and reporting system for umpire and committee use
    - e. Whatever other duties the Committee Chairman may designate
- F. Team Commitment** - The signing of Form 1 by players, coaches, and team managers is a commitment to play Legion Baseball without interference from any other organized sport and is a guarantee that they will participate in tournament play as long as they are qualified. Pulling out of tournament schedules without a release from the Department Athletic Committee shall be subject to a \$200 fine payable to the host post of tournament site and suspension or probation from Legion Baseball for one year. This applies to the coach as well as the team regarding suspension and probation.

### DEPARTMENT TOURNAMENTS - POLICY 9

- A. Class AA, Class A, and Class B State Champions** will be determined in separate State Tournaments. The team winning the Class AA tournament will be certified by the Department Athletic Committee Chairman to National and advance to the Central Plains Regional Tournament. Any Class A or B team wishing to participate in the Class AA Tournaments for the opportunity to advance to National competition must attend the Class AA scheduling meeting which is held in Mandan in November each year.

1. **Athletic Officers Expenses for Tournament** - The expenses of the Department representative at the Divisional, Regional, and State Tournaments, to include meals, lodging, and mileage, will be paid by the Tournament Host Managers upon presentation of statement of expenses connected with such tournament. **THIS IS AN OBLIGATION OF THE POST HOSTING TOURNAMENTS.**
  2. **Double-elimination format** will be used in all Regional, Divisional, and State Tournaments.
    - a. Play-in games to determine the field for Post-Season play may be single elimination.
  3. **Rain Delay** - If a tournament game is halted by rain, it will be continued from point of interruption, regardless of inning, unless time is a factor in completing tournament. In that case, five innings (Class AA, Class A, and Class B) would constitute a completed game.
  4. **Ten Run Rule** - All games will be considered a completed contest if one team is leading by ten or more runs at the end of five innings, or the end any inning thereafter for Class AA, Class A and Class B games. This rule applies to all tournament games.
  5. **Game Length** - All Class AA, Class A and Class B Tournament play will be 7 innings.
  6. **Ceremonies** – Tournament officials will make certain that The National Anthem will be played at least once daily at all Class B Regional, Class A Divisional and State Tournaments and that The American Legion Baseball Code of Conduct will be recited by all players and coaches prior to every game at Regional, Class A Divisional and all State Tournament games.
- B. Competition in State Tournaments** (Class AA, A, and B) is open only to teams that have been properly registered prior to the **June 22, 2019**, filing deadline in accordance with Dept Policy 6.
- C. All Class AA, A, and B Department Tournaments** will be played under the supervision of the Department Athletic Committee. All disputes and questions will be referred to the appropriate committee member whose decision shall be final.
- D. Eligibility Protests** - One week prior to the start of **Post Season** Tournament play will be the deadline for filing all protests of player eligibility. No protest as to player eligibility will be allowed after this date. A \$25 deposit must accompany protest filed with the Department Athletic Committee. The protesting post must pay any court costs.
- J. Class B Playoff Tournaments** - All Class District and State Tournament games will be seven innings with the 10-run rule in effect after five innings.
1. **REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS** - All teams in Class B competition will participate in District (or District if needed) Tournaments to determine advancement to the State Class B Tournament. **All 2019 Class B District Tournaments must conclude on July 27, 2019 unless delayed by weather. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the forfeiture of the State Tournament berth by the offending region.** At least one week before the Regional Tournament, the Department Athletic Officer in charge of the District will call a meeting of Team Managers in the District to make the drawings for the District Tournament. The winner and runner-up of each District Tournament or the winner of each Sub-District Tournament, if needed, will advance to the State Class B American Legion Baseball Tournament, with the exception of the region of the State Tournament host, which will place the Champion and the host team should the host team not qualify for advancement.

2. **STATE TOURNAMENT** - The American Legion eight-team double elimination Class B Tournament will be held 31 **July-4 August 2019**, in Hazen, ND with Hazen as the host. Teams participating will be the winners of the Class B District Tournaments and the host team. The State B Tournament will be under the supervision of Eugene Kachena, Pisek, ND. First round pairings for this year's **2019** tournament are:

**Champion District #1 vs Champion District #7**  
**Champion District #2 vs Champion District #6**  
**Champion District #3 vs Champion District #5**  
**Champion District #7 vs Host**

**If the district champion is the host team, the district runner-up will assume the position of the host team for tournament bracketing. The host team (Hazen-2019) will play the last game of the day on the first day of the state tournament.**

- K. Class A Playoff Tournaments** - All Class A Divisional and State Tournament games will be seven innings with the 10-run rule in effect after five innings.

**1. DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENTS** - All teams in Class A will compete in Divisional Tournaments to determine advancement to the State Class A Tournament. At least one week before the Divisional Tournament, the Department Athletic Officer in charge of the Division will call a meeting of Team Managers in the Division to make the drawings for the Divisional Tournament. The top four Divisional Tournament placers will advance to the State Class A American Legion Baseball Tournament, with the exception of the division of the State Tournament host, which will place the top three and the host team should the host team not qualify for advancement.

**2. STATE A TOURNAMENT** - The American Legion eight team double elimination Class A Tournament will be held **July 31-4 August 2019** with the Bismarck Capitals as the host. Teams participating will be the top four placers from the Class A Divisional Tournaments, and the Bismarck Capitals as the host team. The State A Tournament will under the supervision of Russ Kroshus, Bismarck. The Class A Champion will advance to the Central Plains Division 2 Regional Tournament in Wapun, Wisconsin on **August 8-11, 2019**.

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West Division #1 vs East Division #4  
West Division #2 vs East Division #3  
West Division #3 vs East Division #2  
West Division Host vs East Division #1

If the host team has placed higher than a #4 seed in the divisional tournament, they will assume the seed earned and the and play the last game of the day on the first day of the state tournament.

- L. Class AA Tournament** - All Class AA State Tournament games will be seven innings with the 10-run rule in effect for all tournament games after five innings. The Class AA American Legion double elimination State Tournament will be held at **Grand Forks, ND on July 26-30, 2019**. Regular season records within the League will be used to seed the teams for post season play. In the event of a tie involving 2 or more teams, the first tie breaker will be head to head won-lost records among the teams that are tied. Should a tie still remain, the second tie-breaker will be runs allowed in games between the tied teams. Should a tie still remain, the third tie-breaker will be runs scored in games between the tied teams. Should a tie still remain the final tie-breaker will be a coin toss involving the teams that are tied. This coin toss will be handled by the Department Athletic Committeeman with jurisdiction over that tournament after proper notification to the teams involved. This tournament will be under the supervision of Department Athletic Committee Chairman Russ Kroshus. The winner of this tournament will advance to the Central Plains Regional Tournament in **Sioux Falls, SD, August 7-11, 2019**.
- M. Junior State Tournament - Rescinded for 2019**
- N. Umpires** - All umpires are urged to attend an American Legion Umpire Baseball Instructional Clinic or a ND High School Activities Association Umpire Clinic that are scheduled in your area. Clinic attendance is MANDATORY for umpires desiring assignment to Sectional and State Tournaments. Umpires for all post season tournaments will be selected by The Department Athletic Committee from recommendations of the Department Umpire-in-chief, his Deputies, and the tournament host committee Chairman.
- a. **At a minimum**, there shall be at least two competent umpires at all games in the Class B District and Class A Divisionals, except for Championship games **in Class B District and Class A Divisional**, where three umpires will be used. There shall be three competent umpires at all games in the Class AA, A, and B State Tournaments.
  - b. Umpires for Class B District/Class A Divisional, and all State Tournaments will receive a minimum of \$25.00 per game plus \$15.00 per deim (if traveling), \$.20 per mile and reimbursement of up to \$40.00 per night for hotel. **THIS IS AN OBLIGATION OF THE HOST POST.**
- O. Advance Tournament Fee** - Posts sponsoring Legion Baseball Tournaments are required to make payment of tournament fee, prior to holding tourney as follows: **Class AA \$250.00, Class A State \$250.00, Class A Divisionals \$150.00. Class B State \$250.00 and Class B Regionals (or Sub-Regionals) \$150.00.** Check in the correct amount should be made payable to the ND American Legion and submitted to Department Headquarters, Box 5057 West Fargo, ND 58078, prior to the tournament. **Department representatives are responsible to collect these fees.**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- May 1** -Team Registration Deadline
- June 23** -Team Registration Form 1 (Rosters) Due
- July 27** - Completion of Class B District (or Sub District) Tournaments
- July 24-27** - Class B Regional Tournaments
- #1 District-Hettinger
  - #2 District-Stanley or Burlington
  - #3 District-Renville County
  - #4 District-Carrington
  - #5 District-Hatton
  - #6 District-Mayville
  - #7 District-Oakes
- July 23-27** - Class A Divisional Tournaments –
- West Divisional - Minot
  - East Divisional - Valley City
- July 26-30** - Class AA State Tournament - Grand Forks
- 31 July-August 4** - Class A State Tournament – Bismarck
- 31 July–August 4** - Class B State Tournament – Langdon
- August 7-11** - Central Plains Regional Tournament – Sioux Falls, SD
- August 8-12** - Central Plains Division 2 Invitational Regional Tournament – Wapun, WI
- August 15-20** - American Legion World Series – Shelby, NC
- January 1, 2019** - Deadline for submission of recommended policy changes to Dept Headquarters

## ND AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

### Class AA Champions

1928 - Linton  
1929 - Fargo  
1930 - Enderlin  
1931 - Cooperstown  
1932 - Cooperstown  
1933 - Fargo  
1934 - Grand Forks  
1935 - Fargo  
1936 - Grand Forks  
1937 - Grand Forks  
1938 - Grand Forks  
1939 - Grand Forks  
1940 - Enderlin  
1941 - Enderlin  
1942 - Fargo  
1943 - Fargo  
1944 - Fargo  
1945 - Bismarck  
1946 - Fargo  
1947 - Fargo  
1948 - Fargo  
1949 - Bismarck  
1950 - Fargo  
1951 - Wahpeton  
1952 - Fargo  
1953 - Fargo  
1954 - Jamestown  
1955 - Jamestown  
1956 - Bismarck  
1957 - Bismarck  
1958 - Drayton  
1959 - Grand Forks  
1960 - Fargo  
1961 - Bismarck  
1962 - Drayton  
1963 - Bismarck  
1964 - Mandan  
1965 - Mandan  
1966 - Bismarck  
1967 - Grand Forks  
1968 - Grand Forks  
1969 - Fargo  
1970 - Mandan  
1971 - Bismarck  
1972 - Grand Forks  
1973 - Williston  
1974 - Fargo  
1975 - Jamestown  
1976 - Fargo  
1977 - Minot  
1978 - Minot  
1979 - Fargo  
1980 - Jamestown  
1981 - Minot  
1982 - Bismarck  
1983 - Fargo  
1984 - Minot  
1985 - Jamestown  
1986 - Bismarck  
1987 - Minot  
1988 - Fargo

### Class AA Champions

1989 - Fargo  
1990 - Mandan  
1991 - Mandan  
1992 - Fargo  
1993 - Mandan  
1994 - Mandan  
1995 - Mandan  
1996 - Wahpeton  
1997 - Bismarck  
1998 - Jamestown  
1999 - Grand Forks  
2000 - Mandan  
2001 - Minot  
2002 - Jamestown  
2003 - Minot  
2004 - Williston  
2005 - Fargo  
2006 - Minot  
2007 - Minot  
2008 - Dickinson  
2009 - Dickinson  
2010 - Minot  
2011 - Mandan  
2012 - Bismarck  
2013 - Fargo Post 2  
2014 - Bismarck  
2015 - Fargo Post 2  
2016 - Fargo Post 2  
2017 - Fargo Post 2  
2018 - West Fargo

### **Class A Champs (Since 2014)**

2014 - Wahpeton  
2015 - Wahpeton  
2016 - Valley City  
2017 - Park River  
2018 - Fargo Post 2  
Bombers

### **Class B Champions**

#### **Inaugurated in 1949**

1949 - Inkster  
1950 - Inkster  
1951 - Oakes  
1952 - Page  
1953 - Kindred  
1954 - Ellendale  
1955 - Velva  
1956 - Enderlin  
1957 - Riverdale  
1958 - Lisbon  
1959 - Bottineau  
1960 - Park River  
1961 - Cogswell  
1962 - Hillsboro  
1963 - Cooperstown  
1964 - Rugby  
1965 - Langdon  
1966 - Steele  
1967 - Park River  
1968 - Berthold  
1969 - Hatton  
1970 - Steele  
1971 - LaMoure  
1972 - New Rockford

### Class AA Champions

1981 - Bismarck  
1982 - Edmore  
1983 - Devils Lake  
1984 - Devils Lake  
1985 - Fargo  
1986 - Carrington  
1987 - Fargo Bombers  
1988 - Hatton  
1989 - Sawyer - Surrey  
1990 - Bismarck  
1991 - Munich  
1992 - Munich  
1993 - Bismarck Scarlets  
1994 - Sawyer-Surrey  
1995 - Sawyer - Surrey  
1996 - Grafton-St. Thomas  
1997 - Hatton  
1998 - Hope-Finley  
1999 - Fairmount  
2000 - Midway/Minto  
2001 - Carrington  
2002 - Thompson  
2003 - Hope/Finley  
2004 - Hope/Finley  
2005 - Velva  
2006 - Langdon  
2007 - LaMoure  
2008 - Casselton  
2009 - LaMoure  
2010 - Casselton  
2011 - Casselton  
2012 - Grafton  
2013 - Grafton  
2014 - Carrington  
2015 - Carrington  
2016 - Carrington  
2017 - Thompson  
2018 - Thompson

### **Junior Champs (Since 2010)**

2010 - Minot  
2011 - Fargo  
2012 - Grand Forks  
2013 - Bismarck  
2014 - Grand Forks  
2015 - Bismarck  
2016 - None  
2017 - None  
2018 - None





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**Class AA Teams**

Bismarck Gavs	Mandan Chiefs
Dickinson Roughriders	Minot Vistas
Fargo Post 2	West Fargo Patriots
Fargo Post 400	Williston Keybirds
Grand Forks Royals	

**Class A East and West Division Teams**

East Division

Casselton	Grand Forks Blues
Devils Lake	Valley City
Fargo Bombers	Wahpeton
Fargo Post 400	West Fargo Aces
Kindred	

West Division

Beulah	Jamestown
Bismarck Capitals	Mandan
Bismarck Reps	Minot Metros
Dickinson	Watford City

**Class B District Teams**

<u>District 1</u>	<u>District 2</u>	<u>District 3</u>	<u>District 4</u>	<u>District 5</u>	<u>District 6</u>	<u>District 7</u>
Belfield	Burlington	Bottineau	Cando	Grafton	Gardner	Ellendale
Hazen	Crosby	Garrison	Carrington	Hatton	Harwood	Enderlin
Hettinger	Ray	Makoti	Harvey	Langdon	Hillsboro	Fargo Jets
New Salem	Scobey, MT	Renville Cty	Kidder Cty	Larimore	Hope	Fairmount
	Stanley	Surrey	New Rockford	Minto	Mayville	LaMoure
	Tioga	Velva	Washburn	Park River	Nelson Cty	Lisbon
				Thompson	West Fargo Vets	Oakes
				Rolla		Fargo Post 400