

# METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER



## COLORADO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



### Department Rules

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# INTRODUCTION

## ***American Legion Baseball – A Winning Tradition Since 1925***

American Legion Baseball is the finest summer baseball program available for High School students in Colorado and the Nation. American Legion Baseball serves the largest pipeline of talent to the Major Leagues of any youth baseball program. On an average, over 55% of Major League Baseball Players played American Legion Baseball as teenagers.

This manual will assist in processing paperwork to field a team and answer questions regarding the operation of a Colorado American Legion Baseball team.

### **THE CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP**

#### **I will:**

**Keep the rules.**

**Keep faith with my teammates.**

**Keep my temper.**

**Keep myself fit.**

**Keep a stout heart in defeat.**

**Keep my pride in victory.**

**Keep a sound soul, a clean mind and a healthy body.**

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## SECTION 1 – COACH/MANAGER MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECK

### **A. Background Screening/Monitoring Program**

1. **Beginning in 2013, the Legion implemented a *Background Screening/Monitoring Program* for ALL Coaches, Managers and Volunteer Staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball (ALB) Teams at the National and Department Levels. Importantly, as such, **Prior to Department, i.e. Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB) Approval of a Team(s) On-Line Team Registration, Coaches, Managers and Volunteer Team Staff, MUST Submit an Individual Coach(s) Background Check.** Once All Coaches have Passed, CALB will Approve On-Line Team Registration, at which time Team(s) will electronically be notified as Approved.**

## SECTION 2 - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### **A. ALB/CALB Program Age Levels: Senior - Legion A & Junior - B, C and D.**

1. Senior Legion A: 19 Year Old (Born On or After January 1, 1998)
2. Junior Legion B: 17 Year Old (Born On or After January 1, 2000)
3. Junior Legion C: 16 Year Old (Born On or After January 1, 2001)
4. Junior Legion D: **Incoming Freshman Only** (Born On or After January 1, 2004)

### **B. MANDATORY - National On-Line Team Registration**

1. Each team must Register On-Line by completing initial American Legion Baseball Application, including BOTH SA Van Dyk Accident/Liability Insurance and National Registration Fee payment by **May 15, 2017**.
2. **After May 15, 2017, Teams that have NOT Registered and Paid Insurance, will be assessed a \$200.00 Late Fee till June 1, 2017.**
3. **FINAL National On-Line Team ROSTER to be Submitted No Later Than June 25, 2017.**

### **C. ALB Player Indemnification Agreement**

1. The American Legion Baseball Form #2 – Player Indemnification Agreement, is available on-line at: [www.calb.org](http://www.calb.org). Completed Front & Back Form #2's for EACH Player MUST be Completed by PARENT(S) and in the possession of Coach(s) at ALL Legion Baseball Games. **NOTE: Completed Form 2 Copies MUST be Submitted to CALB No Later Than June 25, 2017**

### **D. Birth Certificates- New Player(s) Only**

1. Refer to ALB 2017 National Rule Book, Proof of Age. **NOTE: Colorado is in compliance with the Federal Real ID Law.**

### **E. Team Roster**

1. Legion Teams shall be allowed up to 18 players.

### **F. Transfer Rule**

1. Refer to 2017 American Legion Baseball Rules, Player Recruiting Plan “B” Rule 4, D. Transfer Rule.

## **G. Team Uniforms**

1. Refer to 2017 American Legion Rules, Playing Regulations, Rule 1, V. Uniforms. Teams Must be in Uniforms of the same Color & Style.
2. Colorado American Legion Baseball insignia patches are available for \$2.00 each. Order Form on: [www.calb.org](http://www.calb.org). **Patches must be worn by BOTH Players & Coaches the entire Regular League & Post season.** Refer to ALB 2017 Rule Book for Patch & Silkscreen/Sublimation specifications & authorizations.

## **H. Minimum Active Players**

1. Teams competing in American Legion Baseball Junior & Senior Program Department and National Tournaments must have 12 players available for participation. Teams with fewer than 12 players are permitted to transfer up to three players registered on the affiliated Junior American Legion baseball team roster to the Senior team. Any player transferred must be approved and certified by Department Chairman.
2. Also, Junior Program Teams competing in District & Department Tournaments, will be permitted to transfer up to Three Players, **if Team has fewer than 12 Players.** As such, then up to Three Legion C Players may move up to Legion B Team &/or up to Three Legion D Players may move up to Legion C Team.

**NOTE: Once the Final Team Roster has been Submitted & Approved on ALB National Website, No Player Movement Will Not be allowed.**

## **I. Dual Rostering**

1. Dual Rostering will NOT be permitted in the Colorado American Legion Baseball Program.

# **SECTION 3 - TEAM REGISTRATION**

## **A. MANDATORY - Team Registration & Scheduling Meeting(s)**

1. **Team Coach, Manager or Authorized Representative MUST attend a Registration & Scheduling Meeting to participate in 2017 CALB Program. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **B. CALB Team Department Registration & ALB Insurance Fees**

1. **All Team Department Registration Fee Payment(s) will be Required by each Team at Registration & Scheduling Meeting(s).** Check made payable to: "Colorado American Legion Baseball" or Cash.

**CALB Team Registration Fees S.A. Van Dyk (Mandatory) Team Seasonal Insurance (\$25.00 Admin. Fee /Team)**

**Senior Legion A & B: \$400.00/Team                      Senior: \$175.00 Accident + 125.00 Liability = \$300.00**

**Junior Legion B, C & D: \$300.00/Team                      Junior: \$145.00 Accident + 85.00 Liability = \$230.00**

## **C. REQUIRED - Group Accident and Liability Insurance**

1. All teams must purchase this S.A. Van Dyk Insurance from The American Legion's agent of record - S. A. Van Dyk. - at the time of On-Line Team National Registration. **NOTE: ONLY Debit or Credit Card payment is accepted by S.A. Van Dyk.**

#### **D. CALB League Game Recording – CALB Website([www.calb.org](http://www.calb.org))**

**1. Importantly, Each team must insure that your game scores are updated on CALB Website ([www.calb.org](http://www.calb.org)) as the games are completed - WITHIN 24 Hours. No tournament berths will be considered for teams that have not updated 100% of the scores for their game schedule on-line.**

**2. Each team must regularly update their team's Coach Information.**

**3. Each team must update their Field Directions before season play begins for the parents of players and the public to easily find your playing field.**

4. You may print the following American Legion Baseball forms: Form #1 -National Registration, (Legion A only) Form #2- Players' Indemnification Agreement, Form #76 - Player Transfer, Form #77- Team Declaration and the National American Legion Baseball Rules.

## **SECTION 4 - ENROLLMENT RULES**

### **A. Enrollment Rule – Plan B**

1. All CALB Department Teams shall play under “Plan B” (Legion A, B, C & D) enrollment rules as outlined in the National American Legion Baseball Rule Book. **NOTE: National ALB Rules Shall Super-cede Department Baseball Rules.**

2. All levels will consist of teams whose school or combination of schools, have a total of **5,000** or less students. The total enrollment of grades 10 thru 12 obtained from the school enrollment figures as of March 31st of the current year (verified by the Colorado Department of Education) will be used in determining proper registration of a team. **Not applicable to Legion D.**

### **B. Change of Base School**

1. Any team that is changing their recruiting base school must get approval from the Colorado American Legion Baseball Commission.

2. All requests for a change of base school must be submitted in writing by **March 31, 2017**.

## **SECTION 5 – CONDUCT**

### **A. Sportsmanship & Conduct**

1. Refer to 2017 American Legion Rules, Rule 7

### **B. Alcohol and Tobacco**

1. Refer to 2017 American Legion Rule 1, T. Tobacco

## **SECTION 6 - FIRST AID**

### **A. First Aid Kits and Treatment**

1. Each team must provide an adequate First Aid Kit as part of their equipment at all practice sessions, games and tournaments. Also, Refer to 2017 American Legion Baseball Rules, Playing Regulations, Rule 1, K. First-Aid Kit.

## SECTION 7 – EQUIPMENT

### ***A. Protective Equipment***

#### **1. HELMET RULE:**

**As a result of Major League Baseball (MLB) new helmet rule, The American Legion Baseball Program now requires all coaches are mandated to wear a protective helmet when on the field and coaching bases. (Safety Rule: Ejection for Non-Compliance after one warning.)**

#### **2. COACHES BOX RULE:**

**As a result of Major League Baseball (MLB) New Coaches Box Rule, The American Legion Baseball Program now requires that coaches, until being passed by a batters ball, must position himself no closer to home plate than the front edge of the marked coaches box and no closer to fair territory than the edge of the coaches box closest to the field.**

3. All players are required to wear a double-flapped, ear protective helmet while batting, running bases, or on deck. Helmets must meet NOCSAE (National Organizing Committee for Safety in Athletic Equipment) specifications and must have the NOCSAE seal of approval stamped on the helmet, and such seal must be visible on the outside of the helmet.
4. Bat boys/girls must be At least 12 Years Old and Must wear a double -flapped, ear-protective helmet while on the playing field at all times.
5. Catchers must wear, in addition to normal catcher's equipment, a safety helmet, throat protector and protective cup. Any catcher's mask that does not have an extended metal or plastic throat protector at least 2 inches in length is required to have an attachable throat protector.
6. The catcher's helmet and mask combination shall meet the NOCSAE (National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment) standard. NOCSAE seal of approval stamped on helmet and such seal must be visible on outside of helmet
7. Any person warming up a pitcher must wear a mask in or out of the bullpen or between innings from the mound. Anyone refusing to do so will be ejected from ballpark.
8. Umpires, and/or tournament officials, should halt any game until these rules are complied with. If the team fails to comply, that team will forfeit the game.
9. It is recommended that batters wear a protective mouth guard while batting.

### ***B. Baseballs & Bat Rule***

1. Refer to 2017 American Legion Baseball Rule, Playing Regulations, Rule 1, A. Baseballs, B. Bat Rule

## SECTION 8 - PLAYING REGULATIONS

### ***A. Senior Legion & Junior Legion Program Rules***

1. Refer to American Legion Baseball 2017 Rule Book concerning any New Senior & Junior Program Rule Changes.

2. **All Senior & Junior Program Legion Teams MUST Schedule and Play Each Team At Least Two Games in their respective Division's during the Regular Season to Qualify for State Tournament.**

### ***B. Participation Rules***

1. Teams are required to play ALL their scheduled League games. Failure to complete ALL Leagues will disqualify Team(s) from participation in Post Season Tournament(s).
2. Flagrant violation of this rule will result in banning a team from Tournament competition.

### ***C. Forfeiture Rule***

1. **If a team does not show up for a game at game time with at least 9 players and at least one adult coach, Senior Legion A Team will forfeit that game with a score of 9-0; Junior Legion B, C & D team will forfeit that game 7-0. For Senior & Junior Legion level Department Tournament(s), at least 12 players must be present.**

2. Any scheduled season games that is **not completed** by the appropriate cut-off date will be considered a loss for BOTH teams.

### **3. Forfeiture During Season – CALB Administrative Process in Handling**

**Forfeiture Clarification: If it is clear cut that a Team has Not shown up for League Games, Game(s) will be considered a LOSS & a WIN for the Opposing Team. If a Team does not communicate on a Make Up or Reschedule situation it is Not the Opposing Team that decides whether or Not it is a Forfeit. CALB reserves the right to make the Final decision on a case by case basis.**

**When a Team is requesting to Reschedule a Game, the Opposing Team does not need to honor that request; as such, the Game would be a LOSS for the Requesting Team.**

### ***D. Collision Rule***

1. Refer to 2017 American Legion Baseball Rules, Playing Regulations Rule 1, H.

### ***E. Force-Play Slide Rule***

1. Refer to 2017 American Legion Baseball Rules, Playing Regulations Rule 1, J.

### ***F. Designated Hitter***

1. Refer to 2017 American Legion Baseball Rules, Playing Regulations Rule 1, I.

### ***G. Pitch Count***

1. Refer to **2017 NEW PITCH COUNT**, American Legion Baseball Rules, Playing Regulations Rule 1, R.

### ***H. 10 run Rule***

1. Refer to 2017 American Legion Baseball Rules, Playing Regulations Rule 1, U.

### ***I. Protests / Required Protest Mailing Instructions***

1. Refer to 2017 American Legion Baseball Rules, Protest Rule 5
  - a. Any protest of any Colorado American Legion Baseball League/Tournament game **or Player Eligibility** Shall be initiated **Prior To the Game** & Submitted To the Colorado American Legion Baseball Commission. This protest



must be accompanied by a Check or Cash for \$100.00. If the protest is upheld, the money will be refunded; if not, it will be deposited to CALB Inc.

- b. In Colorado American Legion Baseball Tournament play, the tournament protest committee should resolve all protests.
- c. All Protests, MUST be E-mailed to: [info@calb.org](mailto:info@calb.org) within 24 hours of Protest.

## SECTION 9 – SCHEDULING

### A. League Game Completion Dates

1. For Senior Legion A High School Teams - All League, Division and Make Up games **Must be completed on or before Monday, July 24, 2017**. Any scheduled games not completed by these deadlines will be forfeited and recorded as a loss by **both** teams. **NOTE: Legion A Elite Teams - Final League Game Completion on or before Sunday, July 23, 2017.**
2. For Junior Legion B - All League, Division and Make Up games **Must be completed on or before Monday, July 24, 2017**. Any scheduled games not completed by these deadlines will be forfeited & recorded as loss by **both** teams.
3. For Junior Legion C – All League, Division and Make Up games **Must be completed on or before Monday, July 24, 2016**. Any scheduled games not completed by these deadlines will be forfeited and recorded as a loss by **both** teams.
4. For Junior Legion D – All League, Division and Make Up games **Must be completed on or before Monday, July 17, 2017**. Any scheduled games not completed by these deadlines will be forfeited and recorded as a loss by **both** teams.
5. **NON-LEAGUE Games can not conflict with Colorado American Legion Baseball Department League/ Post Season Tournament Games.**

### B. Postponements

1. Games Postponed for Weather, will be made up as soon as possible, with agreement of BOTH Team Coaches.
2. By Rule, a Regulation Game is considered Complete after 4 ½ or 5 Innings.
3. Suspended games will be completed from the point of suspension.

## SECTION 10 – UMPIRES

### A. Recommended Umpires

1. **All umpires are REQUIRED to wear CALB Emblemed Hat & Shirts when umpiring Colorado American Legion Baseball Games.** Umpires Not conforming to this Rule, may be fined \$25.00/Game AND/OR will not be allowed to umpire American Legion Baseball Games, if not in compliance.
2. The Colorado American Legion Baseball Program will use Umpires Trained in American Legion Baseball Rules AND recommended by CALB's Umpire Director/Liaison. Refer to The American Legion Baseball Umpire's Manual; available on-line at: [www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball)
3. All levels must use at least 2 umpires per **game that are preferably state-wide qualified and approved CALB registered umpires. For District & Department Tournaments, CALB recommends 2 qualified umpires per game, with 3 umpires per game recommended for semi & final championship games.**

# 2017 Colorado American Legion Baseball

## Post Season Department Tournament Schedule

### Senior Program: Legion A

*Legion A: Regional Tourney: Aug. 2 - 6, 2017 @ Metropolitan State University of Denver, Regency Athletic Complex, Denver, CO*

*Legion A: Elite Department Tourney: July 26 – 29, 2017 @ TBD*

*Legion A: High School Department Tourney: July 27 - 30, 2017 @ TBD*

### Junior Program: Legion B, C & D

*Legion B - Department Tourney: July 27 – 30, 2017 @ TBD*

*Legion C - Department Tourney: July 27 – 30, 2017 @ TBD*

*Legion D - Department Tourney: July 20 – 23, 2017 @ TBD*