

**Kansas  
BASEBALL RULES  
2016**



**DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS**

91<sup>st</sup> Year of Competition

Department  
Baseball Committee

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## **CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP**

The “Code of Sportsmanship” should be repeated by the competing teams before each game.

### **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 under in victory**

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

## **DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION**

Any team that represents themselves as an American Legion Baseball team comes under the jurisdiction of the Department Baseball Committee the moment they commit an intentional act to represent themselves as an American Legion Baseball team.

Any team who violates any rule or regulation set forth by the Kansas American Legion Baseball Committee shall be subject to the discipline of the Department Baseball Committee.

Kansas American Legion Baseball rules can be changed or amended only by action of the Department Baseball Committee in a regularly called meeting.

# NEW RULE FOR 2016

## Zone Tournaments

The Baseball Committee has authority to go to Sub-State Tournaments in place of regular Zone Tournaments should the number of teams necessitate the change. Following is an example, which was the AAA Zone Tournaments rule for 2015.

### Example:

There will be two tournaments with four teams in the eastern part of the state and the same in the western area of Kansas. From there the top two teams from each sub-state would go on to compete in the State Tournament. This would make a total of four teams from the east and four from the west. The State Tournament host team would automatically be counted in the top two teams. Example: The host team for the State Tournament is located in the western part of the state, that team counts as one of the four representing the west.

### Entry Fees

The entry fees for all classes of teams will increase \$25 this year, and an additional \$25 next year.

**National Rule 1.A. Baseballs.** An American Legion Baseball authenticating logo is required on all baseballs that will be used in regular and post season competition. A current list of authentic products can be found on the website: [www.emblem.legion.org](http://www.emblem.legion.org).

**National Rule 1.G. Collisions (Clarification) Collisions at home plate.** A runner attempting to score may not deviate from his direct pathway to the plate in order to initiate contact with the catcher (or other player covering home plate), or otherwise initiate an avoidable collision. If, in the judgement of the umpire, a runner attempting to score initiates contact with the catcher (or other player covering home plate) in such a manner, the umpire shall declare the runner out (regardless of whether the player covering home plate maintains possession of the ball). In such circumstances, the umpire shall call the ball dead, and all other base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the collision. If the runner slides into the plate in an appropriate manner, he shall not be adjudged to have violated Rule 1.G.

### **National Rule 2.B.4.a 2014 Graduated Student.**

a) Players who graduated in 2015 shall play for the last American Legion team they played for. If a team should fail to form and/or exist, or the graduated player last played for a junior program, the player must play for the team nearest their parents' domicile. Players who graduated in 2015 shall not be eligible to be transferred (Forms #76 or #77). Their names must have appeared on a previously approved American Legion Baseball team roster.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## DEADLINES

MARCH 31	Residency
MAY 15	Deadline to register a team on line, purchase insurance, entry fee, and background checks
JUNE 15	Transfer, umpire registration, team certification deadline
JULY 18	Deadline Class A Zone Winners
JULY 20-24	State A Tournament - Great Bend, KS
JULY 25	Deadline Class AA Zone Winners
JULY 25	Deadline Sub State AAA Winners
JULY 29-31	State AA Tournament - Ft. Scott, KS
JULY 29-31	State AAA Tournament - Garden City, KS

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES AND LOCATIONS KANSAS DEPARTMENT TOURNAMENTS

### **Class 'A' State Tournament**

July 20 - 24, Great Bend

### **Class 'A' Mid-States Regional Tournament**

July 27 - 31, Rapid City, SD

### **Class 'AA' State Tournament**

July 27 - 3, Ft. Scott

### **Class 'AA' Mid-States Regional Tournament**

August 4-7, Waupun, WI

### **Class 'AAA', State Tournament**

July 27 - 31, Garden City

### **NATIONAL REGION NO. 4**

August 3-7, Conway, AR

### **NATIONAL WORLD SERIES**

August 11-16, Shelby, NC

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## **KANSAS DEPARTMENT AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL AGREEMENT**

1. That the Post and or outside sponsored team complies with all rules and regulations as set out in this handbook, directives, orders and any other rules and regulations adopted by the Committee for the 2016 Season.
2. That in case of a disagreement of any type arising, that the Post and/or outside sponsored team and all representatives thereof, agrees to be bound and to abide by the decision of the Committee and with further regard to any disagreement, that the decision of the Committee shall be binding on the team and representatives thereof, immediately upon the Committee making said decision.
3. That all matters relating to American Legion Baseball arising in Department of Kansas shall be referred to Committee for decision, unless the Committee shall specifically designate a representative or agent to decide upon particular matters.
4. Those appeals shall be made to the Committee, but no appeal shall lie from decisions of the Committee and no effort shall be made to embarrass, degrade, harass or ridicule the Committee or any members thereof.
5. That the Committee shall have the absolute right to suspend, bar, or disqualify any team, player, coach or any other person connected with the Department of Kansas American Legion Baseball Program for failure to abide by this Agreement or any of the rules, regulations, directives, orders, or instructions by the Committee.
6. That all parties hereto understand that this Agreement shall include all matters relating to American Legion Baseball in The Department of Kansas, and that to seek a decision on any matter in regards thereto outside of the Committee itself shall be in violation hereof.
7. That the Post agrees to the proceedings, terms and conditions in consideration of its being allowed entering a team in the 2016 American Legion Baseball Program.

## **RULE 1---TEAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Kansas American Legion Baseball will be played in three classes “A”, “AA”, & “AAA.”

(National Rule Book page 19)

### **Kansas Specific:**

#### **Class ‘A’ (JR)**

- A. Players cannot be eighteen (18) during the current year.
- B. A team may be recruited from one or more high schools, provided total enrollment does not exceed 5,000 students or 2,500 students if school(s) are restricted to all-male enrollment. All teams must have a base school.

#### **Class ‘AA’ (SR)**

- A. Players cannot be twenty (20) during the current calendar year.
- B. A team may be recruited from one or more schools with a combined total enrollment not to exceed 500 students or 250 students, if school(s) are restricted to all-male enrollment. All teams must have a base school.

#### **Class ‘AAA’ (SR)**

- A. Players cannot be twenty (20) during the current calendar year.
- B. All players may be recruited from one or more schools with a combined total enrollment not to exceed 5,000 students or 2,500 students, if school(s) are restricted to all male enrollment. All teams must have a base school.

## **RULE 2---TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION**

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## **RULE 3---PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

National Recruiting Plan “B”

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### **Kansas Specific:**

- A. **High School Recruiting.** Any player who is participating in the Kansas High School Baseball program cannot be actively recruited (such as an organized American Legion team tryout) until after that particular high school baseball season has been completed.
- B. **Birth Certificates.** Records of birth must be an **original or a state certified document** from the State Bureau of Vital Statistics or Department of Health or other governmental agency authorized to certify birth documents. **(A raised state seal shall be visible on the state certified document.)** Birth certificates for players born in Kansas are available at a cost of \$15.00 each from: Kansas State Department of Health and Environment, Division of Vital Statistics, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1290. Address of other States can be found in the back of the National Rule book. **Allow a minimum of six weeks for receipt of out of state birth Certificates.**

1. 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. In case of foreign birth, a player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service 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 an English translation, and such birth certificate must have an official seal.
  3. A properly notarized 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 parents.
- C. **Proof of Age.** The American Legion will accept as proof of age besides a birth certificate:
1. A state issued driver's license or state issued ID that complies with the Federal Real ID Law.
  2. A U. S. Government issue passport.
  3. A U. S. Government issue military ID card or dependent ID card.

## **RULE 4---PLAYER RECRUITING - PLAN "B"**

### **Kansas Specific:**

#### **A. Transfer Policy:**

1. Any player seeking permission to play for the team next nearest his parent's legal residence must apply in writing by submitting Kansas American Legion Baseball player transfer form, **KSALB-R1**. The form must be signed and forwarded by the "receiving team" manager to the authorized District Baseball Chairman by June 5th for signature, who will forward it to the Department Baseball Chairman for review by the State Baseball Committee for final approval prior to placing the player on National Form #1.
  - a. **A Total of two transfers are the maximum allowed for any one player.**

**B. Private Schools:** High schools where tuition is charged will be considered as public high schools and the enrollment will be counted. **Note: Players who attend a private high school have a limited option, under National Rule 4.C., to play for the team nearest their parents' legal residence or for the team nearest the school they attend (even if the private school is a base school).**

- C. **Private Boarding school:** Schools where tuition is charged, and the majority of students (51%) remain housed at the school during the school year, **the total enrollment will be counted. Note: Players who attend this type of school have a limited option to play for the team nearest their parents legal residence or for the team nearest the school they attend.**

## **RULE 5---SPECIAL RULES - PLAN "B" ONLY**

### **Kansas Specific:**

- A. **Teams that no longer exist.** Players who are unable to complete their eligibility because the Post team and sponsor for which they last played no longer exist must compete for the team nearest their parents or guardians' legal residence.
1. Written permission for such competition must be obtained from the authorized Department Baseball Official prior to placing the player on the National Form #1.
  2. Enrollment figures for school in which they are enrolled, and any school bypassed, shall be counted.

## **RULE 6---PLAYING REGULATIONS**

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### **Kansas Specific:**

- A. **Uniforms.** All players, managers and coaches shall dress and be in uniform prior to arriving at the playing field for any Legion sponsored game. No player, manager, coaches or umpires shall dress in the view of the public or in team dugout. Teams must be in standard uniforms upon reaching the Department Zone and State tournament play, at which time:
1. The American Legion Baseball insignia must be worn on the left sleeve or left chest of uniform shirt. Insignia (patches) may be obtained from National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, phone 888-453-4466, at a cost of \$2.00 each plus tax, check to accompany order, or credit card accepted.
  2. The back of each player's uniform shirt must display a number at least six inches tall.
  3. No firm or company whose advertisement reflects the sale or use of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products shall be permitted to display such advertising on team uniforms
- B. **Coaching Boxes.** Players and coaches who are registered on the National Registration Form #1 are permitted on the coaching lines. Coaches and players must be in team uniforms in order to go on playing field during Zone, State, Playoff and National competition.

### C. **Pitching.**

1. Announcement of a pitcher constitutes an appearance.
2. The manager or coach is prohibited from making a second visit to the mound while the same batter is at bat, but if a pinch hitter is substituted for this batter, the manager or coach may then make a second visit to the mound.
3. A manager or coach is considered to have concluded his visit to the mound when he leaves the 18 foot circle surrounding the pitcher's rubber. When the manager or coach leaves the 18 foot circle, he must keep going and not return to the mound.
4. To determine the amount of eligibility left to a pitcher (example) on Wednesday, add the total number of innings pitched on Monday and Tuesday and subtract from 12. This will give the total eligible innings on Wednesday.
5. National Rule 1.F (courtesy runners) shall be used in all Zone and State Tournaments.

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

1. The maximum length is 36 inches and the maximum diameter is 2 5/8 inches.
2. The knob and end plug (if applicable must be firmly attached.)
3. 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 weight less than 31 ounces).
4. A non-wood bat must have the BBCOR certification code marked on the barrel of the bat.
5. For all games and practice use, all non-wood bats must have leather; rubber or taped grip securely attached to the bat handle.
6. Any bat that fails to meet these specifications or in the umpires' 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. The player and team manager shall be ejected.

### E. **Jewelry Rule.** No jewelry will be worn during a game with the exception of medical identification.

## **RULE 7---CONDUCT**

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### **Kansas Specific:**

- A. Managers, coaches, players, or teams who, in the opinion of The American Legion Department Chairman or his representative (i.e., Tournament Director), conduct themselves in a manner that would discredit this program, both on and off the field, may be removed from further participation by the Department Baseball Committee.

- B. No player, coach, manager, or any party associated with any American Legion Baseball team shall ride, abuse, heckle, or make any uncomplimentary remarks whatsoever to any opposing player, umpire, or team official. Violation of this regulation shall be grounds for ejection from the game.
- C. All parties traveling with American Legion Baseball teams are expected to conduct themselves in a gentlemanly manner at all times. Any party causing unnecessary disturbances at any time and not abiding by the rules will be suspended and returned home by the first available transportation.
- D. A \$250 fine will be levied against the team of any manager, coach, player, or person affiliated with that team which contacts The American Legion National Headquarters without written permission from Department and the Kansas State Baseball Chairman.
- E. There will be no shoving, pushing, or any other unnecessary playfulness or activities in the rooms, hall, or dining room at any time.

### **RULE 8--STANDARD TOURNAMENT RULES**

- A. The following rules apply to all Department Zone and State tournaments
  - 1 **No Designated Runner and/or Courtesy Runner**
  - 2 **Run Rule.**
    - a. Starting in Zone
      - (1). Eight (8) after Five (5) Innings
      - (2). Ten (10) after Four (4) Innings
  - 3 **Innings.**
    - a. All games seven (7) innings, including championship.
- B. **Rain outs.** The Tournament Director with the approval of the Department Baseball Committee shall be responsible for determining the format for the zone and state champion in the event of rain delay/rain out.
- C. **Official Game.** Game will be called an official game after five complete innings if the home team has scored more runs in four or four and a fraction half innings than the visiting team has scored in five complete half-innings (as per official National rules).
- D. **Ejection.** If a Manager/Coach is ejected during tournament play (Zone/ State) He/She is gone for the rest of the tournament. Any player ejected from the game in progress will be suspended from his team's next scheduled game in the Tournament.
- E. **Uniforms.** For Zone and State Tournaments, all managers, coaches and players must be in like uniform prior to arrival at the baseball field.

## **RULE 9---ZONE TOURNAMENTS**

- A. **Tournament Director.** The Zone Tournament shall be under the direction of the assigned District Baseball Chairman or the Tournament Director appointed by that District Chairman. He will be the sole judge of the postponement of games due to impossible weather and other conditions which may require postponements. He shall select the Department certified umpires and official scorers.
- B. **Disputes.** All questions and disputes within the Zone will be decided by the assigned District Baseball Chairman or representative. The District Baseball Chairman shall name the Zone Champions to the Department not later than five (5) days prior to the opening date set for the State Tournament for each class.
- C. **Bench.** Only registered players, the team field manager, two team coaches, one scorekeeper, two bat persons, members of the Sportsmanship Committee, and tournament officials will be allowed on the bench at Zone Tournaments.
- D. **Run Rule.** (See Rule 8.A.2.)
- E. **Rain Outs.** (See Rule 8.B.)
- F. **Team Appearance.** During zone tournaments any team failing to appear within 15 minutes following the scheduled start of a game will forfeit said game.
- G. **Tournament Start.** No zone tournament shall start play 10 days prior to start of State Tournament.
- H. **Bracket and Seeding.** All seeding and bracketing will be done by the District Chairman and/or Zone Tournament Director. Seeding will be done by won/loss record.
- I. **Championship Trophy.** The Zone Host will furnish a Championship trophy.
- J. **Zone Tournament.** Host will be responsible for all baseballs for zone tournaments.

## **RULE 10---STATE TOURNAMENTS**

- A. **Bids.** All bids for the State Tournaments must be submitted in writing to the Department Baseball Chairman at Department Headquarters on or before January 1. Such announcements will be published annually in the official Department Publication, The Sunflower Legionnaire. Requests for information and requirements for submitting bids for the Department Tournament should be addressed to the Department Baseball Chairman, c/o Department Headquarters.
- B. **Tournament Director.** The tournament will be under the direction of the State Baseball Committee Representative. He will be the judge of the postponement of games due to impossible weather and other conditions which require postponements. Host Tournament director shall have the responsibility of selecting the official scorekeeper. Department will provide official score book. State Baseball Committee shall select umpires

- and official scorers. There shall be at least three (3) Department certified umpires for all seven inning games; and at least four (4) Department certified umpires will be used following Game 11 through completion of tournament.
- C. **Sportsmanship Committee.** The Tournament Director shall be Chairman of the Sportsmanship Committee, and shall name four (4) members, annually, to this committee to be in attendance at the annual Department Tournament. This committee shall meet, during the championship game, and ballot to name the player that shall be declared the recipient of this trophy. The announcement of the winner of the “FLOYD ROGERS SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY” shall be made at the awards ceremony, following the championship game.
- D. **Teams.** The Zone Champions and Host team will play in the State Tournament to determine the State Champion of that class.
- E. **Host Notification.** All team managers are to notify the Tournament Host Post of the tournament city, their exact time of arrival.
- F. **Reporting Time.** Teams playing their first game of the tournament will report to the Tournament Director at the Tournament site 1 hour before they are scheduled to play.
1. Team appearance, any team failing to appear within 15 minutes of any starting period, will forfeit said game.
  2. Tournament Directors, all games should start within 30 minutes of the scheduled previous game.
  3. Any team which travels over 200 miles may come in the night before.
- G. **Meals.** The Host Post will not be responsible for feeding visiting teams during State Tournaments.
- H. **Bed Check.** All players participating in the State Tournament will be in their respective housing units from 11:59 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., each night and bed check will be made each night by team manager or coach with all violations of this rule to be reported to Tournament Director. Exception to item shall be when attending an American Legion game with their coach or manager and the permission of the Tournament Director or his duly appointed representative.
- I. **Minimum Active Players.** Teams competing in ALB National Tournaments must have 12 players available for participation. Teams with less than 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 National Regional Tournaments. **(AAA ONLY)**



- J. **Bench.** Only registered team players, the team field manager, two team coaches, one scorekeeper, two bat persons, and tournament officials will be allowed on the bench at State Tournaments.
- K. **Identification.** All players, coaches, managers, and anyone accompanying teams as team personnel will be provided with a special personal identification card issued by the Tournament Host. This card will be the only identification accepted as official and must be in the possession of the individual at all times. It shall be shown, upon request, to any official of the Department or Tournament Committee.

### **RULE 11---PROTESTS**

- A. All questions and disputes at the Zone Tournament will be decided by the Zone Baseball Chairman. All questions and disputes at the State Tournament shall be decided by the Department Baseball Chairman or his representative. When conditions permit, the chairman or his representative may appoint a committee of two from the Baseball Committee to assist him in making decisions. The Department Baseball official or committee in charge shall have the power to disqualify or suspend anyone violating Department or National regulations. No appeal shall be considered by the National Baseball Appeal Board until all established appeal procedures within respective Department rules have been exhausted, as certified in writing by the Department Baseball Chairman.
- B. All protests of player eligibility must be specific with definite written proof. Eligibility protests of players involved in Zone, State, and National Tournaments must be filed in writing, accompanied by written proof of the question being raised, with tournament representative at each such tournament no later than 9:00 am., on the first day of the tournament involved, except where there is a discovery of fraud.
- C. If a player is found to be ineligible, he shall be disqualified immediately, and that game shall be forfeited.
- D. Protests of rule interpretations during actual game conditions must be filed with the Umpire-in-Chief before the next legally pitched ball is thrown from the pitching mound.
- E. If a protest is allowed and a winner disqualified, the runner-up team shall be declared the winner in both the Zone and State Tournaments.

# NOTES

# KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKET

## (Rotation Schedule) 2016-2022

*The following is a rotation schedule adopted by the State Baseball Committee for pairings of the State American Legion Tournament teams. However, if the number of teams drops to the level that the usual seven Zone Tournament format is not feasible, then the Tournament Bracket will go to a Sub State Bracket. The Sub State Bracket will be set by the Department Baseball Committee.*

(H = Host Team)

EXAMPLE

Game	Zone	Zone	Year	Game 1
1	2	vs 1	2016	Zone 2 _____
2	3	vs 7		
3	4	vs 6		Zone 1 _____
4	H	vs 5		
1	1	vs 7	2017	Doubleheader
2	2	vs 6		Game 2
3	3	vs 5		Zone 3 _____
4	H	vs 4		Zone 7 _____
1	7	vs 6	2018	Game 3
2	1	vs 5		Zone 4 _____
3	2	vs 4		Zone 6 _____
4	H	vs 3		
1	6	vs 5	2019	Game 4
2	7	vs 4		Doubleheader
3	1	vs 3		Host _____
4	H	vs 2		
1	5	vs 4	2020	Zone 5 _____
2	6	vs 3		
3	7	vs 2		
4	H	vs 1		
1	4	vs 3	2021	
2	5	vs 2		
3	6	vs 1		
4	H	vs 7		
1	3	vs 2	2022	
2	4	vs 1		
3	5	vs 7		
4	H	vs 6		

**KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION STATE CHAMPIONS  
CLASS 'AAA'**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Champion</b>
1926		El Dorado	1971	Ottawa	Hays
1927			1972	Garden City	Hays
1928		Topeka	1973	McPherson	Winfield
1929		Kansas City	1974	Great Bend	Hays
1930		Salina	1975	Hutchinson	McPherson
1931		Salina	1976	El Dorado	Hays
1932		Salina	1977	Pittsburg	Topeka #400
1933		Topeka	1978	Winfield	Hays
1934		Wichita	1979	Hays	Topeka #400
1935		Topeka	1980	McPherson	Topeka #400
1936		Topeka	1981	Great Bend	Hays
1937		Kansas City	1982	Osborne	Great Bend
1938		Topeka	1983	Kansas City	Kansas City 199
1939		Topeka	1984	Great Bend	Shawnee Mission-2
1940		Topeka	1985	Topeka	Shawnee Mission-1
1941		Salina	1986	Emporia	*Derby
1942		Topeka	1987	Manhattan	*Kansas City 83/346
1943		Nondeclared	1988	Kansas City	*Salina #62
1944		Topeka	1989	Lawrence	*Kansas City 83/346
1945		Topeka	1990	Great Bend	**Olathe
1946	Russell	Topeka	1991	Newton	**Kansas City 83/346
1947	Pratt	Topeka	1992	Salina	*Salina
1948		Topeka	1993	Kansas City	*Shawnee
1949		Salina	1994	Hutchinson	*Manhattan
1950		Parsons	1995	Kansas City	*Shawnee
1951	Russell	Wichita	1996	Newton	*Kansas City 83/346
1952	Russell	Topeka	1997	Pittsburg	*Topeka 400
1953	Olathe	Topeka	1998	Salina	Salina
1954	WaKeeney	McPherson	1999	Arkansas City	*Arkansas City
1955	Hutchinson	Wichita	2000	Hutchinson	*Hutchinson
1956	Osborne	Lawrence	2001	Newton	*Emporia
1957	Neodesha	Topeka	2002	Emporia	*Overland Park
1958	WaKeeney	Salina	2003	Hays	*Lawrence
1959	Salina	Salina	2004	Chanute	*Lawrence
1960	Salina	Salina	2005	Emporia	*Lawrence
1961	Salina	Hays	2006	Salina	*Lawrence
1962	Hutchinson	Lawrence	2007	Salina	*Salina Falcons
1963	Hutchinson	Russell	2008	Pittsburg	Pittsburg
1964	Salina	Lawrence	2009	Pittsburg	Pittsburg
1965	Great Bend	Salina	2010	Dodge City	*Manhattan MANKO
1966	Chanute	El Dorado	2011	Leavenworth	*Emporia
1967	Marysville	Hays	2012	Manhattan	*Hays
1968	Hays	Hays	2013	Hays	*Hays
1969	Junction City	Wichita	2014	Pittsburg	*Pittsburg
1970	Hutchinson	Pittsburg	2015	McPherson	*Ottawa

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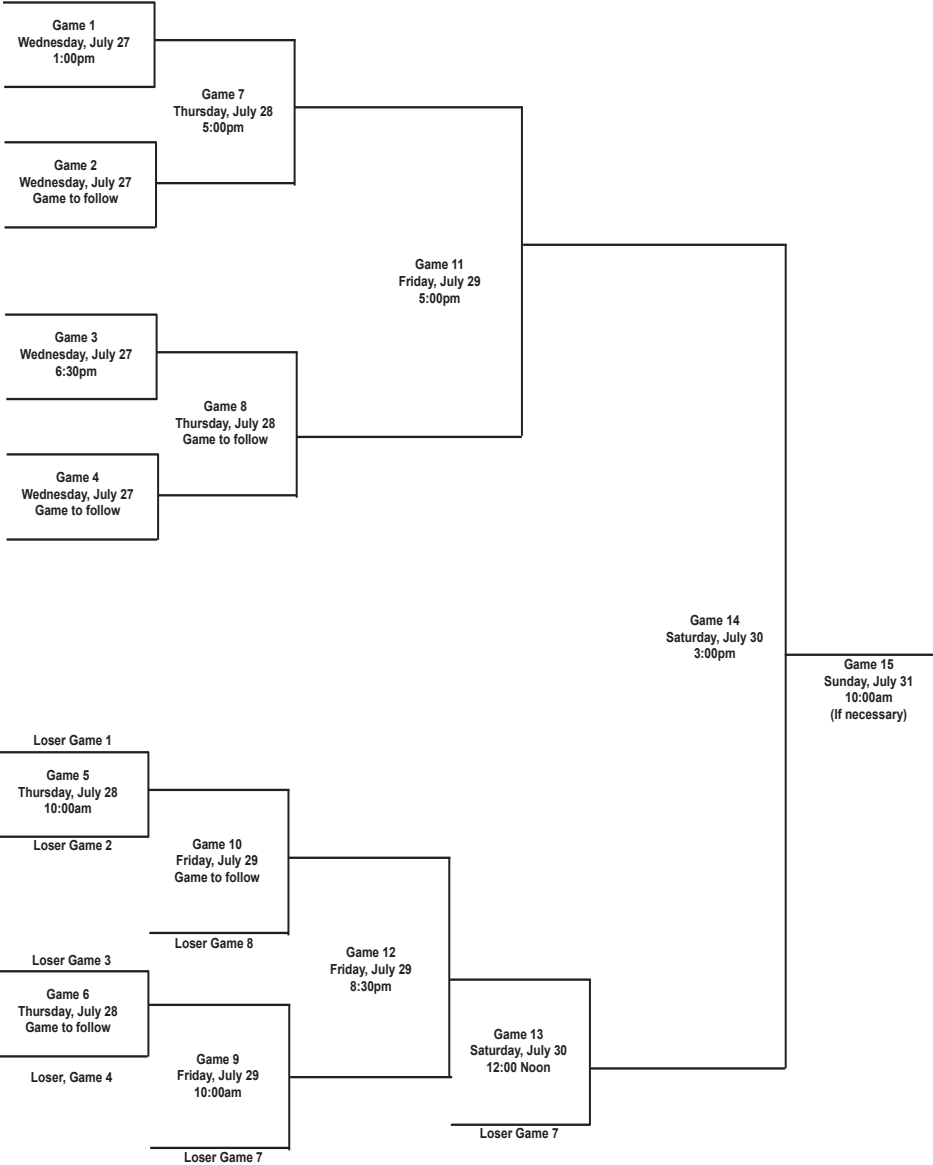
Year	Site	Champion	Year	Site	Champion
1967	Chanute	Hutchinson	1992	Ottawa	Silver Lake
1968	Marysville	Yates Center	1993	Emporia	El Dorado
1969	Hays	Yates Center	1994	Ottawa	Ottawa
1970	Ransom	Yates Center	1995	Pratt	Baxter Springs
1971	Yates Center	Caney	1996	Hiawatha	Baxter Springs
1972	Ellsworth	Belleville	1997	Concordia	Nickerson
1973	Ellsworth	Tampa	1998	Pratt	*Pratt
1974	Seneca	Sedan	1999	Pratt	*Pratt
1975	Seneca	Silver Lake	2000	Hiawatha	*Larned
1976	Hill City	Sedan	2001	Larned	*Ottawa
1977	Osborne	El Dorado	2002	Hiawatha	*Ottawa
1978	Oberlin	Sedan	2003	Pratt	*Baxter Springs
1979	Concordia	Silver Lake	2004	Wathena	*Baxter Springs
1980	Osborne	Silver Lake	2005	Pratt	*Silver Lake
1981	Seneca	*Silver Lake	2006	Marysville	*K.C. Cyclones
1982	Elkhart	Silver Lake	2007	Pratt	*K.C. Cyclones
1983	Osawatomic	Pratt	2008	Sabetha	Colby
1984	Marysville	*Pratt	2009	Sabetha	Ottawa
1985	Russell	Baxter Springs	2010	Marysville	*Pratt
1986	Pratt	Pratt	2011	Ottawa	*Pratt
1987	Concordia	Pratt	2012	Sabetha	*Iola
1988	Norton	Iola	2013	Pratt	*Iola
1989	Concordia	Silver Lake	2014	Wathena	*Ft. Scott
1990	Marysville	Larned	2015	Colby	*Hays
1991	Russell	El Dorado			

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Year	Site	Champion	Year	Site	Champion
1981	Concordia	Seneca	1998	McPherson	*Hutchinson
1982	Manhattan	Lawrence	1999	Junction City	*Topeka 400
1983	Newton	Manhattan	2000	Chanute	*Manhattan (Manko)
1984	Belleville	Overland Park	2001	Emporia	*Salina
1985	Newton	Kansas City 199	2002	Hutchinson	*Hutchinson
1986	Concordia	Manhattan	2003	Manhattan	*Manhattan (Manko)
1987	Concordia	Augusta	2004	Emporia	*Lawrence
1988	Manhattan	**Overland Park	2005	Chanute	*Salina (Hawks)
1989	Ottawa	**Olathe	2006	El Dorado	*Manhattan MANKO
1990	Hays	*Lawrence	2007	Manhattan	*Manhattan MANKO
1991	Manhattan	*Kansas City	2008	Pratt	Manhattan MANKO
1992	Great Bend	*Olathe	2009	Emporia	Manhattan MANKO
1993	Manhattan	*Salina	2010	Pittsburg	*Shawnee Mission
1994	Hays	*Lawrence	2011	Salina	*Salina Hawks
1995	Newton	Hutchinson	2012	Pratt	*Salina Hawks
1996	Junction City	*Olathe South	2013	Burlington	*Paola
1997	Salina	*Kansas City #199 (Cere's Grain)	2014	Leavenworth	*McPherson
			2015	Salina	*Arkansas City

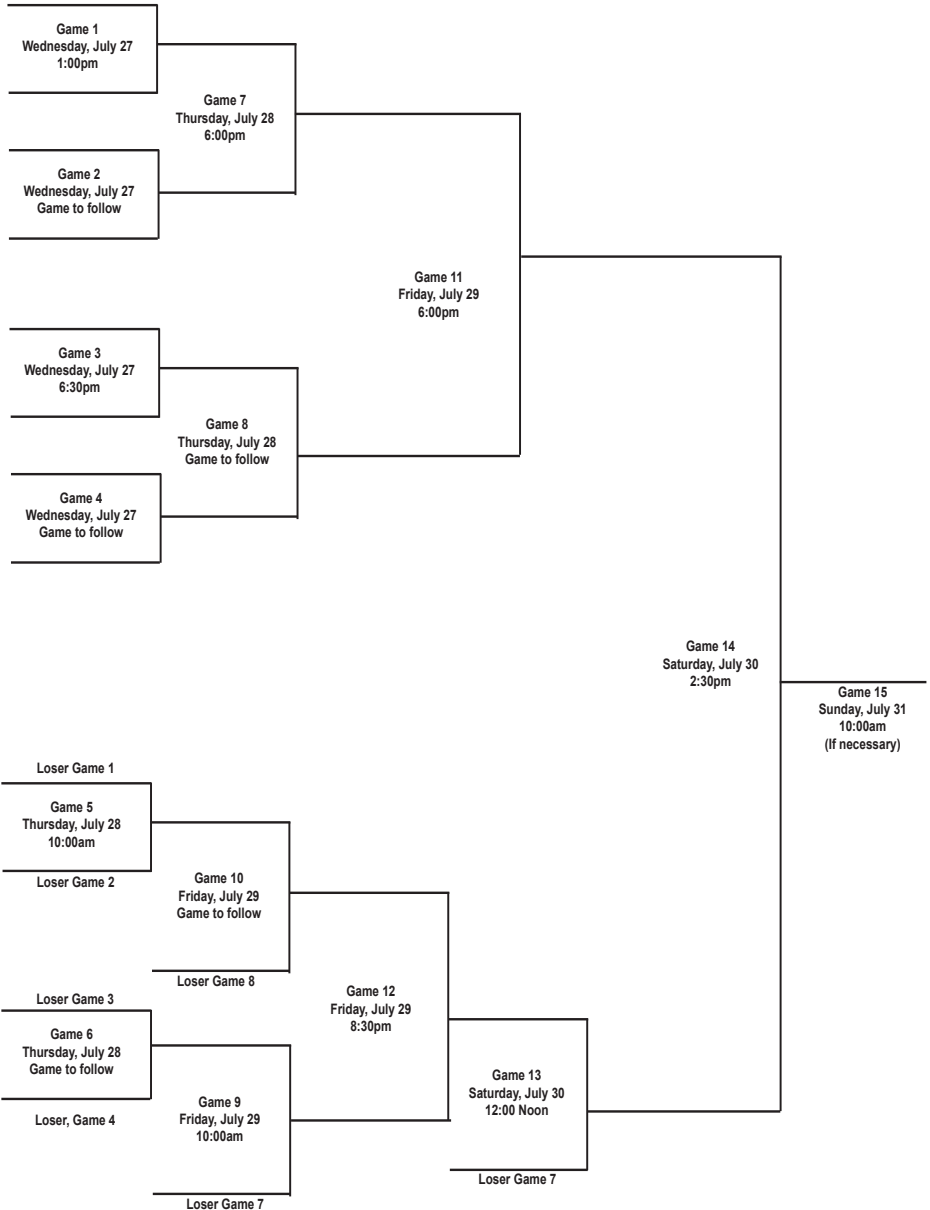
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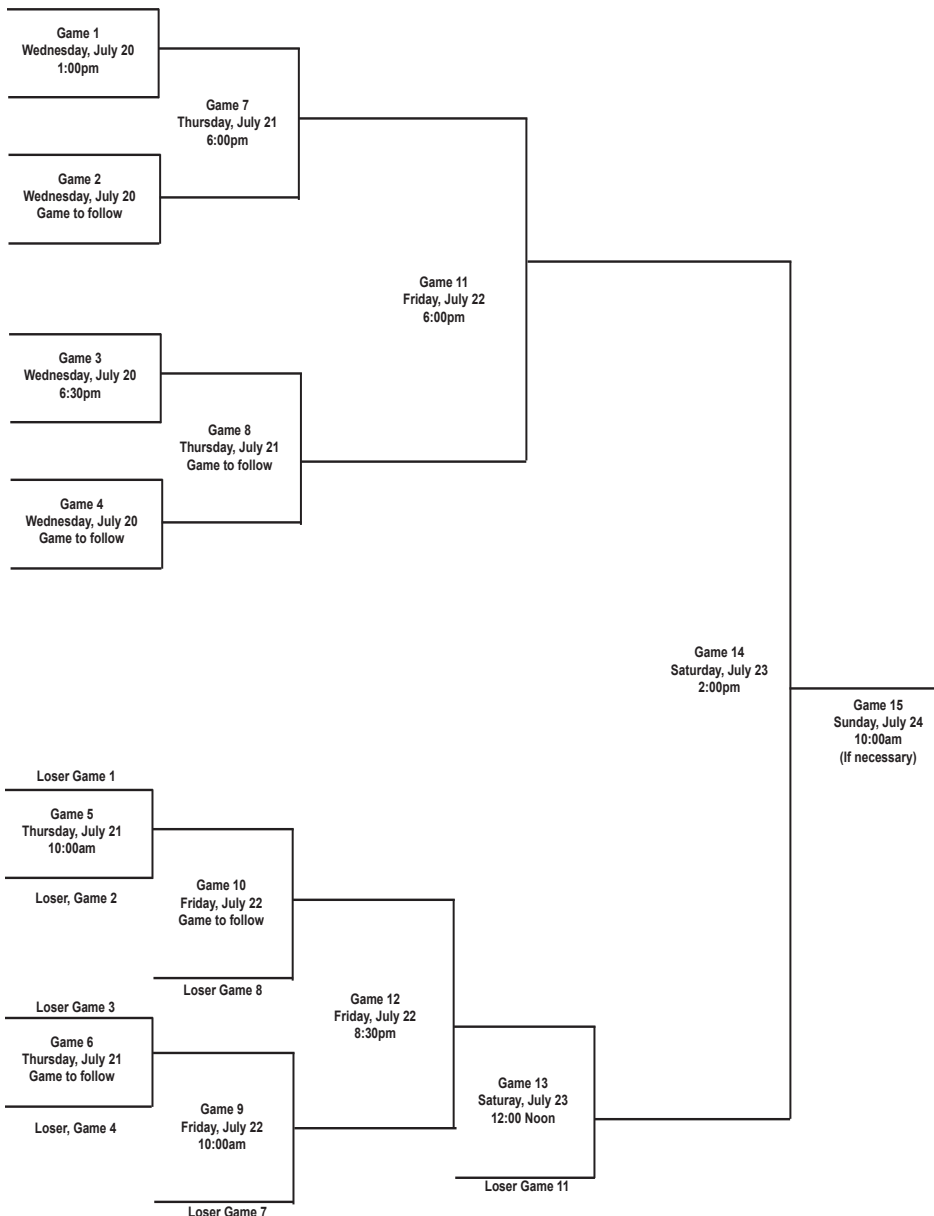
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## CONCLUSION

The rules and regulations for American Legion Baseball have developed over the years, based upon the experience, both good and bad given to the Department Baseball Chairmen by the coaches, parents and other Legionnaires. The Department Chairmen meet annually to discuss and make recommendations for the good of the program. Those changes are forwarded to the National Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee, who in turn, make final recommendations to the National Americanism Commission who adopts or rejects these recommendations. Chairman and members of the National Americanism Commission vote on policy, procedures and rules. It is those suggestions passed on from the parents, coaches and team managers which have allowed The American Legion Baseball Program to become the most prestigious amateur baseball program in America.

# NOTES





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