

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

**DISTRICT V**

**AMERICAN LEGION  
BASEBALL**

**2011**

**BY-LAWS**

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# **District V American Legion Baseball League**

## **2011 By Laws**

### **Section 1 – Administrative / Membership**

#### **Section 1.1**

A Chairman appointed by the District V Commander shall be the Chief Executive and Administrator of the District V American Legion Baseball League. He shall be assisted by five (5) other committee members.

#### **Section 1.2**

The District V American Legion Baseball League shall be comprised of the Manager of each team in the league as appointed by their respective Post Commander and the District Commander. Team Manager or representative assigned to act in his absence shall be the sole spokesman for the team and its respective post. Each team in the league shall have one vote. These By-Laws shall in no way be used to circumvent, revise, or amend the rules of the National Committee or the Department Committee, but are established for the District V American Legion Baseball League. Voting on any matter requiring action shall be by a majority vote of members.

### **Section 2 – Team Eligibility**

#### **Section 2.1**

In order to participate in the league each team shall have a representative at the meeting held in the fall following the season. Any new teams that would like to join the league must declare their intention, by paying a non-refundable deposit of one half of the preceding season league fee by December 31 in order to be included in the league. Teams arising after this deadline will not be considered members of the league until the following season and will not be eligible for the post season tournament. During the initial season the team may play the league members as 'non-league' games.

## **Section 3 – League Rules**

### **Section 3.1**

Each team will play each other one (1) time per season for a total of seventeen (17) regular season games. Teams will be numbered based on the previous season order of finish. The team numbers will be applied to the master schedule. (Note that for the initial season teams we numbered based on alphabetical order.)

In accordance with department rules the league must notify the Department Chairman of the District V representatives by the date noted in section 6. It is agreed that District will use every possible date made available to us by the Department Chairman in order to complete our season and to determine the District Champion. The League will complete its regular season by the date noted in section 6 and send their representatives to the District Tournament, which will begin on the date noted in section 6. Regular season games will take precedence over any practice or exhibition games if necessary, such games will be canceled to ensure completion of regular season games.

Game time shall be 6:00 PM weekdays and 2:00 PM Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays unless another time is specified. A 30 minute grace period will be allowed before a game is declared or forfeited. This period may be waived by mutual consent of the managers involved. Home teams will be off the playing field 20 minutes prior to game time. Visiting teams warm up will follow home team warm up.

Postponed, Rained Out, or Suspended Games must be rescheduled within 48 hours. The home team is responsible for making contact with the opposing team and shall notify the District Chairman of their decision within 72 hours. The District Chairman will contact the managers concerned if this is not accomplished within the time limits prescribed. Additionally, the District Chairman has the authority to revise the schedule in the final week of regular season play as may be necessary. A suspended game tied after 5 innings or more complete innings will be completed from point of suspension.

The home team is responsible for field conditions, if applicable.

Home team scorekeeper will be the official scorekeeper. Care must be taken that only competent scorekeepers are used.

The home team shall notify umpires if the weather or field conditions warrant postponement of the game. Umpires and visiting team will be notified of postponement at least 90 minutes prior to game time. It should be noted, in cases where teams must travel a great distance, 90 minutes will not be sufficient and earlier notification must be effected. Failure to notify umpires will cause the home team to be assessed the umpire fees.

Home team managers shall prepare and sign vouchers (one for each umpire) and present to umpires at pre-game meeting usually held at home plate. The umpires will be responsible for the delivery of both copies of the vouchers to the assignment commissioner who shall forward one copy to the league treasurer who shall mail a check to the individual umpires.

The contest will end when the losing team is behind by (10) ten or more runs and has had at least (5) five opportunities on offense (only applicable in a seven (7) inning game).

Any team that forfeits one (1) game due to the lack of players will be disqualified from the District V Playoffs for that season. The team must play out the remainder of the season.

## Section 3.2

The top 8 teams will advance to the District Championship Tournament with tournament seeding based on final regular season standings.

See section 5 for tournament schedule and rules.

Tiebreaker rules:

All ties for seeds 1-7 will be determined on a head to head basis. No additional games will be needed to break a tie for seeding position only. If there are multiple teams tied for seeds 1-7, seeding will be determined by head to head record amongst the teams tied. If the teams tied have identical records then seeding will be determined based on the best records against teams seeded above the tied teams. In the event that seeding cannot be determined by the above, a flip of the coin will determine seeding. In no case should a team be eliminated from the playoffs by a tiebreaker without playing a game.

- If two (2) teams are tied for the 8th Playoff Spot with an identical winning percentage at the conclusion of the season, the tie shall be broken as follows:
  - A one-game playoff shall be played on the tiebreaker date noted in section 6 to determine the 8th seed.
  - The site of the game would be determined by head to head competition from regular season
  - The winner of the game shall be declared the 8th Seed.
  
- If three (3) teams are tied for the 8th Playoff Spot with an identical winning percentage at the conclusion of the season, the tie for 8th place shall be broken as follows:
  - A two-game playoff shall be played on the tiebreaker date noted in section 6 to determine the 8th seed.
  - The site of the games will be decided by coin toss.
  - Teams will be labeled “A”, “B” and “C” based on a draw. First game will feature team A vs. team B.

- The second game will feature the winner of the first game will play team C.
  - Home team will be decided by head to head competition from regular season.
  - The winner of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) game shall be declared the 8th Seed.
- If four (4) teams are tied for the 8th Playoff Spot with an identical winning percentage at the conclusion of the season, the tie for 8th place shall be broken as follows:
    - A three-game playoff shall be played on the tiebreaker date noted in section 6 to determine the 8th seed.
    - The site of the games will be decided by coin toss.
    - The four teams will be designated Club "A," "B," "C," and "D" based on a draw.
    - Team A will play Team B.
    - Team C will play Team D.
    - The second game will feature the winners of the first game.
    - Home team will be decided by head to head competition from regular season.
    - The winner of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) game shall be declared the 8th Seed.

### Section 3.3

American Legion pitching rules will be enforced throughout the season. Any violation of the pitching rules will result in the forfeit of the game in which the violation occurred. In order to validate the violation, the game must be protested within 24 hours from the conclusion of the game. The protest will be presented to the District V baseball committee for a final ruling. All games played in or out of the league will be considered when applying the pitching rule.

Designated Hitter: The Professional Designated Hitter Rule as defined in the Sporting News Rulebook was adopted for league play as of 6/96.

All players are required to wear double ear- flap protective helmets when at bat and when running bases. Catchers are required to wear protective helmets and masks with throat protectors in game. When warming up pitchers on the field or in the bull-pen, a catcher must wear a mask. All Coaches will wear a helmet when in the coaching boxes. Bat Persons and Minor Age Scorekeepers must wear a double ear flap protective helmet at all times.

Each team is required to maintain an appropriately supplied First Aid Kit.

## Section 3.4

Base School Rule (adopted 4-10-86)

Each team must have a base school: Base School will be the school within the community (school district).

Waivers granted will be valid throughout each individual player's remaining eligibility. Enrollments will be added to the enrollment of the team only for the school that the player is recruited from.

Players will be allowed dual participation in accordance with National Rules. Once the District V Playoffs begin, there will be no dual participation allowed.

A player who registered on a District V American Legion Baseball Team in the immediate preceding year who desires, and qualifies, to register on a different team in the current year must obtain a written release from the previous team. The player must be given a release if he is eligible or the player must be put on the roster for that year. A copy of the release must be filed with the District Chairman on the regular form available from the Chairman and furthermore will not be accepted unless signed by the current manager. This rule will apply in all cases not in conflict with National Rules on Recruiting.

Non-Roster Players:

- There will be no Non-Roster Players allowed on any District V Team.
- If a Non-Roster Player participates in any league or non-league contest, the team forfeits their last league victory, and the Manager will be suspended according to the League Suspension Rule.

Player suspensions

- Any player suspended from a game for physical violence will not be allowed to play again until the Problem is reviewed by the District Chairman. A decision will be made before the next scheduled game.
- Player suspensions:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Ejection: Sit out the following league game.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ejection: Sit out the following three (3) league games.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ejection: Will be suspended for the rest of the season.
- Managers and Coaches suspensions:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Ejection: No penalty.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ejection: Sit out the following league game.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ejection: Will sit out the following three (3) league games.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Ejection: Will be suspended for the rest of the season.
- All suspensions are in effect and will run through the District Playoffs.

Any Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer in uniform or in street clothes who is an active participant in the game will be ejected if an act of consuming alcoholic beverage is

detected. In all instances ejection from the game means departure from the ball park environs. Violation of this rule will subject the individuals to further suspension.

Players are not permitted to consume alcoholic beverages while in uniform or any part that identifies them as a member of any American Legion Baseball Team. Disregard of this rule will result in suspension of said players.

All rosters and forms will be reviewed by the District Chairman for compliance. Any team found to be using an ineligible player(s) will forfeit any game in which that player appeared or appears in the future. The player is ineligible for the remainder of the season. The team that used an ineligible player is not allowed to use that roster spot for another player that season.

All teams will submit, to the District Chairman, the required forms as outlined in section 6 by the date noted in section 6. Any team not in by that date will forfeit any and all league games until turned in.

#### **Section 4 – Protest / Appeals**

Protest committee shall be comprised of the committee members noted in section 7. The two teams involved in the protest shall not have a vote. The Chief of Umpires will be present to give their interpretation and to respond to questions from the committee. Each team manager and his coaches shall be entitled to speak. Voting on the protest will be by secret ballot. The decision of this committee shall be final. The District Chairman shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

Once a decision is made, no further protests may be entered on the same subject unless new information is provided to the committee. All protests must be filed no later than 24 hours after the start of the game under protest. If the protest concerns the application of the rules of baseball, and the Committee upholds the protest, the game will be replayed from the point at which the rule was incorrectly applied. If the protest concerns the use of an ineligible player and the player is declared ineligible, the team that used the illegal player forfeits the game.

## **Section 5 – District Tournament**

The 5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Baseball Championship Tournament will be held at Griffis Air Force Base in Rome N.Y. at the Delutis Field starting on the date noted in section 6.

### **Each team is suggested to have the following available:**

- Teams must provide Original or Certified document of birth, if not the player will not be able to play.
- Teams must provide 2 – 5x7 Team Pictures (please bring pictures with you).

### **Rules of Conduct and Tournament:**

- All Games will be 9 innings.
- Teams will be at the field one (1) hour, prior to scheduled game.
- A copy of your starting line-up and substitutes must be taken to the press box twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of the game.
- Any profanity, throwing of equipment or any other un-sportsman like conduct by a player, coaches or manager will result in ejection from the game. (League ejection rules apply)
- Any Physical abuse from Coaches, Players or Spectators will result in being thrown out for the rest of the Tournament and not allowed on the field for the rest of the Tournament.
- A 10 Run Rule after 7 innings unless the home team is ahead after 6 ½ will be effect for the Tournament.
- Any game suspended due to weather, lighting failure or darkness will be resumed at the exact point of the original game. All games must complete 9 innings unless above run rule applies.
- College slide and collision rules apply
- The Professional DH Rule is also used.
- If the length of the previous game goes past the start time of the next game, all other games will start approximately one half hour after the completion of the game.
- All teams must have 12 players available to play in every game they have been scheduled to play.
- A team that forfeits any game will not be eligible for the championship tournament next year.
- Any game suspended due to weather, light failure, or darkness will be resumed at the exact point of the original game. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game.

## **Tournament Schedule:**

8-Team Double Elimination Format.

The top eight (8) teams from the regular season will qualify for the playoffs. Seeding will be based on final regular season standings (best record is #1 seed, worst record is #8 seed)

Monday July 18th

- Game 1: #4 seed vs. #5 seed---1:00 pm @ Delutis Field 1
- Game 2: #2 seed vs. #7 seed---4:30 pm @ Delutis Field 1
- Game 3: #3 seed vs. #6 seed---4:30 pm @ Delutis Field 2
- Game 4: #1 seed vs. #8 seed---8:00 pm @ Delutis Field 1

Tuesday July 19th

- Game 5: Loser game 2 vs. Loser Game 3---1:00 pm @ Delutis Field 1
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 6: Loser game 1 vs. Loser Game 4---1:00 pm @ Delutis Field 2
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 7: Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3---4:30 pm @ Delutis Field 1
- Game 8: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 4---8:00 pm @ Delutis Field 1

Wednesday July 20th

- Game 9: Loser Game 7 vs. Winner Game 5---1:00 pm @ Delutis Field 1
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 10: Loser Game 8 vs. Winner Game 6---4:30 pm @ Delutis Field 1
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 11: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8---8:00 pm @ Delutis Field 1

Thursday July 21st

- Game 12: Winner game 9 vs. Winner Game 10---4:30 pm @ Delutis Field 1
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)
- Game 13: Winner Game 12 vs. Loser Game 11---8:00 pm @ Delutis Field 1
  - (*Loser Eliminated*)

Friday July 22nd

- Game 14: Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 13---4:30 pm @ Delutis Field 1
- Game 15: Winner Game 14 vs. Loser Game 14---8:00 pm @ Delutis Field 1
  - (if necessary)

July 23rd & July 24th will be used as Rain Dates if necessary.

## **Section 6 – Deadlines**

April 10<sup>th</sup> – All teams must be registered electronically

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Proof of insurance must be submitted electronically

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Regular Season games may be played

June 10<sup>th</sup> - National Forms 1 must be filed electronically. Forms 2, waivers (Form 76), elections (form 77) and birth certificates or accepted ID must be filed with District Chairman (3 copies)

July 15<sup>th</sup> – Last day of regular season (July 16<sup>th</sup> is a rain date)

July 17<sup>th</sup> – Tiebreaker games (if necessary)

July 18<sup>th</sup> – District Tournament begins

July 24 – District Champions must be determined

## **Section 7 - Directory**

### **DISTRICT 5 BASEBALL COMMISSIONER**

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### **DISTRICT 5 BASEBALL COMMITTEE**

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## Section 8 – Junior Legion

As of the approval of these bylaws, there are known to be two (2) junior legion teams:

Utica Post 229  
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The By-Laws of the District V American Legion Baseball League apply with the following exceptions:

Teams will be required to play each other five (5) times, with 2 games being home and 2 games being away. A toss of the coin will determine which team has the additional home game.

The team with the best record will be the District V champion and advance to the Department of New York State Tournament.

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