

RULE 8 - SPECIAL RULES

- (A) No spectator will be allowed on the playing field during the playing of any game. In the event spectators swarm on the playing field during that playing of any game, the Umpire-in-Chief will request that the field be cleared within five (5) minutes under penalty of having the game forfeited.
- (B) No spectator will be allowed on the playing field during the playing of any game without the consent of the umpire; and no person except the officially registered players of the team and the Manager, Coach and Bat Attendants will be allowed on the bench during the playing of any contest.
- (C) At least two (2) umpires will be furnished for each game.
- (D) No Manager, Player or Coach will be permitted to leave the bench (nor can the Coach leave his position in the coaching box) to question an umpires decision on the calling of balls and strikes, the so-called half-swing or any other judgment calls. Violations of this rule, by the Manager, Player or Coach will be cause for removal from the game.
- (E) Coaches are to remain in coaching boxes until the batted ball has passed them. Violation of this rule may be cause for removal from the game.
- (F) As defined by National rules, the use of any form of tobacco by a Player, Coach, Manager or Umpire while on the playing field is prohibited. Any violation of this rule will cause the individual to be removed from the game. For the purposes of this rule, dugouts, player-benches, and bullpens are considered to be part of the playing field.
- (G) All Senior games will be nine (9) innings and Junior games will be (7) innings.
- (H) In order for a new League or District to participate in an American Legion Baseball tournament(s), they must have at least three (3) teams

registered with The American Legion, Department of Louisiana,
Commission on Baseball for the current year.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION,
DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA, INC.
COMMISSION ON BASEBALL**

**17 YEARS OLD AND UNDER
JUNIOR LEGION LEAGUE RULES**

1. Players cannot be born before January 1, 1991.
2. Use same rules as Senior League teams. Do not need Forms 76 and 77, only need Forms 1 and 2. May have more than one (1) team for same based schools.
3. Pay entry fee of \$60.00 and insurance by June 23, 2008 to Department. All fees and paper work must be to Commission before playing of first game.
4. State Tournament will be held in **Plaquemine, LA on July 24 - 30, 2008.**
5. Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed when a coach makes two trips to the mound in the same inning and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game. PENALTY for violating this rule: Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire in chief before the last out of the game.
6. Junior Legion Pitching: No player may pitch more than a total of 10 innings during any consecutive three-day period. No player may make more than three appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. PENALTY: Game shall be forfeited if protest is filed with the umpire in chief before the last out of the game.
7. All Junior American Legion Tournaments shall use a 10-run rule after five (5) innings, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4-1/2 innings at which time that game will be halted.
8. **Uniforms:** Players and coaches must be in uniforms of the same color and style when competing in Department (State) and National Tournaments.

9. **Eligibility:** Junior American Legion Baseball competition in 2008 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 1991. Junior Legion Baseball shall be limited to ages 17 and under. Any player born in 1990, 1989 or 1988 is NOT eligible to play in the Junior Legion Baseball program.

Clarification: Three Junior players are permitted to be registered on both the Junior and the Senior rosters. Dual roster players are subject to all Department Rules and Regulations.

10. A player must declare, in writing, the team of his choice and file that declaration with the Department Commission Chairman prior to the Department closing date. The player's declaration shall be final and valid for the remainder of the player's eligibility.
11. Player may not try out for any professional team without the written permission of their American Legion Baseball Coach or Post Commander.
12. **Birth Certificates:** Records of birth must be an original or a certified document from the Bureau of Vital Statistics or Department of Health or other governmental agency authorized to certify birth documents. Louisiana Driver's Licenses, Pass Port, American Legion ID are acceptable for verifying age.
13. Transfers are permitted only in the Senior Program when the combined enrollment of each zone is less than 5,000. Transfers are not permitted in Junior Legion Baseball.
14. **Base school:** All teams must have a base school.
15. Junior Legion Players are not eligible to be transferred.
16. **Forfeitures:** If a player is ruled ineligible, he shall be disqualified immediately and all games in which disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.
17. **Dual Participation:** During the regular season, American Legion Baseball players or teams may participate in other amateur baseball programs; however, the Team Manager and the player must obtain written approval from the Department Commission Chairman prior to participating in the event and/or tournament.

Clarification: Dual participation shall be in no way interfering with a player's responsibility to his American Legion Baseball team. Once Tournament play has begun (District Tournament up and through American Legion World Series) the Department Commission Chairman cannot grant permission to participate in non-Legion sanctioned tournaments, exhibition games, showcases or combinations.

18. **Players per Team:** No American Legion team may have more than 18 registered players once the National Form #1 is registered with the Department. Each team must register before the Department closing date. A member of the Post should have charge of the team as manager, except in the case of outside sponsorship. A non-Legionnaire may act as coach.

19. Each team must have at least 12 boys for tournament play. If entity has a Junior team, up-to 3 players from the Junior team may be moved up to make a total of no more than 12 players.

**AMERICAN LEGION MID-STATES REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. Tournament is played under The Official Baseball Rules published by *The Sporting News*.
2. No time limit on any game.
3. There will be an eight (8) minute infield taken before each game. Home team will take infield first.
4. The teams will be announced before each game and will line up on 1st and 3rd base lines.
5. The Sportsmanship Code and the National Anthem will be given before each game.
6. All games will be seven (7) innings with a ten (10) run rule after five (5) innings.
7. No courtesy runners and no re-entry rule will be used.
8. The slide rule will be in effect.
9. Any person, coach, player or fan guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct will be ejected from the ballpark.
10. No protest on judgment calls.