POINT OF EMPHASIS

American Legion Baseball adopts the philosophy and principles of the MLB/USA Baseball Pitch Smart initiative of practical, age-appropriate guidelines to educate parents, players and coaches to avoid overuse injuries and foster long, healthy careers for youth pitchers. National tournaments under the supervision of the National Americanism Commission will follow the appropriate pitching guidelines outlined by Pitch Smart and American Legion Baseball tournament policies adopted by the National Americanism Commission. Learn more online at www.m.mlb.com/pitchsmart/pitching-guidelines.

RESOLUTION 16

TO: Participants, Coaches, Umpires, Staff and Volunteers of SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION (SDAL) youth programs;

The South Dakota American Legion at its Executive meeting, held on February 10, 2017 in Oacoma, SD, adopted Resolution 16, passed by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion.

This resolution states that all participants in American Legion Youth Programs will pay proper respect to the American Flag of the United States, at all times, including during the National Anthem. Therefore, if any participant of any South Dakota American Legion Youth Program cannot or will not live up to these expectations, the individual will be removed from the program and not be able to resume participation.
SOUTH DAKOTA
2020 AMERICAN LEGION
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENTS

CLASS “B” Senior
GROTON, SD
JULY 31 - AUGUST 4

CLASS “A” Senior
BRANDON VALLEY, SD
JULY 24 – 28

CLASS “A” Junior
PIERRE, SD
JULY 24 – 28

CLASS “B” Junior
REDFIELD, SD
AUGUST 7 – 9
American Legion Baseball is the largest organized summer youth program in our state. But only a few people other than those who actually work with the ball clubs ever hear about the games or players. Publicity and public relations are vitally important to maintain and increase the interest of team members, baseball fans, and all those who help support the program.

PUBLICITY CAN MAKE YOUR BASEBALL PROGRAM A SUCCESS AND PROFITABLE. Here’s how it can be done:

1. One person — the Post Commander, Team Coach, Team Manager, Post Athletic Officer, or anyone who is qualified — must be responsible for reporting your team’s activities. This task doesn’t take a lot of time but must be done while news is still news.

2. Weekly and daily newspapers, radio, and TV stations are within easy reach, and most are eager to report area sports stories. Some news outlets, in fact, welcome collect phone calls to learn of game results.

3. Pre-game stories should increase game attendance. A short item reporting the competing teams, starting pitchers, season records of both teams, plus the TIME and PLACE of the game should be sufficient. A printed season schedule in newspapers and on handbills is helpful, too.

4. A follow-up story right after the game is extremely important. With follow-up stories, the news media usually wants highlights of the game, score by innings, each team’s totals of runs, hits, and errors, and the names of pitchers and catchers.

BUILD INTEREST AND ATTENDANCE
USE PUBLICITY
2020 STATE AMERICAN LEGION
BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following American Legion baseball Rules and Regulations, adopted by the State Athletic Commission, are applicable in South Dakota and supplement National American Legion baseball rules as contained in the 2020 American Legion Rule Book. In case of a conflict between the state and national rules, state rules shall supersede. Major rules changes from last year are printed in boldface.

RULE 1

A player shall be eligible to play on a Post-sponsored Class “A” or Class “B” American Legion baseball team only from an area extending one-half the distance to the next Post and/or sponsor fielding a team unless designated differently by the Commission. (This rule does not apply to a city with two American Legion Posts, each sponsoring a certified American Legion baseball team recruited from one or more schools in the city in compliance with Plan B of the national rules.) The recruitment rules in South Dakota will be in full compliance with the National rules. Regardless of the level of play, each American Legion Baseball player will be entitled to only one transfer per year. Students who use “open enrollment” have the same one-time option, just like a transfer.

TRY-OUT

Definition: A means for the athlete to meet with the coach/manager of a team, closest to his parents’ domicile, for acceptance or denial on the team roster, for play in South Dakota American Legion Baseball.

The athlete may be considered as having met the definition of a TRY-OUT using any one of the following standards:

(A) Athlete meets with Team Manager and/or Post Commander (in consultation with the team manager) and expresses the desire to be transferred to another program, for reasons other than a physical practice.

(B) Athlete, physically, through a practice, makes an attempt to make the team.

Players may be enrolled only from within the limits of this area with this exception: If a boy’s actual place of 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 with either team. His choice must be in writing and filed with the State Athletic Commission Chairman by June 20, 2020.

When ALB Roster Form is received by the Regional Athletic Officer on or before June 25, 2020, all varsity team players listed on Form #1 will be bound to that program for the remainder of the year with three exceptions: 1.) A change of domicile to another city or change of domicile to another base school or 2.) A transfer in accordance with national rule 4.E. or 3.) A ninth grade or older open enrolled student must be enrolled into their new school by the beginning of the second semester of that current year and must stay enrolled thru March 31st of that same year to be eligible to play in that schools recruiting area. If student decides to return to his prior school before March 31st of that same year, student would revert back to his previous school recruiting area. If student decides to return back to his previous school or any other school after March 31st of that same year, student would be ineligible to play for anyone except where he was enrolled as of the beginning of the second semester of that same year. This would be a player’s one and only open enrollment or transfer or declaration allowed under American
Legion rules and player shall not be granted any other transfers except if players legal domicile changes. If a player cannot obtain a release from the team manager or American Legion Post Commander in consultation with a team manager, the player can appeal the decision in writing to the Athletic Commission Chairman. The Chairman will render a final decision that is binding on all parties and cannot be appealed.

**RULE 2**

**(A)** Registered American Legion baseball teams must be sponsored by an American Legion Post. Teams sponsored by other organizations must have prior approval of the State Athletic Commission.

**(B)** All Post American Legion baseball teams in South Dakota shall play in either Class “A” or Class “B” competition. To qualify as a Class “B” team, the high school enrollment of the top three grades (10-12) must not exceed 500 students on March 31 of the current year as it appears on the American Legion baseball Registration Roster by June 30. Class “A” enrollment cannot exceed 5,000 students.

**(C)** All South Dakota American Legion baseball teams will be aligned for tournament play at the June 2020 Athletic Commission meeting. The alignments appearing on pages 12, 13, 14, and 15 of this booklet are tentative and based upon last year. The purpose of any later changes is to ensure that, within practical limitations, a similar number of teams is in each region.

**(D)** A Post or other sponsoring organization may enter one registered team in regional or state tournament play, unless the school enrollment total requires more than one team in a city. A team hosting a state tournament is exempt from regional competition. When a Post hosting a state tournament is located in a city where two or more teams are required, the Post shall designate at the time of its tournament bid which team will be the host.

**(E)** The Class "A" Championship Tournament shall consist of eight (8) teams. Teams will be determined as follows: The Host and seven (7) teams that advance by winning a best 2 of 3 playoff based on seeding. The seven (7) best 2 of 3 playoffs will be hosted by the top seven (7) seeds. One game will be played Friday, July 17, with one or two games being played Saturday, July 18. Sunday will be the rain makeup day if needed. If more than fifteen (15) teams participate in Class "A" Legion Baseball, only the top fourteen (14) seeded teams will participate in the playoffs. Each team is required to play a minimum of fourteen (14) games against other South Dakota Class "A" Teams. The seeding will be based on the SDHSAA Power Point System (See Below). Each team is to report their scores weekly to keep standings updated which will be posted beginning June 15. This format is being used on a three (3) year trial basis - 2020, 2021 and 2022.

**Implementation of SDHSAA Power Points**

Opponent's Winning Percentage = .750 or higher

- Win = 50 Points
- Loss = 39 Points

Opponent's Winning Percentage = .500 to .749

- Win = 47 Points
Seed points will be awarded based upon the opponent's win percentage as shown in the chart above.

*Win Percentage = number of wins divided by the number of contests played.

(F) The Class “B” State Tournament shall consist of the winners of each of the 7 regional tournaments plus the host team. **All Class “B” regional tournament play shall be double elimination. All Class “B” American Legion regional tournament games shall be played on consecutive days.** If a Class B team wishes to participate in the A Class Regional, that B team must declare where it wishes to play before our June alignment meeting and would participate in the A Region it would normally be located. All games in the State American Legion Baseball Tournaments will be conducted on a double elimination basis. All teams participating in Regional and State Tournaments shall play at the time and date indicated in the established playing schedule or shall forfeit 30 minutes after scheduled game time or up to one hour between games.

**RULE 3**

All Class “B” regional tournaments must be completed, and winners determined by July 26, 2020, so as to enter the State Class “B” Sr. American Legion baseball Tournament scheduled for July 31-August 4, 2020. Part of the proceeds from these regional tournaments shall be used to pay the yearly accumulated expenses of the “B” Regional Athletic Officer. Guaranteed gate requirement for the “B” tournament is $2,500.00 of the net profit.

All Class “A” Sr. best 2 of 3 playoff games must be completed, and winners determined by July 19, 2020 to enter the State Championship Tournament scheduled for July 24-28, 2020. The winner of the State Championship Tournament will be South Dakota’s entrant in the national regional tournament and registered with National Headquarters in accordance with National American Legion baseball rules. Part of the proceeds from each Class “A” regional tournament shall be used to pay the yearly accumulated expenses, meals, lodging and mileage of the State Commissioner working that tournament. Guaranteed gate requirement for the State Championship Tournament is $7,000.00 of the net profit.

**RULE 4**

(A) To be eligible for American Legion baseball competition, each Post shall file on-line on the National American Legion Baseball website by filling out the team entry form and insurance form, and pay the fees for Sr. and Jr. teams or both if necessary at that time. Teams will be certified with a one hundred dollar ($100.00) entry fee per team and must be registered online on or before May 15, 2020, the official state team entry deadline. The entry fee will be $200.00 for teams registering late between May 15 and May 31, 2020. No team will be permitted to participate in American Legion baseball competition whose state entry form, proof of insurance, and accompanying registration fee are not registered online and on file at State Headquarters by June 1, 2020. Non-registered, uninsured players will not be allowed to play American
Legion Baseball. If your Post sponsors one or more teams, the Post must register and insure all teams.

(B) Each Post sponsoring an American Legion baseball team shall submit an ALB Roster Form (previously Form #1) with the copy of each Player Agreement/Parent’s Consent Form #2 and identity documents on each player of each team, as outlined in National Rule No. 6, to its Regional Athletic Officer by June 25, 2020, for verification as to player eligibility. ALB Roster Form will be binding for transfer purposes on varsity teams. ALB Roster Form shall be certified and approved by the State Chairman or Regional Officer in charge. No team will be permitted to compete in American Legion baseball tournaments whose official entry forms are not in the hands of the Regional Athletic Officer by June 25, 2020.

Regional Athletic Officers shall verify:
Coaches shall retain and bring to all Tournaments a copy of the ALB Roster Form, the original copy of each Player Agreement/Parent’s Consent Form #2, a copy of any transfer forms #76 or Option Rule forms #77 and an identifying document such as a birth certificate, copy of a driver’s license, passport or any legal document authorized by National Headquarters.

(C) Immediately after June 30, 2020, each “A/B” Regional Athletic Officer shall conduct a meeting of all adult officials of teams under his supervision to select the site and dates for the regional tournament, to draw team pairings for the tourney on the basis of teams officially registered and represented at that meeting and to otherwise go over details for play of the regional tournament. Each ”A/B” Regional Athletic Officer shall, not later than June 20, 2020, notify each Post sponsoring an American Legion baseball team under his supervision of the time and place of the meeting, and he shall at that meeting make available for the inspection by all team officials concerned all American Legion Baseball Registration Forms for each team. Eligibility protests of players involved in State tournaments must bear written proof of ineligibility and must be filed with the State Tournament Director at each such tournament no later than 9:00 a.m., local time on the first day of the tournament involved, except on the discovery of fraud. When fraud is discovered, the eligibility protest and a written description of the alleged fraud, must be filed immediately. All other protests shall be filed as specified in the Official Baseball Rules of Major League Baseball.

(D) After verification of each player’s eligibility by a certified copy of birth certificate or South Dakota driver’s license or US Government Passport or US Government military or dependent military ID Card, the Regional Athletic Officer shall then return the roster, with attachments, to the team manager to be retained by him until called for by regional or state tournament officials.

(E) Each team manager shall have a physical examination made of all the American Legion baseball players on his team prior to June 30, 2020, and said manager shall assume full responsibility for securing complete and individual physical examinations sufficient to reveal heart condition, hernia, etc. Certification by the manager on the proper form that all members of the team have had a physical examination within the current school year shall accompany eligibility papers to the Regional Athletic Officer as outlined in paragraph B herein. No team shall be eligible to compete in any regional or state tournament unless such certification has been made.
RULE 5
An American Legion baseball player may participate in other amateur baseball programs subject to prior approval of the Department Baseball Chairman. A minimum of interference with the VFW Teener program is encouraged. Competition between Non-American Legion teams is prohibited, with these two exceptions.
(1) Upon entering an American Legion sponsored event or tournament outside of South Dakota and being matched up against a non-American Legion team, that play will be deemed, OK.
(2) Upon hosting an American Legion sponsored event or tournament within South Dakota and an entry of a non-American Legion team, that play will be deemed also, OK.
No in-state non-American Legion teams will be allowed to participate in any South Dakota sponsored American Legion events or tournaments nor will any single game or double header games be allowed with any instate non-American Legion teams.

Any violations of this rule will result in the following penalty:
1st Violation: Warning and probation.
2nd Violation: Expulsion of that year’s tournament play.
3rd Violation: Expulsion from any further South Dakota American Legion play and any reentry back into South Dakota American Legion program must be made by formal application, reviewed and approved by the South Dakota American Legion Athletic Commission.
If in doubt - please call and consult with the South Dakota American Legion Athletic Commission for a ruling.

RULE 6
Teams will be allowed to use the American League designated hitter rule in the official baseball rules published by Official Rules of Major League Baseball. (Stipulations regarding use of the designated hitter appear on page 27 of this publication.)

RULE 7
Pitching Rule. Senior and Junior American Legion Baseball programs, no player may pitch more than a total of 105 pitches per day. A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if he reaches or exceeds the maximum limit during an at-bat but must exit the position after the hitter. No player may enter the game as a pitcher unless having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated below. No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. Also, players will be charged with 2 appearances if they leave the pitching position and return as the pitcher in the same game. PENALTY – The pitcher and team manager shall be ejected from the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game. For further information see the American Legion Baseball 2020 Rule Book (Rule 1.R.)

Pitchers will have a daily maximum of 105 pitches per day, down from 120.
Required rest will be as follows:
1-30 pitches: 0 days
31-45 pitches: 1 day
46-60 pitches: 2 days
61-80 pitches: 3 days
81+ pitches: 4 days
RULE 8
All teams and sub varsity teams must be covered by group accident and liability insurance for the entire season as outlined in National Rule 1(H). Coverage must be purchased prior to registering with the Department. Proof of such coverage must be submitted to the Department at the time of registration. Any team that fails to purchase insurance from K & K Insurance shall be disqualified from any further competition.

RULE 9
To expedite tournament play, all Regional and State B Tournament games in the Department shall utilize a 10-run rule after five innings, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4-1/2 innings. All Regional and State B Tournament Championship games will end after 7 innings. All Regional and South Dakota State A Championship Tournament games shall utilize the 10-run rule after 5 innings, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4 1/2 innings.

RULE 10
The purpose of The American Legion baseball program is to stimulate Americanism and develop citizenship. Therefore, all American Legion baseball players, managers, coaches, Post Athletic Officers or Legion representatives shall not be allowed to use tobacco (in any form), intoxicating liquor, profanity, or controlled substances in the dugouts or on the playing field during American Legion baseball games. Uniforms shall be kept neat. Any violation of the foregoing shall result in removal from further participation. In accordance with the resolution adopted at the 2002 SD American Legion State Convention, the sale, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in any baseball park when American Legion Baseball is being played. Violations of this rule will result in the individuals involved and the head coach being removed from the stadium.

RULE 11
(A) Any protest involving a rules infraction must be placed with the proper American Legion athletic official responsible for the tournament before the next pitch is made following the point of protest. All protests shall be made in accordance with the official rules of baseball. Regular season games shall be protested in the same manner, and the written protest containing complete information must be filed with the Regional Athletic Officer within twenty-four (24) hours. Protests will not be considered if they are based on the judgment of an umpire.

(B) In the event a team protests any game to the State Athletic Commission, the sponsoring Post shall present a fifty-dollar ($50) cash bond to the Athletic Officer in Charge. Said bond will be returned if the protest is allowed. If the protest is denied, the amount of bond will be used to partially defray expenses of settling that protest.

RULE 12
The players and team coach shall be in uniform during all regional and state tournament games in which their team participates, and it is strongly recommended that they also appear in uniform for all other games in which they participate. It is recommended that batboys/batgirls also appear in uniform.
RULE 13
All players in American Legion baseball competition are required to wear double-flapped ear-protector helmets while batting or running bases. Catchers are required to wear some type of protective helmet while catching. A catcher’s mask throat protector is required. It is also required that the catcher’s mask with throat protector be worn when warming up a pitcher. The extended “stub” on certain masks does not constitute a throat protector.
All batboys/batgirls are required to wear protective headgear (helmets) while on the playing field and in or near the dugout area.
Baseball players are prohibited from wearing any jewelry while on the playing field or in the dugout. All baseball players and coaches are required to wear The American Legion Baseball insignia patch on either the left sleeve or left chest of the uniform shirt, wind shirt, or jacket. Players and coaches with no patch on the uniform shirt, wind shirt, or jacket will be restricted to the dugout. NO PATCH — NO PLAY!

S.D. AMERICAN LEGION REGIONS
The following tentative team-to-region assignments — with every South Dakota Legion Post tentatively assigned to a region, including those Posts that have or are known to be sponsoring teams and those that may later put a team on the playing field — have been approved by the State Legion Athletic Commission, and such assignments will be effective for the 2020 American Legion baseball playing season, subject to changes provided by Rule 2(B) and 2(C). Any Class “A” team may compete with “B” teams during the regular season, including any local round-robin league play and may be included in the league standings and any league championship, if it is agreeable with other league members. Such Class “A” teams, however, will not compete in any games involving Class “B” regional tournament competition.
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South Dakota American Legion Class “B” Baseball Regions*

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PORTER T. TALCOTT
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS — 2019

The highly coveted Porter T. Talcott Sportsmanship Trophies were awarded to Sr. teams Rapid City Post #22 and Redfield Post 92 and Jr. teams Watertown Post 17 and Wagner Post 11 for their sportsmanship during the 2019 state tournaments. The winning “Sr” and “Jr” teams, Rapid City Post 22 and Redfield Post 92, and Watertown Post 17 and Wagner Post 11, respectively, during the State championship tournaments, were selected as the winners on the basis of displaying the best all-around sportsmanship qualities, both on and off the field, during the state tournaments. Each team received a plaque with a replica of the Talcott Trophy, signifying the annual award given to a team participating in each of the state tournaments.
Awarded to the state tournament teams displaying the best all-around sportsmanship qualities, both on and off the playing field, during tournament competition. There was no award prior to 1952.

1952 — Sioux Falls
1953 — Sturgis
1954 — Roslyn
1955 — Hoven
1956 — Rapid City
1957 — Britton
1958 — Rapid City
1959 — Seneca
1960 — Howard
1961 — Cresbard
1962 — Milbank
1963 — Mobridge
1964 — Bath
1965 — Redfield
1966 — Frederick
1967 — Canova
1968 — Spearfish
1969 — Scotland
1970 — (A) Huron; (B) Wessington Springs
1971 — (A) Rapid City; (B) Corsica
1972 — (A) Rapid City; (B) Groton
1973 — (A) Rapid City; (B) Redfield
1974 — (A) Watertown; (B) Canova
1975 — (A) SF Blackbirds; (B) Spearfish
1976 — (A) Rapid City; (B) Lake Andes
1977 — (A) Rapid City; (B) Faulkton
1978 — (A) Watertown; (B) Hot Springs
1979 — (A) Watertown; (B) Armour
1980 — (A) Watertown; (B) Howard
1981 — (A) Watertown; (B) Corsica
1982 — (A) Huron; (B) Ipswich
1983 — (A) Sioux Falls; (B) Leola
1984 — (A) Aberdeen; (B) Webster
1985 — (A) Rapid City; (B) Tabor
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1988 — (A) Huron; (B) Tabor
1989 — (A) Rapid City; (B) Canton
1990 — (A) Aberdeen; (B) Ipswich
1991 — (A) Sioux Falls; (B) Wagner
1992 — (A) Sturgis (Northern Hills); (B) Wessington Springs
1993 — (A) Rapid City; (B) Howard
1994 — (A) Mitchell; (B) Groton
1995 — (A) Rapid City; (B) Clear Lake
1996 — (A) Pierre; (B) Howard/De Smet
1997 — (A) Brookings; (B) Gregory County
1998 — (A) Watertown; (B) Parkston
1999 — (A) Yankton; (B) Wessington
2000 — (A) Sioux Falls; (B) Lennox
2001 — (A) Brookings; (B) Custer/Hot Springs
2002 — (A) Sioux Falls West; (B) Freeman
2003 — (A) Yankton; (B) Miller/Wessington
2004 — (A) Watertown; (B) Parkston
2005 — (A) SF West; (B) Madison
2006 — (A) SF West; (B) Milbank
2007 — (A) Mitchell; (B) Chamberlain
2008 — (A) Rapid City 22; (B) Platte/Geddes
2009 — (A) Mitchell; (B) Vermillion
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2011 — (A) Rapid City Post 22; (B) Redfield
2012 — (A) SF West; (B) Corsica
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2015 — (A) Pierre; (B) Vermillion
2016 — (A) Rapid City 320; (B) Redfield
2017 — (A) Mitchell; (B) Winner/Colome
2018 — (A) Mitchell; (B) Dell Rapids
2019 — (A) Rapid City #22; (B) Redfield
PORTER T. TALCOTT SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY WINNERS A & B JR’S
2015  (A) Aberdeen
2016  (A) Sioux Falls
2017  (A) Mitchell
2018  (A) Harrisburg; (B) WIN
2019  (A) Watertown; (B) Wagner

SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION A & B JR BIG STICK AWARD WINNERS
(Sponsored by South Dakota Umpires Association)
2015 – (A) Trey Schmidt, Watertown .600
2016 – (A) Blake Holden, Watertown .667
2017 – (A) Campbell Mindt, Sioux Falls East .611
2018 – (A) Mitchell Sand, Rapid City 320 .636;
        (B) Alex Morris, Groton .600
2019 – (A) Liam Porter, Rapid City 22 Expos .526;
        (B) Peyton Eich, Lennox .545

SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION A & B JR TOURNAMENT MVP
2015 – (A) Cooper Bowman, IF, Rapid City 22
2016 – (A) Blake Holden, P/IF, Watertown
2017 – (A) Jake Smith, P/IF, Sioux Falls East
        (B) Brock Anderson, P/IF, Lennox
2018 – (A) Mason Evans, C, Watertown;
        (B) Brandon Fodness, C/IF, Lennox
2019 – (A) Ethan Fredrickson, P, Renner;
        (B) Chandler Larson, SS/P, Groton

SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

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SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION
“SR” BIG STICK AWARD WINNERS
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No selection prior to 1994

1994 - (A) Scott Dressler, Rapid City, .590; (B) Tony Larsen, Vermillion, .583
1995 - (A) Mark Ellis, Rapid City, .563; (B) Zelos Johnson, Groton, .611
1996 - (A) Shawn Ellis, Sioux Falls East, .565; (B) Dallas Schneiderman, Brandon, .556
1997 - (A) Kris Garry, Sioux Falls East, .619; (B) Dan Karges, Milbank, .609
1998 - (A) Kelby Klosterman, Spearfish, .667; (B) Justin Pearson, Big Stone C., .409
1999 - (A) Eric Baily, Yankton, .500; (B) Jesse Kurtenbach, Groton, .609
2000 - (A) Matt Sisk, Sioux Falls West, .526; (B) Terry Tchida, Britton/Claremont, .610
2001 - (A) Adam Schroeder, Valley Sprgs., .667; (B) Brendon Hinrichs, Groton, .619
2002 - (A) Andrew Shepherd, Rapid City, .579; (B) Kyle Broderson, Lennox, .471
2003 - (A) Justin Rippentrop, Sioux Falls West, .684; (B) Dustin Schrader, Winner/Colome, .642
2004 - (A) Matt Adamson, Sioux Falls East, .546; (B) Zack Lambrechts, Milbank, .471
2005 - (A) Max Fenske, Rapid City 22, .578; (B) Chris Sherman, Winner/Colome,.615
2006 - (A) Michael Babcock, Aberdeen, .550; (B) Bryce Kreutzwald, Flandreau, .591
2007 - (A) Bryan Mergen, Brookings, .545; (B) Matt Franck, Cresbard, NW, .556
2008 - (A) Jason Schmidt, Mitchell, .476; (B) Jeff Fish, Milbank, .500
2009 - (A) Zach Cimburek, Rapid City 320, .579; (B) Keith Cutler, Platte/Geddes, .600
2010 - (A) Christen Cox, Aberdeen, .696; (B) Heath Giedt, Groton, .500
2011 - (A) Carter Wevik, Rapid City 22, .583; (B) Shane Dickey, Garretson, .643
2012 - (A) Jordan Risse, Sioux Falls East, .591; (B) Mitch Foster, Flandreau, .524
2013 - (A) Dylanger Pierson, Mitchell, .692; (B) Kyle Scofield, Flandreau, .526
2014 - (A) Jared Tschetter, Brookings, .714; (B) Jacob Giles, Madison, .550
2015 - (A) Dylanger Pierson, Mitchell .692; (B) Riley Schrader, Humbolt .579
2016 - (A) Eric Petry & Timmy Paris, Rapid City 22 .500; (B) Carter Kratz Vermillion .733
2017 - (A) Landon Badger, Pierre .600; (B) Parker Louks, Spearfish .625
2018 – (A) Nick Hoekstra, Renner .714; (B) Matt Gillogly, Dell Rapids .625
2019 – (A) Calvin Hegg, Mitchell .500; (B) Camden Osborn, Redfield .471
SOUTH DAKOTA TOURNAMENT MVP

No Selection Prior to 1951

1951 Joe Belak, p, Gregory
1952 Ronald Peterson, c, Sioux Falls
       Lyle Dahme, p, Aberdeen
1953 Mike Poppins, p, Lennox
1954 Dean Braun, p, Flandreau
1955 Kermit Kidner, p-1b, Rapid City
1956 Roger Hackett, p, Aberdeen
1957 Lew Mavity, ss, Sioux Falls
1958 John Beisner, c, Rapid City
1959 Jerry Crider, p, Sioux Falls
1960 Wally Johnson, ss-p, Aberdeen

1961 Gene Thedorff, p, Huron
1962 Robert Dorn, c, Chamberlain
1963 Erin Peterson, 2b, Rapid City
1964 James Geaghan, ss, Gregory
1965 James Moreland, 3b, Sioux Falls
1966 Raymond L. Johnson, p-ss, Canton
1967 David Lee Bauer, p-ss, Eureka
1968 Greg Stanczyk, of, Rapid City
1969 Cliff Anderson, p-c-1b, Dell Rapids

1970 (A) Terry Danielson, c, Rapid City
       (B) Larry Keeton, p-of, Wessington Springs
1971 (A) Dave Collins, 1b, Rapid City
       (B) Ron Weidler, p-of, Howard
1972 (A) Bill Ewing, 2b-p, Rapid City
       (B) Tom Maxwell, p-inf, Parkston
1973 (A) Joe Ewing, of-p, Rapid City
       (B) Joe Walter, of-p, Howard
1974 (A) Craig Soderquist, 1b, RC
       (B) Kirk Carr, ss-p, Orient-Faulkton
1975 (A) LeRoy Weimer, c, Rapid City
       (B) Ron Hoffman, p-1b, Colton
1976 (A) Rich Downs, c, Rapid City
       (B) Ron Westby, ss-p, Groton
1977 (A) Jim Hendrickson, of, RC
       (B) Brooks Gehring, p-1b, Parkston
1978 (A) Bud Bartholow, of-c-p, RC
       (B) Rich Zimney, p-of, Groton
1979 (A) Steve Wolff, ss, Rapid City
       (B) Brett Neuman, c, Groton
1980 (A) Roger Lewis, p, Rapid City
       (B) Kevin Hofer, c, Scotland
1981 (A) Kent Torve, p-3b, Rapid City
       (B) Bruce Mogen, p-1b, Mobridge
1982 (A) Burt Beattie, p-ss, Aberdeen
       (B) Gene Lorenz, p-ss, Clark
1983 (A) Mike Eberle, c, Rapid City
       (B) Dennis Putzier, c, Colton

1984 (A) Todd Miller, 2b, Aberdeen
       (B) Eric Larson, of, Groton
1985 (A) Steve Ramharter, cf-p, SF
       (B) Steve Fejfar, c-p, Tabor
1986 (A) Marty Andrews, c-p, RC
       (B) Rob Stack, ss-p, Tabor
1987 (A) Shawn Muffat, of, Rapid City
       (B) Gary Kortan, ss-p, Tabor
1988 (A) John Legel, ss, Sioux Falls
       (B) Donny Godel, ss, Winner
1989 (A) Mike Lorang, p-cf, Sioux Falls
       (B) Doug Sehr, p, Canton
1990 (A) Ryan Krogman, p-ss, Brookings
       (B) Peter Wilson, p-inf, Canistota
1991 (A) Kyle Yamada, ss, Rapid City
       (B) Nick Johannsen, p-of, Miller
1992 (A) Dan Conrad, c, Sioux Falls
       (B) Lee Fischer, p-of, Wessington Springs
1993 (A) Ryan Merritt, lf, Rapid City
       (B) Jeremy Hinker, p-1b-of, Howard
1994 (A) Mark Ellis, ss, Rapid City
       (B) Ryan Gordon, p-c, Salem
1995 (A) Mark Ellis, ss, Rapid City
       (B) Scott Johnson, p-1b, Flandreau
1996 (A) Luke Wheeler, 3b, Rapid City
       (B) Dallas Schneiderman, p-ss, Brandon
1997 (A) Kris Garry, cf, Sioux Falls
    (B) Landon Jacobsen, p-ss, Howard
1998 (A) Rusty Remmers, cf, Watertown
    (B) Jay Merrigan, cf, Vermillion
1999 (A) Josh DeJong, p-2b, Mitchell
    (B) James Gordon, p-u, Scotland
2000 (A) Brad Hunt, p-inf, Rapid City
    (B) Jesse Kurtenbach, inf, Groton
2001 (A) Greg Geary, 1B, Rapid City
    (B) Trey Flichs, inf, Groton
2002 (A) Andrew Shepherd, inf, RC
    (B) Pat Krause, inf, Milbank
2003 (A) Corey Benson, p-inf, SF West
    (B) Travis Lester, inf, Milbank
2004 (A) Chris Kessinger, of-p, SF East
    (B) Brock Kreutzfeldt, p-3b, Madison
2005 (A) Chris Kessinger, if-p, SF East
    (B) Jeremy Wermers, if-p, Parkston
2006 (A) Josh Nolan, if, Rapid City
    (B) Jared Donahue, p-of, Winner/Colome
2007 (A) Trey Krier, p, Sioux Falls West
    (B) Tom Murtha, of-p, Parkston
2008 (A) Justin Kline, c, Aberdeen
    (B) Brady Nolz p-if, Parkston
2009 (A) Kolton Emery, if-p, Rapid City 22
    (B) Tyler Johnson p-of, Vermillion
2010 (A) Parker Sullivan, of, Rapid City 22
    (B) Tyson Gau p-if, Alexandria
2011 (A) Alex Schultz, p 1b-of, SF East
    (B) Dustin Steckler, ss-p, Garretson
2012 (A) Matthew Thomas, of, Brookings
    (B) Jamie Jorgenson, of Groton
2013 (A) Greg Schafer, of, Rapid City #22
    (B) Tanner Anderson, of Vermillion
2014 (A) Matthew Minnick, of Rapid City #22
    (B) Jacob Leighton, of, Madison
2015 (A) Matt Vickers, 1b-p Rapid City 22
    (B) Luke Loudenburg, c McCook/Minor County
2016 (A) Tiegen Lindner, of Renner
    (B) Brady Krause, of Milbank
2017 (A) Landon Badger, of Pierre
    (B) Billy Mount, of Vermillion
2018 (A) Cooper Bowman, ss Rapid City 22
    (B) Matt Gillogly, of Dell Rapids
2019 (A) Mason Runia, ss-p Renner
    (B) Bennett Osborn, p-ss, Redfield
SOUTH DAKOTA UMPIRE ASSOCIATION
HALL OF FAME

In recognition of 40 years continuous and dedicated service to South Dakota Baseball, the following Umpires have earned a lifetime free pass to all American Legion Baseball State Tournaments. We thank you for impacting the lives of the young people who participate in the American Legion Baseball Program.

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Allen Olson, Sioux Falls  
Paul Ortman, Sioux Falls  
Richard “Rock” Rockafellow, Phillip  
Kerry Wenbourne, Aberdeen
REGULATIONS FOR AMERICAN LEGION
BASEBALL TOURNAMENT PLAY

The following are reminders for clear understanding of tournament procedures:

1. All on-field personnel will refrain from the use of tobacco (in any form) and the use of profanity.

2. No uncomplimentary remarks to, riding of, or baiting of an opponent or umpires is allowed.

3. No throwing of bats or helmets in an unsportsmanlike manner is allowed.

4. If a protest on an umpire’s ruling is proposed, the decision and settlement must be made on the field before the next pitch.

5. After a game starts, a pitcher will be allotted a maximum of five (5) warm-up pitches between innings (unless umpire gives special permission for more). A relief pitcher will be allotted a maximum of eight (8) warm-up pitches — unless an injury to preceding pitcher has occurred.

6. Except for an injury, a coach or manager must remove a pitcher from the mound after making the second visit to the mound in the same inning.

7. All players should run to and from their dugouts and field positions.

8. Batboys/batgirls or a dugout member should have pitcher’s jacket ready immediately upon the pitcher becoming a base runner.

9. The 10-run rule will be utilized in all State Championship tournament games and championship games in all Regional and State B Tournament play.

10. There will be no rain-shortened games unless agreed upon by participating teams prior to the start of the tournament or as the Tournament Director so directs.

YOUR COOPERATION IS REQUESTED IN CARRYING OUT THE ABOVE REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE TOURNAMENT PLAY.

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May 15
Team entry fee of $100 Sr. team and $100 Jr. team. Team entry form and proof of insurance must be filed online and received at American Legion State HQ. P.O. Box 67, Watertown, S.D., 57201. (Entry fee is $200 for teams registering late between May 15-31).

June 25
Two copies of American Legion Baseball Roster Form plus attachments and one copy of each Player Agreement/Parent’s Consent and Release Form #2 must be filed — Class “B” teams with “B” Regional Athletic Officer, Class “A” teams with Regional Commissioner or person so designated.

June 30
Deadline for all tournament-certified teams to have three team pictures turned into American Legion State Baseball Chairman.

July 28
Class “B” Regional Tournaments must be completed.

July 24
Class “A” Regional Tournaments must be completed.

July 24-28
Class “A” Senior State Championship Tournament at Brandon Valley, SD.

July 24-28
Class “A” Junior State Championship Tournament at Pierre, SD.

July 31-August 4
Class “B” Senior State Tournament at Groton, SD.

August 7-9
Class “B” Junior State Championship Tournament at Redfield, SD.
Designated Hitter Rule
(Reprinted from: Official Rules of Major League Baseball)

6.10 (b) The rule provides as follows:

A hitter may be designated to bat for the starting pitcher and all subsequent pitchers in any game without otherwise affecting the status of the pitcher(s) in the game. A designated hitter for the pitcher must be selected prior to the game and must be included in the lineup cards presented to the Umpire in Chief.

The designated hitter named in the starting lineup must come to bat at least one time, unless the opposing club changes pitchers.

It is not mandatory that a club designate a hitter for the pitcher, but failure to do so prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter for that game.

Pinch hitters for a designated hitter may be used. Any substitute hitter for a designated hitter becomes the designated hitter. A replaced designated hitter shall not re-enter the game in any capacity.

The designated hitter may be used defensively, continuing to bat in the same position in the batting order, but the pitcher must then bat in the place of the substituted defensive player, unless more than one substitution is made, and the manager then must designate their spots in the batting order.

A runner may be substituted for the designated hitter and the runner assumes the role of the designated hitter. A designated hitter may not pinch run.

A designated hitter is “locked” into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation of the designated hitter.

Once the game pitcher is switched from the mound to a defensive position, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game.

Once a pinch hitter bats for any player in the batting order and then enters the game to pitch, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game.

Once the game pitcher bats for the designated hitter, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game. (The game pitcher may only pinch-hit for the designated hitter.)

Once a designated hitter assumes a defensive position, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game. A substitute for the designated hitter need not be announced until it is the designated hitter’s turn to bat.
In accordance with National American Legion Baseball Rule 1, (V), 1., the above pictured American Legion Baseball Insignia must be worn on the left sleeve or left breast of the uniform shirt. The Insignia, stock no. 720.420, is available from State Headquarters at $1.50 each, plus shipping, remittance with order.