

16th District Athletic Committee Report Submitted by 16th District Athletic Chairman

February 28, 2021

Purpose:

The following report is submitted to 16th District Executive Committee addressing the current state of American Legion Baseball in the Department of Virginia and the 15th and 16th District League D.

Intent for 2021 Season:

American Legion National and the Department of Virginia, did not sponsor American Legion Baseball in 2019 because of COVID. American Legion Baseball teams were not permitted to play under the oversight of the American Legion Baseball regulation, nor were teams permitted to use American Legion Insurance or American Legion registration.

Teams were permitted to conduct baseball operations independent of American Legion Baseball regulation or Post sponsorship. Some 15th and 16th District Teams and other American Legion teams played baseball last summer.

American Legion National is permitting Departments and Posts to sponsor teams under the regulation of American Legion Baseball National program.

Important Dates 2021: (See important dates attached)

The following dates were communicated via National Athletic Committee Meetings; however, American Legion National has yet publish Regional Tournament Dates on the National website.

Additionally, the dates assume the COVID pandemic risk will be acceptable and American Legion National will proceed with post-season Regional and World Series tournaments. Current assumption is risk will be acceptable with mitigating actions and American Legion National is planning to conduct the tournaments.

- **World Series (12-17 August)**, Keeter Stadium, Shelby NC
- **National Regional Tournament (4-8 August)**
 - The regional tournaments will take place August 4-8, 2021, Wednesday through Sunday
 - Team banquet Tuesday August 3^d

- Region 2 – Mid-Atlantic – Asheville, NC
- Mid-Atlantic--Participating teams: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and host North Carolina (2)
- Host: Asheville NC Post 70
- Location: Asheville, NC

15th and 16th Districts League Communications:

Email update sent to baseball coaches and 15th and 16th District American Legion Leadership January 20th.

Held in person at Post 10 Manassas and virtually via Zoom February 20th.

- **National Status**

- Team Registrations underway at www.baseball.legion.org
- No Rule Book Published yet
- World Series tournament is set and will happen 2021
- National Regional Tournament will happen

- **ALL Coaches MUST accomplish:**

- Background Checks—coaches must submit background check;
- Sexual Awareness Training
- Pitch Smart Training
- Submit training certificates to League Chairman and Department Baseball Chairman

- **Team Registration and Insurance Fees:**

- National Registration fees for **senior teams** are \$50 for national registration, \$35 for administrative fees and either \$130 for season personal accident insurance or \$200 for year-round insurance coverage. General liability insurance costs are \$120.
- National Registration fees for **junior teams** are \$25 for national registration, \$35 for administrative fees and either \$110 for season personal accident insurance or \$160 for year-round insurance coverage. General liability insurance costs are \$82.
- Virginia Department fees will be \$250. Insurance purchases will be available Feb. 15.

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Important Dates 2021

**Dates are tentative; To be finalized after Department Conference*

Month	Day	Activity
October 2020	1	DEADLINE ALB National Rule Book Orders due from Departments
	14-17	Commissions & NEC Fall Meetings, Indianapolis IN (Meetings were virtual)
January 2021	1	Online team registration for the 2020 season begins
	2-5	American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) convention, Nashville TN
February	1	ALB National Rule Book distribution
	1	DEADLINE Tournament bids for ALB Regional 2021-2022 to National Headquarters
	15	DEADLINE ALB Booster Decal orders due to National Emblem Sales
March	31	Establishment of player's legal domicile (parents' domicile) and school enrollment for grades 10, 11, and 12
April	1	DEADLINE Orders for 2020 Official Rules of MLB due for June delivery
	1	Distribute ALB Scholarship applications to posts, coaches, and players
	15	DEADLINE Department Rule Books due to National office (email or mail; 5 hard copies)
	15	Report site and date of Sr. and Jr. Department State Tournaments
	15	Plan "A" rezoning or new zoning filed and approved by Department baseball committee
May	4-7	Commissions & NEC Spring Meetings, Indianapolis IN
	15	DEADLINE for early team registration and to purchase insurance and pay registration fees.
June	1	Distribute 2021 American Legion Baseball Department Champion packets to Department Chairman
	1	FINAL DAY for team registration, purchase insurance and pay fees
	25	DEADLINE for team managers to file Form #1 with Department Chairman to be eligible for national tournaments
	30	DEADLINE for Department Chairman to file Form #1 with National office to be eligible for national tournaments

Month	Day	Activity
July	10	DEADLINE Baseball Scholarship applications due at department spring conference
	16-20	Junior Legion State Qualifier tournaments (TBD)
	23-27	Junior State, Location Post 290 Stafford; 4 team double elimination; team dinner TBD, team check-in prior to dinner
	22-26	Senior Legion State Qualifier tournaments (TBD)
	29-1	Senior Legion State Tournament; Host Post TBD, Location TBD, 4 team double elimination
	30 or 1	DEADLINE Department chairmen certify Department Champions to National office and regional chairman. Department Tournaments must be completed by 12:00 midnight; due date of 30 th if flying to Regional; 1 st acceptable if using bus transportation
August	3, 4-8	Senior Legion Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament, Asheville NC
	8	DEADLINE Department Scholarship winners due to Shelby ALWS office to be considered for All Academic Team
	12-17	Senior Legion World Series, Keeter Stadium, Shelby, NC
September	15	DEADLINE for proposed rule changes to be submitted to the National office for consideration at Fall Conference
	15	DEADLINE for Graduate of the Year nominations to be submitted to the National office for consideration at Fall Conference
	25-27	Fall Baseball Chairman's Conference, Indianapolis IN