

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

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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 Baseball is back in 2021. 15th and 16th Districts League 6 Senior teams and 2 Junior teams returning.

Senior Division

Post 21 Winchester
Post 34 Ashburn
Post 34 Leesburg
Warrenton Post 72
Post 290 Stafford Nationals
Post 330 Culpeper

Junior Division

Post 21 Winchester
Post 290 Stafford Nationals

15th and 16th Districts League Update:

- Games beginning this week; coaches need to finalize schedule
- COVID Restrictions
 - Likely none in Virginia
 - Each team check with Local Health Officials
 - Loudoun County Parks and Recreation for example—no restrictions
- League policy updated and attached.
 - **Action:** Need to approve League Policy.
 - Important for coaches to call opponents to confirm games each week and 2 days prior to date to again confirm game time and location
 - Any changes must go through League Chairman
- Department Regional Qualifier and Championship rounds adjusted for 2021 season.

- Senior Division Department Championship Round 4 teams: 1 from East Region (8 teams), 1 from West Region (7 teams), and 2 from North Region (12 teams)
- Junior Division Department Championship Round 4 teams: 2 from East Region (5 teams), 2 from West Region (4 teams), and 0 from North Region (2 teams)
 - North Region will have tournament path in West Region
- Department looking to finalize Regional and Championship round structure this weekend
 - Drafted bracket for 2 teams West, 2 teams East, and 4 teams North as Regional Qualifier Round bracket to decide 4 teams in Championship round
- Department Regional and Championship rounds currently no-host options
 - Department Junior teams 11
 - Department Senior teams 27
 - Department budget estimates based on 35 teams Senior Division and 21 teams Junior Division
 - Revenues available for tournament support insufficient
 - Department likely to implement Tournament Fee (authorized up to \$500 per participating team)
- **National Status**
 - Team Registrations closed
 - National and Department Rule Books available online
 - 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
 - Submit Abuse Awareness 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 \$250.
- 15th and 16th District fees TBD; will cover costs of umpires

Important Dates 2021: (See important dates attached)

- **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
- **Department Tournament Championship (4 teams, 1 from West, 1 from East, 2 from North)**
 - Based on number of teams; North Region has twice as many teams as other Regions combined
 - **Junior** (July 23 – 27)
 - **Senior** (July 29 – 1 August)
- **Department Regional Qualifier Tournament**
 - Format up to the Regions; teams will play regular season within divisions; but, must play other teams within the Region either in pool play format or tournament format
 - **Junior** (July 16 – 20)
 - **Senior** (July 22 – 26)

American Legion Baseball 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

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	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
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

