The Code of Sportsmanship

I will;

Keep the rules.

Keep faith with my team-mates.

Keep my temper.

Keep myself fit.

Keep a stout heart in defeat.

Keep my pride under in victory.

Keep a sound soul, a clean mind and a healthy body.

The CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP will be repeated by competing teams before each game, without exception. Failure to comply will result in appropriate disciplinary action.
National American Legion Baseball Rules prevail in all questions of conflict. Department of Virginia Baseball Rules are designed to complement the National Rules. Department rules do not in any way supplement or alter the National Rules; however they may, in some instances, be stricter.

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DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
Rules and Dates to Remember in 2016

January 1, 2016
Teams can begin Computer Registration on The American Legion Website (www.baseball.legion.org) with National Headquarters.

January – February
District/League Organizational Meetings held (Rule 2.11).

March 31
Department Chairman will contact the Virginia School Board and download the student population for each public school and send this file to District Chairmen to forward to each team manager (Rule 2.13).

May 1
Distribute ALB Scholarship applications to posts, coaches, and players.

May 15
Application for S.A. VanDyke Insurance MUST be done by Computer and paid by credit card or debit card. After this date the computer will not accept your Roster. This is done on the National Website. Late fee of $200 charged until June 1st (Rule 2.02.1).

May 15
Teams MUST be registered with The Department of Virginia. This is done ON LINE with National website by SUBMITTING TEAM APPLICATION. Registration fees to be paid by Credit Card or Debit Card. (Rule 2.02).

June 1
DEADLINE (AT MIDNIGHT) to Register All Teams on line on the National website. This is done ON LINE with National website by SUBMITTING TEAM ROSTER AFTER THIS DATE, THE COMPUTER REGISTRATION – WILL NOT ACCEPT YOUR REGISTRATION (Rule 2.17).

June 15
District Chairmen FORWARD team VA-ALB Form # 3’s – listing Base Schools and all other schools that EACH team is recruiting players from to the Department Baseball Chairman (Rule 2.15).

June 15
The ORIGINAL copies of the National Player Transfer Forms (Form# 76) and Team Declaration Form # 77 MUST be received by the District Chairman no later June 10th. Then verified and forwarded to the Department Baseball Chairman by June 15th, NONE will be accepted after this date (Rule 2.17.D).

June 15
District/League Rules & Schedules are mailed before June 15 from District Chairmen to the Department Baseball Chairman (Rule 2.11B).

June 15
District Chairman mail ALL ORIGINAL COPIES of Forms #76s and Forms #77s to The Department Baseball Chairman (Rule 2.17.D.).

June 25
ABSOLUTE DEADLINE—All Team Rosters of all Players MUST be Approved on line at the National Website, on or before midnight of this date (Rule 2.19).

July 1
ALL Scholarship Applications (One per Senior Team) MUST be received at Department Headquarters by this date. NONE WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE—NO EXCEPTIONS (Rule 2.21).

July 15
DEADLINE Baseball Scholarship applications due at department headquarters
RULE - 1- CONDUCT

1.01 Any manager, coach, or player who conducts himself in an unsportsmanlike manner while participating in any American Legion Baseball activity reflects adversely on this program and shall be removed from further participation. No player, coach, or baseball team shall harass, abuse, heckle, or make any uncomplimentary remarks, whatsoever, to any opposing player or team official. Anyone violating this rule shall be ejected immediately from the game, leave the ballpark, and have no further contact with the team during the remainder of that game.

1.02 BACKGROUND CHECKS. Designated Individuals to be screened. Background check screening will be conducted on ALL Coaches, Managers, and volunteer staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball teams, hereafter referred to as “Designated Individuals”.

A. Level of Information to be checked. All background check screenings conducted on Designated Individuals will include only:
   1. Social security number verification and address history trace
   2. Alias names national search
   3. National criminal database search
   4. National sex offender registry search

B. Background check disqualifying criteria. Disclosure during a background check screening that contains one or more of any of the following disqualifying criteria will prohibit an individual from serving as a coach, manager or volunteer staff of a Junior or Senior American Legion Baseball team:
   1. Conviction of a felony
   2. Conviction of a crime involving a minor, regardless of the offense
   3. Conviction of a crime involving force or threat of force against a person
   4. Conviction of a crime in which sexual behavior is an element; including “victimless” crimes of a sexual nature (including pornography)
   5. Conviction of a crime involving controlled substances (not paraphernalia or alcohol)
   6. Conviction of a crime involving cruelty to animals
   7. Any sex offender registrant
   8. Refusal to undergo background screening

C. You MUST go on the American Legion Baseball website http://baseball.legion.org and fill out an online form to get a background check. Each Individual must fill out and pay the $12 fee. Team application and roster will not be approved until all coaches listed on the team roster have passed a background check. Remember the team registration begins on January 1st. Your name should NOT show up on The Team Roster (National Form #1) without having first having an Approved Background Check.
D. Authorized Background Check Provider. All Background Checks for Designated Individuals will be conducted by the exclusive vendor engaged by The American Legion National Headquarters to conduct background Check screening of Designated Individuals, and is hereafter referred to as “The Provider”.

E. PROVIDER: Priority Research Services, Incl., DBA “Protect Youth Sports”, 14499 N. Dade Mosby Hwy, Suite 201 South Tampa, Florida 33618; www.protectyouthsports.com

F. WITHOUT A BACKGROUND CHECK, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE BASEBALL FIELD DURING PRACTICE OR GAMES.

1.03 Any player, coach, manager, or fan accompanying a team will be suspended for the remainder of the game, from the time of rule infraction, if they:
   A. Use profane language, in any manner;
   B. Show any unnecessary gestures in protesting an umpire’s decision. Only the team captain or coach may ask for a clarification of a rule, but should never argue;
   C. Throw bats or other equipment;
   D. Make unnecessary gestures to fans, umpires or opposing players; or
   E. Resort to unnecessary roughness on the playing field.

1.04 The use of any form of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substance by a player, coach, manager, or umpire is prohibited on the playing field or at any official baseball meeting, gathering, or function. Any violation of this rule will cause the individual to be removed from the game, meeting, gathering, or function. For the purpose of this rule dugouts, players’ bench, and bullpens are considered as part of the playing field.

RULE - 2 - PLAYING REGULATIONS

2.01 American Legion Baseball competition shall be played under the rules set forth and adopted by the National Americanism Commission and the Department of Virginia baseball committee.

2.02* Each team or Post participating in the American Legion Baseball Program in Virginia shall pay an entrance fee of $200 for Senior Teams and $150 for Junior Teams and register with The American Legion, Department of Virginia. Registration is entered into The National Website (www.legion.baseball.org) and the fees MUST be paid by Credit Card or Debit Card (no checks or money orders). Department of Virginia registration and payment of all fees is due by May 15th. All team registrations must be final and approved by the Department Baseball Chairman by June 1st.
   A. All registration fees (both State and National) and S.A. Van Dyke Insurance is paid by credit card or debit card on the National Website (www.legion.baseball.org).
1. Every American Legion Baseball team (both Junior and Senior) MUST Purchase both group Liability and Accident Insurance from The American Legion’s agent of record. (S.A. Van Dyke, Inc.). Coverage must be purchased NO LATER THAN MAY 15.

2. NEWLY formed teams that miss the established deadline shall have until JUNE 1 to submit proof of insurance without penalty. Should a PREVIOUSLY registered team miss the established deadline, then they shall have “grace” period until JUNE 1 to purchase insurance, but the team will be assessed a LATE FEE of $200 payable to The Department of Virginia. Missing the JUNE 1 deadline will result in the disqualification from any post-season tournament competition.

3. Insurance will cover all players during the tryouts, and Insurance Coverage is provide after commencement of the Player Season for all players whose names are registered with The American Legion Baseball on National Form #2 and National Form #1. American Legion Baseball was never designed to allow teams to have Open Rosters until the Department Closing date, which is June 1st in Virginia. When a team is playing another legion team (especially in a league game), that game is considered a regular season game and the roster needs to be on file with the Department. If a player gets hurt or quits, the rules do not allow teams to replace players hurt or quit and be extending the closing date beyond the regular closing date is in violation of the rules.

4. Who is insured? During the tryout period, all players are covered (provided enrollment Form #2 and payment have been received) and, after commencement of the playing season, coverage is provided for all players whose names are registered on Forms #1 and #2 with The American Legion. During the entire coverage period, protection is also afforded to American Legion team managers, coaches, batpersons, Athletic Officers and Post Commanders while involved in activities associated with American Legion Baseball.

B. National Registration Fees: $50 Seniors and $25 Juniors.

C. During the State Tournaments for Senior and Junior Teams, at least $100 of the Registration fees will be used to pay tournament housing expenses and not to exceed the actual revenue received and available. If the housing expenses exceeds the amount collected for that purpose, then the tournament Host is responsible for any amount exceeding those funds. (Example: 40 teams registered for the current year would beat least $4,000 in the housing fund).

D. The Tournament Host Director will furnish The Department Tournament Director a lodging estimate. This estimate will be immediately submitted to The Department Baseball Chairman for payment from these funds. This amount cannot exceed the amount collected for that year. The tournament host must submit final report of expenditures at conclusion of the Department Tournament to the Department Baseball Chairman.
E. All teams in the Department of Virginia will receive approval from the local American Legion Post prior to participating in league games. The official roster must reflect the Post sponsor as the roster team administrator. Acceptable Post approval authority is the Post Commander, Adjutant, or Athletic Chairman. Posts sponsoring teams understand they are responsible for the conduct of the team they sponsor. Posts may vary the amount of sponsorship funds allocated to teams; however, Post membership are expected to ensure baseball coaches and players conduct reflect the values of American Legion.

2.03 Department rules are supplementary to, and not intended to conflict with, the official American Legion Baseball rules of the National Americanism Commission for the current year. The purpose of these rules is for further clarification of all American Legion Baseball competition within the Department of Virginia. All games shall be played under the Official Baseball Rules, except as provided herein.

A. All games for Seniors SHALL be nine (9) innings, except double-headers, which will be seven (7) innings. The 10-Run Rule shall apply after seven (7) innings for nine (9) inning games, and for seven (7) inning games it will apply after five (5) innings.

B. For Juniors, All Games will be seven (7) inning games. Ten-run Rule shall apply after five (5) innings.

C. No courtesy runners allowed for Senior games.

D. No re-entry is allowed for Senior Games. Courtesy runners and re-entry would be considered to be in conflict with the existing Rules of American Legion Baseball in Seniors.

E. Pitchers allowed 8 warm-up pitches between innings.

F. All junior games, regular and post season play, may use the courtesy runner Designated Hitter Rule, and the Re-Entry Rule. A player may re-enter a game one time and when he re-enters, he MUST bat in his original batting order. The substituted player coming into the game MUST play at least one inning on defense and batted one time.

1. Courtesy Runners: Teams have the option to use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher, for speed-up purposes, it is recommended that the courtesy runner be used with two men out in all games.

2. Any batter may be designated hitter for the Pitcher and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game. A starting defensive player cannot be listed as the designated hitter in the starting lineup. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his name shall be included on the line-up cards presented to the umpire-in-chief and the official scorer. Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter in the game. If a pinch hitter or pinch runner for the designated hitter is used that player becomes the new designated hitter. No multiple substitutions may be made that alter the batting rotation. A designated hitter and the player for whom he is batting are
locked into the batting order. The role of the designated hitter is terminated for the remainder of the game when:

a. the defensive player, or any previous defensive player for who the designated hitter batted, subsequently bats or pinch-hits for the designated hitter; or

b. the designated hitter or any previous designated hitter assumes a defensive position.

2.04 American Legion Baseball in Virginia shall be governed by the Department Baseball Committee consisting of a Department Baseball Chairman, Department Vice-Chairman, and three (3) Committee Members, consisting of one (1) member each from the Northern, Eastern and Western Regions. The Department Baseball Chairman shall submit reports of all committee action and activity to the Chairman of the Athletic Committee.

A. The Baseball Committee shall prepare and have published rules and regulations in accordance with National and Department Rules.

B. The Committee shall prepare a budget and submit it to The Department Athletic Chairman.

C. The Committee shall determine the eligibility players and teams and perform all other necessary functions for the conduct of the Baseball Program, as promulgated by The American Legion and the Department of Virginia Baseball Committee.

D. The Committee shall establish clear-cut channels of authority and an appeals procedure (see Department protest Procedure Rule-3).

E. The Department Chairman shall furnish national headquarters with five (5) copies of the Department rules before April 15 of the current year (see National Rule 8 A.3. - Department Jurisdiction).

2.05 All teams both Senior and Junior under “Plan B” Player Receiving Rules must have an assigned BASE SCHOOL, (Player Receiving “Plan B” – National Rule4). Listed on National Form # 1 as a starting point to recruit players. No post/team may change their base school without the consent of their district chairman and the department baseball chairman (Exception to this rule may not be granted).


2.06 All teams in the Department of Virginia, American Legion Baseball Program, must play a minimum of ten (10) games in American Legion competition to be eligible for tournament play beyond the District level (District and Department Tournaments.)
2.07 No player in American Legion competition may pitch more than a total of twelve (12) innings or make more than four (4) appearances, as a pitcher, in combining the total innings or appearances in any consecutive three (3) day period. Should a double or triple play cause a player to exceed the permitted twelve (12) innings in three (3) consecutive days, that action, in itself, shall not be construed as a violation of this rule.

A. 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.

1. Should a double or triple play cause a pitcher to exceed the permitted 10 innings in three consecutive days that action in and of itself shall not be construed as a violation of this rule.

2. 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.

3. This rule shall be used in all levels of play in the Junior Program, in regular season, district and state tournaments.

B. Adopt the same Pitching Rules as set forth by the NCAA and the High School Federation as to the number of days rest that a pitcher must have between games, which is listed above in Rule 2.07 for Seniors and 2.07.A. for Juniors.

1. Taking into consideration the number of pitches a pitcher threw in his last outing and the number of days rest since the last outing and the individual pitchers physical and mental capabilities.

   a. Some coaches are allowing young pitchers to throw too many pitches per game with not enough rest between starts.

   b. Some coaches are allowing young pitchers to throw too many pitches in a single inning; the stress put on the pitchers arm increases significantly when a high number of pitches is thrown in a giving inning.

2.08 Only one visit to the pitcher’s mound per inning can be made by the coach while the same pitcher is in the game. The pitcher shall be automatically removed, as a pitcher, for the remainder of the game. When a coach makes a second trip to the mound in the same inning, but may assume another playing position.

2.09 The length of a player’s hair, the hair style, or the possible presence of a beard shall not disqualify a player from participating in American Legion Baseball.
2.10 The Department of Virginia is divided into seventeen (17) districts for all American Legion Administrative Programs. Baseball shall be under the control and supervision of the Districts’ Baseball Chairman who are appointed by the District Commanders.

2.11* It shall be the duty of the District Baseball Chairman to schedule and conduct organizational meetings, and to notify all Posts in their District/League of the time and location (see dates to remember — Page 1).

A. The Post Baseball Chairman/Team Manager, together with the District Chairman/Committee members, shall formulate such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for baseball competition within their leagues that are not in conflict with National and Department rule. The preservation and stimulation of competition must be used in preparing league rules.

B. A copy of all District League rules must be filed with The Department Baseball Chairman by June 15th of the current year. Copies of the rules will be filed with Department Headquarters and made available to the committee members.

C. Teams from one District, entered in the league schedule of another District/League shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the District that they are competing within.

D. Non-American Legion Post Sponsorship: Non-Legion (outside) Sponsorship is permissible, however, those organizations MUST be incorporated and they are subject to the approval and supervision of the Department Baseball Committee. The Corporation must be registered with the State of Virginia.

E. All players are required to wear a 90 MPH double-flapped, ear-protective type helmet while batting and running the bases. Catchers are required to wear, in addition to normal catcher’s equipment, a safety helmet, throat protector, and protective cup. Any catcher’s mask that does not have an extended metal throat protector of at least two (2) inches in length is required to have an attachable throat protector. Umpires and tournament officials shall halt the game until this rule is complied with. While warming up a pitcher, either in or out of the bullpen, the catcher must wear a mask. Any player who refuses to do so shall be ejected from the game.

F. Only players and coaches who are registered on the National Roster are permitted in the dugouts and on the field. Coaches and players MUST all be in the same uniform (color and style), including any type jackets worn that must have an American Legion Patch on the jacket, in order to be on the playing field during District, Department and National competition. An adult must be present in each dugout during the game.

1. COACHES HELMET RULE: The American Legion follows official baseball rules, therefore, all team on field coaches, in both junior and senior leagues, are mandated to wear a helmet when in the coaching box. The coaches has to wear a protective helmet while in the coaching box, he
can wear a single, double or no flap helmet. If he does NOT have a helmet- that coach cannot remain on the field.

a. Another part of this rules mandates the coaches remain in the coach’s box until the ball is put into play. For safety reasons, coaches will not be allowed to creep towards home plate until the ball is in play. Coaches must have both feet inside the front of the coach’s box. However, if the coach wants to move away from the plate – out of the back of the box, it will not mandate that he stays in the box. This is a safety rule put in by Major League Baseball. If a coach is outside the box (closer to home plate) he will be warned ONCE and the 2nd infraction he WILL be ejected. If he is out of the back of the coach’s box this is not considered an infraction.

2. Scorekeepers and anyone not listed on the team roster are not permitted in the dugouts. One bat boy/girl per team allowed if approved before start of game. Bat boys/girls must keep helmet on all during the game.

G. BAT RULE: Please note the new Bat Rule.

1. All non-wood bats MUST be BBCOR certified. If any bat fails to meet this requirement, said bat shall be removed from the game, the batter SHALL be declared out and the Head Coach or Team Manager shall be ejected from the game. This rule change follows the 2012 NFHS rule, which mandates that the head coach or manager is responsible for all equipment in the dugout.

2. Wooden bats are permitted under Official Baseball Rules.

3. The maximum length is 36 inches and the maximum diameter is 2 5/8 inches.

4. The knob and end plug (if applicable) must be firmly attached.

5. A bat may not weigh, numerically, more than three units less than the length of the bat (for example: A 34-inch bat cannot weigh less than 31 ounces).

6. For all games and practice use, all non-wood bats must have leather, rubber, or taped grip securely attached to the bat handle.

H. BLOOD RULE: If a player suffers from a laceration or a wound that is oozing blood, the game shall be stopped at the earliest possible time and the athlete must be treated immediately. If the bleeding requires extensive treatment, a substitute shall replace the injured player (umpires are directed to give a reasonable amount of time to allow the injured players to be treated.
I. COLLISION RULE: Rule 1. E. 1 & 2; and FORCE-PLAY-SLIDE RULE: Rule 1. G. 1. 2. a; as described in The National Rule Book, under Rule 1, E and G, will be used in ALL Department American Legion Baseball Games in both Senior and Junior competition.

J. Bat boys/girls must wear a 90 MPH double-flapped, ear protective helmet at all times.

K. Each team must have an appropriately supplied first aid kit on hand at all games and practices (See National Rule 1- Playing Regulations).

2.12 The American Legion Code of Sportsmanship will be repeated by competing players/teams before each game, without exception. Failure to comply will result in appropriate disciplinary action by the District/League Chairman. The code should be led by a Legionnaire on the field, an adult coach, team manager, and not read over a public announcement system. All bull pen activity must stop and all players and coaches must be present along the base line during the repeating of code of sportsmanship and the playing of the national anthem.

2.13 It shall be the responsibility of the District/League Chairman to obtain from the school board in each jurisdiction within his District of the enrollments of the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades of all schools that the teams recruit players. The Department Chairman will receive an electronic file from the Virginia Department of Education containing the official school student enrollments for all public high schools in Virginia. Each District/League Baseball Chairman is responsible to obtain the enrollment for all private schools being used in the district and forward those enrollment figures to the Department Chairman.

2.14 The combined total enrollment of the schools cannot exceed a total of five thousand (5,000) for a combination of the tenth (10th), eleventh (11th) and twelfth (12th) grades. Note: Teams shall count the enrollment of the high school a player attends. Junior Legion Baseball is the same as Senior Legion Baseball: The combined total enrollment of schools cannot exceed 5,000 students for the 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

2.15* The District Baseball Chairman shall forward to the Department Baseball Chairman the VA-ALB Form #3 of all teams in the league no later than June 15th of the current year.

2.16 The District Chairmen shall have the responsibility to certify All birth dates on the National Form #1 (Rosters) in their league/districts are correct according to the National Rule Book (Rule 2.E. Proof of Age) by one of the following methods:

A. Records of birth must be an ORIGINAL DOCUMENT from the State Bureau of Vital Statistics or Health Department or other government agency authorized to certify birth documents.
1. NOTORIZED PHOTOCOPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES, HOSPITAL RECORDS, BAPTISMAL RECORDS, SCHOOL RECORDS OR CERTIFICATES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF AGE AND PLASTIC BIRTH ID CARDS WILL DISQUALIFY A PLAYER AND/OR THE TEAM.

B. WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE AS PROOF OF AGE:

1. A State issued Driver's License or State issued ID that complies with the new Federal ID law.


4. In case of foreign birth, a player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that shows the birth date of the bearer. Office birth certificates issued by a foreign country are acceptable when accompanied by a letter with an English translation, and such birth certificate must have an official seal.

5. A court certified copy of that portion of permanent legal adoption papers showing the place and date of player's birth shall be acceptable in cases involving adopted players.

C. DO NOT SEND IN COPIES OF ANY PROOF OF AGE WITH THE NATIONAL FORM #1 (ROSTER), HOWEVER, THE ORIGINAL COPIES OF PROOF AGE MUST BE PRESENTED AT ALL DISTRICT, STATE AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.

D. Age Chart demonstrates the ages of eligibility in BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL PROGRAM.

1. JANUARY 1ST IS THE AGE LIMIT CUT-OFF DATE.

2. A player born in 1996 is NOT eligible to play Legion Baseball.

3. Any player born in 1997 or 1998 must play Senior Legion Baseball.

4. Players born in 1999-2003 are eligible for either Junior or Senior Legion Baseball.

Note: for insurance purposes – if the team has a player on the ALB Form #1 who is or will be 18 years of age, the team is mandated to purchase a Senior Legion insurance from the agent of record.
2.17* After you have registered your team and it is approved by the Department Chairman, you will be given a password to use when entering your roster and obtaining other information. All teams must submit their Rosters (list of all players and information) on the National Website (www.baseball.legion.org) before midnight June 1st.

A. When entering your roster of players, make sure they are entered in alphabetical order with last name first followed by first name and middle initial. Do not leave out any vital information.

   1. DUAL ROSTER – Check the “Dual Roster” box if a player will be on both the Junior and Senior rosters.

B. National Form #2 – Player Indemnification Agreement must have the Player’s signature and date in the proper space. Parents/Guardian’s signatures must appear on the Form #2, and it must be notarized before a Notary Public.

   1. Copies of the Form #2 will either be in your Team Package or it can be taken off the computer.

   2. All items on the Form 2 must be completed including the last four numbers of the player SSN. The original copy stays with the team manager and the second copy MUST be presented at the Department tournament during team registration. The Form 2 is used only if a player requires medical treatment.
3. Any Player or Team that fails to complete and forward a National Form #2 SHALL be disqualified from further play.

C. National Form #2, Player Indemnification Agreement, Player Transfer From #76, and Team Declaration Form #77, WILL NOT be entered into the National Website, they will be validated by the District Baseball Chairman before the names can be listed on the team roster.

1. The original copy of the National Player Transfer Form #76 and Team Declaration Form #77 must be received by the District Chairman by June 10th. The District Chairman will verify the information and forward the original copy to the Department Chairman before June 15th of the current year. All forms 76 or 77 postmarked after these dates will not be approved. National rules state that players requiring a form #76 or #77 cannot be placed on the National Form #1 without prior approval.

D. TRANSFER RULE: The following forms are valid for current season only. Senior players released from a team MUST obtain permission on National Form #76 from that team’s manager to play for the team that is closest to his PARENT’s DOMICILE.

1. The District Chairman shall have the authority to grant a transfer waiver (Form 76) should a coach refuse to sign after being given ample opportunity. This would allow the player to play for the next nearest team to his residence after being cut or failing to make team following tryouts or if no tryouts are conducted.

E. OPTION RULE: Players attending a high school (including grade 9) outside a team’s recruiting area, has the option of playing for the team nearest the high school the player attends or playing for the team nearest the parent’s legal domicile. Determine this by MapQuest (www.mapquest.com). This is done on a National Declaration Form #77.

F. COLLEGE PLAYERS: Returning age eligible college players are permitted to return to the team they played for in 2013, 2014, or 2015. The players MUST have appeared on the 2013, 2014 or 2015 roster. Returning college players ARE NOT eligible for transfer. (A player who graduated in 2015 must return and play for their previous team; graduated players are not eligible to play for any other American Legion Team) F. PLAYER AND TEAM REGISTRATION:

G. American Legion Baseball Teams MUST submit their roster and be approved by the Department Baseball Chairman and the National Form #1 filed via the National Website: (www.baseball.legion.org). Departments have authorization to make roster deadline earlier, but may NOT extend the date. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification from any further competition.

1. Virginia deadline is June 25th
H. 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 Players must obtain written approval from the Department Baseball Chairman prior to participating in the event and/or tournaments.

1. CLARIFICATIONS: Dual participation shall in NO way interfere with a player’s responsibility to his American Legion Baseball Team. Once tournament play has begun (District Tournament and up through American Legion Department Regionals and World Series) The Department Baseball Chairman CANNOT grant permission to participate in non-legion sanctioned baseball events, baseball tournaments, exhibition games showcases or combines.

2. The American Legion believes team loyalty is key ingredient for any team Sport. Any American Legion Baseball player participating in another non-sanctioned baseball event such as an exhibition game, tournament showcase, combine or another youth program shall be ineligible for post-season tournament play.

2.18 A clear colored Team Photo taken by a digital camera and all players properly identified with American Legion Post Name and Number MUST be submitted when the Team Roster is entered into the National Website (www.baseball legion.org).

2.19* The Department Baseball Chairman must certify to the National Headquarters American Legion Baseball Section, by June 30th, all teams registered in Virginia on National Forms #1 & #2, American Legion Baseball Registration Form (See National Rule — Team and Player certification). (Rule 6).

2.20 Failure of a Team’s Post, District/League Chairman, or the Department Chairman to comply with the DEPARTMENT RULES 2.16, 2.17, 2.18 and 2.19 will result in that team being declared ineligible for Department and National Competition.

2.21 Baseball Scholarship Applications. We continue to experience difficulties with Posts submitting the baseball scholarship applications and certification form by the deadline date. The absolute deadline this year is July 15th at Department Headquarters, those received after that date WILL NOT be considered in the final selection. All applications received by that date will be considered and a final winner selected at the Department Convention by the Baseball Scholarship Committee.

A. The requirements to award a scholarship are outlined in the application.

1. Players must be listed on the 2016 roster and the team must be affiliated with an American Legion team.

2. A scholarship can only be awarded to a player going to college.

3. A scholarship can only be based on individuals demonstrating outstanding leadership, citizenship, character, scholarship, and financial need. (The
scholarship cannot be awarded to the tournament MVP, this is in violation of the NCAA rules).

4. Three letters of testimony are required.

5. The Post Commander must sign the application.

6. A transcript of grades must be provided.

7. The application will be available online after January 1, 2016 at www.baseball.legion.org

RULE — 3 — PROTEST PROCEDURE

3.01 All questions, disputes, and protests within a District/League shall be decided by the District League Chairman, who shall determine whether to disqualify or suspend anyone for violating League, Department or National Regulations.

A. Any team protesting a game must do so at the time of the rule infraction and before the next legal pitch is thrown. The umpire shall announce the game is being played under protest and sign the official scorebook indicating the date/time, situation, and reason for the protest. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in the protest not being allowed. The Chief Umpire shall file, a written report (within twenty-four (24) hours) after a protested game, with the District/League Chairman describing the circumstances and facts of the rule(s) involved.

B. Each District/League shall have a Protest Committee. This committee shall hold a meeting, review the protest material and render a protest decision within seven (7) days after being informed by the District Chairman of the protest.

C. Protest involving judgment calls by umpires will not be considered.

D. Following a protest committee decision, the District/League Chairman will issue a decision to the teams involved in the protested game. An appeal of a District/League Chairman’s decision to the Department Chairman shall be accompanied by $100 (cash, certified check or money order). The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is not upheld, the fee shall be deposited to the Departments Baseball Fund. Any appeal made to the Department Baseball Chairman shall be in writing; Telegrams are considered as written appeal. As necessary, The Department Chairman shall seek the advice and guidance of the Department Baseball Committee. Decisions rendered by the Department Baseball Chairman, as Supported by the Department Baseball Committee shall be final, unless it can be shown that the decision(s) was in direct violation of the National Rules. Any appeal to the National Director of American Legion Baseball must be forwarded through the Department Chairman, who shall forward such appeals without delay. No appeal shall be
considered by the Department Baseball Chairman until all established appeals procedures in the District/League have been exhausted.

E. All requests for interpretations of American Legion Baseball in Virginia must be in writing; email is considered a written request. Should any player, coach, manager, or any party associated with any American Legion Baseball Team in Virginia write directly to the National American Legion Baseball Director for interpretations of American Legion Baseball in Virginia, it shall be considered a violation of this rule and the party or parties shall be removed from further participation in American Legion Baseball for the remainder of the season.

RULE – 4 – AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR BASEBALL PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

4.01 The Junior Program will serve as a feeder program for the Senior Program, thereby making for a stronger Senior Baseball Program.

A. The Junior Program shall be a 17 and under program.

4.02 The Junior Program will serve to keep the Legion Baseball Program strong and from losing players to other programs.

4.03 A Junior Baseball Program can stand on their own without having an affiliation with a Senior Team.

A. Junior Players are eligible for releases or transfers (See Rule 2.17.D or Rule 2.17.E.)

4.04 Senior Team Programs that fielded Junior Teams the previous year should use their returning Junior Team Players to feed their Senior Program. Junior Team Players attending the same schools listed on the Senior Team’s Form #1 (Roster) is eligible to remain with Senior Team.

A. The player attending private school must complete National Declaration Form #77 on which the player declares in writing the team which he wishes to play.

B. The Form #77 MUST be approved by the Department Baseball Chairman prior to listing the player on the National Form #1 (Roster), which is valid for current season only.

4.05 Playing Rules:

A. Use the same rules and the required paperwork currently used by the Senior Program with approved modifications.

4.06 January 1st will be age limit cut-off, same as the Senior Team.

A. See Age Chart, Rule 2.16.
B. All seventeen (17) years old players must first tryout for the Senior team.

4.07 The same playing rules as senior American Legion Baseball with modifications are allowed for the junior program, such as:

A. All games shall be seven-innings. The 10-run Rule will apply after 4 ½ or 5 innings. (See Rule 2.03.B.)

B. Re-entry allowed during Tournament play or for the DH at any time. (See Rule 2.03.F)

C. A designated hitter is allowed (See Rule 2.03.F.1.)

D. Junior Pitching (See Rule 2.07.A.1-3, and Rule 2.07.B.1.)

E. Dual Roster: Junior Players are allowed to play for both a Post Junior and Senior team and must be affiliated with the same Post sponsor. This player MUST be on both rosters to be covered by each team insurance. Only players 17 years of age and under are eligible for both the Junior roster and Senior roster.

1. For post-season tournament play: if a Senior Team drops below 12 players on the roster, then that team can bring up to 3 players up from the junior team so the team will meet the minimum of 12 players. This is applicable during the District, State or National Tournament play ONLY. Managers must first obtain approval from the Department Baseball Chairman (See Rule 5.01.B.2.)

4.08 All Junior Teams MUST register with Virginia American Legion Baseball by May 15th, and submit a registration fee of $150.

A. Junior Team Registration on American Legion Website.

4.09 All Junior Teams MUST carry S.A. Van Dyk Insurance, and complete National Form #1 (Team Roster) and National Form #2 (Player Indemnification Agreement) (See Rule 2.02.).

4.10 Funding for Junior Teams, will be picked up by the teams participating in the Junior Program.

A. Total outside team sponsors must be incorporated.

4.11 POST SEASON TOURNAMENT PLAY. The tournament location and tournament rules will be determined by the baseball committee prior to the tournament start. Trophies and awards will be provided by the Department.

A. Each team requiring lodging in The Junior State Tournament shall make a damage deposit of $200 (cash or certified check) to The Tournament Director. Deposits will be returned to the teams at check-out, provided that damage claims are not pending against the team.
B. Funds to cover the Hotel expenses will be taken from the extended Registration fees for Junior Teams listed in Rule 2.02. This expense cannot exceed the amount of registration fees collected for the year and the amount available as set in the Department Baseball Budget.

1. Junior Teams participating in the Junior Team State Tournament cannot check into the Hotel before the first day of the actual tournament games begins.

2. Junior Teams are responsible for their own meal expenses.

4.12 The Department of Virginia Junior Baseball Program will be governed by the Department of Virginia American Legion Baseball Rules and the National American Legion Baseball Rules the same as the Senior Program.

4.13 Junior Teams are encouraged to seek outside sponsors to help the post finance their teams. There will be no further play beyond the State Tournament unless finances and the opportunity is available.

4.14 Maximum players per roster – 18, same as Senior teams.

RULE — 5 — STATE TOURNAMENT

5.01 An application Agreement to host the State Baseball Tournament shall be published in the “Virginia Legionnaire” and will be mailed to all District Athletic Chairman. The successful bidder will be the host team and if they are the District Champions, the tournament runner-up will be the District Representative Team. Any deviation from this rule must be clearly stated in the application agreement by the successful bidder. A minimum bid of at least $1,500 is required to be considered for the tournament application.

A. It shall be the responsibility of the Host Post for the Department Tournament to arrange for a team registration and tournament banquet to be held on the evening before the start of the Department tournament; team lodging, and travel mileage reimbursement for traveling teams.

1. Meal money for teams requiring housing shall be for a maximum of eighteen (18) players and two (2) coaches. Meal money will be furnished from the Department Baseball Budget and the amount shall be determined each year by the Baseball Committee.

2. Accommodations must meet the approval of the Department Baseball Committee who shall visit and approve these arrangements. Lodging expenses cannot exceed the amount of registration fees collected for the year and the amount available as set in the Department Baseball Budget.
3. Each team requiring lodging in the Department Tournament shall make a damage deposit of $200 (cash or certified check) to the tournament director. Deposits will be returned to the teams at check-out time, provided that damage claims are not pending against the team. The sponsoring American Legion Post is responsible for entire damage amount.

4. All participating Posts shall be responsible for the conduct and behavior of their players, managers, coaches, and fans. Violation of Department Tournament rules or any form of improper behavior or conduct could result in the suspension from further competition of the Department Tournament for a period of one (1) year or more.

B. The Department Baseball Tournament shall not exceed eight (8) teams. The Department of Virginia, American Legion Baseball Program will consist of six [6] Leagues located throughout the state. These league divisions will be comprised of enough teams to ensure competitive balance each having played a minimum of minimum of 10 games within their league. All six certified league championship teams shall be eligible to participate in the Department of Virginia Baseball Tournament. A team, participating in a balanced league and as the Department tournament host will receive a tournament bid; this host team will be the 7th tournament team. An At-Large tournament bid will be given to the league with the greatest number of teams.

1. Leagues with only a few teams may not earn a tournament a bid if they play in one of the smallest or unbalanced leagues. Leagues with the fewest number of certified teams will receive a minimum number of tournament bids; the minimum number of league tournament bids is 1.

2. The Department of Virginia Baseball Tournament shall consist of two [2] rounds: the Qualifying Round and the Championship Round.

3. The Qualifying Round will consist of the six [6] League Tournaments to determine six [6] teams that advance to the Championship Round. An additional At-large team will be given to the League with the greatest number of participating teams; this tournament bid will be given to the League qualifying round runner up.

a. The method of determining eligibility of the At-Large team, if necessary due to more than one [1] League having the most certified teams, for the Championship Round of the Department of Virginia Baseball Tournament will be as follows: The Leagues with the most certified teams in the Department of Virginia, American Legion Baseball Program will either forfeit the bid or play an elimination tournament prior to the Championship Round. The Leagues that will play to determine the representative will announce their schedule to the Department Baseball
Chairman/Committee within five [5] days after the Department Convention.

4. The Championship Round will consist of not more than eight [8] teams. The teams participating will be: the Championship Round Host team; the six [6] League qualifying round champions, and an At-Large qualifying round runner up from the League with the most certified teams.

C. The Districts that will play to determine the representative will announce their schedule to the Department Baseball Chairman/Committee within five (5) days after the Department Convention.

1. All District/League Tournaments and playoff games shall be completed by Friday before the start of the State Tournament.
   a. The Department State Championship Team MUST be certified to the National Americanism Commission by the State Chairman. Certification must be faxed no later than midnight August 1, 2016.

2. Minimum Active Players. Teams completing in ALB Senior District, State or National Tournament must have 12 players available for participation at a Tournament.
   a. All players present at the team registration the day prior to tournament games will be considered available for play. Players not present during team registration will NOT be considered available for tournament play.
   b. Teams with less than 12 players may assign players from the Junior roster to the Senior roster to get the number of active players up to 12. Players assigned to the senior roster from the Junior roster must be approved and certified by the Department Baseball Chairman. Players must be on the Junior Roster certified to National office.
   c. When players are transferred up to the Senior Team for tournament play, coaches/team managers will be required to have all the necessary information available on each player at team check in, team roster and proof of age.

3. All Teams must file a high quality glossy (color) photograph to the National Website (www.baseball.legion.org) to ensure the championship team’s photo will appear in the tournament souvenir program and local newspaper.

D. Tournament play in the Department of Virginia above the District level will be under the direction of the Department Baseball Chairman, or a designated member of the Department Baseball Committee.
E. The Department Tournament Method for the elimination of teams competing shall be two (2) losses and the team is out of the tournament.

1. Teams eliminated from State Tournament (second loss), when the game ends by 8PM shall return home and not be housed at the host expense.

E. Umpires for the Department Baseball Tournament shall be appointed by the Department Baseball Chairman and paid from the Department Baseball Budget.

F. The Department Baseball Chairman and/or the Department Baseball Committee may prescribe rules for the playing of the Department Tournament that it considers necessary.

1. However, circumstances beyond the control of the tournament organizers, i.e., extended delays for rain, will require the American Legion personnel assigned to the tournament to take extraordinary measures to insure teams are given equal opportunity. If rain or other acts of God or mother-nature cause a serious delay in a game or tournament, the Department of Virginia Baseball Chairman and Tournament Director may adjust Tournament brackets in order to select a winner. The selection procedures will be discussed at the Tournament sign-in with all coaches.

G. The Department Tournament Schedule shall be prepared by the Department Baseball Chairman. The schedule shall be flexible to the point that the local Host Team or Host District Champion will play in Game 4 on Opening Day. The Host Team or Host District Champion will play the District Team whose Base school is located the furthest from the Tournament site. Two (2) properly maintained practice fields must be available. At the tournament site and scheduling for the practice fields will be done by the tournament director or his designated representative.

H. The District/League Champion must be announced to the Department Chairman by the District/League Chairman not later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the beginning of the Department Tournament schedule.

I. The pitching record from the District tournaments will carry over to the Department Tournament in compliance with the rule for rest days for pitchers.

J. Artificial noise makers are prohibited.

1. The National Americanism Commission has an established policy that prohibits artificial noisemakers of any nature at all times.

2. Fans who operate noisemakers, such as air horn, bells, shakers, rattlers, etc. will be asked not to do so. A second warning will cause those fans to be removed from the stands and the park.
AMERICAN LEGION CO-ED SLOW-PITCH
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT PERMANENT RULES

1. Must be a Legionnaire, SAL, Auxiliary or Junior Auxiliary member in good standing in the Department of Virginia.

2. There is no age requirement.

3. Uniforms are not required.

4. A player must play for his or her Post. If your Post does not have a team then you will be able to play for any team in your District or for your District team. If your District is without any teams, then you can play for any team in the state.

5. A post may submit more than one team but a roster must be made up and submitted for each team. No crossing over is permitted if one team is eliminated.

6. The tournament will follow the rules and regulations of the official A.S.A. Rule Book. It is highly recommended that each team manager have a copy.

7. Teams may comprise of current members of the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary members. Each team may have as many players as they like, male or female. Two extra batters may be used as a team choice.
   a. Once a player takes a position on the field at the start of an inning he or she must remain in that position until the end of the inning.
   b. No player may interfere with the normal play of another player (e.g. A good player may not cut in front of a less experienced player in order to make a play in the position which should be handled normally by the player in that position).

8. All games will be scheduled seven innings. (Any game may be terminated at the discretion of the Tournament Director.)

9. Any team failing to be on the field in playing position ten minutes after designated time will automatically forfeit.

10. Any protest or objections of player eligibility will be made by the Tournament Director and all rulings will be final.

12. All rosters must be completely filled out and accompanied with entrance fee.

13. No refunds will be made once they have been received by tournament officials.
14. It will be a double elimination tournament consisting of two rounds, first round
starting Saturday morning at 9 AM and last game of round one some time that
evening, depending on number of teams. All teams must expect to play more than
one game per day.

15. All umpires will be paid for by the sponsor of the tournament. There will be five
trophies awarded on Sunday following the championship game. Trophies will be
awarded to the winning team, to the 1st, 2d and 3rd runner-up teams and there will
be a "Most Valuable Player" award.

16. The Department Chairman may prescribe such rules for playing of the Department

17. Tournament as considered necessary.

18. Insurance will not be required but is highly recommended. The Department of
Virginia, American Legion tournament sponsors, any individual, or other
organization will not assume any responsibility for injury on or off the field.

19. The winning team in any given year is automatically the host team for the following
year. (See Rule 18 for exception to this rule).

20. No tournament will be held in the same location two years in a row. Should a team
repeat as winner, the Softball Committee will select a locality for the next
tournament in agreement with the winning team. There is one exception to this
rule. Should a different Post from the same locality win the tournament, then it is
their option as first time winners to select the site of tournament.

1. Tournaments are open to all Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion members, and Auxiliary members in good standing.

2. There will be two (2) 36-hole tournaments each year, one each in the spring and fall.

3. Tournaments will be held on weekends, including Friday, which will be for practice rounds. In the event that weather prohibits playing 36 holes, 18 hole scores Saturday or Sunday will be used to award prizes. Winter rules will prevail at all tournaments. [This means the ball may be moved one (1) club length, not to improve your lie]. Local and USGA rules will be in force.

4. Starting times will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director, in full cooperation with the Golf Course Professional.

5. Selection of tournament sites will be the responsibility of the Director. It is desired that as many different golf courses be played as possible. Therefore, recommendations and suggestions are welcome.

6. Entry fees will vary depending on the golf course played. However, we will attempt to keep the cost to the very minimum. Fees will include: 3 days of green fees, 3 days riding carts, the banquet Saturday night, and prizes.

7. All entry forms and fees must be received by the deadline date to be eligible for the tournament.

8. In order to be eligible for any prize the entrant must compete both days, unless play is abbreviated due to inclement weather. Under NO circumstances will an entrant play 36 holes on either day and be considered.

9. Entrants who are unable to play after remitting entry fees will be refunded in full, provided notification is given prior to the start of the tournament. If motel or golf course does not charge, all money will be refunded.

10. As with any tournament where prizes are involved, all Putts must be holed; USGA rules will be adhered to; local rules will be observed and other rules as may be introduced by the Tournament Director will be observed. Any and all infractions will be reported to the Tournament Director who will make disqualification decisions.

11. Foursomes and starting times will be the responsibility of the Director, or his/her Representative.

12. Cooperation among players and tournament officials is paramount to the success of a well-conducted tournament. Good sportsmanship is conducive to an enjoyable tournament.

13. The primary purpose of the American Legion Golf Tournament is: fellowship, making new friends, renewing old friendships, good sportsmanship and playing to the best of one's ability at all times.

14. The Tournament Director solicits and welcomes suggestions and constructive criticism for Improvement of all tournaments.
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
TENPIN TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The United States Bowling Congress Rules and Regulations will govern this tournament.

2. Only members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, Son of the American Legion in good standing, are eligible for this event.

3. All prizes will be on handicap basis. 100% of prize fees will be awarded.

4. There will be a cash prize for each ten (10) entries in team, singles and doubles events. There will be one cash prize awarded for each twenty (20) entries in All-Events.

5. All events is an optional event. To be eligible for All Events, a fee shall be designated by the Tournament Chairman. Fees must accompany entry forms.

6. Handicap will be computed on an individual basis of 90% of the difference of the entrant’s highest, sanctioned average from previous winter season and scratch of 220 pins. If no sanctioned average if available from the previous winter season, the entrant’s handicap will be computed on the highest sanctioned average as of January 1st. Entrant’s having no acceptable entering average under tournament rules must bowl scratch. No summer league average is acceptable. Should be USBC average of 21 games as of January 1st current year.

7. Tournament prizes will not be awarded until the average of ALL WINNERS in each event is properly recertified by Local Association Secretary or local Association Year Book. Please bring a copy of your Association Year Book.

8. All participants will be required to show their USBC CARDS and American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary or Son of the American Legion card.

9. Substitutes must present themselves to the Tournament Director at least one hour before scheduled to bowl and their averages must be certified.

10. Entrants may bowl only once in each event. Bowlers must enter doubles and singles, if entered in either.

11. Preference will be given as entries are received and as to distance entrant must travel to and from tournament site. Bowlers residing less than 50 miles from tournament site will be scheduled after those residing farther away. Designate three time preferences on your entry if possible or required.

12. Errors in scoring must be reported within 24 hours after games are bowled to be corrected
13. All claims for prize money must be made within 45 days after receipt of prize list or claims will be disallowed. Such claims must be made to Tournament Director with copy to Department Bowling Chairman.

14. USBC members are eligible to participate in this tournament, with high score USBC recognition automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible USBC members (individuals not bowling in unsanctioned leagues) can qualify for high score recognition at their option by paying current fee, prior to bowling, for which the Bowling Congress will issue an unattached membership card.

15. Bowler's Responsibility for Average: USBC Rule 363, Sec. C. it shall be each bowler's whether originally submitted by the bowler, his Team Captain or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to or at the completion of the first game of a series, shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher. No previous prize winnings need be reported.

16. Lane Assignment: Lanes will be assigned by the Tournament Director according to entries.

17. USBC Rule - Breakdown of entry fee:

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100% of Prize Fee will be returned.

18. The American Legion Department of Virginia Bowling Committee has the responsibility to locate and designate the location for the tournament. Any suggestions on location will be appreciated. The committee will collect and manage the finance cost of prize fees, bowling lane fees, and other fees as necessary.

19. All publications and printed information needed for Bowling Committee, collection of fees and entry blanks is responsibility of Tournament Director.

20. A complete list of winners and prizes must be submitted to Bowling Committee and/or Athletic Chairman as soon as tournament is recognized as complete, according to USBC Rules and Regulations.

21. All-American Legion Bowling Tournaments are morale-sanctioned event of USBC and any medal or awards rolled in accordance with the awards program of USBC will be so honored.

22. These rules and regulations of The American Legion, Department of Virginia Tenpin Bowling Tournament shall be considered as permanent rules. Any changes to be made will have to be made in writing to the Athletic Committee, and will be
discussed and voted on between the Athletic Committee and the Bowling Committee.

23. The following rules must be on entry blank for every tournament: Rules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 26.

24. The Bowling Chairman will schedule the tournament at such a date that does not interfere with the entries from Virginia in any local, state or national Tenpin Bowling. All Posts shall be notified well in advance, as to the date of the tournament.

25. The Bowling Chairman shall schedule the tournament so as not to interfere with any American Legion Conference, Convention or other Department function pertaining to the general membership of the Legion.

26. It is expected and requested that each participant give his fullest cooperation to the Tournament Director. Good sportsmanship and good etiquette will help your game and make for a more enjoyable tournament.

27. All participants in the Bowling Tournament must forward a copy of their American Legion membership card to the Host Tournament Directors.