



Guide to  
**Public Address Announcements**

American Legion Baseball

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# Foreward

The following is a sample of the public address announcer's guide used at National Tournaments. We suggest the local announcer re-type these to fit you stadium and particular Regional tournament. Please use it to your advantage as a guideline to good public address announcements. Not all of the announcements will apply to all tournaments, but they serve as examples of the types of announcements that should be made.

Again, you are not bound to this format, but we at The American Legion feel it should be used as a tool to provide uniform announcements at American Legion games throughout the nation. Thank you for your cooperation.

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# Introductory Announcement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Welcome to beautiful, \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ and the 20\_\_ American Legion Baseball  
Name of Tournament \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Tournament. In today's action:

*(Announce all teams at beginning of each day and at the first game of the day)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ will play \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

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The visiting team \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ enters today's game with a record of \_\_\_\_ wins and \_\_\_\_ losses.

The home team \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ comes into the contest with a record of \_\_\_\_ wins and \_\_\_\_ losses.

And now, the starting line-ups:

For the visiting team: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name, Sponsor, City \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Announce Team Name - Post Sponsorship Number, City & Team)*

Leading off and wearing number \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Batting second, number \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Etc...

**Notes:** For a team's first appearance, please introduce non-starters by number and name only. For all subsequent games, introduce only starters. Always introduce the Manager and coaches last. Trainers or other special team personnel serving on the field may be introduced as well.

# Suggested Opening Ceremonies Introduction

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Welcome to \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ and beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Field \_\_\_\_\_  
where we gather today to celebrate the opening of the American Legion \_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Tournament sponsored by The American Legion.

The “Tradition of Greatness” began nearly 80 years ago in 1925, when delegates to The American Legion National Convention held in Omaha, NE voted to sponsor American Legion Baseball. Yonkers, New York, won the first American Legion championship, which continues here today. Since 1925, tens of millions of young baseball players have found the opportunity to develop their playing skills in American Legion Baseball.

Over the years, more than 40 of those former American Legion players have been inducted as members of Baseball’s Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, enshrined and immortalized as the “greatest players” the game has ever known. Over the years nearly 55 percent of all major league players have participated in American Legion Baseball. Truly, American Legion baseball provides a path to excellence in this game we call the National Pastime.

Today, in 20\_\_\_\_, that great tradition continues here at \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Field \_\_\_\_\_. Eight championship teams are on the field waiting to compete over the next five days to determine which team will go on to compete in the 20\_\_\_\_ American Legion \_\_\_\_\_ World Series Tournament. Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome each of these championship teams as they are introduced.:

Reporting from \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_, with a season record of \_\_\_\_\_ wins and \_\_\_\_\_ losses, from  
\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, American Legion Post # \_\_\_\_\_.

Reporting from \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_, with a season record of \_\_\_\_\_ wins and \_\_\_\_\_ losses, from  
\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, American Legion Post # \_\_\_\_\_.

Reporting from \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_, with a season record of \_\_\_\_\_ wins and \_\_\_\_\_ losses, from  
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\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, American Legion Post # \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, American Legion Post # \_\_\_\_\_.

Reporting from \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_, with a season record of \_\_\_\_\_ wins and \_\_\_\_\_ losses, from  
\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, American Legion Post # \_\_\_\_\_.

Now it is with great pleasure to introduce the Hosting Tournament Team, with a season record of \_\_\_\_ wins and \_\_\_\_ losses, your \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name Sponsored by American Legion Post # \_\_\_\_.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome all eight competing teams to \_\_\_\_\_ City for the 20\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Site Region \_\_\_\_ Tournament.

Thank you. We now go to the field where \_\_\_\_\_ Name, a Legionnaire for \_\_\_\_ years and a representative of \_\_\_\_\_ Official Name of Post will conduct the opening ceremonies.

Field Announcer -

(Introductions of dignitaries, if any.)

Introduce \_\_\_\_\_ Name for the prayer

Introduce \_\_\_\_\_ Name who will read the Code of Conduct

Ladies and Gentlemen, to honor America, please stand and join with \_\_\_\_\_ Singer's Name in the singing of our national anthem. Thank you.

**Note:** All teams and other field personnel will remain on the field for the singing of the anthem. The color guard will either raise the American flag in center field or be posted in front of the pitcher's mound during the singing of the anthem.

Following the conclusion of the anthem, the teams not scheduled to play in the first game will depart from the field. When the field is clear, the starting lineups for the first game will proceed. As their names are announced the managers, coaches, starters and nonstarters will report to the first or third base line as appropriate. Personnel will stand in a line on the grass outside the baseline facing toward crowd beginning with the team manager near home plate.

Following these introductions the final infield touch-up will take place. Umpires will be announced during the touch-up. The visitors will take the field for warm-ups following the touch-up. Then, it's time to "Play Ball."

# Game Notes

Game Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Visitor (circle)

Line Scoring:

Inning	Runs		Hits		Errors		LOB
First							
Second							
Third							
Fourth							
Fifth							
Sixth							
Seventh							
Eighth							
Ninth							
Tenth							
<b>Totals:</b>							

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	F
Home:										
Visitor:										

WP \_\_\_\_\_

Save: \_\_\_\_\_

LP \_\_\_\_\_

# Starting Line-up Roster

Game No. \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Visitor (circle)

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Order	Uniform No.	Position	First Name	Last Name
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____

# Concession Announcement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The American Legion invites all baseball fans to patronize the food and beverage concession stands (located) \_\_\_\_\_. Hungry fans will find a varied and delectable menu of ballpark entrees including hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, polish sausage and sandwiches, together with Mexican, German and Greek food selections from our concession stand.

Fans will also find their favorite ballpark snacks and beverages such as peanuts, popcorn, ice cream and candies along with lemonade and soda pop. Nachos, popcorn and soft drinks are also available from vendors circulating through the seating areas.

Portions of the proceeds from concession sales here at \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Field \_\_\_\_\_ will benefit American Legion Baseball and we thank you for your support.

Thank you.

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# Souvenir Sales Announcement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The American Legion offers a distinctive collection of souvenirs and clothing items for fans to enjoy as remembrances of their visit to \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Field \_\_\_\_\_ and the 20\_\_\_\_ American Legion Baseball Regional Tournament.

Fans will find such favorites as Tournament lapel pins, seat cushions, baseball caps, T-shirts, running shorts and jackets at the special souvenir sales areas located near the center press box or in the general admission area on the third base side. Portions of the souvenir sales proceeds will benefit the American Legion Post \_\_\_\_\_ Baseball team, and we thank you for your support.

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# Scouts and Coaches List

Because of its length, the following recognition announcement is best read during the pre-game period while infield practice is underway.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The American Legion wishes to recognize the following major league executives, baseball scouts and college coaches joining us here at American Legion Memorial Field for the 20\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Tournament.

## **First, from the American League:**

From the Minnesota Twins	Joel "Olaf" Lepel
From the Texas Rangers	Mike Grouse
From the Chicago White Sox	Paul Provas
From the California Angels	Ted Brzenk "Breznik"
From the Kansas City Royals	Tony Levato

## **And from the National League:**

From the Houston Astros	David Lakey
From the St. Louis Cardinals	Manny Guerra
From the Pittsburgh Pirates	Hank Krause
From the Los Angeles Dodgers	Dale McReynolds
From the Atlanta Braves	Don Hanson, Brian Kohlscheen, Jim Peck and Dave Link
From the Colorado Rockies	Jeff Schugel
From the New York Mets	Larry Chase
From the Cincinnati Reds	Jerry Raddatz
From the Chicago Cubs	Bob Steinkamp and Ray Baker
And from the Major League Scouting Bureau	Mike Larson

## **From the College ranks we have with us tonight:**

From the Univ. of Minnesota	Rob Fornasiere
From Penn State University	Jeff Ditch
From Stanford University	Marc Smith

Gentlemen, the American Legion appreciates your interest in the young talent on display here tonight, and we wish you and your clubs and organizations the very best.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's give these men a round of applause to show our thanks for their support.

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# Introductory Announcement For (sponsor) Night at the Ballpark

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Welcome to beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Field \_\_\_\_\_ and this evening's American Legion  
Regional Tournament action.

Tonight's game is being sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_.

Or

In the first game of the day, at \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Field \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Visiting Team \_\_\_\_\_  
will face \_\_\_\_\_ Home Team \_\_\_\_\_.

Today's game is being sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_.

And now the introductions and starting line-ups, first for the visiting club from  
\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ etc.

**This sample announcement can be used for any sponsor. It is suggested that you allow the sponsor to toss out the first pitch or to read the sportsmanship code before the first game.**

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# Hall of Fame/Cooperstown Announcement

Ladies: and Gentlemen:

Cooperstown, New York, known to millions of fans as the “Home of Baseball,” is also the home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

Opened in 1939, the Hall of Fame honors the greatest players in the game of baseball. Over forty former American Legion players are enshrined today as members of the Hall of Fame, proof that American Legion baseball provides a path to greatness.

Hall of Fame greats such as Dave Winfield, Sparky Anderson, Carlton Fisk, Bob Gibson, Bob Feller, Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Roy Campanella, Yogi Berra, Frank Robinson, PeeWee Reese, Joe Morgan, Rollie Fingers and Reggie Jackson got an early start on American Legion Baseball fields and went on to write their names in baseball’s record books. Now, their plaques can be found on the walls of the Hall of Fame in a picturesque rural New York village where the game of baseball dates back to the early 1800s.

The American Legion invites all baseball fans to visit Cooperstown, New York, and the Baseball Hall of Fame. Truly, the trip to Cooperstown is a pilgrimage every baseball fan should make at least once a lifetime. Many fans that have journeyed to the quaint village in upstate New York return there year after year.

In Cooperstown you will find not only the Hall of Fame, but a large, modern state-of-the-art museum and library where the inspiring story of our National Pastime is told and preserved for today’s fans and future generations.

The American Legion supports the National Baseball Hall of Fame and is proud to be associated with this great American institution.

# Program Announcement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The 20\_\_ Site Regional Souvenir program is a \_\_-page treasure-trove of information about American Legion Baseball and the eight teams competing for the championship.

Priced regularly at \$3.00 each, 20\_\_ American Legion souvenir programs are available in quantity for \$2.00 each in multiples of five or more. Why not pick up some extra copies of this attractive publication to take home to friends and family who could not be here in person?

The 20\_\_ programs can be purchased from vendors in the stands and at the main concession stand near the main entrance to Name of Field or Stadium.

Thank you.

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# Scorekeeper Announcement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Hits, errors, putouts, passed balls and wild pitches are all part of the game of baseball and its endless statistics. And, as any good baseball fan knows, good baseball statistics are based on good scorekeeping.

The American Legion Official Scorekeeping Committee includes two of the “best in the business.”

Making the scoring calls and counting the numbers for this year’s \_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Tournament is \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Scorekeeper \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ and the assistant scorekeeper, our very own \_\_\_\_\_ Name of assistant, if one was appointed \_\_\_\_\_.

Additional information and photographs of these gentlemen can be found on page \_\_\_\_\_ of your 20\_\_\_\_ American Legion Souvenir Program.

Let’s give \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Scorekeeper \_\_\_\_\_ and his dedicated scorekeeping team a round of applause for their fine work during the 20\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Tournament.

Thank you.

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# Semi-final Round

## Opening Ceremonies Introduction

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Welcome to Name of Field or Stadium in beautiful City, State where today, four teams - Name 1, Name 2, Name 3, Name 4, will play to determine the championship of the 20    American Legion Baseball Site Regional Tournament.

The “Tradition of Greatness” began over 75 years ago in 1926, when Yonkers, New York, won the first American Legion Tournament. That “Tradition of Greatness” continues here today. Since 1926, tens of thousands of young baseball players have found the opportunity to develop their playing skills in American Legion baseball.

Over the years, more than 40 of those former American Legion players have been inducted as members of Baseball’s Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, enshrined and immortalized as the “greatest players” the game has ever known. And, nearly 55 percent of all major league players have participated in American Legion Baseball.

That great tradition continues today at Name of Field or Stadium as we meet for the semi-final games of the 20    American Legion Site Regional Tournament.

In Game #13 Name 1 meets Name 2, and the winner of that contest will face winner of game 14 between Name 3, Name 4 in Game # 15, winners of game 13 and game 14 will meet tomorrow night at 7 p.m. for the championship game.

And now the introductions and starting line-ups for Game # 13.

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# Groundskeeping Announcement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Baseball is played on a field and that means groundskeepers. The American Legion wishes to recognize the outstanding efforts of the groundskeeping crew here at Name of Field or Stadium.

Our thanks and a round of applause please for Grounds Crew Chief Name of Crew Chief  
and crew members Name 2, Name 3, Name 4,  
Name 5, etc...

Thank you.

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**- Please -**

**Be Quiet**

**when the  
Public Address Announcer  
is on the Microphone**

**Thank You**

