

Welcome to the 2022 American Legion baseball season.

Coaches' information from the January Preseason meeting

It may be a new season, but these items have not gone away

- New players need the **Birth ID card**, form is on the NALB website

Admin Note: cards are valid throughout the players eligibility, retain from year to year but new players will need a card. Many teams waited until just before the seeding meeting last year. Recommend that you not count on my niceness this year.

- **Background checks** are required every year (provided by the PYS company)
- **SAM Training** is required Every Year (Provided by the PYS Company)
- **Concussion training** certificate every 2 years (State Law 71-9105)

Sexual Abuse and Molestation awareness training for Adults (SAM)

For NE Legion teams: **ONLY** the training provided by the PYS company will be accepted. Previously we accepted the training provided by USA Baseball. NALB will no longer utilize that training – When a team administrator registers a team and inputs the coaches, those coaches will receive an email indicating they have been listed and are required to take a background check and the SAM training. That email comes from the National system and still includes the option of USA Baseball training and the option of PYS. Disregard the USA Baseball. A Coach does not need to provide a PYS certificate to the office as that information is linked to their name in the background check system on PYS. When a person applies for a background check, they should receive an email providing a link to take the SAM training on the PYS system. That link is only good for 14 days. After 14 days, you must contact me so I can have it resent.

Rule changes/additions

NALB Rule 1.12: Dual Participation. Added "*Dual Participation must end at the start of post season*"

There was some confusion last season as to if it was only for missing a game or was over completely. Participation on another baseball team is over once post season begins.

NALB Rule 4.02: Unsportsmanlike Conduct. This was redone completely to read:

4.02 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: *Any umpire, manager, coach or player, program representative or fan(s) who displays unsportsmanlike conduct or discredits this program, in the opinion of the Department Athletic Chairman or his representative, may be removed from further participation in any American Legion Baseball competition as determined by the Department Athletic Committee.*

- This includes but is not limited to actions during pre-game warm up and post-game departure from the park area.*
- The American legion has a zero-tolerance stance on verbal or physical abuse of an umpire during pre-game warm up and post-game departure from the park or parking lot areas.*
- During the National Anthem, teams will assemble on the base line, stand, face the U.S. Flag, remove their headgear and place their right hand over their heart. Anthem stand-offs will not be tolerated. The American Legion has a zero-tolerance stance on Cyber-bullying on any social media or other electronic platforms.*
- Unsportsmanlike conduct incidents will be considered by the Department Athletic Committee during the selection of Area and State Tournament host sites*

NALB Rule 4.04: Heckling. Added "*It is the responsibility of the home team program director to control the fans. The chief umpire shall give the home team manager/head coach a warning, if no action is taken and the situation continues, the chief umpire should eject the manager/head coach and any individual violating this rule from the ballpark.*"

Post Season Tournaments

- Dates and Sites are posted on the web page. <https://www.nelegionbaseball.net/2022tournaments>
- All Area tournaments will select and provide their own umpires. Last season, we did a trial run on the umpires for Area being selected by the committee. We will return to the way it was before. It is recommended that the Area TD select an umpire chief and that the chief select the remaining umpires.
- The Class A Championship playoff will return to a 1 game playoff between the winner of the American Division and the National Division.

Key Dates

- May 1st: Team registration must be done
- May 15th: All fees paid and insurance purchased: Team Approved – teams cannot be approved until the background checks are completed and the fees are paid. Fees are paid in 2 separate locations this year, National and State fees are paid during the registration. To purchase insurance, you will be redirected to the insurance company website.
- May 31st: All Transfer Forms (Form 76's) must be completed and turned into me or Department (If a player does not attend your school, you need to do a Transfer Form 76)
- June 11th: Tournament Director meeting
- June 15th: Rosters must be submitted on the National System
- June 30th: NLT day to get ID cards in a timely manner

New Legion Combined schools:

Filmore Central, Exeter/Milligan and Meridian School

Creighton and Plainview

Cambridge and Arapahoe

Bridgeport and Garden County