



2010 Michigan Department Baseball Rules

**Team Entry Deadline
Thursday, June 23, 2010 - 5:00 p.m.**

All Zone Chairmen Need To Send Entries To The Following Address:

**The American Legion
Department of Michigan
Attn: Roxanne Osga
212 N. Verlinden
Lansing, MI 48915**

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PREAMBLE

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION IN ITS ANNUAL PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULE BOOK INCLUDING THE TOURNAMENT RULES & POLICIES MANUAL AND THE UMPIRES MANUAL. ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE: www.baseball.legion.org THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT BASEBALL COMMITTEE WILL ADHERE TO THOSE RULES EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY MODIFIED BY THE RULES LISTED BELOW. WE ENCOURAGE ALL COACHES TO READ AND FAMILARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE COMPLETE NATIONAL RULE BOOK.

1. All team entry forms, with supporting documentation for individual players, must be directly sent to their respective District Chairman to be checked and sign all team paper work by Monday June 21, 2010. The District Baseball Chairman or the team manager must send all team paper work to their respective Zone Baseball Chairman to check and sign all paper work before submitting to American Legion's State Headquarters at 212 N. Verlinden Ave. Lansing, Mi. 48915 by 5:00 p.m. on the forth Wednesday of June.
 - A. New players shall be assessed a \$10 registration fee. This is a onetime cost and will cover the player for the remainder of his eligibility.
2. All District and Zone winners shall be certified as winners by the District and Zone Chairman immediately via telephone/email to the Department Headquarters and by a signed fax to Department Headquarters within 24 hours of the close of their Tournament.
3. Any team found to have an ineligible player will be suspended from District, Zone and State play and will forfeit all games that player played in, as well as, any moneys due them. The eligibility of players can be protested at any time with documentary proof. Proof of residence and age will be done before District, Zone

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- and State play. Driver's license or Michigan picture identification card will be used for verification.
- A. All other protests will be decided at the time of irregularity (before play is resumed) by the umpires and the committee in charge of the tournament.
4. All districts with two or less teams must consolidate with a neighboring district. This may be considered your zone tournament. If zone only consists of one team, the committee will place that team in a neighboring zone.
 5. All zones shall play under the same format for consistency throughout the state. The zone tournament shall have no host. The zone tournament shall be rotated from district to district. The zone chair shall declare the specific district location before the district tournament begins. Consistency is defined as each Zone Tournament will consist of district champions only. Exception is stated in rule 4.
 6. Weather permitting, District Tournaments shall be completed 3 days before the Zone Tournament and the Zone Tournaments shall be completed 3 days before the State Tournament.
 7. If the host of the state tournament wins their zone tournament, the runner-up of that zone shall also advance to the state tournament guaranteeing a 6 team state tournament.
 8. Umpires for all three levels of tournament play shall be as follows:
 - A. District Tournament—Two umpires per game; three if desired
 - B. Zone Tournament—Two umpires per game; three if desired
 - C. State Tournament—Three umpires per game expect for the game that may determine the championship which will have four umpires
 9. At the fall state convention, the Department Baseball Chairman shall make a recommendation the State Baseball Committee as to an Umpire in Chief.
 - A. Zone Chairmen shall make recommendations for possible candidates representing their Zone with a total of 6 umpires (1 from each zone plus an umpire and chief. The final selection shall be the Department Baseball Chairman. If a Zone does not have an umpire then the host zone chooses an umpire.
 - B. At the conclusion of the state tournament, the State Committee will review and evaluate each of the umpires
 - C. The Department Baseball Chairman shall compile these evaluations and disseminate to the committee members
 10. The Department Tournament schedule will be announced by the Department Baseball Chairman at the Fall Conference.
 11. All teams are expected to be ready to play at the scheduled time. Failure to be present 15 minutes after the scheduled time, will result in a forfeit of that game.

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12. Bracketing, as outlined by the National Americanism Commission, will be adhered to.
13. When possible and not disruptive to the tournament, the home team shall have the third base dugout. Warm-up time before games shall be regulated by the committee in charge. The host team field is a neutral field at any level of play and is controlled by the committee in charge.
14. Two adult coaches, in a like team uniforms, may appear in the coach's box. An adult must be in the dugout at all times. An alternate adult may be designated before Zone and State Tournament play.
15. Any American Legion Baseball manager who plays a boy in a regularly scheduled game in District, Zone or Department competition who is found to be ineligible under any Department or National rule, shall be suspended for one (1) year from the date of the infraction. He shall not be allowed to take part in any phase of the American Legion Baseball Program during that period of time.
16. The District and Zone Chairman shall have full authority in the handling of his tournament.
17. Post sponsoring teams in the Department Tournament are required to furnish proof of ability to pay for any and all damages incurred by members of their team when conclusively proven to be their responsibility.
18. Any manager or coach found guilty of jeopardizing any high school athlete's eligibility will be automatically and immediately suspended for one (1) year.
19. The Department Committee adopts the national tournament "Conduct off the Field Rules" as outlined in the Tournament Rules & Polices Manual published by the American Legion Americanism Commission.
20. Housing for the Department Tournament will be provided for eighteen (18) registered players, one (1) manager and (1) coach. Teams eliminated in the morning play at the Department Tournament will be allowed luncheon before returning home. Teams eliminated from the tournament shall leave the tournament site immediately.
21. A team sponsored by an outside organization must have an American Legion member as its manager.
22. Written parental permission for emergency medical aid must accompany each ball player at the Zone and Department Tournaments.

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23. Recruiting for all teams will be under Plan B as set forth in the National Rule Book.
24. No manager or coach shall serve as a District Baseball Chairman, Zone Chairman or umpire at any post season American Legion Tournament.
25. Beginning with the 2007 season, the state tournament shall be hosted by Zone 4 and rotated to each zone thereafter: Zone 5-2008, Zone 1-2009, Zone 2-2010, Zone 3-2011 and continue in rotation. At the Fall Conference, the following year's zone host must declare their intention to host the tournament. In the event that zone declines the host status or it is determined there was no representation from that zone the summer just concluded, the state committee shall offer the tournament to the following zone in sequence. If that zone accepts the tournament, the rotation continues. However, if that zone declines, the tournament host is opened to the entire state and awarded by the state committee and the rotation resumes the following year (Example: for 2009, Zone 1 had no representation during the 2008 season. Zone 1 therefore, is denied host privilege for the 2009 state tournament. Zone 2 would have opportunity to accept the 2009 tournament. If they accept, the rotation continues; if they decline, their host status for 2010 remains). To avoid any confusion, zones will not be allowed to switch years.
26. The State Tournament shall be comprised of a host team and 5 zone champions. If a zone has no representative (registered team), the zone which has the most registered teams shall be allowed to send their runner-up team. That team shall fill the slot in the state tournament of the non-representative zone.
27. Each team in the State Tournament must submit a \$200 damage deposit to be returned to them minus any charges after the hotel bill is paid.
28. Each team is to submit \$50 state registration fee & \$50 national registration fee at the time of registration.
29. Official baseball chain of command is as follows: Team, Post, District, Zone, State Baseball Committee.
30. Players recruited within a team's district are not required to secure releases from teams outside the district even though the outside team(s) may be closer to the players domicile.
31. Effective 2010 Baseball season, The Department of Michigan baseball committee shall create a second senior division which hereafter shall be known as Class A. This division will be based on smaller school population and shall adhere to the Department of Michigan Baseball rules and the National rules except as specifically modified by the following rules:

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- A. Qualification to participate in Class A will be limited to registered teams with a total team registration of 1500 students (10-12 grades) or less.
- B. Upon the filing of the National form #1, a team shall declare, in writing, their intentions to compete in Class A, this shall be an annual declaration.
- C. Post-season tournaments shall consist of a zone level tournament with the champions advancing to a state tournament. The State Champion shall not have the ability to advance into The American Legion National Tournament.
- D. For post-season tournament purposes, if a post sponsors both a Class A and AA, a player cannot be registered on both teams.
- E. Location of the Zone Tournament shall be exclusively the responsibility of the Zone Chair.
- F. The State Committee shall determine which zone shall host the first State Finals. Thereafter, the state tournament shall rotate in the same fashion as Class AA.
- G. Host for the State Tournament shall follow the guidelines of the Department of Michigan Baseball Rule #25. The State Baseball Committee shall develop a host contract for Class A State Finals.
- H. The post season tournament (Zone & Stat Finals) shall consist of 7 inning games.
- I. Only zones who have Class A registered teams shall participate in the Class A zone tournament with the winner advancing to the Class A State Finals (Maximum of 6 teams including the host).

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- 32a. Junior teams may certify with Department and National by their deadline dates as long as they are labeled as Junior teams. Junior team players cannot be listed on both a Senior and Junior team roster, penalty will be disqualification of both teams to post season tournament play.
- 32b. Junior teams are prohibited from taking part in regular Senior team Post season tournaments at the District, Zone or Department level. Teams are allowed to participate in American Legion sanctioned Post season tournaments for Junior-type teams in other states.
- 32c. Junior team players are required to follow rules involving Form #76 and #77 waiver/choice forms, if Junior team competition is not available in the Senior teams recruiting area, but the forms #76/77 do not restrict Junior players, to specific teams next year. (This allows Junior players to return to the regular Senior Legion team nearest their school or their parents legal residence).
- 32d. For rules of play the Junior division may use MHSAA rules, but must be uniform throughout the Department.

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 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010

CHECK LIST

The following information is essential to register a team for the 2010 American Legion Baseball Season.

All teams should send all information to their District Contact by Monday, June 21, 2010 (see Department rule book). District Contacts need to send their entire District's team information to their Zone Chairman (see Department rule book). Zone Chairman need to send all their Zone's team information to the Department Headquarters Office before the Team Entry Deadline of June 23, 2010, by 5:00 p.m.

NO EXCEPTIONS to:

The American Legion
Department of Michigan
Attn: Roxanne Osga
212 N. Verlinden Avenue Ste. A
Lansing, MI 48915

- 2010 REGISTRATION ONLINE (PAY INSURANCE/REG. FEES)

- 2010 PLAYER AGREEMENT - ALB FORM #2– Typed or Printed for All Players
Original – Team retains
Copy – Turn in to headquarters

- 2010 NATIONAL PLAYER TRANSFER FORM - ALB FORM #76

- 2010 TEAM DECLARATION FORM - ALB #77

- 2010 REGISTRATION FEE FOR ONLY NEW PLAYERS (\$10) EACH

- UPLOAD YOUR TEAM PHOTO

Michigan District Baseball Contact

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone #</u>
<u>1st (Detroit) - Jeremy Bell</u>	25886 Haffmeyer, Roseville, MI 48066	(313) 319-7723
<u>2nd - George Hawkings</u>	3601 Round Lake Hwy Manitou Beach, MI 49253	(517) 547-6899
<u>3rd - None</u>		
<u>4th - Mike Shannon</u>	208 North Elm St, Three Oaks, I 49128	(269) 756-9837
<u>5th - None</u>		
<u>6th -Dale A. Bates</u>	2368 Lake Lansing Rd, East Lansing MI 48823	(517) 351-8995
<u>7th - Linda Sharp</u>	1290 E Caro Rd, Caro, MI 48723	(989) 790-4890
<u>8th - Robert Forton</u>	512 Palmer St, Greenville MI 48838	(616) 754-0725
<u>9th - Lester Rackov</u>	PO Box Q, Lake City, MI 49651	(231) 839-7638
<u>10th - Donald Meskill</u>	2036 McDonald Dr, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858	(989) 775-0384
<u>11th - Stephen Vaneyck</u>	2100 17th Ave, Menominee, MI 49858	(906) 424-4338
<u>12th - Mike Trickey</u>	811 Pine St., Marquette, MI 49855	(906) 226-6404
<u>16th - Sal Scarpace</u>	3544 Lenore St, Melvindale, MI 48122	(313) 910-6095
<u>17th - John Shirky</u>	1807 Pebble Creek Dr, Canton, MI 48185	(734) 721-4620
<u>18th - Bob Eggert</u>	1805 Viola, Ortonville, MI 48462	(248) 627-2709
<u>19th - Thomas Derenzy</u>	4568 Kidder Rd, East Jordan, MI 49727	(231) 536-7025

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
BASEBALL COMMITTEE
DISTRICT AND ZONE RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Zone</u>
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2010 Tournament Schedule

State Tournament: Clarkston, MI
July 29 – August 1, 2010

Regional Tournament: Mattoon, IL
August 5 - 9, 2010

World Series: Spokane, WA
August 13-17, 2010
