



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE

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### 2021 Spring Baseball Meeting Agenda

#### Meeting Type: 2021 Spring Baseball Meeting

**Scheduled Date:** March 6, 2021

**Scheduled Time:** 11:00 AM (2hr)

**Scheduled Location:** Online (Zoom)

#### ATTENDEES

##### **Tennessee American Legion Baseball Department Committee:**

Chuck Johnson (Chairman/Director), Greg Johnson (Vice Chairman/Assistant Director); Jerry Bell (Manager/Player Agent); Michael Lawler (Media & Communications Agent); David Alexander (Finance/Budget Agent) ; Davynie Johnson (Secretary)

#### GUEST(S)

Administrators, Managers, Coaches and other personnel interested in participation in the 2021 TN ALB season.

#### AGENDA

•**Call to Order** Time: \_\_\_\_\_

•**Recite Pledge of Allegiance**

•**Moment of Silence** (For our Fallen, Wounded and Missing)

•**Mission Statement** (The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans.)

#### BUSINESS (Old and New)

Board minute approval adding Mike Lawler (Media and Communications) and David Alexander (Finance/Budget) to the Department Baseball Committee

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#### •**Refunds**

\*All teams that participated in the 2019 TN ALB State Tournament will be credited \$100.00. Refund deadline for the 2021 season is June 30, 2021 for National and State.

#### •**Insurance and Registration Rates (2021)**

All insurance must be purchased through K&K Insurance Group.

Description	Senior (AAA)	Junior (AA)	Freshman (A)	Deadline
National Registration Fee	\$50	\$25	\$25	Early: May 1, 2021  Final: June 1, 2021
National Admin. Fee	\$35	\$35	\$35	
State Registration Fee	\$200*	\$200*	\$150*	
Insurance - General Liability	\$120	\$82	\$82	<b>Note:</b> \$200 late fee may be added after May 15, 2021
Insurance - Personal - Season	\$130	\$110	\$110	
Insurance - Personal - Annual	\$200	\$160	\$160	



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•**USA Baseball Coaches Certification Program** (Pure Baseball and SafeSport)

Senate Bill 534 requires that all managers and coaches of any youth program in the United States must complete, at a minimum, the “A” certification. The course is free and can be done online at [www.sportdev.org/coach](http://www.sportdev.org/coach). All certificates must be emailed to the Department Chairman before the background process can be approved. Background checks will not be completed without a copy of the certification being sent to the Baseball Chairman.

•**State Tournament Dates and Locations**

Freshman (A): Columbia, TN on July 9-11, 2021

Junior (AA): Gallatin, TN on July 15-19

Senior (AAA): Pulaski, TN on July 22-26

*\*Dates, Times and Location may be adjusted due to number of teams or weather.*

•**Regional Tournament Dates and Locations: August 3, 2021 – August 8, 2021**

Region 1: Shrewsbury, Mass., 2021-23.

Region 2: Asheboro, N.C., 2021; Morgantown, W. Va., 2022-23

Region 3: Montgomery, Ala., 2021; Asheboro, N.C., 2022-23

Region 4: Hastings, Neb., 2021; Montgomery, Ala., 2022-23

Region 5: Elmhurst, Ill., 2021; Midland, Mich., 2022-23

Region 6: Sioux Falls, S.D., 2021; Rapid City, S.D., 2022-23

Region 7: Gillette, Wyo., 2021-22

Region 8: Fairfield, Calif., 2021-23

•**Additional Deadlines**

May 1, 2021 is the final day to turn in your staff’s USA Baseball Certification to Baseball Chairman.

May 15, 2021 is the final day to register team, purchase insurance and pay registration fees.

June 1, 2021 is final day to turn in Form #76, Form #77 and tentative Form #1.

June 25, 2021 is the final day to complete team rosters, to include all transfer and declaration forms.

•**Rule Changes:**

Policy and rules have been adopted in 2019 that will be effective for the 2021 baseball season. The important rule changes most are concerned with are below. Minor changes for next season include clarification of tie-breaker for a three team tie coin flip, also team manager and/or head coach will be required to stay with team at host hotel in the team room block, and update original forms team managers are required to hand deliver at national tournament sites, to include Forms #2, #76, and #77.

Rule 1.R.3. Pitching Rule - If a pitcher throws 45 or fewer pitches in game one of multiple games on the same day, he may return to pitch in game two, up to 105 pitches total for the day. If a pitcher were to throw more than 45 pitches in game one, he would be ineligible to pitch in game two.

Rule 2.B.4. Graduated Students – Players who graduate in 2019 shall play for the last American Legion team they played for or the team nearest their parents’ domicile.

Rule 3 & 4 Player Recruiting – Combined total enrollment of high schools cannot exceed 6,000 for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades.



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Rule 6.E. Players Per Team – add paragraph 4. In cases of season ending injury, a player may be replaced on National Form #1 prior to the end of regular season play with department baseball chairman approval and with proper supporting medical doctor's note and documents.

**•2021 Age Guidelines and Recruitment Policy (Rule 4: Player Recruiting Plan B)**

- 1.) Players must play for their closest team's declared base school.
- 2.) Players must obtain a Player Transfer Form #76 before trying out or participating in a practice for a non-base school team. Violations of this rule may result in the Department Chairman or Team Manager not approving the transfer. Suggestion: Once a manager has determined that the player is not in his/her recruiting area, the manager should direct the player to the correct recruiting area. It is the releasing/transferring managers discretion to release a player, not the other way around.
- 3.) A player must obtain a new transfer or declaration each year.
- 4.) Transfers and declarations become invalid for a player that moves to a different division.
- 5.) Players are eligible to play Freshman (A) as long as they will not turn 16 years of age before August 1, 2021
- 6.) Players are eligible to play Juniors (AA) who turn 18 years of age, only if they have a year of remaining High School eligibility. This rule will be eliminated in the 2022 season.
- 7.) COVID Waiver: TN ALB will allow a Junior (AA) team a one year waiver of the enrollment limitation for any team that is unable to roster a minimum of 15 players. Once the roster reaches 15, no additional player can be added to the roster unless there is an injury. This waiver will not be used to gain a competitive advantage and will only be approved to ensure a team can operate effectively throughout an American Legion Baseball season. All additions and subtractions must be approved the Department Committee.

*Note: All transfers, declaration and waivers will be performed on a case by case basis.*

**•Game and Tournament Rules and Guidelines**

- 1.) All ALB sanctioned games and tournaments will charge an \$8.00 gate fee.
- 2.) The Department Committee will conduct a Zoom meeting one week before the start of each division's state tournament to select the bracketing and seeding. A "pull it from the hat" procedure will be used.

**•Open Discussion (30 minutes)**

**•Next meeting will be TBD**

**•Adjourn meeting**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_