

2006 AA LEGION AND A LEGION RULES

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To: Legion Coaches

1. American Legion plays by the official Baseball Rules, unless modified by the 2005 Alaska American Legion rules set out in the State of Alaska handbook. Each Post Manager and A team manager should have a copy of these rules in possession in the dugout.
2. High school re-entry rules are in effect for all District 1 league games played in Anchorage, with the following exception, the DH is to be used for the pitcher only. Re-entry rules for the DH position follow high school rules. Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher is allowed.

When playing games outside of Anchorage, follow the American Legion rules specified by the home team, for example in District 2 there is no re-entry or courtesy runner, etc.,

Beginning with the AA District Tournament there will be no re-entry, courtesy runner, etc.

3. Each AA team will play 24 League games, including 3 each against the other six District 1 teams, 4 against Kenai (2 in Kenai and 2 in Anchorage); and 2 League games (7 inning games) at Wasilla.

Each A team will play 25 League games, including 3 each against the other six District 1 teams, 4 games against Kenai (2 in Kenai and 2 in Anchorage); 3 games against Wasilla (7 inning games) - 1 game in Wasilla and 2 games in Anchorage; All A teams (except Service) will also play 1 exhibition game against Fairbanks - these will occur July 2 and 3 and on July 15 and 16 in Anchorage. And 1 exhibition game against Service Post 28 as a 7 inning game which will be a wood bat game.

4. All League games count toward the point system (Exhibition games and games in other tournaments -BP, Fairbanks, Wasilla do not count toward the standings.

The 2006 point system which has been put into place on the Website is as follows:

4 points for a win: 2 points for a tie: 1 point for playing the game: 0 points for a forfeit

In the event of a tie on points, the team with the better head to head in the three games played prevails; if still tied; then total run differential between the two teams tied in the three counting games; if still tied then a coin toss.

This point system applies to both AA and A teams. It is the responsibility of EACH winning team to post the AA and A scores at the East Thunderbird Website like last year. The Website has been adjusted so that the points are automatically tallied as the scores are imputed. This reporting must be done within three days of the win; failure to do so on a consistent basis will be addressed by the District 1 director or his designee.

RAINED OUT GAMES need to be made up, or no points will be awarded for seeding, it is the responsibility of the Post Manager to make up any games rained out or re-scheduled.

The point system for regular season league games determines the overall seeding for the District 1 AA tournament which will be held Tuesday through Friday (July 25 through July 28), all 8 games of the District 1 tournament will be held a 6 pm at Kosinski and South Anchorage Fields. No team will play more than 3 games. This tournament bracket will allow the top three teams in regular season play to advance to the State tournament after seeding in the District Tournament. Based on tournament results two other District 1 teams advance from the 7 team District Tournament.

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The A Regional Qualifying Tournament will be played starting Friday July 28, seeding will depend on District 1 point system and overall District 2 standings. Entry fee amount for the District 1 teams will be based on attendance levels for each program in the College Coaches Camp as in past years. An entry fee for District 2 teams playing in the tournament will be as in past years \$250.00. This tournament will be played at the Kosinski Fields for 5/6 days, since the tournament starts on a Friday, a number of teams will be eliminated by the time Monday rolls around. This will follow standard Legion Tournament rules 9 innings, no re-entry, courtesy runner, etc. The winner of this tournament will represent Alaska in the regional A tournament.

5. AA and A League single games in Anchorage are 9 inning games.

A Team single games are 9 innings with a 3 hour time limit (no new inning to start after 3 hours - game can end as a tie since each would receive the 2 points for a tie.

AA and A Team doubleheaders are 7 innings for each game with a 2 hour 15 time limit for all games including weekdays and weekends - (yes there can be a tie) no new inning to start after the 2 hours 15 minutes.

To conserve time, teams will not switch dugouts between games in a doubleheader.

Exceptions to time limit:

AA team Doubleheaders with Kenai in Kenai or Anchorage are 9 innings for the first game and 7 innings for the second game - no time limit on either game

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Remember - when Kenai plays in Anchorage the home team has the responsibility to feed the team and their coaches between games.

6. Until June 15, 2006, up to 3 AA players (17 years old or younger) can play in any A games and A players can play in AA games. All players playing up or down can wear their appropriate AA/A jersey/uniform. After June 15 all players and coaches will be in like uniforms, hats, etc per Legion rules. This date was new for 2005; players and coaches violating this policy will be subject to discipline by the District 1 director, including forfeiture of games and other sanctions.

7. Varsity Mercy Rule:

9 inning game	10 runs after 7 innings or 6 ½ if home team is ahead.
7 inning game	10 runs after 5 innings or 4 ½ if home team is ahead.

Note: State Tournament rules are different per rule book there the rule is:

“Alaska rule is ten (10) runs after five (5) innings and seven (7) runs after seven (7) innings” - see page 10.

8. Games are a forfeit if less than 9 eligible players from one team show up at game time four (4) points will be awarded to the winning team, Zero (0) points to the team that forfeits. Since District 1 pays the umpires, no make-ups will be allowed for forfeited games.

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9. All coaches in the dugout are expected to be in uniform. Only coaches in uniform may be outside the dugout for instruction purposes on chairs/buckets. They do so at their own risk. Players are to be in the dugout area during games. Umpires will identify deadball areas if a ball enters the area where the coaches are seated.
10. The Home team will determine the field conditions up until the line up cards are turned into the umpires. After the line ups cards are turned in the responsibility falls to the umpire in charge. Remember that any games missed due to field conditions must be made up, based on field availability, in order to earn points.
11. Home team will take infield first for 10 minutes; visitors will follow for 10 minutes. Infield will preferably start no later than 25 to 30 minutes before game time.
The Home team occupies the First base dugout in District 1 games. Games played on District 2 field will be played according to District 2 team rules.
12. Umpires have been contracted for all games. In the event of a no-show of umpires, the Home team is responsible to furnish a coach/adult to umpire the games from behind the mound, the Visiting team is responsible to furnish a coach/adult to be the base umpire. The Home team should contact Ed Dougherty (338-4646) or Lucito Munoz (677-7405) 3with regard to the no-show.
There will be no re-scheduling due to a lack of umpires, PLAY ON!!!
13. Any games postponed for rain or rescheduling can be made up by arranging appropriate dates through Jeff Blake for AA teams and Steve Nerland for A teams. These games must be rescheduled within seven (7) days of the original game. (There will be no games scheduled during the College Coaches Clinic.
14. Each team is responsible for clean up of their dugout and the stands on their dugout side - put all trash in the refuse cans, at every game. This is required by out use permits issued by the Municipality of Anchorage.
15. Home team is to rake mound and home plate area and broom the lips of the infield. Visiting team is to cover mound and home plate with rolled tarps.
16. The official baseball for all District 1 home games is the Diamond American Legion baseball. The Home team is to furnish 3 new balls for each game, additional good condition balls are to be supplied by the Home team when requested by the plate umpire. Each team is to retrieve fouls balls on its side of the field, if a team does not retrieve the fouls balls it is responsible for replacing them with new balls.
17. The Home team is responsible for supplying the scorebook, which will be the official scorebook, unless an official scorebook designated by the District Director is present.

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18. All team rosters are due to Don Rabung, District 1 Director or his designee (Jeff Blake) by June 2, 2006 per the Alaska American Legion State rule book, this roster should include all players who will be and may be on your AA and A teams this year. Include any college players not present in Anchorage until later in June. Only players listed on this roster will be eligible to on the Form 1's due June 26, 2006. Once players have been listed on the roster on June 2, 2006, they may not participate with another baseball team, for any clarification contact Jeff Blake, his email is jeffb@fidelityak.com.
19. The official schedule for AA and A teams are posted on www.eastbirdbaseball.com, together with the results tabulations. Thank you to East post 34 for performing these services again for district 1, also thanks to Tony Wylie for working and preparing the AA Legion schedule for 2005.
20. Reporting: In Varsity games the winning team is responsible to call scores to KTUU (Channel 2) at 762-9222; KIMO (Channel 13) at 762-8802 and the Anchorage Daily News at 257-4335 or fax line at 257-4342. The Daily News will ask for compete inning by inning details with highlights, battery for each team and totals of runs, hits and errors. This is important for the program so assign someone on your team to do this. If you are aware of any other media that will use information about our program please advise so that we can all provide data to them.
21. All District 1 fees should be paid at this time –any amounts owed are payable to the Alliance For American Legion Baseball –John Reppel – 569-6060.

Note: A reminder as to rainouts –

1. Field prep personnel can call the game if the field cannot be readied to play. They will call the manager of the home team who will contact the other team and the umpires.
2. If the field has been prepared, per the Rules of Baseball, home team decides the playable nature of the field. After the game has started then the call is with the umpires.
3. Home team needs to call Lucito or Ed as soon as possible when a decision has been not to proceed, also they are responsible to contact the newspaper and advise Tony so that schedule changes can be made on the web.