

DISTRICT 10 AMERICAN LEGION SENIOR BASEBALL RULES—2016 SEASON (4/4/16)

1. The District 10 Committee for American Legion Baseball shall be comprised of the following:
District 10 Chairman, managers, and coaches of the American Legion Baseball Teams located in the 10th District of the American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, or those teams that may be assigned to it by the Department Athletic Committee. Each team shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The Chairman shall vote if he so chooses or in the event a tie needs to be broken or if he is also the sole representative present of an individual Zone 10 team.
2. Teams shall pay a \$50.00 assignment fee and \$35.00 for the administrative fee. These fees shall be paid prior to the playing of the first game of the season. Any team delinquent in its fees may be subject to suspension from the program until such fees are current. Teams failing to register their teams online in a timely fashion, exclusive of state fines, shall pay \$500 by March 1 in order to cover the cost of schedule revision.
3. A District Protest Committee shall be comprised of Sean Walsh, Brian Murphy and Terry Irving. The Committee shall act only on matters pertaining to the playing of the game of baseball. Decisions of the Committee shall be final. The committee may consult with the District Umpire in Chief if the situation requires it.
4. All team rosters shall be certified according to instructions via the National online registration system and by the District Chairman prior to the start of the team's first regularly scheduled game in accordance with Department Rule 4.IV.D.
5. The 2016 District 10 Season shall commence on Sunday, June 5, 2016. The last day of District 10 Play shall be Thursday, July 14, 2016.
6. Lineup cards for all games, including post-season games, given by each coach shall include the Player's last name, uniform number, and position of all eligible players.
7. The National Pitching Rule (Rule 1.P) shall be in effect for all play in District 10.
8. Designated Hitter as provided by the Official Baseball Rules shall be allowed.
9. All hitters and base runners shall wear double flapped helmets. Coaches shall wear skull cap as outlined in the National rules. The catcher shall be required to wear, besides normal catcher's equipment, a safety helmet, a throat protector (if not built into the mask), and a protective cup. Umpires shall be instructed to halt any game until this rule is complied with. A catcher's mask shall be required of any player or coach while warming up a pitcher in or out of the bullpen. All Batboys/batgirls shall wear protective headgear at all times while on the playing field.

10. There shall be a duly registered coach or team manager in the dugout at all times before, during and after games until the players have left the field. If there is no duly registered coach or team manager in attendance at any point during the game, the game shall be immediately stopped and declared a forfeit. If a coach is by himself, he shall use a player to coach first base and Third base and to instruct players to step out of the box to get signals from him. Umpires will enforce this rule.
11. Managers and coaches shall wear full uniforms during seasonal and playoff games. Umpires shall enforce this rule.
12. Any player, coach, or manager who is ejected from a game due to misconduct in which the umpire in question feels further action is warranted shall have the incident reported in writing both to the chairman and to the Umpire-in-Chief. This written report shall be forwarded as soon as practicable to the District Chairman for further action as deemed necessary.
13. National Rule 7 and Department Rule 10 regarding conduct shall be strictly enforced. Any player, coach, or manager who is suspended by the District Chairman from participating in The American Legion Baseball program shall first receive a verbal suspension pending receipt of the suspension in writing. This written suspension from the Chairman shall be sent to the parties in question via e-mail. Appeals may be made as outlined by Department Rule 10. The District Chairman shall forward a copy of the letter of suspension to the Department Athletic Chairman. A second suspension shall result in the team's suspension for the rest of the season, following which said team may apply to the district as a new junior team the following year.
14. All scheduled games shall be played. Failure to do so shall result in the team's being assessed a fine of \$50.00 per instance, which shall go into the District 10 All-Star Game Fund. The District Chairman shall have full discretion in enforcing this rule. Games that are postponed for whatever reason shall be rescheduled within 72 hours of their postponement but not necessarily played within this time frame.
15. If nine players are available at game time, the game shall begin. If less than nine players are available, the start of the game shall be delayed 15 minutes. If, after this wait, there are still less than nine players available to play, the game shall be declared a forfeit. The team that forfeits is monetarily responsible for umpire fees and any field related costs of the postponed /forfeited scheduled game. Dual rostered players (Junior/Senior) may be used to prevent a team from forfeiting.
16. National Rule 9.K shall be in effect for Senior District 10 Play.
17. Umpires - Fees are \$74.00 per umpire, \$148.00 per game for two umpires. In the event of a single umpire, that umpire is due the normal fee of \$74.00. In the event of a cancellation: 90

Minute notice - there are no umpire fees. Less than 90 Minutes - umpires receive a 1/2 fee of \$37.00

18. District 10 shall employ the point system as outlined in Massachusetts Department Rule 8.A. That is, 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie. A regulation game shall consist of 7 innings unless extended because of a tie score, or shortened (1) because the home team needs none of its half of the 7th inning or only a fraction of it, or (2) because the umpire calls the game. A regulation game shall become official when the losing team has completed its time at bat in the fifth (5th) inning; or if tied, after both teams have completed their time at bat in the fifth (5th) inning. An official game which terminates in a tie shall be declared a tie game and shall not be replayed. A game called by the umpire, ends at the moment the umpire terminates play, except if the game is called during an uncompleted inning, in which case the game ends at the end of the previously completed inning if the visiting team tied or took the lead in the incomplete inning and the home team did not tie or retake the lead in their part of the incomplete inning.
19. There shall be no suspended games in District 10 during the regular season. Games that have gone official lengths shall become called games.
 - 19(A): No inning shall commence after 11:00 pm during the regular season.
20. The teams with the top eight point totals shall make the playoffs, regardless of division. Playoffs will begin on Friday, July 15, 2016 and end no later than July 21st. Playoff format will be as follows: a double-elimination format tournament. In the event that the tournament cannot be completed by the end date, the following procedure will be used to determine the Zone 10 Champion: A) Highest Regular Season Point Total (most wins/ties); B) Head to Head in Tournament games; C) Highest Regular Season Seed remaining in the Tournament. Two team tie = A) Head to Head; B) Fewest Runs allowed Head to Head; C) Chairman coin toss. Three or more teams tie = Highest point total within games amongst teams that are tied.
21. District Playoff Games which are suspended due to weather or darkness will continue in the following manner: the game will pick up at the same field (if possible) and continue from the point of suspension. Cancelled playoff games due to weather, etc. will be made up the following day. Games will proceed in the order of sequence outlined in the playoff format. Double headers will be played if necessary. Playoff games must be played to their 7-inning or extra-inning conclusion unless the mercy rule applies.
22. All District playoff games shall be scheduled as 7 inning games. Start times for playoff games shall be no later than 5:00PM, or 7:00PM for fields with lights. Umpires for all Zone 10 playoff games – Home team pays the Home plate umpire, Visiting team pays the base umpire. The higher seed will be home team and responsible for supplying game balls. If a champion has not yet been determined by July 21st, whether due to inclement weather or suspended games, a determination as to the District Champion will be made by the district 10 chairman based on applicable tiebreaker rules as

