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FOREWORD

The National Americanism Commission of The American Legion sponsors numerous programs for America's Youth. Americanism is defined as an unfailing love of Country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, individual allegiance to the Flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

Our forefathers laid the foundation for a civilization that is the envy of the world. It has brought us greater spiritual and material wealth than any people has ever known. This is our heritage. The many activities of the National Americanism Commission are designed to acknowledge and preserve that heritage, recognizing all of the inalienable rights of man. Baseball is one of the Programs of the National Americanism Commission which is designed to benefit our nation's youth.

American Legion Baseball (ALB) began in 1925 and held its first national tournament the following year. Today, more than 4,800 teams and about 95,000 youngsters participate in all states and Puerto Rico. ALB consists of two divisions – seniors (19 years of age and younger) and juniors (17 years of age and younger).

ALB strives to teach practical lessons of good sportsmanship and citizenship. Loyalty, respect for rules and decisions rendered, fair play, courage and physical fitness are emphasized in this activity.

The Legion's national organization conducts tournaments in its senior division. The winners of eight regional tournaments advance to a national championship tournament. The team crowned national champion is honored by Major League Baseball with a trip to the MLB World Series.

Many current and former MLB players developed their skills on American Legion diamonds. They included Hall of Farmers like Bob Feller, Ted Williams, Don Drysdale, Joe Morgan, Yogi Berra and Reggie Jackson. Current stars like Chipper Jones, Albert Pujols and Darin Erstad played American Legion Baseball.

American Legion Baseball depends upon its Posts, individual Legionnaires and other Legion family organizations to promote the activity. Enthusiastic leadership, coaches and players are available in almost every community where an American Legion Post is located.

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**DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
2018 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RULES
2018 RULE CHANGES ARE UNDERLINED**

RULE 1 - PLAYING RULES

- A. All Department games shall be played in accordance with rules adopted by the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion and by the Official Baseball Rules as authorized by the Commissioner of Major League Baseball for 2018, with the exception of the Rules contained herein.
1. Unless modified by the ground rules provided to the umpire prior to the start of each game, if a fielder, after catching a fly ball, falls into a bench or stand, or falls across ropes or an imaginary line, or falls into a crowd when spectators are on the field, the ball shall be declared dead and each runner, other than the batter, may without liability to be put out, advance one base. However, if a fielder after making such a catch does not fall, the ball is in play and runners may advance at their own peril.
 2. The use of any form of tobacco by a player, coach, manager or umpire while on the playing field is prohibited and shall result in that person's immediate ejection from the game.
 3. All players are required to wear double flapped, ear protective batting helmets while on deck, batting and/or running the bases.
 - a. All bat boys (girls) must at all times wear double flapped, ear protective batting helmets while on the playing field or in the dugout.
 - b. All batting helmets must have the NOCSAE seal of approval stamped on the helmet, and such seal must be visible on the outside of the helmet.
 4. In addition to normal catcher's equipment, catchers are required to wear a safety helmet, throat protector and protective cup. Any catcher's mask that does not have an extended metal throat protector at least 2 inches in length is required to have an attachable throat protector. Umpires and Department officials shall halt any game until this rule is complied with.
 - a. All players and coaches are required to wear a catcher's mask while warming up pitchers if they are in the catcher's customary position, regardless of whether they are on the field or in the bullpen. Players or

coaches refusing to wear a mask while warming up a pitcher after being so warned, shall be ejected from the game.

5. **Pitching Rule.** No player may pitch more than a total of 105 pitches per day. A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if he reaches or exceeds the maximum limit during an at-bat, but must exit the position after that hitter. No player may enter the game as a pitcher without having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in the chart below. No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. PENALTY – The pitcher is removed from the game and head coach shall be ejected from the game and serve an additional game suspension.

| <u>ALB Senior Program</u> | <u>Daily maximum</u> (pitches in game) | <u>Required rest (pitches)</u> | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | <u>0 day</u> | <u>1 day</u> | <u>2 days</u> | <u>3 days</u> | <u>4 days</u> |
| | <u>105</u> | <u>0-30</u> | <u>31-45</u> | <u>46-60</u> | <u>61-80</u> | <u>81+</u> |
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- a. Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed from the position when a coach makes a second trip to the mound in the same inning, and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game. PENALTY – Forfeiture of the game if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.
 - b. If a player returns as a pitcher in the same game, he will be charged with another appearance.
 - c. A day is defined as 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.
6. All teams must have an up to date and comprehensive First-Aid Kit at all games see suggested contents for First Aid Kit on National Web site. No game may commence unless at least one team has such a First Aid Kit in their dugout area. Teams that are unable to produce such a First Aid Kit at games are subject to a Fifty (\$50.00) fine.
 7. All players on each team must wear full identical uniforms in order to participate in any regular or post season game. Players who are not in full identical uniform shall not be allowed to participate in such games.

- a. The American Legion Baseball Insignia must be worn on the left sleeve or left chest of the uniform shirt. The uniform shirt shall also be numbered and display lettering that identifies the Post, Department, Town, City, Community or Sponsor of the team represented which is acceptable to the Department Chairman.
 - b. District Chairmen must instruct their District's Head Umpire to instruct all District umpires that no player is to be allowed on the field during games unless they are in compliance with this Rule.
8. Only managers and coaches listed on their team's National (Electronic) Registration Form #1 or Coaches Drop/Add Form #5 may coach from the coaching box and/or visit the pitcher's mound during any regular or post season game, provided, however, that they are in full uniform which is identical to their team's players' uniform.
- a. Coaches may wear courtesy jackets over their uniform provided the American Legion Baseball Insignia is on the jacket's left sleeve or left chest.
 - b. Managers and coaches who are not in full uniform must remain on the bench during games and may not go onto the field or coaches' box for any reason other than an emergency. District Chairmen must instruct their District's Head Umpire to instruct all District umpires that no manager or coach is to be allowed on the field unless they are in compliance with this Rule. Managers and/or coaches who violate this rule are subject to ejection from the game.
 - c. Protective Helmets for Coaches: All coaches are mandated to wear a protective helmet while in the coaching box during play. The coach may choose the type of protective helmet - single-ear flap, double-ear flap, or no earflap helmet, but he must have a helmet. Any coach who fails to wear a protective helmet during play, shall remain in the dugout until he complies with this rule. A player with a protective helmet may act as a coach. This is a safety rule. A second violation may result in an ejection by umpire.
 - d. Coaches Box: As part of Official Baseball Rules, base coaches may not be permitted to stand out-side the "front" of the coach's box prior to the ball being in play. This is a safety issue. A coach may leave the coach's box once the ball has been put into play. The coach may stand outside

- the "back" of the coach's box at any time. Failure to abide by this rule may result in an ejection.
- e. All managers, coaches and Volunteer Staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball Teams must successfully pass the background check screening process required by Resolution of the National Executive Committee each season prior to any meetings, event, practices or games for their team. Teams will not be approved if any member of its staff has failed to complete the process or having completed same, has failed to successfully pass the background check.
 - (f) Team Staff members who allow an individual to associate themselves with a Team who has not successfully passed the background check will be subject to immediate suspension from the Program.
9. Only bats approved for use in American Legion play may be used in games. Please refer to National Rule 1B. All non-wood bats must be BBCOR certified. If any bat is used in a game and fails to meet this requirement, the bat shall be removed from the game, the batter shall be declared out and the head coach or team manager shall be ejected from the game.
- a. For the purposes of Rule 1.B, the term "used in a game" shall mean: the batter was in the batter's box during an official pitch whether or not the batter struck at the pitch.
10. Diamond D1-AL and Diamond D1-AL-MA are the only baseballs approved for use in the Department of Massachusetts in 2018.

RULE 2 - DEPARTMENT ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

- A. The Department Athletic Committee is a Standing Committee of The American Legion Department of Massachusetts, Inc., is authorized by Article III, Section 1 of the Department By-Laws for the purpose of administering the Department of Massachusetts Baseball Program. Annual appointments to the Department Athletic Committee are governed by the provisions of the above referenced By-Law. Only paid up members of The American Legion may serve as member of the Department Athletic Committee.
1. Meetings of the Department Athletic Committee shall be governed by Robert's Rules Of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition, for Boards and Committees. The presence of seven (7) members of the Athletic Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

2. Amendments to these Rules may be proposed in writing by any member of the Athletic Committee by forwarding a copy thereof to the Chairman at any time but in no event later than the date notice of the meeting at which the Rule will be considered is given to the Department Athletic Committee. Proposed amendments shall be approved upon a majority vote of the members present at such Department Athletic Committee meeting, subject to ratification by the Department Executive Committee.

B. All matters concerning the Department of Massachusetts Baseball Program that have not been specifically designated to be within the initial or final jurisdiction of the Department Athletic Committee Chairman or one of the District Baseball Chairmen, shall be within the jurisdiction of the Department Athletic Committee.

C. The Chairman of the Department Athletic Committee shall recommend all replacements for the position of Department Umpire-in-Chief to the Department Commander for appointment as necessary.

1. Team managers, coaches, and members of the Department Athletic Committee shall not serve as an umpire in the Department of Massachusetts Baseball Program.

D. Requests for interpretations of National or Department Rules may only be made by Team Managers or District Baseball Chairmen provided they are mailed, emailed or hand delivered to the Athletic Committee Chairman.

1. Any person, other than the Athletic Committee Chairman and/or his designee, who contacts the National Program Administrator or Americanism Commission directly for any matter related to the American Legion Baseball Program shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Department of Massachusetts Athletic Committee, which discipline shall include a \$200.00 fine.

RULE 3 - DISTRICTS

A. The following Districts are established for the 2018 season:

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| District 1 | Berkshire County |
| District 2 | Hampshire/Franklin Counties |
| District 3 | Hampden County |
| District 4 | Worcester County |
| District 5 | Middlesex County |

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| District 6 | Norfolk County |
| District 7 | Suffolk County |
| District 8 | Essex County |
| District 9 | Bristol County |
| District 10 | Barnstable Plymouth Dukes Nantucket Counties |

- B. The Department Athletic Committee may, in its sole discretion, transfer a team from one District to another.

RULE 4 - TEAM REGISTRATION

I. NEW TEAM APPLICATIONS

- A. Senior Division: Applications for entry into the Senior Division for the upcoming season by teams which either did not have an active Senior Division Team in the prior season or were suspended from the Program during the prior season, will be considered a New Team and must file the following fully executed Forms with their District Chairman by January 31st of the season for which they seek entry: (i) American Legion Baseball New Team Registration Form; and (ii) Department of Massachusetts Base School Selection Form, if applicable.

Teams submitting an application for entry to the Senior Division must demonstrate: (1) Satisfactory written evidence for permission to use the team's intended playing field during the season for which they seek entry by a duly authorized signatory of the entity responsible for use of the field, (the playing condition of the field must be satisfactory to the District Chairman); (2) Satisfactory evidence of the team's financial ability to fund the team; and (3) Satisfactory evidence of the team's ability to recruit sufficient qualified players to fill their roster without adversely affecting existing teams. **CLARIFICATION**, an existing team will be adversely affected by the admission of a new team if an average of 20% or more of the players listed on an existing team's roster over the prior three (3) seasons reside in the new team's recruiting area. If the District Chairman, after consulting with the District's Team Managers, approve the New Team's entry into the Senior Division, the Chairman shall submit the Forms and other information to the Department Athletic Committee Chairman by March 1st, of the season for which the team seeks entry for final approval by the Committee. New Team Applications and/or Base School changes will not be considered at a Department Athletic Committee meeting unless they appear on the agenda for such meeting. The Department Athletic Committee shall retain final jurisdiction on all such applications.

1. Teams that were suspended during the previous five (5) seasons for forfeiting two (2) games in a season may not be reinstated to the Senior Division until the team has complied with Rule 10.E.

B. Junior Division: Applications for entry into the Junior Division for the upcoming season by teams that did not have an active Junior Division team in the previous season shall file the following fully executed Forms with their District Chairman by January 31st of the season for which they seek entry: (1) American Legion Baseball New Team Registration Form; and (2) Department of Massachusetts Base School Selection Form. Junior teams must demonstrate: (1) Satisfactory written evidence for permission to use the team's intended playing field during the season for which they seek entry by a duly authorized signatory of the entity responsible for use of the field, (the playing condition of the field must be satisfactory to the District Chairman); (2) Satisfactory evidence of the team's financial ability to fund the team; and (3) Satisfactory evidence of the team's ability to recruit sufficient qualified players to fill their roster without adversely affecting existing teams.

CLARIFICATION, an existing team will be adversely affected by the admission of a new team if an average of 20% or more of the players listed on an existing team's roster over the prior three (3) seasons reside in the new team's recruiting area. If the District Chairman, after consulting with the District's Team Managers, approve the New Team's entry into the Program, the Chairman shall submit the Forms and other information to the Department Athletic Committee Chairman by March 1, of the season for which the team seeks entry for final approval by the Committee. New Team Applications and/or Base School changes will not be considered at a Department Athletic Committee meeting unless they appear on the agenda for such meeting. The Department Athletic Committee shall retain final jurisdiction on all such applications, subject to Post Commanders' right of appeal under Article III, Section 3 of the Department By-Laws.

1. Districts may establish earlier cut off dates for filing and considering New Team Applications provided they do so in their District Rules. Thus, applicants should consult with their District Chairman as soon as possible.
2. If all American Legion Posts within a team's Plan A Zone refuse to sponsor a team; or if the closest American Legion Post to a Plan B team's Base School (as calculated by Google Maps using the shortest driving distance setting) refuses to sponsor such team, then such team may apply to the next closest Post until a Post is located which is willing to sponsor the team, or the team may apply for admission to the Program as an Outside Sponsored team.

- a. All Outside Sponsored teams must play under the name of an identifiable athletic organization, association or other entity. The sponsoring entity must be duly organized and existing under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and be registered with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition, the sponsoring entity must demonstrate satisfactory financial and administrative ability to operate the Team, and a commitment to familiarize themselves and operate within the Rules of American Legion Baseball.
- b. All Outside Sponsored teams must provide their District Chairman with a confirmed up-to-date copy of their Articles of Organization and By-Laws before they will be allowed to participate in the Program. Thereafter they will provide copies of the Annual Report filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to their District Chairman as a condition of their continued participation in the Program.

II. MODIFICATIONS TO PLAYER RECRUITING PLANS, TEAM REGISTRATION

A. Plan A

1. Requests to utilize Plan A recruiting must file their Plan A map with their District Chairman by January 31st, of the season for which the team seeks to establish a Plan A Zone. If after consultation with the District's Team Managers, the District Chairman approves the change to Plan A recruiting, the request and Map shall be submitted to the Department Athletic Committee Chairman on or before March 1st of the season for which the team seeks to establish a Plan A Zone for consideration by the Department Athletic Committee.
 - a. The Department Athletic Committee retains the right to terminate any existing Plan A Zone at its discretion.

B. Plan B

1. Teams may make Application to change their assigned Base School by filing the Department of Massachusetts Base School Selection Form with their District Chairman by January 31st of the season for which the team seeks to establish a new Base School. If after consultation with the District's Team Managers, the District Chairman approves the change of Base School, the Application shall be submitted to the Department Athletic Committee

Chairman on or before March 1st of the season for which the team seeks to establish a new Base School. The Department Athletic Committee shall retain final jurisdiction of all Base School assignments.

- a. Teams shall retain their Base School assignments from year to year unless a change is authorized as herein provided or as directed by the Department Athletic Committee.
- b. Teams may not choose, nor retain a Base School for the upcoming season unless a minimum of one (1) player from such Base School appeared on the team's prior season's approved Roster.

III. TEAM INSURANCE

- A. Teams intending to participate in the upcoming season may not commence practice or tryouts of any fashion, whether on or off field, before obtaining group accident and liability insurance from the Van Dyk Insurance Agency as required by National Rule 1(N). Teams must obtain insurance on or before April 1st each season, after which date they shall be subject to penalty including disqualification from the Program.
 1. Teams that have not obtained insurance by April 1st will be assessed the following fines: (i) \$50.00 if they obtain insurance after April 1st but on or before April 15th; (ii) \$100.00 if they obtain insurance after April 15th but on or before April 30th; and \$200.00 if they obtain insurance after April 30th but on or before May 15th. Teams that have not obtained insurance by May 15th will be removed from the Program.

IV. TEAM REGISTRATION

- A. All teams, both Junior and Senior, intending to participate in the Department of Massachusetts American Legion Baseball Program in the upcoming season that participated in the prior season and were not suspended, must register their team with The American Legion Baseball National Office Website (www.legion.org/baseball) by January 31st of the upcoming season in order to be eligible to participate in the upcoming season. Teams that fail to register by January 31st of such season, will be allowed to register provided they pay a \$50.00, fine on or before February 15th of such season, after which date they will be removed from the Program.
 1. Post sponsored teams will not be allowed to register unless their Post's Roster Form has been filed with the Department Adjutant, Outside

sponsored teams will not be allowed to register unless they are registered and up to date with all requirements of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

2. New Teams which have been accepted into the Program under Department Rule 4.1.A & B, will be instructed as to the cutoff date for their registration with the National Program by the Department Athletic Committee upon its approval of such team.
 3. All teams, both Junior and Senior, shall pay a \$50.00 Department Registration fee at the time they pay their National Registration fee.
- B. All District Chairmen shall conduct a Team Registration Meeting on or before January 31st each season at which all teams intending to participate in the Department of Massachusetts American Legion Baseball Program during the upcoming season shall submit a fully executed Department of Massachusetts Team Registration Form. District Chairmen shall report any Team that fails to submit a Department of Massachusetts Team Registration Form by January 31st to the Department Chairman as soon as practicable, after which dated the Team will be removed from the Program, subject to its subsequent reinstated by the Athletic Committee.
- C. For the 2018 season, all teams, both Junior and Senior, must submit their roster on the National Office Website by Sunday, June 3, 2018.
1. Teams which fail to submit a roster with a minimum of 12 approved players by Sunday June 3, 2018, will be removed from the Program.
- D. For the 2018 season, District Chairmen shall conduct a Roster Submittal Meeting on or before Sunday, June 3, 2018, at which the following documents will be submitted to the District Chairman for review and approval:
Clarification, District Chairmen shall use their best efforts to review and approve as many of their teams as possible on or before Friday, June 2, 2018.
1. Printed copy of submitted Roster;
 - a. Rosters listing ONLY players who attend schools shown in the MIAA Member School Enrollment Data Form, (Base Year 10/1/2015) and the Combined Total Enrollment of all listed schools which do not exceed 4000 students, may use seventy five (75%) of the total school enrollment shown on the MIAA Member School Enrollment Data Form for each player's school. To obtain the correct MIAA Member School Enrollment

Data Form, see MIAA Enrollments October 1, 2015 at www.masslegionbb.org.

- b. Rosters including players who attend schools not shown in the MIAA Member School Enrollment Data Form, or the Combined Total Enrollment of all listed schools exceed 4000 students, must submit actual enrollment information in writing for each school listed on their roster as of March 31, 2018. **Clarification**, rosters which contain both non member and member MIAA schools but whose Combined Total Enrollment for all listed schools do not exceed 4000, will only be required to submit written enrollment information for the non member MIAA schools. Emails, faxes and/or copies of enrollment figures on school letter head shall be satisfactory to satisfy this Rule.
 - c. Plan "A" Teams shall list all schools located within their Plan "A" Zone on their roster, together with enrollment information consistent with the requirements of subparagraphs (a) and (b) above.
2. Copy of fully completed and executed National Form 2 for each player listed on the team roster, team shall retain original Form 2;
 3. Original birth certificate or certified document for each player listed on the Team's roster issued by a State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Municipal or other governmental agency authorized to certify birth documents; U.S. Government issued Passport, Military ID or Dependent ID Card; court certified copy of that portion of permanent legal adoption papers provided they show the place and date of player's birth; and in case of foreign birth, certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service or by the Department of State that shows the date of birth, or an official birth certificate issued by a foreign country when accompanied by a letter with English translation provided such birth certificate has an official seal. Notarized photocopies of birth certificates, hospital records, baptismal records, school records or certificates are not acceptable and will disqualify the player and/or the team;
 4. Original fully completed and executed Department of Massachusetts Consolidated Player Registration Form.
 5. Original and copy of National Form(s) 76 and/or 77 for Junior teams, or M76 and/or M76 for Senior teams as the case may be for each player requiring such Forms, fully completed and executed, originals shall be returned to team after approval by District Chairman.

6. Original National Coach's Code of Ethics Form for each coach and Manager.
 7. Google Maps printouts for all non base school players listed on the team's roster showing distances from each player's home to the team's Base School. **CLARIFICATION**, teams have the burden of proof to establish that all non base school players reside closest to their base school, thus printouts should be submitted for all nearby base schools.
- E. All Teams shall maintain in their possession and have available at all games the following documents: hereinafter referred to as the "Team Credentials", (1) Printed copy of final submitted roster including enrollment verification when necessary; (2) Original Form 2 for each player on the roster; (3) Original form of evidence of date of birth for each player listed on the roster as required by Department Rule 4.B.3; (4) Original fully executed Forms 76 & 77 or M76/M77 as appropriate for each player listed on the final submitted roster if necessary; and Google Maps printouts for all non Base School players.

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

- A. Teams must conduct not less than one (1) player registration session each season in a venue open to the public as disclosed on their Department of Massachusetts Team Registration Form no later than Sunday, April 29, 2018. Teams are to take reasonable steps to publicize the date, time and location of their registration session so that players who are required by National Recruiting Rules to tryout for their team will be informed of the specifics of the session. **CLARIFICATION**, teams may conduct online registration through their or District web site.
1. Teams may conduct as many registration sessions as they deem appropriate provided the District Chairman is so informed.
 2. Teams shall provide players with information concerning its tryout schedule at the registration session which may be held in conjunction with on field tryouts at the discretion of the Team.
- B. Team Managers shall list all players registering for their team on the Department of Massachusetts Consolidated Player Registration Form which will also indicate the disposition of each player.

1. Players registering with Plan A Teams who do not reside within the Teams' Plan A Zone shall not be allowed to tryout or practice under any circumstance and shall be referred to the District Chairman as soon as practicable for referral to the proper team.
 2. The name, address and school attended on March 31, 2018 of all players registering with Plan B Teams who do not attend the Team's Base School and are not returning players from a prior season shall be reported to the District Chairman as soon as possible for verification of eligibility. District Chairmen will verify such player's eligibility to tryout and so inform the Manager, or if not eligible, refer the player to the proper team.
 - a. Teams intending to roster non Base School players shall print out and submit to their District Chairman the results of the calculations shown by Google Maps (utilizing the shortest driving distance setting) which verifies such player resides closer to such Team's Base School than to any other Base School prior to allowing the player to tryout for the Team.
CLARIFICATION, this Rule shall not prohibit players from trying out for multiple teams provided they are informed of the order of the teams in which they are required to tryout by each Team Manager.
- C. Only players listed on a Team's Department of Massachusetts Consolidated Player Registration Form shall be eligible to tryout for, and if cut, receive a National Rule 4.E Transfer (Form #76 for Junior Teams or M76 for Senior Teams) from such team.
1. Players who fail to register for a team shall not be eligible for a National Rule 4.E Transfer (Form #76 or M76 as the case may be) from such team nor shall players who have exercised a National Rule 4.C Option (Form #77 or M77) be eligible for such a Transfer.
 2. Eligible players who have been refused an opportunity to register and/or tryout (weather permitting) for a team prior to Sunday, May 27, 2018, may be eligible for a National Rule 4.E Transfer (Form #76 or M76 as the case may be) at the discretion of the Department Athletic Committee Chairman whose decision shall be final.
 3. National Rule 4.C Option shall only be available to players who attend high school during the 2017 - 2018 school year and do not attend the public high school serving their parent's legal residence.

- a. Players who have exercised their Rule 4.C Option, are not eligible for a Transfer during the remainder of their eligibility.
4. Senior Division: Transfer Form #M76, after having been fully executed by all necessary parties and subsequently submitted for approval to the Department Chairman or his designee, shall become final and binding upon the player, the player's parents and the team(s) for the remainder of the player's eligibility upon approval of the team Roster by the Department Chairman. Players may only receive one Transfer during their eligibility.
5. Senior Division: Declaration Form #M77, after having been fully executed by all necessary parties and subsequently submitted for approval to the Department Chairman or his designee, shall become final and binding upon the player, the player's parents and the team for the remainder of the player's eligibility upon approval of the team Roster by the Department Chairman.
6. Junior Division: Transfer Form #76 and Declaration Form #77 shall be used for all Junior Teams and shall be extent for 2018 only.

RULE 6 - DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

- A. District Chairman shall have signatory authority to execute National Forms 76, M76, 77 and M77 on behalf of the Department Chairman.
 1. In the event a player obtains a Form 76/M76 and or Form 77/M77 from two or more teams in two or more Districts, then all District Chairmen must approve the Form 76/M76 before the player may appear on a Team's roster. Only the Department Chairman may approve Forms 76/M76 and/or 77/M77 for players who cross State lines.
- B. District Chairmen shall be in charge of all games during the regular District playing season including District Playoffs. Districts may elect to play 7 or 9 inning games during the regular season and may adopt National Rule 1.U (10 Run Rule) provided the election appears in their District Rules.
- C. No changes in the District playing schedule may be made without the prior approval of the District Chairman. All postponed or suspended games should be rescheduled by the teams involved subject to the approval of the District Chairman. If the teams involved can not agree on a new date for a rescheduled game, the District Chairman shall reschedule the game at his discretion which decision shall be final.

- D. District Chairmen shall not allow a manager, coach, or assistant coach of a Post sponsored American Legion Baseball team, whose services have been terminated by such Post, to manage or coach an Outside Sponsored team within their District during the season following the termination without the prior written approval of the Department Athletic Committee Chairman.

RULE 7 - DISTRICT RULES

- A. District Chairmen, in conjunction with their team managers, must formulate rules for their Districts which are not in conflict with Department and/or National Rules and which are for the good of the American Legion Baseball Program. District Chairmen must submit copies of their District Rules to the Department Chairman for approval on or before April 1, 2018, in electronic format.
- B. The Department Chairman will inform the District Chairman of his action on the proposed District Rules as soon as practicable at which point the District Rules, as amended by the Department Chairman, will become final for the 2018 season.

RULE 8 - DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

- I. Senior Division
 - A. The final date for District competition shall be Thursday, July 26, 2018, on which date all District Chairmen will report their District Champion to the Department Chairmen. No District games may be played after Thursday, July 26, 2018, under any circumstance.
 - 1. Each District will be responsible to formulate a procedure whereby one of their teams is declared District Champion on Thursday, July 26, 2018, with the exception of Districts 1, 2 & 3 which will combine for the purpose of naming one (1) Champion on Thursday, July 26, 2018.
 - 2. Unless District Rules contain tie breaker provisions, all ties for District Champion at the conclusion of play on Thursday, July 26, 2018, will be determined by a coin toss conducted by the District Chairman on Thursday, July 26, 2018.

II. Junior Division

- A. The final date for District competition shall be Thursday, July 26, 2018 at which time all District Standings shall become final and the District Chairmen shall report the final standings to the Department Chairman. No District games may be played after Thursday, July 26, 2018, under any circumstances.
1. Unless District Rules contain tie breaker provisions, all ties for post season playoff berths will be determined by coin toss(es) by the District Chairman no later than completion of play on Thursday, July 26, 2018.

IV. Rules Common to All Divisions and Tournaments

- A. Team standings in all Districts shall be based upon win/loss percentage unless the District Chairman has notified the Department Chairman in writing by May 1, 2018 that their District has elected to base its standings on points; in which case two (2) points shall be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a tie.
1. Districts electing to base their standings on points shall not replay regulation games which end in a tie, Districts electing to base their standings on percentage shall determine tie games as provided by Rule 4.12 of the Official Rules of Baseball.
 2. This election may be made by separate writing or included in the District Rules.

RULE 9 - SUBSTITUTION

- A. Designated and/or courtesy runners and/or free substitution are not permitted in any American Legion official game. However, Districts may adopt the following Re-entry Rule for their Senior and/or Junior Programs for use during the Regular Season only by including it in their District Rules:
1. Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-enter once, including a player who was the designated hitter, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter.
 2. The Courtesy Runner Rule, National Rule 1.G, has not been adopted and may not be used in any American Legion Game in the Department of Massachusetts.

- B. The Designated Hitter Rule as provided by Rule 6.10 of the Official Baseball Rules is allowed. Please note that neither the NCAA nor the MIAA Designated Hitter Rule may be used in any official game. Any team violating this rule shall forfeit all of their games and be suspended from further play for the remainder of the season.

RULE 10 - SUSPENSIONS

- A. Any manager, coach, player or other official in any capacity with the American Legion Baseball Program who conducts themselves in an ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike manner, whether in games, meetings or activities relating thereto, or who otherwise deals with the American Legion Baseball Program in a manner which adversely reflects upon, or otherwise discredits the Program or officials of the Program, whether in the news media or otherwise, shall be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension from further participation in the Program by either the appropriate District Chairman, the Department Chairman, or their respective designees.
 - 1. All such suspensions shall be in writing and briefly outline the reason(s) for the suspension and its duration.
 - 2. Persons who have been suspended by a District Chairman or his designee, may appeal their suspension to the Department Chairman by filing a typewritten appeal within ten (10) days of their suspension. The Department Chairman, at his sole discretion, may elect to convene the full Athletic Committee to hear such an appeal but shall be under no obligation to do so. The Department Chairman shall rule on the appeal as soon as possible and his ruling shall be final.
- B. The implementation of suspensions shall not be delayed pending the outcome of appeals.
- C. Any manager, coach or other official who knowingly uses or allows an ineligible player to participate in the American Legion Baseball Program, shall be suspended forthwith from the Program and all games in which such player has appeared, shall be forfeit.
- D. Any person who violates any American Legion Baseball Rule including, but not limited to, the National Background Check Resolution, shall be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension from further participation in the Program.

- E. Junior and/or Senior Teams which have been suspended by their District Chairman for forfeiting two (2) games in a season shall be reported to the Department Chairman, forthwith removed from the Program and shall not be allowed to participate in the Program in future seasons until its New Team Application has been approved by its District and the Department Athletic Committee.
1. Senior teams which have been suspended for forfeiting two (2) games in a season shall not be readmitted to the Senior Division until the team has paid a \$500.00 non refundable fine to the Department Athletic Committee and the Team Manager and/or Head Coach shall be suspended pending a hearing by the Athletic Committee. Senior Teams which have been suspended for forfeiting two (2) games in a season twice in any five (5) consecutive year period shall not be readmitted to the Senior Division until the team has paid a \$500.00 non refundable fine to the Department Athletic Committee, the Team Manager and/or Head Coach shall be suspended pending a hearing by the Committee, and the team completes two (2) consecutive successful seasons (i.e. 2018 & 2019) in the Junior Division without forfeit. If the Senior team has an existing Junior team at the time of its suspension for forfeiting two games for a second time in a five (5) year period, it may not reapply for admission to the Senior Division until the Junior team has completed two (2) consecutive successful seasons (i.e. 2018 & 2019) without forfeit.
 2. Junior teams which have been suspended for forfeiting two (2) games in a season within any consecutive five (5) year period shall not be readmitted to the Junior Division until the team has paid a \$250.00 non-refundable fine to the Athletic Committee and the Manager shall be suspended pending a hearing by the Committee. Junior teams which have been suspended for forfeiting two (2) games in a season twice within any consecutive five (5) year period shall not be readmitted to the Junior Division until the team has been readmitted by the Athletic Committee and paid a \$250.00 non-refundable fine to the Athletic Committee.

RULE 11 - PROTESTS

- A. Official regular season games which have been properly played under protest must be followed by a typewritten outline of the facts, citing the Official Rules of Baseball in question, signed by the team manager and delivered to the appropriate District Chairman, by facsimile copy, certified mail, e-mail or hand delivery within 48 hours of the conclusion of the protested game. Only protests

involving interpretations of the Official Rules of Baseball shall be considered. The District Chairman shall rule on the protest in writing and promptly notify the team manager of his decision.

1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent District Chairmen from forming Protest Committees to hear and decide these types of protests within their District, provided, however, that such Protest Committee has been established by the District Rules.
- B. Team managers who have been aggrieved by adverse rulings on properly protested games may appeal such decision to the Department Chairman within 48 hours of their receipt of the District Chairman's written decision by facsimile copy, certified mail, e-mail or hand delivery. The appeal must be typewritten, signed by the team manager and include the original protest and the District Chairman's decision. The Department Chairman, after consultation with the Head Umpire, shall rule on the appeal as soon as possible and his ruling shall be final with no further right of appeal.
- C. Team managers who have been aggrieved by decisions of their District Chairman on all other matters including proposed team managers of new teams whose admission has been denied, as well as all other matters other than interpretations of the Official Rules of Baseball by their District Chairman, may appeal such decision to the Department Chairman within 48 hours of their receipt of the District Chairman's written decision. The appeal must be typewritten, signed by the team manager and filed with the Department Chairman by facsimile copy, certified mail, e-mail or hand delivery. The Department Chairman, at his sole discretion, may elect to convene the full Athletic Committee to hear such appeal but shall be under no obligation to do so. The Department Chairman shall rule on the appeal as soon as possible and his ruling shall be final.
1. Team managers may only appeal the Department Chairman's ruling on interpretations of National Rules provided the appeal is in complete compliance with National Rule 10 including, but not limited to, having been first filed with the Department Chairman. Any person who files an appeal directly with the National Appeals Board shall be subject to disciplinary action which shall include a \$200 fine.

RULE 12 - PENALTIES

- A. Any manager, coach, assistant coach, player or official, regardless of their capacity within the American Legion Baseball Program, who violates any National, Department, or District Rule, shall be subject to disciplinary action as provided by these Rules; but if no penalty has been so provided, then such person shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Department Athletic Committee. Ignorance of a duly promulgated American Legion Baseball Rule, regardless of the level, shall not constitute a valid defense for such action.

- B. Any person who intentionally misrepresents an American Legion Baseball Rule with the specific intent of causing a player(s) to violate any such Rule, shall be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, immediate suspension from further participation in the American Legion Baseball Program by either the Department Chairman, the appropriate District Chairman or the Department Athletic Committee.

RULE 13 - DEPARTMENT CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY

- I. Senior Division - Final Eight Team Department Championship Tournament
 - 1. The seven (7) District Champions as determined under Rule 8, together with the host team will meet in the Final Eight Team Department Championship Tournament.
 - 2. District Chairmen, or their representative, shall personally inspect their District Champion's Credentials and certify to the Department Chairman that all Credentials are Complete.
 - a. Any Team that is unable to produce a complete set of its Credentials or has less than 12 certified players available to play shall be removed from Department Championship Tournament and may be replaced by the next available runner-up team from such team's District.
 - 3. The 2018 Final Eight Team Department Championship Tournament will be held at Adams Field, Quincy, MA, beginning on Saturday, July 28, 2018 and concluding on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, weather permitting.
 - 4. The host team will be Quincy (Cyril P. Morrisette) Post 294.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018

10:00 a.m. Double Header

Game 1 District 6 vs. District 5
Game 2 District 1/2/3 vs. District 10

5:00 p.m. Double Header

Game 3 District 8 vs. District 9
Game 4 District 4 vs. Quincy

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018

10:00 a.m. Double Header

Game 5 Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3
Game 6 Loser 2 vs. Loser 4

5:00 p.m. Double Header

Game 7 Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3
Game 8 Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2018

2:00 p.m. Single Game

Game 9 Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7

5:00 p.m. Double Header

Game 10 Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8
Game 11 Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2018

5:00 p.m. Double Header

Game 12 Winner Game 9 vs. Loser Game 11
Game 13 Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Game 14 Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13

Game 15 If necessary.

5. Pairings for Games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary. (Tournament Director has further instructions). If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws the bye for Game 14.
6. All games shall be under the sole jurisdiction of the Department Athletic Committee, represented by its Chairman and his designees.
7. Umpires shall be assigned by the Department Chairman or his designee.
8. The Department Chairman will provide complete Tournament Rules and instructions to the participating teams.

II. Junior Division Final Eight Team Department Championship Tournament

A. Final Eight Team Department Championship Tournament

1. The 2018 Final Eight Team Department Championship Tournament will be held at Community Field, North Attleboro, MA beginning on Saturday, July 28, 2018, and concluding on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, weather permitting.
2. The host team will be North Attleboro (Gy/Sgt. Paul E. Robitaille) Post 49.
3. Upon completion of the regular season, the Districts shall have the following number of berths and be arranged as shown in the following schedule:
4. Any Team that is unable to produce a complete set of its Credentials or has less than 12 certified players available to play shall be removed from Department Championship Tournament and may be replaced by the next available runner-up team from such team's District.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018

10:00 a.m. Double Header

Game 1 District 6A vs. District 10B
Game 2 District 6B vs. District 10A

5:00 p.m. Double Header

Game 3 District 9 vs. District 1/2/3
Game 4 District 8 vs. North Attleboro

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018

10:00 a.m. Double Header

Game 5 Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3
Game 6 Loser 2 vs. Loser 4

5:00 p.m. Double Header

Game 7 Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3
Game 8 Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2018

2:00 p.m. Single Game

Game 9 Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7

5:00 p.m. Double Header

Game 10 Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8
Game 11 Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2018

5:00 p.m. Double Header

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6. The Tournament shall be under the sole jurisdiction of the Department Athletic Committee, represented by its Chairman and his designees.
7. Umpires shall be assigned by the Department Chairman or his designee.
8. The Department Chairman will provide complete Tournament Rules and instructions to the participating teams.

RULE 14 - DUAL PARTICIPATION

- A. During the regular season, players and/or teams, with their Manager's written consent, may participate in other amateur baseball programs, tournaments, exhibition games, showcases or combines provided such participation in no way interferes with the player's and/or team's responsibilities to the American Legion Baseball Program and provided the Department Chairman assents in writing in advance.
 1. Players and/or team Managers may seek permission from the Department Chairman by filing the fully executed Dual Participation Authorization Request Form (available on the Department's web site) with their District Chairman prior to participating in the event. Players and/or teams found to have violated this rule are subject to disciplinary action including suspension from the Program.
 2. District Chairmen shall have authority to approve the Request provided no portion of the requested time period extends beyond the District Playoffs. Once approved, District Chairmen shall forthwith forward the Form to the Department Chairman.

B. Once the Department Tournament begins and continuing through the American Legion World Series, neither players nor teams who are scheduled to participate in such Post Season American Legion play may participate in any non American Legion Baseball games, tournaments, showcases, combines or tryouts until their team has been eliminated from further American Legion play.

1. Any American Legion Baseball player missing his team's Post Season game because of participation in a non American Legion sanctioned baseball event shall be ineligible for further Post Season play for the remainder of the season.

C. BAY STATE GAMES - ALL EVENTS

Players may tryout for any Bay State Games event provided no more than two players from any one team may be released to compete in the Bay State Games. American Legion players shall not be released to participate in the Bay State Games if any portion of the event they will be participating in will take place during Department Championship Tournament.

1. Team Managers who will not release players to participate in the 2018 Bay State Games must notify their District Chairman in writing prior to May 15, 2018, otherwise it will be presumed their players will be released.
2. Players who have been informed by Bay State Game officials that they have been selected to compete in the Bay State Games will be provided the Department Bay State Release Form by their Bay State coach. After the Form has been fully executed by the player and parents, it must be submitted to their Team Manager.
3. Team Managers must forward a copy of the Form to their District Chairman. No more than 2 players may be released from any one team to participate in the Bay State Games, all events.
4. Players who participate in the Bay State Games without a proper Release shall be suspended from the Program for the remainder of the American Legion season including post season play.
5. Team Managers are encouraged to discuss their pitching rotation with Bay State Game coaches for their pitchers who have been chosen to participate in the Bay State Games.

- a. Bay State Game Rules limit pitchers to 4 innings per game and 7 innings for the entire Games.
6. Bay State Game Rules require their coaches to release players in time to attend their American Legion games, thus players should use their best effort to return to their American Legion team in time for its games.

***AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
PAST DEPARTMENT GRADUATES OF THE YEAR***

1990 Rick Murphy/Mike Casey, Owners Pittsfield Red Sox

1991 Mike Labrie, Attorney, Manager Aldenville Post 337

1992 Fran Healy, Announcer, New York Mets

1993 Dan Duquette, General Manager, Montreal Expos

1994 Dick Paster, Attorney, Manager Westwood Post 320

1995 Nick Malvesti, Morrisette Post 294

1996 Turk Wendel, Pitcher, Chicago Cubs

1997 Bob Brown, Manager, Canton Post 24

2002 Ray Cattaneo, Manager, Morrisette Post 294

2003 Tom Arruda, Manager, Spindle City

2004 John T. Mahan, Manager, Clinton Post 50

2005 Paul Dumas, Manager, Foxboro Post 93

2006 Merrill E. Fleck, Sr., Past Dept. Athletic Committee Chairman

2007 Dan Carroll, District 6 Head Umpire

2008 Ralph White, Manager, Walpole Post 104

2009 Andy Rogers, District 2 Chairman

2010 Rick Savinen, District 2 Chairman

2012 Greg Gagne, Coach, South Attleboro Post 312

2013 Bill Travers, Manager, Foxboro Post 93, Pitcher, Milwaukee Brewers Hall of Fame

2014 Robert Manosh, District 9 Chairman

2015 Paul Borkman, Past Department Head Umpire

2016 Roger Gagnon, Past Dept. Athletic Committee Chairman

2017 Tom Clews , District 5 Head Umpire

2018 Joseph Iarrobino, Manager, Andover Post 8

CONCLUSION

The rules and regulations for American Legion Baseball have developed over the years, based upon the experience, both good and bad, given to the Department Baseball Athletic Committee by managers, coaches, parents and other Legionnaires. The Department Athletic Committee meets throughout the year to discuss and make recommendations for the good of the program. Changes affecting the national program are forwarded to the National Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee, who in turn, make final recommendations to the National Americanism Commission who either adopt or reject these recommendations. Department Chairmen and members of the National Americanism Commission vote on policy, procedures and rules. It is those suggestions passed on from parents, coaches and team managers which have allowed the American Legion Baseball program to become the most prestigious amateur baseball program in America.

For ninety three seasons, The American Legion has sponsored this baseball program. American Legion Baseball is the largest, nationwide, teenage baseball program in America. Literally, millions of young players have played the game. This program has developed over the past eight decades thanks to the dedication of hundreds of thousands of volunteer American Legion members. To the Coaches, Managers, Sponsors and the thousands of Legion Volunteers who help make the program exist, we extend our most sincere appreciation.

IMPORTANT DATES

- January 31** Final date to submit New Team Applications or Plan "B" Base School changes unless District Rules provide earlier dates. Final date to submit Team Registration Forms to District Chairmen.
- March 1** Final date for District Chairmen to submit New Team Applications or Plan "B" Base School changes to Department Athletic Committee Chairman.
- March 31** Establishment of Player's Legal Residence, parent's domicile and school enrollment.
- April 1** Final date for teams to obtain insurance from American Legion's insurance agent of record without Department fine and final date to submit District Rules to Department Chairman.
- May 3** Final date for teams to hold Player Registration Session.
- May 31** Final date to complete rosters on National Office Website.
- July 26** Final date games may be played at District level. District Champion must be named on this date.
- July 28** Final Eight Team Sr. Department Championship Tournament begins at Adams Field, Quincy, MA.
- July 28** Final Eight Team Jr. Department Championship Tournament begins at Cummings Field, North Attleboro, MA.
- August 8** Regional One Tournament begins at Fitton Field, Worcester, MA.
- August 16** American Legion World Series at Shelby, North Carolina.
- Nov. 1** Final date to submit bids for the 2019 Senior & Junior Department Championship Tournaments to Department Athletic Committee Chairman.

American Legion Baseball Code of Sportsmanship

As an American Legion Baseball Player, Coach or Official,
I WILL . . .

KEEP THE RULES

KEEP FAITH WITH MY TEAMMATES

KEEP MY TEMPER

KEEP MYSELF FIT

KEEP A STOUT HEART IN DEFEAT

KEEP MY PRIDE UNDER IN VICTORY

KEEP A SOUND SOUL, A CLEAN MIND, AND A HEALTHY BODY.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
Past Senior Division Intrastate Department Champions

2012 - Billerica Post 268
2013 - Milford Post 59

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
Past Junior Division Department Champions

2008 - Somerset Post 228
2009 - Plymouth Post 40
2010 - Taunton Post 103*
2011 - Norwood Post 70
2012 - Norwood Post 70
2013 - Methuen Post 122
2014 - Braintree Post 86*
2015 - Methuen Post 122
2016 - Methuen Post 122*
2017 - Hudson Post 100

* Region One Champion

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Past Senior Division Department Champions

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| 1926 - Rutland Post 310 | 1972 - Milford Post 59 |
| 1927 - No Program | 1973 - Pittsfield Tyler Aces |
| 1928 - Worcester Post 5 | 1974 - E Springfield Post 420 |
| 1929 - New Bedford Post 1 | 1975 - West Quincy Post 294 |
| 1930 - Milford Post 59 | 1976 - So Hadley Post 260 |
| 1931 - Milford Post 59 | 1977 - Shrewsbury Post 397 |
| 1932 - Springfield Post 21 | 1978 - E Springfield Post 420 |
| 1933 - New Bedford Post 1 | 1979 - W Boylston Post 204 |
| 1934 - Springfield Post 21 | 1980 - Brockton Spartan A.C. |
| 1935 - East Lynn Post 291 | 1981 - Somerville Post 19 |
| 1936 - Lowell Post 87 | 1982 - Braintree Post 86 |
| 1937 - East Lynn Post 291 | 1983 - Natick Post 107 |
| 1938 - Revere Post 61 | 1984 - Braintree Post 86 |
| 1939 - Medford Post 45 | 1985 - Norwood Post 70 |
| 1940 - Pittsfield Post 68 | 1986 - Norwood Post 70 |
| 1941 - Brockton Post 35 | 1987 - Norwood Post 70 |
| 1942 - Norwood Post 70 | 1988 - Lynn Post 6 |
| 1943 - Lynn Post 6 | 1989 - Braintree Post 86 |
| 1944 - Brockton Post 35 | 1990 - Fall River Spindle City |
| 1945 - Holyoke Post 25 | 1991 - Lowell Post 87 |
| 1946 - Holyoke Post 25 | 1992 - West Quincy Post 294 |
| 1947 - Medford Post 45 | 1993 - Sandwich Post 188 |
| 1948 - Brockton Post 35 | 1994 - Walpole Post 104 |
| 1949 - Pittsfield Post 68 | 1995 - Swampscott Mariners |
| 1950 - Somerville Post 19 | 1996 - Swampscott Mariners |
| 1951 - Pittsfield Post 68 | 1997 - New Bedford Post 1 |
| 1952 - Milford Post 59 | 1998 - Gloucester Post 3 |
| 1953 - Milford Post 59 | 1999 - So Attleboro Post 312 |
| 1954 - Brockton Post 35 | 2000 - Lowell Post 87 |
| 1955 - Everett Post 176 | 2001 - Milford Post 59 |
| 1956 - Everett Post 176 | 2002 - Sandwich Post 188 |
| 1957 - Pittsfield Post 68 | 2003 - Worcester Post 323 |
| 1958 - Everett Post 176 | 2004 - Andover Post 8 |
| 1959 - Milford Post 59 | 2005 - Sandwich Post 188 |
| 1960 - Pittsfield Post 68 | 2006 - Milton Post 114 |
| 1961 - Chicopee Post 452 | 2007 - Brockton Post 35 |
| 1962 - Somerville Post 19 | 2008 - Hanover Post 149 |
| 1963 - Somerville Post 19 | 2009 - Newburyport Post 150 |
| 1964 - E Longmeadow Post 293 | 2010 - E Longmeadow Post 293 |
| 1965 - Northborough Post 234 | 2011 - Worcester Post 201 |
| 1966 - Milford Post 59 | 2012 - Barnstable Post 206 |
| 1967 - East Lynn Post 291 | 2013 - Barnstable Post 206 |
| 1968 - East Springfield Post 420 | 2014 - Milford Post 59 |
| 1969 - Lynn Post 6 | 2015 - Pittsfield Post 68 |
| 1970 - Milford Post 59 | 2016 - Shrewsbury Post 397 |
| 1971 - Leominster Post 151 | 2017 - Braintree Post 86 |