

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL  
 DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
 DISTRICT 10, JUNIOR LEGION BASEBALL RULES  
 2019 SEASON, updated as of 7 March 2019

The following rules pertain to District 10 (D10) Junior Legion Baseball Programs only.

1.) All teams must submit their team registration form and pay a D10 assignment/administrative fee of \$125 by the January 2019 meeting. The D10 Chairman shall report any team that fails to submit their form to the Department Chairman.

a.) TEAMS: Zone 10 will consist of the following teams: Table 1.

D10 - 10 Junior Teams	Post No.	Base School	Plan
Barnstable	206	Barnstable High School	B
Brockton	35	Brockton High School	B
Duxbury	223	Duxbury High School	B
Hanover	149	Hanover High School	B
Hingham	120	Hingham High School	B
Orleans	308	Nauset High School	B
Plymouth	40	Plymouth North High School	B
Sandwich	188	Sandwich High School	B
Wareham	220	Wareham High School	B
Whitman	22	Whitman-Hansen Regional H.S.	B

b.) National registration ([www.legion.org/baseball](http://www.legion.org/baseball)) must be submitted by January 31, 2019. 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 15<sup>th</sup> of such season, after which date, they will be removed from the Program. **CLARIFICATION:** See MA Department Rule 4-IV.A. & B.

2.) Regular Season begins Tuesday, June 4th.

a.) During the week, start times shall be 5:45pm or 7:00pm on fields with lights, while weekend start times shall be determined by the home (usually 5:00pm). Once the final schedule is set to be published, any changes must be approved by the D10 Chairman.

b.) No inning shall commence after 11:00pm during the regular season.

c.) D10 shall employ the point system as outlined in MA Department Rule 8-IV.A., which is, two (2) points for a win, and one (1) point for a tie. A regulation game shall consist of seven (7) innings unless extended because of a tie score, or shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the 7th inning or only a fraction of it, or because the umpire calls the game. A regulation game shall become official when the losing team has completed its time at bat in the 5th inning; or if tied, after both teams have completed their time at bat in the 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.

d.) There shall be no suspended games in D10 during the regular season. Games that have gone official lengths shall become documented games.

3.) All uniforms must have the American Legion insignia/patch on the left sleeve of their uniform per state and national rules. **CLARIFICATION:** See MA Department Rule 1-8.

a.) Only managers and coaches listed on the roster may coach from the coaching box and/or visit the mound during the regular season or playoffs, provided, they are in full uniform (courtesy jackets and pullovers are authorized as long as they have the proper patch).

b.) Managers and coaches who are not in full uniform must remain on the bench during games (e.g., scorekeepers) and may not go onto the field for any reason other than an emergency.

c.) Coaches Helmet: See MA Department Rule 1-A.8.c.

4.) All teams must carry a medical kit. **CLARIFICATION;** See MA Department Rule-1.A.6.

5.) Lineup cards for all games, including post-season games, given by each coach shall include the player's last name, uniform number, and position. All substitute players shall be listed to be eligible. **PENALTY – substitute players are ineligible to play if they are not listed on said lineup card.**

6.) Any team that forfeits two (2) times will be removed from the program and will have to re-apply for the next year, all wins will revert to losses and the opposing teams will receive wins.

a.) On forfeits, the team that forfeits is responsible to pay the umpire fees for both teams.

7.) The winning team from each game shall be responsible for TEXTING the final score to the D10 Webmaster at 617-510-6533, Thom Roache at 781-857-4279, and the D10 Athletic Chairman at 774-521-9769, so that a running tally of the team standings may be maintained. Teams are reminded that score accuracy is essential in determining tie breakers, and providing timely updates to the standings.

a.) **Example TEXT Format:** 7/11 Jr. FINAL SCORE:  
Sandwich Post 188 – 8  
Barnstable 206 – 7

8.) 10-Run Mercy Rule in affect after 4 ½ (visitors) - 5 (home) innings respectively. Home team gets last at bat.

9.) Regular Season is to finish no later than July 16th.

10.) July 17th will be designed as an OFF day, unless playoff seedings are not fully determined.

11.) **UMPIRES:** Fees are \$67.00 per umpire, \$134.00 per game for two (2) umpires, paid by the home team prior to the game start time. In the event of a single umpire, that umpire is due the normal fee. It will be up to the assignor or the umpire that did not show to compensate the lone umpire. In the event of a weather cancellation: **Ninety (90) Minute Notice** - there are no umpire fees. **Less than Ninety (90) Minutes** - umpires receive a half fee of \$33.50. In this instance, the home team shall have the responsibility of paying the game umpires their fees. In the event of a non-weather cancellation: Only after 5:00am of game day, and the umpire(s) are not reassigned, a \$50.00 per umpire fee will be assessed to the team that is responsible for the cancellation.

a.) Arbiter web site: <https://www1.arbitersports.com/Shared/SignIn/Signin.aspx>

b.) Umpire in Chief: Joe Peters, Cell: 781-354-3958, e-mail: [joepeters@comcast.net](mailto:joepeters@comcast.net)

c.) If umpires arrive, and the field is then deemed unplayable by them, they receive a half fee of \$33.50. Abuse of this power should be reported to the D10 Athletic Chairman and Umpire-in-Chief. **CLARIFICATION:** See Rule 11

d.) Postponements, unplayable field only, at least ninety (90) minutes prior to game time, 1- call Joe Peters, Cell: 781-354-3958, chief umpire, 2- call opposing team, with possible makeup date, then 3- notify Thom Roache Cell: 781-857-4279 by 5:00pm on game day via text message. **CLARIFICATION:** See Rule 11

e.) Subject to a \$25 fine, all games must be rescheduled within forty-eight (48) hours. If not possible to do so, the chairman or his designee will reschedule the game based on both teams having an open date. This could mean being home team at the opponent's field. If a team refuses to play that day, they will receive a forfeit.

12.) D10 employs the use of Junior Rule 1-S in the 2019 National Rule Book. 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 line-up. A substitute who is withdrawn may NOT RE-ENTER. **CLARIFICATION:** See MA Department Rule 9-A

a.) Designated and/or courtesy runners and/or free substitution are not permitted in any American Legion official game.

13.) D10 will use the MLB Designated Hitter (DH) Rule for the pitcher only. **CLARIFICATION:** See MA Department Rule 9-B

14.) **BASEBALLS:** Diamond D1-AL or D1-AL-MA are the only approved baseballs for use in the Department during the 2019 season. **CLARIFICATION;** See MA Department Rule 1-A.10.

15.) **BATS:** 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. **CLARIFICATION;** See MA Department Rule 1-A.9.

16.) D10 will follow the National Rule 1-R and MA Department Rule 1-A.5 PITCHING RULES. This applies during regular season and playoff competition.

- a.) No player may enter the game as a pitcher without having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in the chart below (see Table 2).
- b.) 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.
- c.) No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period.
- d.) Any pitcher who pitches more than 30 pitches in a game may not pitch in any subsequent games that day.

**Table 2.**

<b>Daily max</b> (pitches in game) – 105
<b>Required rest</b> (# of pitches) – 0 day (0-30) / 1 day (31-45) / 2 days (46-60) / 3 days (61-80) / 4 days (81+)

***PENALTY*** – *The pitcher is removed from the game and head coach shall be ejected from the game and serve an additional game suspension.*

17.) D10 Playoffs will begin on July 18th and end no later than July 25th, start times shall be 5:30pm unless the home team has lights (7:00 PM)

- a.) The D10 Junior Legion District tournament is a six (6) team, double-elimination tournament. The top six (6) teams enter playoffs, with the top two (2) teams to receive a first-round bye. The D10 Junior Champion will be designated by July 25th.
- b.) The team with the higher seed will have the home field advantage and will provide baseballs.
- c.) Playoff teams **split** the total Umpire Fee of \$134.00/playoff game. **CLARIFICATION:** Each team pays one umpire \$67.00, regardless of game location.
- e.) The winner of the District playoffs will advance to the 2019 Junior MA Department State Championship tournament, scheduled for July 27th-31st at The Spec Pond Recreational Complex in Wilbraham, MA.
- f.) In the event that there are two or more teams with one or zero losses and the District Tournament cannot be completed by July 25th, the highest remaining seed that is still participating in the tournament will advance. **CLARIFICATION:** Teams that have dropped two games are eliminated and regardless if a team has one or zero losses, the highest seed will advance.

18.) All protests/appeals must be filed within twenty-four (24) hours to Thom Roache Cell: 617-448-6546 and followed up w/ an e-mail to [tr07313@aol.com](mailto:tr07313@aol.com). Also, you must notify home plate umpire and opposing team of your intentions.

- a.) A District Protest and Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the D10 Athletic Chairman, Thom Roache (Rockland Post 147), and Terry Irving (Bridgewater Post 203). The Protest Committee shall act only on matters pertaining to the playing of the game of baseball. Decisions of the Protest Committee shall be final. The Advisory Committee shall present "best interest" matters to the meetings.

19.) All National and Department Rules not covered and/or emphasized by these District Rules shall be strictly enforced.

APPROVE/~~DISAPPROVE~~

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