

# \*\*\* 2018 CT American Legion Baseball Rules \*\*\*

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American Legion Baseball shall be played in accordance with rules adopted by the National Baseball Committee and Americanism Commission and Major League Baseball.

Changes to the Official MLB Rules are noted in Rule 1 of the American Legion Baseball rules. These rules generally pertain to matters of safety, equipment and insurance and are made with the welfare of the players in mind.

These rules may be further modified by the Connecticut Department (may be more restrictive) generally for regular season play only and cannot conflict with certain national rules. All national tournaments will follow rules established by The American Legion's National Americanism Commission.

All teams shall follow these rules with a few exceptions.

19 & Under American Legion Baseball Program (or Senior American Legion Baseball)

17 & Under American Legion Baseball Program (or Junior American Legion Baseball)

15 & Under American Legion Baseball Program (or Prep American Legion Baseball)

New rule changes for the 2018 season are highlighted.

## PLAYING REGULATIONS - RULE 1

- A. Baseballs – All teams in Connecticut must use the Rawlings CT – AL Baseball.
- B. Bat Rule. Regular wood and wood composite bats with permanently embossed BBCOR authentication will be allowed. BBCOR designation must be permanently embossed, printed or otherwise affixed to the bat by the manufacturer and must be visible to the umpire. Stickers are not permitted. If a player uses an illegal bat, both the player and his head coach will be ejected. Further discipline, if any, will be determined by the State Director or his designee.
- C. The Batter – see National Rule #1C
- D. Blood Rule – see National Rule #1D
- E. Catcher's Equipment – see National Rule #1E
- F. Coaches. - Only those coaches listed on the team's National Registration Form #1 are permitted on the playing field. No team can play a game without one of these approved coaches present on the field or in the dugout.

Each coach, general manager, and other required volunteer must pay for and provide all requested information, so that a yearly background check, conducted by the nationally selected company, can be completed on them prior to having any team related contact with any players. Anyone failing this review will not be allowed to be part of any American Legion Baseball Program – absolutely no involvement. No new coaches can be added or background checks requested after June 1<sup>st</sup> without the specific approval of the State Director or his designee.

- G. Courtesy Runners – per National Rule option we allow courtesy runners for U17 and U15. We DO NOT allow courtesy runners for U19
- a. Courtesy runners may be used in the regular season only
  - b. Courtesy runners are permitted for the pitcher and catcher only
  - c. Teams may not use the same courtesy runner for both the pitcher and catcher in the same inning
  - d. Any player not in the current lineup may be used as a courtesy runner except a player who has been removed from the game may not be used as a courtesy runner
  - e. Should a player pinch hit, pinch run or enter the game at any position he may no longer be used as a courtesy runner.
  - f. A courtesy runner may not be removed from the base to become a pinch hitter.
- H. Collisions – see National Rule #1H
- I. Designated Hitter (DH) Rule – For the 19U Division, Connecticut follows the National Rule, a player can only DH for the pitcher. For the 17U & 15U Division, a player can DH for any defensive player per the allowed national option.
- J. Force-Play-Slide Rule. – see National Rule #1J
- K. First Aid Kit Rule. – see National Rule #1K
- L. Games – In addition to the National Rule:
1. Games will only be played on July 4<sup>th</sup> if both teams agree.
  2. If a team plays in a tournament (or goes away on a trip) all missed games must be made up by five days after conclusion of the tournament or trip. Their zone schedule must reflect the rescheduling of these games.
  3. The Baseball Committee must approve participation in tournaments during zone play. Additional practice games are encouraged. No team may reschedule a zone game (once the final zone schedule is provided to the State Director or once the season starts, whichever happens first) for any reason without the approval of the State Director or his designee.
  4. Forfeitures - In case a visiting team fails to arrive within the designated time, the team on the field will win by forfeit after waiting fifteen (15) minutes beyond the time the game is scheduled to start. An appeal may be made to the zone chairman in the case of unforeseen circumstances such as an accident in route to the game. The home team must be ready to play at the scheduled game time without exception (no grace period). In the event of a double header and the traveling team forfeits the first game, the scheduled time for the next game will be 15 minutes after the completion of the first game. Example: A team is traveling for a double header for a 1pm game and does not have enough players to start the game. The game is officially over after the 15 minute grace period at 1:15pm. The next game now starts at 1:30pm and would be subject to a forfeit at 1:45PM). The home team again has no grace period and would forfeit the 2nd game at 1:15PM. In all forfeit situations, the umpire shall place the eligible team on the field, have the pitcher throw one pitch and then officially declare that team the winner. Any team that forfeits a game for not having 9 players eligible to start the game will be required to pay a \$100 “fine” to the opposing team. This fine is in addition to the home team’s responsibility to pay for the umpires.

If a team forfeits games on two separate days because of its inability to field nine eligible players at the start of a game the team will be disqualified and ineligible to participate in any further American Legion games that season. With this season ending situation all games played will stand and all subsequent games will result in losses and potential further discipline from the State Baseball Committee.

If a team drops out after April 15<sup>th</sup> but prior to the start of the season, they will be required to pay a \$250 non-refundable penalty fee. This fee must be paid at the State Meeting which they attend and are reinstated. As with the \$500 forfeit penalty, this penalty can be waived by the State Committee if the team's leadership substantially changes.

If a disqualified team wants to return to American Legion play the next season it must pay a \$500 non-refundable penalty fee plus the regular registration fee. This fee must be paid at the State Meeting which they attend and are reinstated. Please note that this \$500 penalty is intended for teams requesting to return that have not substantially changed their leadership. The State Committee retains the right to waive this penalty if they decide that a substantially new leadership should not be responsible for mistakes made by the people previously in charge.

The zone chairman shall immediately notify the state director with the names of teams that forfeit games during the season.

The State Committee is especially concerned that teams may use players known to be ineligible in order to avoid forfeitures of games due to lack of players. Because of ethical and liability issues, this behavior will lead to severe penalties – up to and including the removal of responsible coaches and/or entire teams.

5. If a game must be postponed for weather related issues, or some other reason approved by the State Director or his designee, it shall be played depending upon field availability by one of the 2 teams on the next mutually open date (previous commitments to tournaments, trips, & reasonable end of the year school related functions are okay but non-zone games must be cancelled). No team will be required to have games scheduled on more than 5 days in a row (only 4 days in a row for 17 & Under Division and 3 days in a row for 15 & Under Division) or be scheduled to play more than 1 doubleheader in that time period. Teams may need to give up their home game to comply with this rule. Teams that do give up home games may switch a later away game to their home field. Games not made up on the next open date, as described above, will result in the game counting as a loss for both teams. The zone chairman should be consulted by the home team manager for approval of the schedule change.

Please note that, unless otherwise noted by the State Director, teams do not have to cancel non-zone games played prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be in compliance with this make-up policy.

6. When it is necessary to change a field for a scheduled game, the visiting team manager shall be notified forty-eight (48 hours) before game time.
- M. Helmets. – same as National Rule #1M
- N. Insurance Rule. – In addition to the National Rule:

All American Legion Baseball teams must purchase insurance from The American Legion's agent of record (S.A. Van Dyk, Inc.). Coverage must be purchased when registering through the National Online Registration Process prior to the team's first tryout, game, team activity, or February 15<sup>th</sup> – whichever comes first. Violation of this rule may result in the disqualification from any further competition.

- O. Lightning Safety – same as National Rule #1O
- P. National Senior Tournament Rules – same as National Rule #1P
- Q. On Deck Equipment. – same as National Rule #1Q.
- R. Pitching Rule:

Note: Sections highlighted in blue are the National Pitching rule #1R  
 Sections highlighted in yellow are the Connecticut modifications to the rule as approved by the baseball committee

U-19: No player may pitch more than a total of 105 pitches per day. No player may enter the game as a pitcher unless having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in the chart below. No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher in any consecutive three-day period. PENALTY: The pitcher and team manager shall be ejected from the game and the game shall be forfeited if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

U17: No player may pitch more than a total of 95 pitches per day. No player may enter the game as a pitcher unless having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in the chart below. No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher in any consecutive three-day period. PENALTY: The pitcher and team manager shall be ejected from the game and the game shall be forfeited if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

U15: No player may pitch more than a total of 90 pitches per day. No player may enter the game as a pitcher unless having fulfilled the required rest days as mandated in the chart below. No player may make more than two appearances as a pitcher in any consecutive three-day period. PENALTY: The pitcher and team manager shall be ejected from the game and the game shall be forfeited if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game.

The chart below outlines required days of rest and applies to all games played by a team during the season including non-zone and non Legion games.

Age	Daily Max (pitches in game)	Required days of rest (pitches)				
		0 days	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days
U-19	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+
U-17	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+
U-15	90	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+

In addition to the National Rule, in order to enforce pitch count rules:

A. Each team will keep a record of pitches for both teams during the game and teams will compare counts and resolve discrepancies at the end of each inning. If teams cannot resolve their differences the home team book shall prevail per the rules of baseball. Each team will be required to complete the pitch count record chart (See Appendix A.) and enter accurate data into the state website within 24 hours of the conclusion of each game

B. Teams will be required to carry their pitch count record chart with them to each game and be prepared to present this document to the opposing team on demand prior to the start of each game.

## Point of Emphasis

American Legion Baseball adopts the philosophy and principles of the MLB/USA Baseball Pitch Smart initiative of practical, age-appropriate guidelines to educate parents, players and coaches to avoid overuse injuries and foster long, healthy careers for youth pitchers. Learn more online at [pitchsmart.org](http://pitchsmart.org).

The following are recommendations and suggested guidelines:

- Consideration should be given not exceed 100 combined innings pitched in any 12-month period.
- Take at least four months off from competitive pitching every year, including at least two to three continuous months off from all overhead throwing.
- Coaches should consider the age of the pitcher and the recommended guidelines for that age group (i.e. a 16-year-old pitcher on a senior team should be limited to 95 max pitches, although 105 pitches is allowed).
- Once a pitcher is removed, consideration should be given to what position he is assigned once he is done pitching, as well as the throwing requirement of the fielding position once the pitcher vacates the mound.
- Make sure to properly warm up before pitching.
- Avoid playing for multiple teams at the same time.
- Avoid playing catcher while not pitching.
- Avoid pitching in multiple games on the same day.
- Make sure to follow guidelines across leagues, tournaments and showcases
- Monitor for other signs of fatigue

S. Re-Entry Rule – Per the option in National Rule #1S:

1. Re-entry for starters will be allowed for U-19 Division in regular season only up to the start of the first round of the state tournament. Re-entry for starters will be allowed in both the regular season and state tournaments for U17 and U15 as per National rules.

T. Tobacco/Alcohol Rule

1. No tobacco is to be used in any form by players, managers, coaches and or umpires on the playing field. Failure to comply with this rule shall be suspension for that game plus the next 2 games (minor infraction). For this rule, the dugouts, batting cages, seating areas, refreshment stands, and other similar locations are considered part of the playing field.
2. The use of alcohol and or drugs by any player, coach, manager or other persons affiliated with American Legion baseball teams is prohibited. All teams are encouraged to have a written policy on alcohol and drug use that is presented and agreed to by all team personnel prior to the start of each season.
3. No alcoholic beverages are to be sold or consumed at any ballpark during American Legion baseball games, and further, any agreement for the use of any facility for Department American Legion baseball must contain a "No Alcohol" beverage clause. Any player, coach, or team-affiliated member found drinking alcoholic beverages at the ballpark before, during or after a legion baseball game would be suspended for a minimum of 4 games (major infraction). Any additional penalty will be determined by the State Director or his designee. No advertisements for alcoholic beverages should appear on any uniform. In cases where a ballpark is used by more than just the American Legion team, these rules shall only apply to American Legion events (Legion teams should not be discouraged from attempting to gain use of minor league

and major league facilities where possible – this rule is not intended to preclude such usage of facilities that sell alcohol at professional games).

U. Ten (10)-Run Rule. In addition to the National Rule:

1. All American Legion Regular Season and Tournament games shall use a 10-run rule after five innings for a 7 inning game and seven innings after a 9 inning game respectively, unless the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4 ½ and 6 1/2 innings at which time that game will be halted.

Clarification – if the visiting team leads by 10 or more runs after 6 ½ innings in a 19U Game or 4 ½ innings in both 17U and 15U games, the home team must complete its turn at bat before the game can be ended by this rule.

V. Uniforms. – see National Rule #1V

Additional Rules

- A. Suspended Games – In addition to the National Rule, regular season games will follow Pro Rules 4.12, with the following exception: all non-regulation games will be picked up from the point of stoppage. The following examples should clarify this rule:
  1. any game cancelled prior to becoming a regulation game in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, will now be continued from the point it is stopped
  2. once a game is a regulation game (home team winning after the visiting team has hit in the top of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning or either team winning after the home team has hit in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning), and weather or other conditions force the game to be stopped, it is over unless the visiting team ties or takes the lead in a subsequent inning and the home team doesn't have a chance to bat. In that case, it is a suspended game and must be continued from that point at a later time.
- B. Lineups – In addition to the National Rule, teams should list all eligible starters and substitutes on their lineup card prior to the start of the game. Players omitted from the lineup card who are listed on the official team roster – National Form 1 or State Team Pre-Roster that have eligibility can participate in the game without penalty to the team. Teams should also note on the lineup card any pitchers who are ineligible to pitch in that game due to the days of rest rule.
- C. Umpires – In addition to the National Rule, all umpires are required to be members in good standing of the Connecticut State Board of Approved Baseball Umpires. This rule covers all regular season zone and non-zone games, regular season tournaments, and state and national tournament games played on our fields where the selection of umpires is under our teams or State Committee control, and all games played throughout the year (i.e. spring and fall).
- D. Championship and Tiebreaker Formats – In addition to National Rules, a zone champion and final order of finish will be determined from regular season results – first by head to head record and **second by “CIAC like” # that will be assigned to each team for the 2018 season using a random number generator (See APPENDIX C).** All zone positions must be determined by results of regular season games, for the 19 & Under American Legion zones by **Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**, the 17 & Under Legion games by **Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**, and the 15 & Under Legion games by **Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that to count in the standings, all 19 & Under games on the last day of the season must be completed by **8:30PM** and game results must be reported to both the Zone Chairman and the State Director immediately after the game. 19 & Under Sectional Tournament **will start on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**. The 17 & Under Modified Double Elimination Sectional Tournament will start on **Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** and the 15 & Under Sectional Tournaments will start **on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>** respectively.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - RULE 2**

In Connecticut, athletes playing high school baseball can't participate in any legion practices, tryouts or games from the time they play their first high school CIAC league game (**March 31st for 2018**) until they are personally eliminated from the High School State Tournament.

**A. Player age – As per National Rule #2A:**

19 & Under Legion Baseball Players Age. 19 & Under American Legion Baseball competition in **2018** is open only to players born on or after January 1, **1999**.

Clarification for 19 & Under Legion Baseball

Any player born in **1998** is not eligible to play American Legion Baseball.

17 & Under Legion Baseball Players Age: 17 & Under American Legion Baseball competition in **2018** is open only to players born on or after January 1, **2001**.

Clarification for 17 & Under Legion Baseball

Any player born in **2000** is not eligible to play 17 & Under American Legion Baseball.

15 & Under Legion Baseball Players Age. 15 & Under American Legion Baseball competition in **2018** is open only to players born on or after January 1, **2003**.

Clarification for 15 & Under Legion Baseball

Any player born in **2002** is not eligible to play 15 & Under American Legion Baseball.

Since information on all players must be registered over the internet, as a result of Federal Laws pertaining to sharing information about young children over the internet, any player born in **2006** or after is not eligible to play American Legion Baseball in **2018**.

- B. Player's Domicile – same as National Rule #2B
- C. Professional Baseball Contract – same as National Rule #2C
- D. Amateur Rule – same as National Rule #2D
- E. Proof of Age – Follow National Rule #2E

## **PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN “A” - RULE 3**

**Connecticut has chosen to use Player Recruiting Plan A. A player can only be waived to another adjacent team if the combined counted enrollment (high school 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders, both boys and girls) of the schools located in both their territories are below 5,000.**

A. Zoning – same as National Rule #3A

B. Player Recruiting – In addition to the National Rule, the Connecticut Baseball Committee has adopted the following modifications:

1. It is the policy of the Connecticut American Legion Baseball Program that waivers only be granted to eligible players who tryout and/or make themselves fully available to the team and are not selected for a particular team subject to the following clarifications:
  - a) A legion player must first tryout and make himself fully available for the team whose territory is closest to his parent's or court ordered legal guardian's home. If he is not selected for that first team, he can ask to be considered for the next nearest team to that home. This team

may or may not require him to physically tryout. If not selected by this 2<sup>nd</sup> team, he would have the option to ask to play for the next nearest team. Again they may or may not require him to tryout. If he is not selected by this third team, then he will not be able to play American Legion Baseball for that season. This will be calculated by MapQuest Program (using shortest driving distance), as mandated by the National Rule 4 subject to National Rules for waivers including the 5,000 maximum student count for the two affected teams. Please note that teams can take waived players from more than one other team in the same season, if the total applicable student population from all high schools located in those territories are below the 5,000 national maximum.

- b) For Connecticut, we will compare the parent's address to the local town hall address for the town the team is named after (Bristol, Middletown, Torrington, etc...) – if the team is not named after just one town (Tri-Town, RCP, etc...), you will use the town hall address for the town where the team played a majority of its home games during the 2008 season. These addresses are included on our state website ([see link at "State Territory"](#)) and will be permanent unless changed by a majority vote of the State Baseball Committee.
- c) All waivers **granted to players under age 18** are just good for one year. All players waived must try out for their hometown team again the following year **unless the player is a 2017 graduate in which case he must play for the team he was waived to in 2017 per rule 3.B.d below**. College students (non-high school students) can't be waived. All waiver requests will go directly to and must be approved by a specific person designated by the State Director (for the 2018 season this is Chuck Berry). Please note that no waiver requests will be considered if given to Mr. Berry for the first time after June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- d) **Players who graduated high school in 2017 shall play for the last American Legion team with which they played. A player who graduated in 2017 with no previous American legion team affiliation must play for the team nearest his parents' domicile as outlined in paragraph b.) above. Players who graduated in 2017 shall not be eligible to be transferred (Forms 76 and 77).**

## **PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN "B" - RULE 4**

Not applicable for CT American Legion Program

## **PROTESTS - RULE 5**

- A. Protest Procedures – see National Rule #5A
- B. Written Proof – see National Rule #5B
- C. Forfeitures – see National Rule #5C
- D. Game Protest – see National Rule #5D
- E. Appeals to National Headquarters – see National Rule #5E

In addition to the National Rule, in case of a protest, the zone chairman should be notified immediately, followed by a written report delivered to the Zone Chairman within forty-eight hours of the end of the game being protested. A copy of this report shall be sent to the state director. Protests shall be delivered by hand, fax, e-mail, or certified mail. All protests must be accompanied by a certified check (delivered by hand to the zone chairman regardless of how the written report is submitted) in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) made payable to the Baseball Committee. If a

protest is upheld the zone chairman will return the check to the protester. If a protest is denied, the zone chairman will deliver the check to the State Committee Treasurer. The State Director or his designee, in conjunction with the zone chairman shall decide all protests. When made aware of player eligibility infractions, protests regarding such issues need to be made within a reasonable time. All regular season protests must be made and decided prior to the official start of the State Tournament.

All protests will include: 1) Written report; 2) Names and addresses of both (all) umpires; 3) The umpires' written report; & 4) a \$100 check.

Decisions regarding all protests will be summarized in a written report and given to the protesting team manager, the other affected team(s) and the Zone Chairman and State Director, if applicable.

## **TEAM AND PLAYER CERTIFICATION - RULE 6**

A. Player and Team Registration – see National Rule #6A

**In order to register a U-17 or U-15 program a team must first register a U-19 program**

B. National Online Registration – see National Rule #6B

C. National Form #2 – see National Rule #6C

D. Dual Participation – See National Rule #6D

In addition to the National Rule, for Regular Season Games, beginning after they have attended their first zone game, but not later than June **25, 2018**, players will be ineligible to play in further regular season zone and non-zone games and the state tournament (all divisions), and must be immediately removed from their roster, if they miss more than 20% of their team's scheduled zone games for any of the reasons listed in the national rule – including playing baseball for another team, going to a baseball showcase, etc... Teams will be required to keep track of this in their own manner and sign a statement prior to the beginning of the State Tournament attesting to the eligibility of their players to participate. This certification will be subject to protest by the other State Tournament teams. Nothing in this rule is intended to make someone ineligible for, among other things, missing games due to injury, illness, work, vacation, or playing another sport.

**DURING THE STATE TOURNAMENT, PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT, A PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND A SHOWCASE EVENT OR OTHER BASEBALL RELATED ACTIVITY AND CONTINUE ELIGIBILITY IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT PROVIDED:**

**A. HE DOES NOT MISS A GAME OR ANY PART OF A GAME. THE PLAYER MUST BE PRESENT IN UNIFORM AT LEAST ONE HALF HOUR PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED START TIME.**

**B. HE HAS ADVANCE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM HIS COACH**

**C. HE HAS SUBMITTED AN AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL NATIONAL FORM 6 TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE AND HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL PRIOR TO HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT.**

CLARIFICATION: Once the National Tournament begins (our final best of three series) the National Tournament rules are in affect and the state director cannot grant permission to attend a showcase event. **Attendance at such an event will make the player ineligible for the remainder of the Department, Regional and World Series tournaments.** However a player attending a college orientation workout may be granted an exception on a case-by case basis. Players granted such an exception may not miss any game of a national tournament. Prior written approval is required.

E. Players Per Team – see National Rule #6E

Double Rostering with another American Legion Team in the same program – In addition to the National Rule:

1. For the regular season, teams may double-roster as many age eligible players as they wish with another team within their Legion program but they still must be in compliance with roster maximum limits at each level. Players will be able to participate in two levels of the regular season and tournament subject to the following:
2. A position player that plays in more than 60% of their 19 & Under zone games or pitcher who pitches more than 25 innings in 19 & Under zone games, will not be eligible to play in the 17 & Under or 15 & Under State Tournament.
3. There will not be any similar restriction on playing time for a 17 & Under or 15 & Under player to play in the 19 & Under Tournament. If at any time during the regular season a double rostered player becomes ineligible for the 17 & Under or 15 & Under Tournaments (i.e. a pitcher who pitches more than 25 innings in 19 & Under zone games or a player who plays in more than 60% of their 19 & Under zone games), they would also immediately be ineligible to play (play in the field, pitch, bat, pinch run, etc...) in any more regular season 17 & Under or 15 & Under games.
4. Teams will be required to keep track of this in their own manner and sign a statement prior to the beginning of the State Tournament attesting to which of their double rostered players will be eligible to participate. This certification will be subject to protest by the other State Tournament teams.
5. In addition, if a player starts in more than one 19 & Under State Tournament Game they will no longer be eligible to play in either the rest of the 17 & Under or 15 & Under regular season or State Tournaments.
6. Please note that these same rules also apply to the 15 & Under Teams (if double rostered players play too much for either the 17 & Under or 19 & Under Teams, they will be ineligible to play any more for the 15 & Under Team, and if they start in more than one 17 & Under or 19 & Under State Tournament game they will no longer be eligible to play for the 15 & Under Team.

F. Non-American Legion Post Sponsorship – In addition to the National Rule please note that:

1. An outside sponsored team is one that is not affiliated with any American Legion post. If selected to participate in the program, the outside sponsored team agrees to abide by all American Legion state and national baseball rules. The outside sponsored team also agrees to assume all financial responsibilities relative to the operation of American Legion Baseball including, but not limited to uniforms, baseballs, insurance and umpires. The admission of an outside sponsored team to the state program is always subject to the approval of the State Baseball Committee.
2. Should an existing outside-sponsored team wish to affiliate with an American Legion post or merge with an existing post-sponsored team, such merger or affiliation must be approved and coordinated by the State Baseball Committee. In no case will an outside-sponsored team in good standing, be required to merge or affiliate with a post-sponsored team, be replaced by a newly formed post-sponsored team, or be taken over by a post. Teams wanting to merge must adhere to the rules governing Combinations – see Rule 7.
3. For those teams that are post sponsored, the post is the controlling entity and is responsible for the team managers, coaches and other on-field personnel. For non-post sponsored teams, the program General Manager or controlling organization (if applicable) is responsible for the team managers, coaches and other on-field personnel. Posts are expected to not support another baseball organization in direct competition with a Connecticut American Legion Baseball Team.

G. Required Paperwork – In addition to the National Rule:

- a. Signed Coaches Code of Ethics Form - Prior to the start of the season all new field coaches and managers must read the Coaches' Code of Ethics and the National Risk Management Policy and submit a signed acknowledgement of both to their Zone Chairman. Failure to adhere to this rule may make a team ineligible to participate in American Legion baseball for that season. Signed copies must be returned to the respective Zone Chairman before their first scheduled game.
  - b. Pre-Season Rosters –All teams must data enter their roster information (including name, DOB, high school graduation year, parent's address including home town) onto their state provided websites prior to playing their first zone game. Zone Chairman or his designee will be required to periodically review these "Website Rosters" for compliance. **Any team not complying with this rule will be disciplined as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Violation – written warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation - if roster information is not entered within 72 hours of first warning players not listed on the website roster will be declared ineligible until the roster is completed.** Any team playing someone not listed on their Website Roster, will forfeit that game for using an ineligible player.
  - c. Teams must register, using the National Website, paying all State and National Registration Fees, purchasing insurance and providing required general information by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The National Website can be reached at <http://baseball.legion.org/> Any team that does not meet the **February 1st deadline** will be charged a minimum \$100 late penalty. This includes the completion of background checks for all coaches, general managers and other required volunteers (or prior to their first tryout or practice whichever happens first.) Teams must complete their Team and Coach Roster on the National Website (old Form 1) by June 25, 2018. **Zone chairmen must review either original birth certificate or see a copy of a US Passport or CT Federally approved Driver's license for all new players. In the case of foreign born players a translation letter as outlined in National Rule 2 must be provided.** Teams must still provide copies of National Form 1 (2 copies), National Form 2 (2 copies), National Form 76, signed Coaches Code of Ethics Form, and new Website Roster to their zone chairman by June 23, 2018. The Roster is limited to eighteen (18) players. (For all Teams). In addition, each Zone Chairman will be required to compare these Website Rosters with the National Form 1's. Teams will be required to make any changes necessary to ensure that their rosters on their State Website is 100% correct. This all must be completed before June 25, 2018.
  - d. Upon submission of rosters to the zone chairmen (no later than Thursday, June **21, 2018**), each zone chairman shall inspect and validate the submitted rosters from his zone. Teams failing to submit their rosters by June **23, 2018** will be declared ineligible for state competition, in which case they would forfeit all their remaining zone games.  
  
Important information to be included in submitted papers: home address of player's parents (Forms #1 and #2); and players' signatures in proper place (Form #2). Player signatures on Form #2 must be the same name as on the birth certificate including full-signed middle name. Parent or guardian to sign the Emergency Information Form 2.
- H. The player name on **all forms** should match their full legal name as it appears on their driver's license or other form of identification.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT - RULE 7**

A. Conduct – see National Rule #7A

1. The Fall 2016 Meeting of the American Legion passed Resolution 16 which states : The organization's policy is regardless of the activity anyone not showing proper respect during the anthem will be removed from the activity.

2. In light of this resolution Connecticut has adopted the following regulation:

**Any player, coach or manager who refuses to stand at attention or who otherwise intentionally disrespects the flag during the playing of the National Anthem shall be disqualified from participation in that game. Such disqualification will be considered a MAJOR INFRACTION if brought to the attention of the state director.**

- B. Heckling – see National Rule #7B
- C. Sportsmanship – see National Rule #7C

Disciplinary Policy – In addition to the National Rule

CT American Legion Program has adopted the following Disciplinary Action Policy. The provisions of this policy shall be in effect from one hour prior to the scheduled start of the game, throughout the game, and one hour after the completion, suspension or termination of the game.

Only the head coach (or his assistant, designated before the game with the right to replace him), will be allowed to leave his normal position to argue any calls or decisions made by the umpires. Penalty is the offending coach or team official will be ejected from the game and will be subject to the further penalties listed below. Umpires may, at their discretion, warn the coach for their first offense, especially early in the season. **Please note that no coach is allowed to argue balls and strikes. The penalty would be restriction or ejection to the dugout at the sole discretion of the umpires.**

1. MAJOR INFRACTION shall include, but not be limited to:
  - a. Non-consensual or reckless physical contact or attempting to make physical contact or any threat of physical intimidation or harm to include pushing, shoving, bumping, kicking, intentionally spitting, throwing at or attempting to make physical contact with an umpire or opposing player or fan.
  - b. Spitting, throwing or kicking anything at an umpire or any game participant.
  - c. Participating in a physical altercation.
  - d. Conduct otherwise considered a minor infraction that, by its nature, is judged to have included intent to incite a major infraction. This rule is designed to prevent “baiting”.
2. MINOR INFRACTION shall include but not be limited to:
  - a. Undue use of profanity towards any game participant
  - b. Verbal abuse of umpires or any game participant or intentionally throwing equipment
  - c. Malicious contact (as defined in National Rule 1.H. Point of Emphasis) will be judged case by case by the umpires as to whether a MAJOR or MINOR infraction is to be assigned.
  - d. Any coach who criticizes an umpire in a public forum (defined as comments or quotes in the media and public meetings. The individual name of an umpire does not have to be included for this penalty to be imposed).
  - e. Any other conduct deemed by the umpire to be unsportsmanlike and warranting this penalty.

3. Punishment – Any player, coach, manager or bench personnel found guilty of a MAJOR infraction will be suspended for a minimum of four games and the suspension could be season-ending depending on the circumstance. If the person incurs a second major infraction he shall be suspended for the remainder of the season. Any player, coach, manager or bench personnel found guilty of one MINOR infraction will be suspended for a minimum of two games. The 2<sup>nd</sup> minor infraction will result in a suspension of a minimum of 3 games. If he receives a third minor infraction, he shall be suspended for the remainder of the season. A player ejected out at one level of play, can't play for any other level of play until their penalty is served at the level he was ejected without the approval of the State Director or his designee. Any player suspended for the remainder of the season at one age level is also ineligible at the other age level. Please note that only the State Director, or is designee, has the authority to impose any punishment beyond these stated penalties.
4. Implementation of the Suspension - Any player, coach or manager thrown out of a Zone game will sit out the next Zone or Tournament games as punishment. If a player, coach or manager is thrown out of a regularly scheduled exhibition game, he will sit out the next regularly scheduled exhibition game. If the expelled player, coach or manager's team has no exhibition games left on their schedule, he will sit out the next Zone games, tourney games or first zone games of next year, whatever comes first. Coaches of both teams in the game involving the expulsion must notify the Zone Chairman immediately after the game. Suspensions for either major or minor infractions will continue into the next season if the suspensions cannot be completed during the regular season or state tournament.
5. For clarification, the suspended individual is not allowed to:
  - a. Communicate with any team personnel or umpires at the site of competition;
  - b. Take part in any pre-game activities at the site of competition; or
  - c. Be in the stadium, on the field, or within eyesight of the field once pre-game activities have started.
6. Appeal Process - Punishments can be appealed to the State Director, or his designee, if first supported by the appropriate Zone Chairman. Affected players and coaches must sit out their next game(s) until a final decision can be made. The State Director will make a decision working through the Zone Chairman. Any decision by the State Director, including letting the original punishment stand because the appropriate Zone Chairman did not support a further review, is final. All appeals must be made within 24-hours of the incident. No appeals will be accepted or heard after the 24-hour window.

For all appeals, the zone chairman, as well as a liaison from the umpire's board, will get proper information concerning the incident. The umpire(s) involved in the game with the incident should notify the umpire liaison immediately **(no later than noon the following day)** pertaining to the incident. The umpire liaison will contact the zone chairman, who, if they agree with the appeal, will forward all information to the state director who will hear and make a ruling on the appeal.

7. Ejection from the Ballgame - Any coach, manager, or team official ejected by the umpire must leave the field and dugout area immediately and is not allowed to communicate with team members or the umpires. A player who has just been ejected must continue to be supervised by a coach. The umpire is required to inform the Head Coach of the ejection and it is then the coach's prerogative to: (a) keep him on the bench or (b) send him (under constant supervision by another coach) to another location. If the player continues to be a problem after being ejected the Head Coach will be told to either control his player(s) or forfeit the game. Whenever

an ejection occurs, the umpires are required to give the Zone Chairman and State Director a completed Ejection Report, which is available on our State Baseball Website ([www.ctlegionbball.com](http://www.ctlegionbball.com)), **by noon the following day**.

D. Reinstatement – see National Rule #7D

E. Ejection from the Ballpark – In addition to the National Rule #7E,

Umpires may restrict the offender (player or coach) to the bench/dugout for the remainder of the game, if the umpire judges the offenders actions to be minor in nature. Players restricted to the bench/dugout shall remain in the dugout under the supervision of team coaches. Coaches restricted to the dugout/bench may only leave the dugout/bench to attend to a player who becomes ill or injured. Any restricted player or coach shall be ejected for further misconduct.

F. Conduct – In addition to the National Rule, any manager, coach, player, or team parent, team family member, or anyone else involved in an American Legion Baseball game or program, who in the opinion of the State Director or his representative, conducts himself in an unsportsmanlike manner, or in a manner that discredits the American Legion Program, may be removed from further participation by the Department Baseball Committee. The Baseball Committee's Decision will be final.

Please note that inappropriate comments in any social media or print/audio "outlet" will result in case specific disciplinary penalties up to and including permanent ineligibility.

G. Repeat offenders – Any team that has any combination of more than four players, coaches or team officials **ejected from** games during the same regular season may be made ineligible for participating in that season's State Tournament by the State Committee. Any team made ineligible under this rule may be given the opportunity to appeal this decision to the State Director or his designee.

## **DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION - RULE 8**

- i. Department Rules and Regulations – see National Rule #8i
- ii. Department Rulings – see National Rule #8ii
- iii. National Player Eligibility Rule Interpretations – see National Rule #8iii

In addition to the National Rule, Connecticut American Legion baseball is governed by the Connecticut American Legion Committee, and shall be comprised of:

1. Nine commissioners, each of whom will be accorded one vote in matters brought before the committee. Commissioners are appointed per (4). below.
2. The zone and assistant zone chairmen (two per zone, as designated per (e). below) due to State American Legion Rules. Zone chairmen and assistant zone chairman are not accorded a formal vote in Committee matters, but act as important advisory members of the Committee.
3. A Webmaster and Umpire Liaison/Rules Interpreter and anyone else appointed by the State Director, who are not accorded a vote in Committee matters.
4. State Baseball Commissioners - The American Legion State Commander will annually appoint the nine Baseball Committee Commissioners from the state at-large. The State Legion Commander will designate one of the commissioners as director. Baseball Committee

Meetings will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order. A simple majority (five commissioners) are necessary to hold an official meeting.

#### 5. Zones

- a. The areas from which leagues are established will be known as zones. These zones are herewith designated subject to approval of the Department Baseball Committee.
- b. A minimum of eight (8) teams (five for 17 & Under and 15 & Under) will be required to constitute a zone at the beginning of any season, however, recommended zone size will be **9-10** teams. The State Committee may allow a zone to start the particular season with less than the required number of teams. If sufficient additional teams do not register the following year, the State Committee may need to move a team(s) from an adjacent zone. For **2018**, there will be eight zones for the 19 & Under Division. The Baseball Committee may change the zones or transfer teams, as it deems necessary for good of the state baseball program. The State Committee will determine the alignment of the U-17 and U-15 divisions no later than April 15.
- c. All team applications to participate in the American Legion baseball program, and assignment of teams to zones, are subject each year to the approval/review of the Baseball Committee. The Committee's decision in all such matters shall be final.
- d. All zone competition will be governed by National American Legion Baseball rules ([http://www.baseball.legion.org/alb\\_rules.htm](http://www.baseball.legion.org/alb_rules.htm)) and by these state American Legion Baseball rules, as amended from time to time.
- e. Zone Chairmen

The state director of the Baseball Committee appoints the zone chairmen and assistant zone chairmen

Each zone chairman (and assistant zone chairman in their absence) shall be in charge of games that occur within his zone.

All zone issues will be referred to the zone chairman unless he disqualifies himself. In this event the issue will be referred to state director for a ruling or decision.

The zone chairman will notify the state director if any team fails to complete its schedule.

## **SENIOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS - RULE 9**

- A. National Tournament Registration – see National Rule #9A
- B. National Competition – see National Rule #9B
- C. National Tournament Supervision – see National Rule #9C
- D. National Tournament Player Eligibility Protest – see National Rule #9D
- E. National Tournament Play – see National Rule #9E
- F. Regional Tournament Host – see National Rule #9F
- G. Tournament Photographs – see National Rule #9G
- H. Department Championship Play – see National Rule #9H

- I. Artificial Noisemakers Prohibited – see National Rule #9I
- J. Suspended Games – see national Rule #9J
- K. Minimum Active Players – see National Rule #9K

## **NATIONAL BASEBALL APPEALS BOARD - RULE 10**

- A. National Appeals Board – see National Rule #10A
- B. Time Limit – see National Rule #10B
- C. Filing an Appeal – see National Rule #10C
- D. Final Authority – see National Rule #10D
- E. Approved Interpretations – see National Rule #10E
- F. Appeal Procedure – see National Rule #10F
- G. Connecticut Appeals Procedure:
  - 1. There is a CT Baseball Appeals Board (hereafter referred to as “the Board”) composed of (1) the state baseball director, (2) the assistant state Baseball director, and (3) a third member appointed by the state baseball director. The state baseball director shall also appoint an alternate member who will only be involved if one of the three State Appeals Board members is not available or has a conflict of interest. The term of office for board members and alternate members will continue until replaced by the State Baseball Director.
  - 2. Time Limit: Consistent with National Rule 10B, except substitute CT State Appeals Board for National Americanism Division.
  - 3. Filing an Appeal. All appeals must be in writing and addressed to the current State Baseball Director (address on State Web Site). Faxes and emails are acceptable when sent by the Team GM only. State director email and fax number are on state web site.
  - 4. Final Authority. The Board shall have sole jurisdiction over any appeal filed following a decision involving CT/National American Legion Baseball rule interpretations rendered by the State Director or appointee. The decision of the Board shall be final and may be enforced by a court of law. The concurrence of a majority of the members of the CT State Appeals Board shall constitute the ruling by the Board.
  - 5. Approved Interpretations. During tournaments supervised by the CT American Legion Baseball Committee, the Board shall approve interpretations rendered by the National Americanism Division before publication of the interpretation.

# **CONNECTICUT STATE TOURNAMENTS**

## **(HIGHLIGHTS) - RULE 11**

All department level tournaments will be run under the following rules with the exception of the final best of three round in the Senior Division Tournament which is a part of the National Tournament and must follow National Tournament Rules

- A. The state tournament will be played under regular season rules according to the Connecticut State rule book except as noted differently below.
- B. The state baseball committee will set the format, dates and schedule for the state tournament no later than the April meeting in each year.
- C. At the start of each round all teams will be seeded based on regular season finish. Ties within the zone will be broken first by head to head then by the random number assigned to each team at the start of the season. Cross zone rankings will be determined based on regular season winning percentage. Ties for seeding purposes will be broken by the random number.
- D. For all games except the final game in a round the home team will be the higher ranked team. If the same two teams meet for the second time in an if necessary game at the end of a round, the home teams will be reversed for the second game but the host site will remain the same.
- E. Prior to the start of the super regional at neutral sites, the home team will be the host team. The host team is responsible for providing a safe, adequately prepared field at the designated start time for the game. If they cannot provide a field, the site will be switched to the opposing team.
- F. Weekend games will start at 1 p.m. +/- one hour. Weekday games will start at 4:30 pm. +/- one hour. If there is the potential for a doubleheader, start time of the first game should be early enough to reasonably ensure that both games can be played. If the host team has lights, the travelling team may mutually agree to a later start time. Single weekday games at neutral sites will start at 6:30 p.m. State director must approve in advance any change of more than one hour to the start time except in weather situations. Webmaster must be notified of any change in start time.
- G. Host site must report scores and pitch counts via the state website within three hours of the completion of any game.
- H. All state tournament games will be seven innings. The ten-run mercy rule is in effect after five innings.
- I. Prior to the super regional which will be played at a neutral site, each team shall be responsible for paying for one umpire. Each team will be responsible for providing 6 baseballs. The state baseball committee will pay for all umpires and provide baseballs for all neutral site games.
- J. Regular season pitching rules will apply. Days of rest requirements will carry from one round to the next including from the end of the regular season to the start of the tournament.

- K. Protests during state tournament games must be filed with the home plate umpire prior to the next pitch being thrown. The game will be stopped until the protest is resolved.
- L. Re-entry is not permitted in the state tournament
- M. During the state tournament, prior to the start of the National Tournament, a player will be allowed to attend a showcase or other baseball related event and still continue eligibility in the tournament provided that:
  - a. He does not miss a game or any part of a game. Player must be present in uniform in his team's designated area at least one half hour before the scheduled start time of the game.
  - b. He has advance written permission from his coach
  - c. He has submitted an American Legion Baseball Form 6 to his coach in advance. The coach will submit it to the state director or his designee and receive approval prior to his attendance at the event.

Once the National Tournament begins (our final best of three series) the National Tournament rules are in affect and the state director cannot grant permission to attend a showcase event. **Attendance at such an event will make the player ineligible for the remainder of the Department, Regional and World Series tournaments.** However a player attending a college orientation workout may be granted an exception on a case-by case basis. Players granted such an exception may not miss any game of a national tournament. Prior written approval is required.

## **2018 19-U TOURNAMENT FORMAT - RULE 11.19U**

32 teams total qualify (16 from the Northern 4 zones and another 16 from the Southern 4 zones) – top 4 from each zone regardless of record

Northern Division – While our goal is for 16 teams to qualify for the State Tournament, if Bristol, one of the hosts of the state tournament does not finish in the top 4 in their zone, per National Rules they would be added to the tournament and automatically ranked as the 17<sup>th</sup> team. In this case they would have a Play-In Game with the 16<sup>th</sup> ranked team as necessary.

Southern Division – While our goal is for 16 teams to qualify for the State Tournament, if Meriden, one of the hosts of the State Tournament does not finish in the top 4 in their zone, per National Rules they would be added to the tournament and automatically ranked as the 17<sup>th</sup> team. In this case they would have a Play-In Game with the 16<sup>th</sup> ranked team as necessary.

**The regular season will end on Thursday, July 19, 2018. A play-in game if necessary would be played on July 20<sup>th</sup>. To count in the standings all games played on the Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> must be completed by 8:30PM unless otherwise authorized by the State Director or his designee.**

Teams will be ranked within their Zone and assigned to predetermined pods as outlined in the chart in Appendix D. Ties within the zone will be broken first by head to head and then by the higher pre-selected number (numbers that were assigned to each team by random number at the 2018 Coaches & GM's Training Session).

Each four-team pod will determine a winner based on a double elimination format. The eight winners will then go on to the double elimination super regional tournaments at Bristol (North Region) and Meriden (South Region) beginning on Saturday July 28. Teams will be reseeded based on regular season records for the super regionals. The winners of the two super regionals will meet in a best-of-three championship series beginning on Fri. Aug 3 at Meriden. The best of three series is a part of the National Tournament and will be played under National Tournament rules.

### **19-U Tournament Schedule**

**See Appendix D**

## **2018 17-U TOURNAMENT FORMAT - RULE 11.17U**

31 teams will automatically qualify for the State Tournament. .

Northern Division: (16 automatic qualifiers)

Zone 17 – 4 of their 7 teams

Zone 6 – 4 of their 6 teams

Zone 8 – 5 of their 9 teams

Zone 3 - 3 teams (1st, 3rd and 4th\* place)

Southern Division: (16 automatic qualifiers)

Zone 2 – 5 of their 9 teams

Zone 3 - 1 team (2nd place)

Zone 5 – 3 of their 6 teams

Zone 4 – 6 of their 10 teams

Plus the non-qualifying team with the next best overall record.

\*The next best record team and the Zone 3 #4 team will be placed in the division which best fits those two teams geographically as determined by the state director.

The host teams (South Windsor and Bethel) will also qualify for the tournament. If either team fails to qualify as an automatic qualifier there will be one game playoff game with the last seeded team in the Division on Sunday July 22.

The regular season will end on Saturday, July **21, 2018**. The modified double elimination Sectional Tournament (**8 groups of 4 teams**) would begin on Monday, July **23, 2018** at the

higher seeded teams' fields. Once only 8 teams are left, the tournament will be single elimination with the 4 northern teams going to South Windsor and the 4 southern teams going to Bethel.

The Championship Game will be played in Meriden on **Sunday, Aug 5th.**

### **U-17 Tournament Schedule**

**See Appendix E**

## **2018 15-U TOURNAMENT FORMAT - RULE 11.15U**

A total of 16 teams will qualify for this tournament

### **North Section**

**Zone C – 4 of their 7 teams**

**Zone D - 4 of their 7 teams**

### **South Section**

**Zone A – 4 of their 7 teams**

**Zone B - 3 of their 5 teams**

**Plus the team with the next best overall record statewide**

**The regular season will end on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.** In each section, the Zone Champions will be seeded 1 and 2 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will be seeded 3 and 4 based on overall record. The remaining teams will be seeded 5 through 8 based on overall record.

**The double elimination Sectional Tournaments will begin on Thursday, July 26, 2018** at the higher seeded teams' fields. Games will follow on Sat. July 28, Sun. July 29, Tue. July 31 and Thur. Aug. 2 at the higher seeded teams' fields. The winner of each sectional will meet in the Championship Game in Meriden on Sunday, **Aug 5th.**

### **U-15 Tournament Schedule**

**See Appendix F**

## **CONNECTICUT FALL BASEBALL - RULE 12**

Any Fall Baseball played using either the American Legion name or equipment (for example website) will be governed by our State Baseball Committee or its appointed representatives. All the adopted State and National Rules will be in effect with only the following major exceptions:

- 1) Rule 1 Playing Regulations – Forfeits. Penalties do not apply.
- 2) Rule 1 Playing Regulations – Suspended Games does not apply. All games count as long as both teams have had a chance to bat at least once.
- 3) Rule 2 Player Eligibility Requirements. Must be age eligible **to play for the team** for the 2019 summer season to play in the fall in 2018, since this season is supposed to be part of the tryout process for the following year.
- 4) Rule 6 Team and Player Certification. Dual Participation limitations do not apply.
- 5) Rule 6 Team & Player Certification – Double Rostering limitation does not apply.
- 6) Rule 7 Sportsmanship & Conduct – Implementation of Suspension. Any remaining penalties from the fall will not roll over to the following summer unless the State Committee decides that their nature rises to the level where an exception needs to be made.
- 7) All teams must carry appropriate insurance.

## **CONNECTICUT TERRITORIAL ASSIGNMENTS - RULE 13**

Teams seeking to combine with other teams or request partial territory acquisitions must complete a written request via the forms found on the state website prior to September 1 in order for the changes to be effective the following year.



# APPENDIX B

## PITCH COUNT FORMS

Sample of in game pitch count log. Teams may use any method for in game pitch counts. The pitch count log below is offered as an option for teams wishing to keep a paper record.

### CT American Legion Baseball – Game Pitch Count Log

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Opponent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pitchers Name	Unif #	BIRTH YEAR	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>X to Cross out the number as that pitch is thrown</b>  <b>O to Circle the number for the last pitch thrown in each half-inning</b> </div>																																						
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BEGINNING IN 2017 (National Rule 1.R)  
 Maximum Pitches Per Day: Age or Pgm: 16 & under Junior Pgm Senior Pgm  
 Pitches 90 95 105

Visiting Coach or Scorekeeper Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Coach or Scorekeeper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX C**

### **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE**

Random Number Tie Breakers for seeding 2018

1	Naugatuck	2285
2	New London	5232
3	Waterbury	6551
4	Greenwich	8859
5	Hamden	8975
6	Guilford	9525
7	Ledyard-Pawcatuck	10463
8	Winsted	11189
9	Windsor Locks	11318
10	Trumbull	11346
11	Bridgeport	13359
12	Norwich	13986
13	Wolcott	15522
14	Berlin	19466
15	Unionville	21681
16	Southington	21814
17	Jewett City	27868
18	E. Haven	29352
19	South Windsor	29654
20	Shelton	34762
21	Bethel	35461
22	Westport	37044
23	New Britain	37493
24	Stamford	41166
25	Madison	42494
26	Wallingford	42807
27	Glastonbury	44444
28	Niantic	45290
29	Stratford	45627
30	Washington	48091
31	Bristol	48612
32	RCP	50567
33	Torrington	53958
34	Manchester	55197

35	Avon	55501
36	Waterford	55870
37	Meriden	55987
38	North Haven	56721
39	Hartford	58166
40	Tolland	60333
41	Ridgefield	60557
42	Moosup	61530
43	East Haddam	61606
44	Windsor	61909
45	Plainville	62145
46	Tri-Town	62276
47	West Haven	68945
48	Middletown	72890
49	Simsbury	74620
50	Fairfield	74744
51	Norwalk	75151
52	Enfield	75249
53	East Hartford	75354
54	Willimantic	76078
55	Danbury	81063
56	Oakville	85890
57	Cheshire	86182
58	Wilton	86512
59	Danielson	87460
60	West Hartford	87565
61	Newington	88234
62	Milford	88353
63	Ellington	88965
64	New Haven	89599
65	Branford	96264
66	Orange	96702
67	Darien	96945
68	Tri-County	99258

## **APPENDIX D**

### **U-19 First Round Tournament Format**

	<b>Sat. Jul 21 at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>Sun. Jul 22 at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>Tue. Jul 24 at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>Wed Jul 25 at site of higher ranked team, reverse home team for Game 7 if needed</b>
POD A Z1 -1 Z6 -2 Z7 -3 Z8 -4	Game A1: Z8-4 at Z1-1 Game A2: Z7-3 at Z6-2	Game A3: Loser A1 vs Loser A2 Game A4: Winner A1 vs Winner A2	Game A5: Winner A3 vs Loser A4	Game A6: Winner A4 vs Winner A5 Game A7: Winner A6 vs Loser A6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Super Regional - North</b>
POD B Z6-1 Z7-2 Z8-3 Z1-4	Game B1: Z1-4 at Z6-1 Game B2: Z8-3 at Z7-2	Game B3: Loser B1 vs Loser B2 Game B4: Winner B1 vs Winner B2	Game B5: Winner B3 vs Loser B4	Game B6: Winner B4 vs Winner B5 Game B7: Winner B6 vs Loser B6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Super Regional - North</b>
POD C Z7-1 Z8-2 Z1-3 Z6-4	Game C1: Z6-4 at Z7-1 Game C2: Z1-3 at Z8-2	Game C3: Loser C1 vs Loser C2 Game C4: Winner C1 vs Winner C2	Game C5: Winner C3 vs Loser C4	Game C6: Winner C4 vs Winner C5 Game C7: Winner C6 vs Loser C6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Super Regional - North</b>
POD D Z8-1 Z1-2 Z6-3 Z7-4	Game D1: Z7-4 at Z8-1 Game D2: Z6-3 at Z1-2	Game D3: Loser D1 vs Loser D2 Game D4: Winner D1 vs Winner D2	Game D5: Winner D3 vs Loser D4	Game D6: Winner D4 vs Winner D5 Game D7: Winner D6 vs Loser D6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Super Regional - North</b>

	<b>Sat. Jul 21 at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>Sun. Jul 22 at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>Tue. Jul 24 at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>Wed Jul 25 at site of higher ranked team, reverse home team for Game 7 if needed</b>
Z2 -1 Z3 -2 Z4 -3 Z5 -4	Game E1: Z5-4 at Z2-1 Game E2: Z4-3 at Z3-2	Game E3: Loser E1 vs Loser E2 Game E4: Winner E1 vs Winner E2	Game E5: Winner E3 vs Loser E4	Game E6: Winner E4 vs Winner E5 Game E7: Winner E6 vs Loser E6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Super Regional - South</b>
POD F Z3-1 Z4-2 Z5-3 Z2-4	Game F1: Z2-4 at Z3-1 Game F2: Z5-3 at Z4-2	Game F3: Loser F1 vs Loser F2 Game F4: Winner F1 vs Winner F2	Game F5: Winner F3 vs Loser F4	Game F6: Winner F4 vs Winner F5 Game F7: Winner F6 vs Loser F6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Super Regional - South</b>
POD G Z4-1 Z5-2 Z2-3 Z3-4	Game G1: Z3-4 at Z4-1 Game G2: Z2-3 at Z5-2	Game G3: Loser G1 vs Loser G2 Game G4: Winner G1 vs Winner G2	Game G5: Winner G3 vs Loser G4	Game G6: Winner G4 vs Winner G5 Game G7: Winner G6 vs Loser G6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Super Regional - South</b>
POD H Z5-1 Z2-2 Z3-3 Z4-4	Game H1: Z4-4 at Z5-1 Game H2: Z3-3 at Z2-2	Game H3: Loser H1 vs Loser H2 Game H4: Winner H1 vs Winner H2	Game H5: Winner H3 vs Loser H4	Game H6: Winner H4 vs Winner H5 Game H7: Winner H6 vs Loser H6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Super Regional - South</b>

## APPENDIX D

### U-19 Super Regional Format

Sat. Jul 28	Sun. Jul 29	Mon. Jul 30	Tue Jul 31	Wed. Aug 1
Winners A, B, C, D seeded by regular season record	at North Regional Site	at North Regional Site	at North Regional Site	at North Regional Site
Game N1: 3 vs 2 Game N2: 4 vs 1	Game N3: Loser N1 vs Loser N2 Game N4: Winner N1 vs Winner N2	Game N5: Winner N3 vs Loser N4	Game N6: Winner N4 vs Winner N5	Game N7: Winner N6 vs Loser N6 if necessary

Sat. Jul 27	Sun. Jul 28	Mon. Jul 29	Tue Jul 30	Wed. Jul 31
Winners E, F, G, H seeded by regular season record	at South Regional Site	at South Regional Site	at South Regional Site	at South Regional Site
Game S1: 3 vs 2 Game S2: 4 vs 1	Game S3: Loser S1 vs Loser S2 Game S4: Winner S1 vs Winner S2	Game S5: Winner S3 vs Loser S4	Game S6: Winner S4 vs Winner S5	Game S7: Winner S6 vs Loser S6 if necessary

### U-19 Best of Three Final

<b>Fri. Aug 3 6:30 pm</b> at South Regional Site	<b>Sat Aug 4 1:00 pm</b> at South Regional Site	<b>Sat. Aug 4 45 min. after 1st game</b> at South Regional Site
N6/7 winner vs S6/7 winner	Game 2	Game 3 if necessary
Higher ranked team is Home	Lower ranked team is Home	Higher ranked team is Home

## **APPENDIX E**

### **U-17 First Round Tournament Format**

	<b>Mon. Jul 23 at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>Wed. Jul 25 at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>Fri. Jul 27 at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>Sun. Jul 29 at site of higher ranked team, reverse home team for Game 7 if needed</b>
POD A  Z17 - 1 Z6 - 2 Z8 - 3 Z3 - 4	Game A1: Z3-4 at Z17-1 Game A2: Z8-3 at Z6-2	Game A3: Loser A1 vs Loser A2 Game A4: Winner A1 vs Winner A2	Game A5: Winner A3 vs Loser A4	Game A6: Winner A4 vs Winner A5 Game A7: Winner A6 vs Loser A6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Regional - North at South Windsor</b>
POD B  Z6 - 1 Z17 - 2 Z3 - 3 Z8 - 4	Game B1: Z8-4 at Z6-1 Game B2: Z3-3 at Z17-2	Game B3: Loser B1 vs Loser B2 Game B4: Winner B1 vs Winner B2	Game B5: Winner B3 vs Loser B4	Game B6: Winner B4 vs Winner B5 Game B7: Winner B6 vs Loser B6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Regional - North at South Windsor</b>
POD C  Z8 - 1 Z17 - 3 Z6 - 4 Z8 - 5	Game C1: Z6-4 at Z8-1 Game C2: Z8-5 at Z17-3	Game C3: Loser C1 vs Loser C2 Game C4: Winner C1 vs Winner C2	Game C5: Winner C3 vs Loser C4	Game C6: Winner C4 vs Winner C5 Game C7: Winner C6 vs Loser C6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Regional - North at South Windsor</b>
POD D  Z3 - 1 Z8 - 2 Z6 - 3 Z17 - 4	Game D1: Z17-4 at Z3-1 Game D2: Z6-3 at Z8-2	Game D3: Loser D1 vs Loser D2 Game D4: Winner D1 vs Winner D2	Game D5: Winner D3 vs Loser D4	Game D6: Winner D4 vs Winner D5 Game D7: Winner D6 vs Loser D6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Regional - North at South Windsor</b>

	<b>Mon. Jul 23</b>	<b>Wed. Jul 25</b>	<b>Fri. Jul 27</b>	<b>Sun. Jul 29</b>
	<b>at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>at site of higher ranked team</b>	<b>at site of higher ranked team, reverse home team for Game 7 if needed</b>
POD E Z2 -1 Z5 -2 Z4 -4 Z2 -5	Game E1: Z4-4 at Z2-1 Game E2: Z2-5 at Z5-2	Game E3: Loser E1 vs Loser E2 Game E4: Winner E1 vs Winner E2	Game E5: Winner E3 vs Loser E4	Game E6: Winner E4 vs Winner E5 Game E7: Winner E6 vs Loser E6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Regional - South at Bethel</b>
POD F Z4-1 Z2-2 Z5-4 Z4-6	Game F1: Z5-4 at Z4-1 Game F2: Z4-6 at Z2-2	Game F3: Loser F1 vs Loser F2 Game F4: Winner F1 vs Winner F2	Game F5: Winner F3 vs Loser F4	Game F6: Winner F4 vs Winner F5 Game F7: Winner F6 vs Loser F6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Regional - South at Bethel</b>
POD G Z4-2 Z2-3 Z5-3 Z4-5	Game G1: Z4-5 at Z2-3 Game G2: Z5-3 at Z4-2	Game G3: Loser G1 vs Loser G2 Game G4: Winner G1 vs Winner G2	Game G5: Winner G3 vs Loser G4	Game G6: Winner G4 vs Winner G5 Game G7: Winner G6 vs Loser G6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Regional - South at Bethel</b>
POD H Z5-1 Z3-2 Z4-3 Z2-4	Game H1: Z2-4 at Z5-1 Game H2: Z4-3 at Z3-2	Game H3: Loser H1 vs Loser H2 Game H4: Winner H1 vs Winner H2	Game H5: Winner H3 vs Loser H4	Game H6: Winner H4 vs Winner H5 Game H7: Winner H6 vs Loser H6 if nec.  <b>Winner to Regional - South at Bethel</b>

## **APPENDIX E**

Teams will be reseeded based on regular season records for the start of the single elimination regional tournaments

<b>U-17 REGIONALS</b>	<b>Tue. Jul. 31</b>	<b>Wed. Aug. 1</b>
at South Windsor	G1: N3 vs N2 G2: N4 vs N1	Winner G1 vs Winner G 2

at Bethel	G1: S3 vs S2 G2: S4 vs S1	Winner G1 vs Winner G2
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**State Championship Game**  
**Sun. Aug. 5 at Meriden, 1 pm**

## APPENDIX F

<b>U15 - Tournament Format</b>				
NORTH SECTIONAL All games played at site of higher seed				1 or 2 games at site of highest seed
Thu. Jul 26	Sat. Jul 28	Sun Jul 29	Tue. July 31	Thur Aug 2
G1: 6 at 3	G5: loser 1 vs loser 2	G9: Winner 6 vs loser 7	G12: Winner 9 vs loser 11	G14: Winner 12 vs Winner 13
G2: 7 at 2	G6: loser 3 vs loser 4	G10: Winner 5 vs loser 8	G13: Winner 10 vs Winner 11	G15: Winner 14 vs Winner 11 If necessary
G3: 5 at 4	G7: winner 1 vs winner 2	G11: Winner 7 vs winner 8		
G4: 8 at 1	G8: winner 3 vs winner 4			<b>Winner to State Championship Game</b>

SOUTH SECTIONAL All games played at site of higher seed				1 or 2 games at site of highest seed
Thu. Jul 26	Sat. Jul 28	Sun Jul 29	Tue. July 31	Thur Aug 2
G1: 6 at 3	G5: loser 1 vs loser 2	G9: Winner 6 vs loser 7	G12: Winner 9 vs loser 11	G14: Winner 12 vs Winner 13
G2: 7 at 2	G6: loser 3 vs loser 4	G10: Winner 5 vs loser 8	G13: Winner 10 vs Winner 11	G15: Winner 14 vs Winner 11 If necessary
G3: 5 at 4	G7: winner 1 vs winner 2	G11: Winner 7 vs winner 8		
G4: 8 at 1	G8: winner 3 vs winner 4			<b>Winner to State Championship Game</b>

**State Championship Game**  
**Sun. Aug. 5 at Meriden, 4 pm**