

# **2018 VERMONT AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**



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# **AMERICAN LEGION CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP**

**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.**

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TEAMS must have background checks done on all Coaches and Team Managers and anyone who will be in the dugout before approving a Team. **Starting in 2018 teams will be responsible for submitting/paying fees for all background checks through the National Registration site for their respective teams.**

Teams will submit the TEAM REGISTRATION form on the National Website at [www.baseball.legion.org](http://www.baseball.legion.org) . Detailed instructions will be included on the website.

- 1) Departments must set their dates for submitting a team and registration by January 1<sup>st</sup> .
- 2) After January 1<sup>st</sup>, teams may begin the process of registering for the year. The Vermont Deadline is MARCH 29th for submitting a team. Dues and Insurance are due by May 15th, 2017. **Late Fee of \$200.00 will be charged until June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Rosters are due by JUNE 25th, 2018.
  - a) In order to purchase American Legion Insurance, a team must complete the Department Baseball application first.
  - b) The application is subject to the approval by the State Chairman.
  - c) If approved, the team manager or administrator will receive an e-mail and be provided with a team login and password.
- 3) Once the team manager has logged in with their password, the manager will have access to forms, insurance, etc. Each time a team manager logs in, he will see the number of days remaining to buy insurance and the number of days remaining to complete the Roster.
  - a) Manager can add and delete players up until the deadline set by the State.
  - b) Manager must provide complete roster information: Name - as on Birth Certificate Address, Bats R or L, Throws R or L, Phone Numbers, etc. Must have Street Number, NO P O BOX #.
  - c) Manager can set up team practice calendars and game calendars.
  - d) Manager can add in individual player photos and stats
  - e) Manager can print and e-mail team rosters: (Tournament rosters are modified). The team roster provides: Name, School, Date of Birth, Uniform Number, Position, Height, Weight, Graduation Year, Bat & Throw Information, but does not provide phone numbers or addresses. This information can be accessed, by the State Chairman only, on

the main web pages. Will no longer provide personal information to opposing teams or scouts.

- f) Departments will no longer need to mail copies of team rosters to the National Office. National, as well as the State Chairman, can access all rosters online.

# COACHES:

## CODE OF ETHICS

Baseball is a game played at numerous levels including professional, collegiate, interscholastic, community, and recreational from the local to international levels of competition. The function of all Players and Coaches, Umpires, Officials and Workers is to abide by only the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct.

The Coach must be aware that he or she has tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the development of the Baseball Player, and thus, shall never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.

The Coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the game. In all personal contact with the Athletes, Umpires, Officials, Administrators, State and National Organizations, the media, and the public, the Coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

- 1) Bench jockeying will not be allowed.
  - a) Coaches are to prohibit bench jockeying, which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing and obscene language towards opponents, Umpires or spectators.
- 2) The Coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use.
- 3) The Coach shall not use alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players.
- 4) Coaches shall not make statements that are false, deceptive, misleading, or fraudulent concerning work activities, personal and organization affiliations.
- 5) The Coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with American Legion Baseball Rules and is responsible for their interpretation to team members.
  - a) The spirit and letter of rules should be regarded as mutual agreements.
  - b) The Coach shall not try to gain an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
  - c) Coaches shall not permit ineligible player(s) to participate, practice or be a part of any team function without first discussing eligibility with a previous Legion Coach or with the State Baseball Chairman, and without securing permission in writing, the proper forms from the State Baseball Chairman.
  - d) Players should be taught to respect the dignity of the game, Umpires and opponents.
- 6) Coaches should confine their discussion to the rules and not challenge Umpire decisions involving judgment.

- 7) Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their athletes and spectators.
  - a) Before and after contests, rival Coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings in order to set the correct tone for the game.
- 8) Contest Umpires will be treated with respect and supported by the Coach.
  - a) The Coach shall not indulge in conduct, which will incite Players or spectators against the Umpires.
  - b) Public criticism of Umpires or Players is unethical.
- 9) Coaches should expect from the Umpires a courteous and dignified attitude towards themselves and the Players.
- 10) Coaches do not engage in sexual harassment, abuse, or any other harassment.
- 11) Coaches should develop and promote a spirit of cooperation among the baseball family, including sponsors and any person connected with the program.

Baseball is a game of fun, designed for enjoyment of youngsters, not to be a hobby for adults coaching them.

I recognize the responsibility placed upon me to model ethical behavior. I pledge myself to observe, practice and maintain this code of ethics.

<hr/> <p>Coach 's Signature</p>
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# VERMONT AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Vermont American Legion Baseball Rules and Regulations are adopted and approved by the Department Athletic Committee. The Committee consists of an Athletic Chairman, Northern Area Representative, Southern Area Representatives and two Legionnaires from each of Vermont's five (5) Districts. The Chairman and the Committee members are appointed by the State Commander and approved by the Department Executive Committee. In addition, the Department Executive Committee has authority to add lifetime members to the Athletic Committee. Lifetime members of the Athletic Committee shall be called Life Members and shall have no vote.

The following rules, approved by a majority of the Athletic Committee are printed and distributed by the Department of Vermont and supplement, but do not conflict with (except as expressly noted), the rules printed and distributed by the National Americanism Commission.

### ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

- 1) The purpose of The American Legion Baseball Program is to stimulate Americanism, Sportsmanship and Development of Citizenship. Therefore, American Legion Baseball Players, Coaches, and Managers shall conduct themselves so as not to reflect discredit to the program.
- 2) Play shall be on a two-division basis, and shall be named the Northern Division and Southern Division. Each Division shall have a Representative who shall be a Committee Member and appointed by the Department Commander. The Chairman/Commissioner shall delegate authority to the Representatives and Committee Members, as he/she deems necessary. The Area Representatives shall advise and assist teams in their respective districts. Authority not delegated to the Representatives or Committee Members relating to American Legion Baseball is delegated to the Athletic Chairman and/or the Athletic Committee, unless otherwise specified in this rulebook.
- 3) The American Legion Baseball Program in the Department of Vermont accepts Posts, within the Department, and outside sponsors upon application. The application, **(for previous/current teams)** must be submitted to the Department Athletic Committee prior to March 30th for entry in that year's program.
- 4) **Any Post or outside sponsor wishing to enter a new team in Vermont American Legion Baseball shall submit a registration application to the Chairman on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **OUTSIDE SPONSORSHIP - RULE 1**

- 1) Outside sponsorship shall mean, Club Organization, Company or collective group of persons willing to provide a sufficient amount of funds to operate an American Legion Baseball Team. The sponsor **MUST** be a charitable organization. The application will contain the name of the organization, sponsors background, financial commitment to the team and team leadership personnel. The Athletic Committee will review the application and may request additional information. The Committee will render its decision in 30 days and the decision is final.
- 2) An outside sponsor **MAY** or **MAY NOT** be affiliated with an American Legion Post. Any outside sponsor, affiliated or not with an American Legion Post, shall abide by all the baseball rules of the Official Baseball Rules printed and distributed by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion and the Department of Vermont, American Legion. If affiliated with an American Legion Post, an outside sponsor shall cooperate fully with the Post; likewise, the affiliated Post shall cooperate with the outside sponsor. The affiliated Post may permit an outside sponsor to advertise the sponsors' name on baseball uniforms in accordance with the National rules for advertising. An outside sponsor, not affiliated with a Post, who provides necessary uniforms and equipment to field an American Legion Baseball Team, shall, for five (5) consecutive years, have exclusive rights to all Legion Players of the base school in their locality, provided, they field a team each year. Should outside sponsor fail to field a team in any of the five (5) consecutive years, they shall forfeit their rights to the base school players. A sponsor affiliated with a Post may make cooperative agreements whereby both may assist the baseball team. A sponsor not affiliated with a Post shall name a competent person or persons to manage and/or Coach the team.
- 3) American Legion Posts, who want to field a team but are financially unable to do so, should obtain and become affiliated with an outside sponsor. Sponsors unable to obtain a Post affiliation may field an American Legion Baseball Team annually by applying to the State Baseball Chairman. The Chairman shall respond to the sponsor no later than March 7<sup>th</sup> or seven (7) days after receiving the request in case of a Committee approved late entry, advising the sponsor if the American Legion Post in the sponsor's area will or will not field a team. To ascertain whom the State Baseball Chairman is each year, a Post or sponsor should write or call the State Adjutant at P O Box 396, Montpelier VT 05601-0396 or phone (802) 223-7131.
- 4) Vermont is not a zoned state for American Legion Baseball, however any County or District that has the option of using more than one Post number for that team, after having notified the State Chairman they will field a team, may change Post numbers up until the time the annual baseball schedules are finalized. Should any Post or outside sponsor be undecided by March 1<sup>st</sup> as to whether or not they will field an American Legion team, they may ask for a vote of the Baseball Committee to waive this rule and permit them to field a team, provided it is done before the schedules are finalized. If both, an American Legion Post and outside sponsor from the same community want to field an American Legion Baseball Team, the American Legion Post shall have priority over the outside sponsor to sponsor and field a team.

## WITHDRAWALS - RULE 2

- 1) Any team that is placed on the schedule, with their approval and withdraws from playing during the regular season, or withdraws from playing in a tournament, if selected to play in such tournament will be declared ineligible for competition in Vermont's American Legion Baseball program the following year, provided the State Legion Athletic Committee so decrees. In addition, any team that promises to host a tournament and fails to do so shall not be able to host a tournament for two (2) years.
- 2) Any player who vacates his team through an unexcused absence, in violation of the Player Agreement Form thereby depriving his team of his services, may, upon request of his Team Manager, and after an opportunity for a hearing before the Department Athletic Committee, be suspended from play for the following year.

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - RULE 3

- 1) Use of out of state Players shall be in accordance to the National rules.
- 2) All Player Agreement and Parent's Consent Forms, Form #2, should be notarized. All bat boys and/or batgirls shall complete and file Form #2, Parent's Consent and Release Form.
- 3) Player must be physically present for 30% of league games; injuries will be up to the discretion of the Commissioner and Committee approved for tournament play.

## PLAYER RECRUITMENT - RULE 4

- 1) Player recruitment shall be in accordance with National Rule, Player Recruiting – Plan B– Rule 4. All teams must have a base school. A base school must be a Vermont Public or Private High School that will serve as the starting point to recruit players.
  - a) To change base schools, you must submit a letter to the Athletic Committee one (1) year in advance. Deadline for filing will be June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Athletic Committee will vote on the change and will notify all teams within 30 days of receiving letter.

## PLAYING REGULATIONS - RULE 5

- 1) The code of sportsmanship will be read at all American Legion League games.
  - a) The National Anthem shall be played prior to each Division and Championship game, following the code of Sportsmanship. All teams are encouraged to play the National Anthem or recite the Pledge of Allegiance at all league games. **All players are expected to show proper respect to the Flag of the United States. Disrespect by a player or coach may result in dismissal from the baseball program.**
- 2) Coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of all Players, while participating in, and attendance at both home and away games sponsored by the American Legion Baseball Program under the sponsorship of the Department of Vermont. This includes practice sessions.

- 3) Hair grooming of the Players shall be left to the discretion of the Coach in conjunction with the Post Executive Committee, with the safety and health of the player being the primary concern and requisite.
- 4) No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed on the premises, inside the gates, during any Legion game. This is to include spectators.
  - a) No smoking on any premises, inside the gate or any part of School grounds.
- 5) All American Legion Baseball games shall be as follows:
  - a) Time of Games: Set by Chief Umpire schedule. **Changes to starting times must be mutually agreed upon (in a timely manner) by both coaches**, and the Chief Umpire must be notified at least 24 hours prior to start.
  - b) Umpires shall enforce starting times.
- 6) In all Regular season double headers, the Home Team will bat last in both games. All expenses for games shall be taken care of by the Home Team, including lunch between games.
  - a) If a double-header is part of a single make-up game with the same team, then each team will split the cost of a regular season double-header game. Home team will be responsible for lunch between games.
  - b) If double headers are with two (2) different teams, then home team will pay all expenses and will have lunch for only home team.
  - c) Home Team batting practice starts two hours from game time and lasts an hour. Visiting Team batting practice starts one hour from game time and lasts 30 minutes. Home Team takes Infield/Outfield practice 30 minutes prior to game time for 10 minutes. Visiting Team takes Infield/Outfield practice 20 minutes prior to game for 10 minutes. If visiting Team does not show up in time, they forfeit their time at batting practice or Infield/Outfield practice. The last 10 minutes are for field prep and Pledge.
- 7) The playing field will be in playable condition, as finally determined by the Umpires.
- 8) Postponed games shall be made up within (7) days or the following Monday. If a game is postponed because a team cannot field (9) players, the team that cannot field (9) Players shall forfeit the game. Umpires for rescheduled games will be chosen by the Umpire-In-Chief. Home Team will forfeit the game if Umpires are not assigned by the Assignor.
  - a) After the last regular season date, if both teams are not trying to qualify for post- season play, then it will be up to both Team Coaches if they want to play make up games. Home Team Coach will notify Umpire-in-Chief.
  - b) If one Team is qualified for post season play and the other is not, you must play a make-up game, or games, two (2) days before start of Tournament.
  - c) Any Team that forfeits two (2) or more games during the year may be suspended for a period of one (1) year.
- 9) In case of use of a neutral field, each team will be Home Team in one of the doubleheader games and therefore responsibility for Umpires, baseballs, etc. for one game. If not feasible, the arrangements should be made by the two teams involved.

- 10) Managers and/or Coaches are responsible for notifying visitors and Umpires of postponements due to rain or other causes. Please notify early so as to prevent useless trips. If conditions are questioned, one of the District Members of the Athletic Committee will inspect the field and notify the Commissioner as to its playing condition. Make sure you talk to a person - not just leave a message or e-mail.
- 11) Players and Coaches, who are registered on the National Form #1, are permitted on the Coaching lines. Coaches and Players must be in like uniforms. An adult must be in the dugout at all times. Authorized persons other than the above mentioned who are permitted to sit in the dugout are the Scorekeeper, the batboy or batgirl. Any Scorekeepers in the Dugout must have a Background check. It is permissible at all levels of American Legion Baseball for Coaches and players to wear a courtesy jacket, provided they also have an American Legion Baseball patch on the left sleeve or left chest of the jacket.
  - a) If players and Coaches Uniforms and Courtesy Jackets do not have an American Legion Baseball Patch on left sleeve or Chest, 1<sup>st</sup> offense will be (1) Game suspension, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense a (3) Game suspension, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense \$50 fine sent to Legion Post or sponsor to be paid to Dept. of Vermont Baseball.
  - b) If you are wearing a Courtesy Jacket, you still have to have a uniform jersey under the jacket.
- 12) All Players are required to wear a double-flapped, ear protective helmet while batting, running the bases, while on deck and occupying the Coaching box. Coaches in coaching boxes must wear a helmet also. Batboys and girls must wear a double-flapped ear protective helmet while on the playing field at all times. 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. If a Player or Coach refuses to wear the proper equipment after being so ordered by the Umpire, that Player or Coach will not be allowed to participate in that game.
- 13) Catchers are required to wear, in addition to normal catcher's equipment, a safety helmet and mask with throat protection, or mask/helmet combination, and protective cup.
- 14) While warming up a pitcher, either in or out of the bullpen, a catcher must wear a mask. Any player who refuses to do so shall be ejected from the game.
- 15) The use of any form of tobacco by a Player, Coach, Manager or Umpire while on the playing field is prohibited. Any individual violating this rule will be removed from the game. For the purpose of this rule, dugouts, benches, and bullpens are considered to be part of the playing field.
- 16) The 10- run rule shall be effective beginning in the 3<sup>rd</sup> to last inning of all league and tournament games.
- 17) **RE-ENTRY: In regular season only, teams may permit players to be substituted and return to the game once, provided the player returns to the same slot in the batting order.**
- 18) You can designate a batter to hit for the pitcher only.
  - a) **In regular season only, courtesy runners are permitted for pitchers and catchers.**
  - b) Coaches or Umpires are NOT allowed to waive any rules by mutual agreement.

- 19) The official baseballs for the season are located on the [www.emblem.legion.org](http://www.emblem.legion.org) website in compliance of Rule 1.A, of 2018 National Rulebook.
- 20) All non-wood bats must be BBCOR certified. Wooden bats are also permitted under official baseball rules. Vermont will utilize either wood bats or composite bats that meet National specifics beginning in 2018. If any bat, in the opinion of the Umpire, fails to meet this requirement, said bat shall be removed from the game, the batter shall be declared out, and the player and Team Manager shall be ejected from the game. Reference: National Rule 1.B.4.
- 21) Only bats may be used in warming up in the on-deck area and any other location. Weighted bats and devices designed to attach to and remain part of the bat, such as weighted donuts or wind resistant foils are permitted. For safety reasons, the following are not permitted to be used: sledgehammers, weighed pipes, and other heavy paraphernalia are not permitted. Safety of other Players and spectators is paramount. Unsafe devices cannot be used.
- 22) Vermont American Legion Baseball games will be played immediately after the State High School Championships are over. If a High School is not in the State Championships then a Legion Team may be formed and tryouts held. However, no team may practice until all proper insurance forms are filed.
- 23) Players chosen to participate at Boys' State are ineligible to play Legion Baseball while in attendance at Boys' State. No player shall participate in American Legion Baseball, League or Non-League, or practice on the date boys must report to Boys' State.
  - a) PENALTY: Any Coach or Manager who engages a player selected to attend Boys' State in any game or practice session on the day the boys must report to Boys' State, shall be suspended by the Chairman for the following three (3) League games and/or Tournament games, for the first offense. For the second offense of this rule by the same Coach and/or Manager, the Coach and/or Manager shall be removed for the American Legion Baseball program.
- 24) Suspended Games. All regular season games are completed or suspended according to Official Baseball Rule 7.02, with the following modifications.
  - a) Any interrupted game, which is NOT regulation, will be treated as a suspended game, i.e. the games will be resumed from the point of interruption.
  - b) Rule 7.02 is modified so as to include darkness as a weather condition when playing on fields that do not have lights. Consequently, darkness will never result in a suspended game after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, unless the conditions of 7.02 are met.
  - c) Rule 7.02 is modified to state that any regulation game that is tied when called due to weather, including darkness, shall be treated as a suspended game.
  - d) Rule 7.02 shall be used to determine how/when a suspended game shall be completed. However, paragraph 4 is modified so as to provide the completion of a suspended game, when the teams have no remaining regular season contests against each other, to be played on the next available rain date.

## **EQUIPMENT - RULE 6**

- 1) All American Legion Baseball teams shall have appropriately supplied first aid kits and infection control kits at all American Legion Baseball games and practice sessions they participate in.

## **UMPIRES - RULE 7**

- 1) There will be an Umpire-In-Chief selected by the Department Chairman and the Representatives of the Northern and Southern Area. Such Umpire-In-Chief will remain so until he is replaced or resigns, whichever comes first.
- 2) The Umpire-In-Chief will select Assignors in each League for the purpose of assigning ASSOCIATION Umpires for all league games.
- 3) Association Umpires, meaning members of the Umpires Association of VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT OR NEW YORK must be used for all American Legion LEAGUE Baseball Games, however, Umpires of other Associations may be used for all NON-LEAGUE games, however should one Association Umpire become sick or injured during the course of a game and another Association Umpire is not readily available, a NON-ASSOCIATED Umpire from the spectator stands, mutually agreeable to both Coaches may be used to complete the game. The Umpire-In-Chief, for the remainder of the game, shall be the Umpire who did not become sick or injured, and should work the game from behind the plate. If an alternate Umpire, associated or non-associated, is not available, the game shall be completed by one Umpire, by mutual agreement of remaining Umpire and both Coaches. Should an Umpire or Umpires fail to show up to umpire a game, the Coach of the Home Team shall submit the names of such Umpires to the Chairman and the Assignor, as soon as possible. The Assignor shall contact the Umpire or Umpires to ascertain why they failed to show and present the facts to the Chairman, who will meet or notify the Committee of his decision as to whether the game shall be forfeited or rescheduled.
- 4) Should an association Umpire or Umpires resign or refuse to umpire Legion Baseball games, the Chairman has authority to give teams the right to hire Umpires, other than Association Umpires.
- 5) The Umpire will report to the State Chairman and/or Assignor within 24 hours after the end of a game all violations of rules and other incidents worthy of comment, including the ejection from the game of any Trainer, Manager, Coach or Player, and the reasons.
- 6) The Umpire shall forward full particulars to the State Chairman and/or Assignor within four (4) hours after the end of a game when any Trainer, Manager, Coach or Player is ejected for flagrant offense, such as the use of obscene or indecent language, or assault upon an Umpire, Trainer, Manager, Coach or Player. Further, the Umpire shall state in his report if the offender acted in such an un-sportsmanlike manner as to discredit the Legion Baseball program. Assault upon an Umpire will be cause for immediate ejection for the game, plus one game. If a flagrant offense, the offender will be ejected and suspended for the season.

- 7) After receiving the Umpire's report, that a Trainer, Manager, Coach, or Player has been ejected, the State Chairman shall enforce the ejection Rule #8. If the Umpires report states that the conduct of a Trainer, Manager, Coach or Player was unsportsmanlike and further participation in the Baseball Program by the offender would discredit the Baseball Program, the State Chairman shall remove the offender from further participation in the Legion Baseball Program. When a penalty is imposed, the State Chairman shall notify the person penalized and the Manager or Coach or Athletic Officer of the team of which the penalized person is a member.
  
- 8) Any Player, Coach, Manager or uniformed participant, who gets ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct, either during the game or upon leaving the field, shall not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled LEAGUE game, after receiving notification of their suspension from the State Baseball Chairman. Suspensions will carry over to Tournament games and while under suspension such person shall not occupy the bench area. Players ejected during a game must remain on the bench under the supervision of the Manager or Head Coach for the remainder of the game. **Any Coach, Manager, or Assistant that has been ejected may remain at facility but not in immediate area as designated by Legion Representative or Umpires.** For any second ejection they will be suspended for two (2) games, and for a third ejection they will be done for the season, including Post-season play. If a Player is discovered playing in a game while under suspension, the team for which he is playing will lose the game to forfeit. If any of the above- named participants is ejected it is up to the plate Umpire of the game to notify his Assignor immediately after the game of the particulars. The Assignor will, in turn, immediately notify the Baseball Commissioner to make sure that any suspensions are carried out in timely fashion.
  
- 9) Umpire game fees for the **2018** regular season **\$85**, for 7 innings, **\$100** for 9 innings and **\$150** for a double header.
  
- 10) Payment should be made **Regular Season**, prior to the start of the last scheduled game of the day (i.e., prior to the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> game if a doubleheader). If all scheduled games are not completed, i.e., no Official result, then the Umpires should be compensated according to the following:
  - If 1<sup>st</sup> Game is not completed:
    - a) The Umpires travel to the game site, but the 1<sup>st</sup> game cannot be started, then each shall receive half of the single 7 inning or 9 inning game fees, as appropriate.
    - b) If the 1<sup>st</sup> game is started, but is suspended prior to the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, then each Umpire shall receive half the single 7 innings or 9 inning game fees.
    - c) If the 1<sup>st</sup> game is started but is suspended after the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, then each Umpire shall receive a full 7 innings or 9 inning game fees.
  
  - If 1<sup>st</sup> game is completed, but 2<sup>nd</sup> game is not:
    - a) The 2<sup>nd</sup> game of a double-header cannot be started each umpire shall receive a full 7 inning game fee.



- b) If the 2<sup>nd</sup> game is started but is suspended prior to the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, then each Umpire shall receive a full 9 inning fee.
  - c) If the 2<sup>nd</sup> game is started but is suspended after the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, then each umpire shall receive a full doubleheader game fee.
- 11) Thunderstorm rule will be the same as the Federation. This Mandates a 30 Minute Break after hearing Thunder or seeing Lightning.

Umpires who work the completion of any suspended game, which is played immediately prior to a regular scheduled contest, shall be paid an additional \$10 each per completed inning. If only the completion of the suspended game is played, then they shall each receive one (1) 7 inning game fee.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT -RULE 8**

- 1) The ultimate responsibility for the operation of any American Legion team belongs to the sponsoring American Legion Post through the team Athletic Officer or Post Commander. Crowd control at games is the responsibility of the Post Commander or Athletic Officer. If neither is available, the Umpires will stop the contest at once and notify the local law enforcement officials. Penalty: The game will be forfeited.
- 2) Any Player, Coach, Manager, parents, fans - or other party accompanying a Team will be suspended for the remainder of the game, from the time of infraction, if they:
  - a) Use profane language.
  - b) Make unnecessary or obscene gestures in protesting an Umpire's decision. (Only team Managers or Coaches may ask for a clarification of a rule, they may never argue).
  - c) Throw bats or other equipment.
  - d) Make unnecessary or obscene gestures to fans or opposing players.
- 3) It shall be the duty of the Head Coach to enforce all ejections and/or suspensions. The Coach will be suspended for one (1) game for failure to notify the person of ejection and/or suspension.

### **PROTEST -RULE 9**

- 1) All questions of protest regarding individual players shall be decided by the Department Chairman and Athletic Committee. If the protest is upheld, all the games in which the ineligible player participated or participates in shall be forfeited. Coaches shall be responsible for notifying Players of their eligibility to play baseball with their team in accordance with the National Rules. If, upon examining the National Form #1, the Chairman finds the Player is ineligible, he shall take the matter up with the Athletic Committee for a decision.
- 2) Protests involving Umpire judgment will not be allowed.

- 3) Any team protesting a game must do so at the time of the alleged rule infraction and before the next ball is put back in play. The Umpire shall announce that the game is being played under protest.
- 4) All protests of rule infractions, arising during the playing of any game, must be in writing and mailed to the Chairman no later than 24 hours after the game. The protesting Coach, possessing an Official Baseball Rulebook, furnished by the Department, shall specify what particular rule was violated. In addition, the Umpire-In-Chief shall submit, in writing, to the Chairman within 24 hours after the game, all facts regarding the protest. Coaches, when protesting a game are obliged to furnish the Umpire they are making the protest to, the rulebook so that they, the Umpire, may study it to determine if a protest is valid, or to correct a situation thereby eliminating the protest. Coaches are required to have, in their possession at each game, three (3) Rule Books: The Official Baseball Rule Book, The National Rule Book and the Department Rule Book.
- 5) Non-Playing Protests: The Department Baseball Committee will make the decision. Teams must appeal with 72 hours to the Appeals Committee consisting of the Northern Area Representative, Southern Area Representative, Commissioner and one (1) Member at large from the Southern Area and Northern Area. Decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and conclusive.
- 6) All Appeals to the National Appeals Board must be sent via the Department Chairman..

### **FORMS - RULE 10**

- 1) All teams **MUST** be covered by a Group Accident and Liability Insurance, prior to the first day of practice or tryouts or June 1<sup>st</sup>, whichever comes first. Every team must purchase both Group Liability and Accident Insurance from the American Legion's Agent of record. Any team who fails to purchase insurance from S.A. Van Dyke shall be disqualified from any further competition.
- 2) Prior to June 25, 2018 - or 1st regular season game, whichever comes first, - each team must file and register Players Rosters on the National website at [www.baseball.legion.org](http://www.baseball.legion.org) and be approved by the State Chairman.
- 3) Player Agreement and Parent's Consent & Release Form 2 must be completed fully and is recommended to be notarized. A player who has not completed Form 2 and supplied all information and a Certified Birth Certificate shall not be allowed to play. Each Team is required to send two copies of each Form to the Chairman's Home Address, which can be found in the front of this book.
- 4) No team may have more than 18 registered Players and a minimum of **9** for Regional play. A member of the Post must have charge of the Team as Manager, except in the case of outside sponsorship. A non-Legionnaire may act as Coach.
  - a) Only in cases of death, may a player be replaced on a certified roster.

- 5) Transfer Form #76 and Declaration Form #77 must be submitted to the Department Baseball Chairman for approval prior to June 24, 2018. The out-of-state Chairman, prior to being submitted to the Department Chairman, must approve all transfer forms for out-of-state players
- 6) Birth Certificates must be filed with **the State Chairman no later than June 24, 2018. Must send certified copy, copy of drivers' license, copy of Vermont ID. Original Birth Certificates will be the responsibility of the Manager of the team going to the National Regional Tournament. Form 2's - send two (2) copies. Team Managers keeps the originals. Forms 76 & 77 send the original and one (1) copy. Team Managers keep the copy. Please send the original to the Chairman's home address, which can be found in the front of this book prior to dates.**
- 7) E-mail one (1) group picture, 5"X 7" HIGH GLOSS color photograph of each team, PROPERLY IDENTIFIED ON THE REVERSE, must be submitted to the Chairman, by ALL teams by July 10, 2018.
- 8) Annually the Department of Vermont will furnish to each Coach:
  - a) Two (2) National Rule Books, published by the National Americanism Commission and,
  - b) Two (2) Vermont Rule Books.

## TOURNAMENTS – RULE 11

Final standings will determine playoff seeding for State Tournaments. **Department will be responsible for procuring baseballs from the team fees for tournaments.** All ties shall be decided by: Teams playing each other in (3) regular season games, use only (A). Teams playing (2) regular season games, use (A) thru (D).

- a) Head-to-Head results between tied teams.
  - b) Won and lost against top 6 teams in your division.
  - c) If three (3) teams are tied, least runs allowed in all league games among tied teams to determine the two (2) best of three (3). The two (2) remaining teams will go to D. This is only for the fourth seed. Top three (3) seed will use only A & B, then C home field will be decided by coin flip. Both teams will pay for one Umpire @ **\$85.00** each. Home team will supply baseballs.
  - d) A one game playoff.
- 1) Beginning in 2009, the Department Championship will be decided by an 8 team, double elimination tournament to be hosted by a Vermont Legion Post or Outside Sponsored Team as approved by the Department Athletic Committee. Proposals to host the Department Tournament must be submitted to the Athletic Committee by October 1<sup>st</sup> for the following year. Final selection and approval will be made by the Athletic Committee prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>. The team selected to participate in the National Regional One Tournament shall be transported to and from the site by National Headquarters. It is MANDATORY that all Coaches and Players shall travel as a group to and from the site. Players who must return to college are exempted upon written notice from the institution. Final standings will determine playoffs seeding for State Tournament, with the higher seeded team declared the Home Team. In the event the same original seeds meet, a coin flip prior to each game will determine Home Team. The Home Team will have choice of dugouts.
  - 2) State Tournament Games will be played one week prior to the Regional Tournament.

- 3) In the event the Championship Games cannot be completed prior to the National Regional Tournament, the Department Athletic Committee shall select the representative to the Regional Tournament.
- 4) **Beginning in 2018 ALL Tournament Games will be 7-inning games.** The 10- run rule will apply.
- 5) The Department Chairman or the Area Representative or a member of the Athletic Committee, designated by the Chairman or the Area Representative, will be present at all State Tournament Games and render final decisions upon consultation with the Umpire-In-Chief and his crew on all protests made before play is resumed.
- 6) The Umpire-In-Chief will select all Umpires for all Championship Games. Each Tournament Umpire shall be paid \$85.00 for 7 innings. Payments to umpires shall be paid by Tournament Host Post-Game, and Pre-Game Championship Day.
- 7) As the State Tournament games are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Vermont Baseball Athletic Committee, All State Tournament games shall be played within the State of Vermont.
- 8) Arrangements will be made to provide Emergency Medical Services in case of injury to a participant or spectator. A telephone or cell phone will be available at all Tournament games payable by the Host Team, for the purpose of emergencies, Police, and Commissioner use. In addition, the Department will award trophies to the Department Champion and Department Runner-up Teams. The Department will also provide a trophy to each Division Champion.
- 9) The Host Post or Posts will select an odd number of qualified persons, at least three (3) to vote for an all VT State Tournament Team as follows: Pitcher, Catcher, First Baseman, Second Baseman, Third Baseman, Short Stop, three (3) Outfielders, four ((4) Utility players, (Pitcher, Catcher, Infielder, and Outfielder) one (1) Sportsmanship and one (1) Most Valuable player Award.
- 10) The list of all VT State Tournament Teams will be given to the highest Representative of the Athletic Committee for review prior to being announced.
- 11) **TROPHIES:** The Department will award one (1) trophy to the Department State Champions and one (1) trophy to the Department State Runner Ups and plaques to each Player & Coach of the State Champions and State Runner ups (up to 22 plaques per team). In addition, the Department will provide a trophy to each Division Champion (North-South) during the regular season. **Department will award Championship/Runner-up Banners to respective teams during award presentations following Championship game.**

The Host Post will award Trophies to each of the 15 Players chosen as an all VT State Tournament Team hereby recognizing excellence in play and sportsmanship-like conduct.

## **VERMONT AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Applications for the Scholarships must be submitted to the Chairman no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** Please send to the Chairman's home address, which can be found in the front of this booklet.

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR VERMONT SCHOLARSHIPS**

A player must have graduated from high school and received a high school diploma or equivalent, must have been or is a player on an official baseball roster of one of the Vermont American Legion Baseball Teams and must have played Legion Baseball in Vermont the previous year. Use the National Website Roster. A letter from the applicant's Coach must accompany the application, certifying the **APPLICANT FOLLOWED THE CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP.**

**VT State Scholarships may be obtained on the new Legion Website at [www.vtlegion.org](http://www.vtlegion.org), and submit to Chairman no later than July 15, 2018.**

Upon receiving the applications, the State Baseball Committee, by majority vote, shall select **THREE (3)** winners of the scholarships. After selection is made, the State Chairman shall notify the State Adjutant on or before **July 21st.**

## **AWARD PROCEDURES**

**JOE PATTISON FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARD  
JOHN BOYLAND LEADERSHIP AWARD  
RAY GREENWOOD DEDICATION AWARD**

On or before **July 17<sup>th</sup>**, COMMITTEE MEMBERS shall submit to the State Baseball Chairman, Team Managers and Coaches - three (3) names, male or female, specifying their choice for the above-mentioned awards. The Joe Pattison Award must be given to a Legionnaire. The other two (2) awards shall be given to persons connected to Legion Baseball, but not necessarily Legionnaires. The Chairman will notify the winners and the Department Commander or his designee will present the awards to the winners at the Banquet at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the State Tournament.

### **THE JOE PATTISON FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARD**

Annually, the Department of Vermont shall give a Joe Pattison Award to a Vermont Legionnaire who has contributed years of faithful service to the Vermont American Legion Baseball Program.

### **THE SENATOR JOHN BOYLAND LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Annually, the Department of Vermont shall honor a member of Vermont American Legion Baseball with the Senator John Boyland Leadership Award, in memory of the later Vermont

State Senator John Boyland, who had a great **interest** in American Legion athletics while being a leader and representative of the people in the Senate of the State of Vermont.

### **THE RAY GREENWOOD DEDICATION AWARD**

Annually, the Department of Vermont shall give a Ray Greenwood Dedication Award to a person dedicated to American Legion Baseball in honor of Ray Greenwood, Past Department Commander and former Department Adjutant and Department Finance Officer, for **his or her** continued dedication to American Legion Baseball in Vermont for many years.

### **PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE JOE PATTISON FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARD**

- 1975 - William Flory, Post #31, Rutland, Coach & Manager
- 1976 - John Angwin, Post #10, Barre, Former State Chairman
- 1977 - Robert A. Reardon, Post #14, Essex Junction, Committee Member
- 1978 - No Award Given
- 1979 - Raymond Regimbald, Post #31, Rutland, Trainer
  
- 1980 - Robert Bergeron, Post #10, Barre, Former Committee Member, Past Department Commander, Department Adjutant
- 1981 - Arthur Marola, Post ##2, Burlington, Manager
- 1982 - Ray Greenwood, Post #3, Montpelier, Past Department Commander, former Finance Officer, Chaplain, State Adjutant
- 1983 - Richard Cerasoli, Post #10, Barre, Coach
- 1984 - Tony Azur, Post #3, Montpelier, Assistant Manager
  
- 1985 - Kenneth Magoon, Post #21, Newport
- 1986 - John Higgins, Post #31, Rutland
- 1987 - Joe Cioffi, Post #18, Springfield, Former State Athletic Chairman and Baseball Commissioner
- 1988 - Ira Earle, Post #31, Rutland, Northern Division Representative
- 1989 - Gene Capen, Post #5, Brattleboro, Manager
- 1990 - Lew Levin, Post #13, Bennington, Athletic Officer
- 1991 - Ken Shaw, Post #31, Rutland, Former State Athletic chairman and Baseball Commissioner, Emeritus
- 1992 - Dick Forbush, Post #37, Bellows Falls, Athletic Chairman
- 1993 - Paul Terenzini, Post #31, Athletic Chairman, Post Commander
- 1994 - Joe Murphy, Post #5, Brattleboro, Past Department Commander, State Athletic Chairman and Baseball Commissioner, NEC, State Finance Officer
- 1995 - Don Strohmeier, Post #67, Chester, Umpire-In-Chief
- 1996 - Wayne McLean, Post #37, Bellows Falls, Athletic Committee
- 1997 - Eugene LeCompte, Post #27, Middlebury, Athletic Committee
- 1998 - Rodney Stub Sherman, Post #59, Waterbury, Athletic Committee
- 1999 - Craig Morrill, Post #51, So. Royalton, Head Coach
- 2000 - Bill Hageman, Addison County, Head Coach
- 2001 - Roland Fournier, Barre, Athletic Committee
- 2002 - Bill Canfield, Fair Haven, Athletic Chairman
- 2003 - Ronald Fairbanks, Rutland, Athletic Committee
- 2004 – Bruce Hutchins – SO Area Baseball Commissioner – Athletic Committee – Post

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Athletic Officer

- 2005 – Dan Wilson – Post #67 Athletic Officer
- 2006 – David Wyman, Chester Post #67
- 2007 – Tim Palmer, Chester Post #67
- 2008 – Tom Merritt, Chester
- 2009 – Bob Lockerby, Head Coach of Bellows Falls
- 2010 – Bob Buley, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Athletic Committee Member, Montpelier Post #03
- 2011 – Robert Perham, Department Adjutant & Chester Post #67 Adjutant
- 2012 - Donald Tetreault, Adjutant of Bennington Post #13, Athletic Director Post 13, Past Department Commander
- 2013 – Ron Fairbanks, VT Legion Athletic Chairman, Post 31
- 2014 - Royal Sheeley, PDC, Post #50
- 2015 - Kevin Bellomo, Post #31
- 2016 – Larry Greene, Post #84
- 2017 – William Flory Post #31 District #4, Athletic Committee Member.**

**PREVIOUS WINNERS OF - JOHN BOYLAND LEADERSHIP AWARD**

- 1981 - Charles Hunnewell, Post #26, Hartford, Coach
- 1982 - William J. Flory, Post #31, Rutland, Coach
- 1983 - Robert Buley, Post #3, Montpelier, Coach
- 1984 - Howard Ravelin, Post #34, Essex Junction, Manager
- 1985 - Larry Hughes, Post #49, Fair Haven, Coach
- 1986 - Earl Washburn, Post #36, Ludlow, Coach
- 1987 - Hal Bushway, Post #37, Bellows Falls, Coach
- 1988 - Dick Gilander, Post #10, Barre, Coach
- 1989 - Gerald Roundy, Post #36, Ludlow, Manager
- 1990 - Bob McShinsky, Post #51, So. Royalton, Manager
- 1991 - Bob Niles, Post #13, Bennington, Manager

1992 - Bob Dyer, Post #26, Hartford, Manager  
 1993 - Bob Lockerby, Post #37, Bellows Falls, Manager  
 1994 - Doug LaCoss, Post #26, Hartford, Manager  
 1995 - Jim Ballou, Post #51, So. Royalton, Head Coach  
 1996 - John Rhoades, Post #26, Hartford, Head Coach  
 1997 - Bill Hageman, Addison County, Head Coach  
 1998 - Bill Canfield, Post #49, Fair Haven, Athletic Officer  
 1999 - Tom Haley, Addison County, Assistant Coach  
 2000 - Andrea Wilson, Post #67, Chester, Business Manager  
 2001 - Bob Lockerby, Post #37, Bellows Falls, Manager  
 2002 - Noah Crane, Post #26, Hartford  
 2003 - Brian Corey, SAL Champlain, Burlington  
 2004 - Chris Groeger - Post #5 Head Coach  
 2005 - Anthony Cirelli - Post #31 Head Coach  
 2006 - Ed Hockenbury, K of C South Burlington  
 2007 - Jeff Mongeon, Colchester  
 2008 - Gary Gillespie, Manager of O.E.C. Kings (Wants to reflect that the award goes to the O.E.C. Kings Board of Directors for the support they give him.)  
 2009 - Rodney Stub Sherman, Vt. State Baseball Chairman  
 2010 - Bob Wheel, Colchester Cannons Assistant Manager  
 2011 - Rick Battles, Team Manager, Rutland Post #31  
 2012 - Francis "Mickey" Kelley, MSJ St. Peter's Field, Rutland Post #31  
 2013 - Walt Parmenter, Head Coach Bennington Post 13  
 2014 - Chris Richard, Essex Post 91 Manager  
 2015 - Mike Estey, Addison County  
 2016 - Richard Forbush, Post #37  
**2017 - Cagney Brigham, South Burlington Head Coach.**

#### **PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE RAY GREENWOOD DEDICATION AWARD**

1982 - John Cioffi, Post #31, Rutland, Groundskeeper  
 1983 - Dave Sunderland, Post #3, Montpelier, Official Scorer and Statistician  
 1984 - Dick Mattison, Post #13, Bennington, Assistant Coach  
 1985 - Bruce Wing, Post #31, Rutland, Coach  
 1986 - George McKeon, Post #31, Rutland, Commander  
 1987 - Joe Jacques, Post #5, Brattleboro, Groundskeeper  
 1988 - Ramon Ruby, Post #49, Fair Haven, Coach  
 1989 - William Flory, Post #31, Rutland, Coach  
 1990 - Gary Harrington, Brattleboro Reformer, Sports Editor  
 1991 - Bob Ploff, Post #67, Chester, Coach  
 1992 - Ron Larose, Addison County, Coach  
 1993 - Bruce Hutchins, Post #25, Windsor, Commander, Athletic Officer  
 1994 - Matt Harrington, Post #25, Windsor, Coach  
 1995 - Mike Gibson, Post #10, Barre, Manager  
 1996 - Jim Ballou, Post #51, So. Royalton, Head Coach  
 1997 - Russell Rusty Williams, Post #37, Bellows Falls, Assistant Coach  
 1998 - Louis Carcoba, Post #10, Barre, Assistant Coach  
 1999 - Andy Harrington, Post #25, Windsor, Head Coach  
 2000 - Bob Donnola, Champlain Valley, Business Manager  
 2001 - Joe Sadler, Essex, Business Manager



2002 - Tom Finnell, Brattleboro, Assistant Coach  
2003 - George Bennett, Post #31, Rutland  
2004 – John Suretting Post #67 – Dedicated to American Legion Baseball  
2005 – Mark Upright – Post #13 Head Coach  
2006 – Mary Canfield, Post #49 Fair Haven  
2007 – Nicole Densmore, Rutland  
2008 – Connie Dolloff – Secretary of VT Legion Baseball  
2009 - Connie Dolloff – Secretary of VT Legion Baseball  
2010 – John Cioffi, Rutland Post #31 - Grounds Keeper  
2011 – Peter Geannelis, Grounds Keeper - Bennington Post #13  
2012 - Burt & Laurie McMahan - Volunteers - Rutland Post #31  
2013 – Greg Knapp, Team Administrator Castleton Post 50  
2014 - Jeff Mongeon, Manager Colchester Cannons  
2015 - Bill Johnson, Randolph Post 9  
2016 – Brian Bonvechio, O.E.C. Kings  
**2017 – Samuel Fontaine, S.D.Ireland**

#### **PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE JOE PATTISON SCHOLARSHIP - 1976-2017**

1976 - Russell Pembroke, Bennington VT  
1977 - Gary A. Gillespie, Jeffersonville VT  
1978 - Peter Rasetti, Morrisville VT  
1979 - Calvin Hunnewell, Lebanon NH  
1980 - Michael Pickering, Westminster VT  
1981 - Andrew Coursen, Bellows Falls VT  
1982 - Jeffery Eells, Rutland VT  
1983 - Mark Manfredi, Rutland VT  
1984 - Shawn Moore, Rutland VT  
1985 - Michael Emond, Fair Haven VT  
1986 - Michael Perdue  
1987 - Eric R. Ramey, Fair Haven VT  
1988 - Ken Cooper, Bellows Falls VT  
1989 - Howard F Rice, Jr  
1990 - Brett L. Clark, Bellows Falls VT  
1991 - Eric Bashaw, Barre VT  
1992 - Peter Basin, Bellows Falls VT  
1993 - Alan Smith, Addison County VT  
1994 - Michael Mark, Sunapee NH  
1995 - Seth Christmas, Brattleboro VT  
1996 - Chris McRitchie, West Topsham VT  
1997 - Eric Badeau, Barre VT  
1998 - Lincoln A. Potwin, White River Jct VT  
1999 - Matthew Plante, Bennington VT  
2000 - Obadiah Bucchieri, Bennington VT  
2001 - David Bove, Burlington VT  
2002 - Seth Stoddard, Bellows Falls VT  
2003 - Nathan Rounds, Bellows Falls VT  
2004 – Greg McLaughlin, Rutland VT  
2005 – Dennis Scott, Milton VT

2006 – Chris Parker, Rutland Post #31  
2007 – Matt Sharon , Rutland Post #31  
2008 – Adam Flynn, O.E. C. Kings  
2009 – Brian Bashaw, Bellows Falls  
2010 – Aaron Bloomer, Rutland Post #31  
2014 – Ian Machia, Colchester Cannons  
2015 - Jordan Godrey  
2016 - Eamann McCabe, O.E.C. Kings  
**2017 – Braydon Shannon, Rutland Post #31**

#### **PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE BILL WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP – 1981-2017**

1981 - Andrew Hunnewell, Lebanon NH  
1982 - Todd Ryan, Vergennes VT  
1983 - Thomas Valley, Essex Junction VT  
1984 - Gregory Barcomb, East Montpelier VT  
1985 - Jeff Cook, Barre VT  
1986 - John B Gay  
1987 - Peter J Kibuda, Ludlow VT  
1988 - Greg Colden, Rutland VT  
1989 - Dan Randall  
1990 - Steven Walker  
1991 - Scott Reed, Fair Haven VT  
1992 - Eric Barre, Brattleboro VT  
1993 - Brian Gorecki, Bellows Falls VT  
1994 - Darryl Lamoureaux, Bennington VT  
1995 - Bob Hescoock, Wardsboro VT  
1996 - Christopher Cosgrove, Rutland VT  
1997 - Troy Timney, Brattleboro VT  
1998 - John H. Priester, Grafton VT  
1999 - Shane Whitcomb, Windsor VT  
2000 - Michael Ratti, Chester VT  
2001 - Adam Hammerschmidt, Bellows Falls VT  
2002 - Joel May  
2003 - Mack Monahan, Bellows Falls VT  
2004 – Justin Clough, Chester VT  
2005 – Robert Turner, Rutland VT  
2006 – Garrett Brewer, Rutland Post #31  
2007 – Chad Ryan, Rutland Post #31  
2008 - Adam Farrar, O.E. C. Kings  
2009 – Joe Rodolfy, Rutland  
2010 – Dylan Newton, Franklin Cty, Green Mountain Post #01  
2014 – Ryan Belomo, Rutland Post #31  
2015 - George Adkins  
2016 – Jacob Cunningham, Colchester Cannons  
**2017 – Patrick Greenan, OEC Kings**

## **PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP**

1994 - Stephen Carle, Ludlow VT  
1995 - Andrew Ditchfield, Lebanon NH  
1996 - Adam Kendall, Chester VT  
1997 - Nicholas Ratti, Springfield VT  
1998 - Roger A. Gilles, West Hartford VT  
1999 - Ryan Stoodley, Bellows Falls VT  
2000 - Josh Young, Bellows Falls VT  
2001 - Barry Chamberland, Bellows Falls VT  
2002 - Andy Derenzis, Middlebury VT  
2003 - Larry Canfield, Fair Haven VT  
2004 – Nathan Rounds, Putney VT  
2005 – Steve Shortle, Rutland VT  
2006 – Matt Eisenhuth, Bellows Falls Post #37  
2007 – Mickey Merola, Colchester Cannons  
2008 - Matthew Mager, O.E. C. Kings  
2009 – Rob Dorion, Rutland  
2010 – Nick Barton, Colchester Cannons  
2011 – Nick Swim, Colchester Cannons  
2014 - Collin Clark, Rutland Post #31  
2016 - Colin Myrick, O. E. C. Kings  
**2017 - Jake Hakey Franklin County, Green Mountain Post #1**

## **PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE WAYNE McLEAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: 2011-**

2011 – Dominic Strohmeier, Chester Post #67  
2012 - Sam Major, Rutland Post #31  
2013 – Michael LeBeau, Bellows Falls Post 37  
2014 - Douglas Avelino, Bellows Falls Post 37  
2015 - Matt Gendron, Brattleboro

## **PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE JOE MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: 2011 –**

2011 – Ryan Crowley, Colchester Cannons  
2012 - Tanner Williams, Bennington Post #13  
2013 – Joshua Ryland, Colchester Cannons  
2014 - Brett Elliot, O.E.C. Kings  
2015 - Josh Wasalewski, Lakes Region

## **PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE RODNEY SHERMAN SCHOLARSHIP: 2012 -**

2012 - Zachary Tandy - Colchester Cannons  
2013 – Sean Callahan – Colchester Cannons  
2014 - Lucas Russell – Montpelier Post 3  
2015- Asa Hoover, Franklin County

**PREVIOUS WINNER OF THE VERMONT NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION  
BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP**

- 2010 - Kyle Whitworth, Brattleboro Post #05
- 2011 – Edward Lewicki IV, Rutland Post #31
- 2012 - Jonathan Dedell, Woodstock/Windsor Posts #24 & #25
- 2013 – Devin Hayes – Addison County
- 2015 - Josh Wasalewski – Lakes Region
- 2017 – Brady Green Franklin County, Green Mountain Post #1**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL MAN OF THE YEAR  
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COACHING**

- 1985 - William Flory, Post #13, Rutland, Coach for 33 years who won 13 State championships

**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL ACADEMIC BASEBALL TEAM AWARD  
Sponsored by Diamond Sports**

- 2015 – Josh Wasalewski, Lakes Region, Captain

## DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT - AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

1928	BURLINGTON	1971	BURLINGTON
1929	BURLINGTON	1972	BENNINGTON
1930	SPRINGFIELD	1973	BENNINGTON
1931	SPRINGFIELD	1974	RUTLAND
1932	BARRE	1975	BENNINGTON
1933	BARRE	1976	RUTLAND
1934	ST ALBANS	1977	RUTLAND
1935	BARRE	1978	RUTLAND
1936	BARRE	1979 ...	ESSEX JCT
1937	BARRE	1980	BENNINGTON
1938	WATERBURY	1981	RUTLAND
1939	NEWPORT	1982	HARTFORD
1940	MONTPELIER	1983	BRATTLEBORO
1941	NEWPORT	1984	BARRE
1942	NEWPORT	1985	RUTLAND
1943	NO TOURNEY	1986	BRATTLEBORO
1944	NO TOURNEY	1987	HARTFORD
1945	NO TOURNEY	1988	HARTFORD
1946	BURLINGTON	1989	BENNINGTON
1947	RUTLAND	1990	BARRE
1948	NEWPORT	1991	HARTFORD
1949	RUTLAND	1992	BENNINGTON
1950	RUTLAND	1993	BRATTLEBORO
1951	MONTPELIER	1994	WINDSOR
1952	RUTLAND	1995	SO. ROYALTON
1953	MONTPELIER	1996	RUTLAND
1954	BARRE	1997	RUTLAND
1955	RUTLAND	1998	BENNINGTON
1956	HARTFORD	1999	BRATTLEBORO
1957	BARRE	2000	ESSEX
1958	BARRE	2001	ESSEX
1959	RUTLAND	2002	ESSEX
1960	HARTFORD	2003	ESSEX
1961	HARTFORD	2004	ESSEX
1962	HARTFORD	2005	S BURLINGTON- K OF C
1963	HARTFORD	2006	BELLOWS FALLS
1964	BELLOWS FALLS	2007	S BURLINGTON- K OF C
1965	BRATTLEBORO	2008	ADDISON COUNTY
1966	BARRE	2009	COLCHESTER CANNONS
1967	BARRE	2010	COLCHESTER POST #91
1968	HARTFORD	2011 ...	COLCHESTER CANNONS
1969	BENNINGTON	2012 ...	COLCHESTER POST #91
1970	RUTLAND	2013	COLCHESTER CANNONS
		2014	COLCHESTER POST 91

2015	COLCHESTER CANNONS		
2016	BRATTLEBORO POST #5		
<b>2017</b>	<b>GREEN MOUNTAIN POST #1 FC</b>		

**TEAMS WITH NUMBER OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ARE AS FOLLOWS**

RUTLAND.....	15	SPRINGFIELD .....	2
BARRE.....	12	WINDSOR .....	2
HARTFORD .....	10	BELLOWS FALLS.....	2
BENNINGTON.....	8	ST. ALBANS/FRANKLIN COUNTY .....	2
ESSEX JUNCTION .....	7	SOUTH ROYALTON .....	1
BRATTLEBORO.....	6	WATERBURY .....	1
NEWPORT.....	4	SO. BURLINGTON.....	2
BURLINGTON.....	4	ADDISON COUNTY .....	1
ESSEX.....	9	COLCHESTER CANNONS.....	4
MONTPELIER.....	3		

2018 State Championship will be held at **Castleton University and St. Peters field - hosted by POST 31 and volunteers - July 28 – Aug 1st, 2018 with a rain date of Aug 2nd, 2018.**  
**Coaches of tournament teams, please send a digital photo - properly identified - via e-mail to Rick Battles, [Rbats36@aol.com](mailto:Rbats36@aol.com) for the State Tournament before July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

The 2018 Regional Tournament will be held in **Shrewsbury,MA Aug 8- August 12, 2018.**

The 2018 World Series will be held in Shelby, North Carolina, August **16 – 21, 2018**, at Shelby's Veteran's Field at Keeter Stadium.