

The American Legion
Department of Virginia
16th District
Baseball Bylaws
2009

1. The American Legion Code of Sportsmanship shall be recited prior to the start of the game. It is only recited once during a doubleheader.
2. The Executive Committee at the Spring Conference may amend these Bylaws before the season begins not during or after the current season.
3. National American Legion rules and Department rules will govern in a conflict.
4. The District Chairman will determine how the season schedule is played each year. Each year the number of teams playing in the District league changes, this rule gives the District Chairman authority to make how the district will be divided and the schedule will be made up.
5. The home team shall be responsible for notifying umpires, opposing teams and the 16th District Chairman two hours (time permitting) prior to game time if a rainout occurs.
6. The home team shall report the game results to the 16th District Chairman within 48 hour. Failure to report these results will be a forfeit by the home team.
7. The home team is responsible for providing umpires V H S L certified or higher, home team shall provide American Legion approved baseballs for the game(s).
8. Teams that fail to show up for the game without a 24-hour notice to the opposing team and 16th District Chairman will be fined the cost of the umpires to be paid to the Chairman. The Chairman will disperse the fine to the opposing team.
 - a. Teams failing to reschedule games and continue to cancel games with no reason will be suspended for the duration of the season by the 16th District Commander//Chairman.
9. Any team that has five forfeits will be suspended by the District Chairman or /Commander for the duration of the season.
10. No game or games shall be canceled or rescheduled without notification or approval by the 16th District Chairman.
11. All single games will be scheduled as 9 inning games. All double headers shall be 2-7 inning games. The slaughter rule (ten runs) is in effect during the regular season.
 - a. In a 9-inning game, it is in effect starting the 7th inning
 - b. In a 7-inning game, it is in effect starting in the 5th inning

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12. All players and coaches must be in full uniform with patches for all American Legion games and wearing the proper helmet.
13. Pre game infield/outfield warm-up will begin 30 minutes prior to game start times, conditions permitting.
14. The 16th District Tournament shall be played at the home of the higher seed until The semi-finals and the finals, which shall be hosted by _____.
All tournament games will be 9 innings. Team Seeding will be determined by results of 16th District games. The tiebreaker shall be:
 - a. Head to head results
 - b. Record against next highest seed
 - c. Least amount of runs scored by the higher seed
 - d. Teams must play a minimum of 10 games to be eligible to play in the District Tournament
 - a. Note: The DH may be used for the pitcher only
 - b. Note: The DH may be used in the both the regular season and tournament
15. Completion of game

The game will be determined by the team that leads in the bottom of the 5th inning if the home team has batted. The team in the lead will be the winner of the game.
16. All games rained out or suspended must be played on the next available date for both teams
17. All games will be rescheduled within 3 days and reported to the 16th District Chairman.
 - a. If a game is rained out while being played, teams will reschedule before leaving the field. It must be reported to the District Chairman in 3 days.
18. Ejections
 - a. Any manager, coach or player that is ejected from a game must leave the confines of the ballpark immediately, have no further contact or make coaching decisions for the remainder of the game.
 - b. Any manager, coach or player that is ejected for the second time in a regular season will not be allowed to participate in 16th District regular and playoff seasons.

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- c. Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game will be ineligible to participate in his teams next scheduled game.
- d. Any manager, coach or player that is ejected for fighting loses his right to participate in 16th District Ball games for the remainder of the season.
- e. All ejections must be reported to the 16th District Chairman within 24 hours by the team the ejected member is on.
- f. After further review, a team member deserves more than a one game suspension that decision will be handed down by the 16th District Chairman.

These By-laws passed by The 16th District Executive Committee April 5, 2008
These By-laws amended by the 16th District Executive Committee March 28, 2009