

## Purpose and Scope of American Legion Baseball

- To inculcate in youth a better understanding of the American way of life and to promote the principles of 100% Americanism.
- To instill in the nation's youth a sincere desire to develop within themselves a feeling of citizenship, sportsmanship, loyalty and team spirit.
- To aid in the improvement and development of the physical fitness of our country's youth.
- To build for the Nation's future through our youth.

## The 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.

### American Legion Baseball "A Winning Tradition"



# 2010 Tournament Director's Guide

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**Nebraska American Legion Baseball  
2010 Tournament Director's Guide**

Dear Tournament Director,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to volunteer for the position of Tournament Director. You won't regret the time and effort you and your American Legion Post personnel put into this important event.

To conduct a successful tournament, the tournament director must be knowledgeable about what is required of him and his committee. There are many points to remember. Some of these matters seem quite small and unimportant, but if neglected, they can be the difference between a successful tournament and one that does not meet acceptable standards.

On accepting the job as Tournament Director, you are undoubtedly aware that the responsibility for the successful operation of the tournament rests with you. This does not mean that you must shoulder all the responsibility for getting the work done. There are other members of your Post who are willing to assist if you ask them. An American Legion Baseball Tournament must have the complete backing of the American Legion Post.

In this guide, we will attempt to explain the duties of the tournament director and also offer some hints as to how to make the job rewarding and enjoyable. It demands a lot of time, but with effective management and cooperation of others in the Post, it will be an experience you will look back on with satisfaction many years from now.

Sincerely,

Donald Kiviniemi, Jr  
Chairman  
Department Athletic Committee

**Nebraska American Legion Baseball  
Points of Contact**

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

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**Nebraska American Legion Baseball  
2009 Scholarship Winners**

**JIM HURLBERT  
AMERICAN LEGION  
MEMORIAL BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP**

Jeremy Burgener, Gering  
Jonathan Pfeifer, South Sioux City

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
NEBRASKA BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP**

Bret Gardner, York

## Nebraska American Legion Baseball Media Scoreboard

The following telephone numbers and email addresses are provided to assist you in obtaining news media coverage of your American Legion Baseball Tournament:

Jack Mayfield	402-871-7244	admin@metropreps.com
Alliance Times Herald	308-762-3060	newspaper@alliancetimes.com
Beatrice Sun	402-223-5233	beatrice.news@lee.net
Columbus Telegram	402-564-2741	telegram@megavision.com
Falls City Journal	402-245-2431	fcjournal@sentco.net
Fremont Tribune Sports	402-721-8047	compose@ftrib.com
Grand Island Independent	308-382-1000	
Hastings Tribune Sports	402-462-1270	webmaster@tribland.com
Holdrege Citizen	308-995-4441	
Kearney Hub	308-237-2152	news@kearneyhub.com
Lincoln Journal/Star Sports	402-473-7431	sports@journalstar.com
McCook Gazette	308-345-4500	editor@mccookgazette.com
Nebraska City News Press	402-873-3334	kmanion@ncnewspress.com
Norfolk Daily News	1-877-371-1020	ndnews@norfolkdailynews.com
North Platte Telegraph	308-532-6000	
Omaha World Herald	402-444-1000	sports@owh.com
Scottsbluff Star Herald Sports	308-632-0650	kelly.zwetzig@starherald.com
Sidney Sun Telegraph	308-254-2818	ads@sidneysun.com
Wayne Herald	402-375-2600	
York News Times	402-362-4478	news@yorknewstimes.com

### OTHER NUMBERS

KHAS TV Hastings	402-463-6551	khas@gtmc.net
NXPB Kearney	308-743-2494	generalmanager@kkpr.com
KOLN KGIN TV Lincoln	402-467-4321	info@kolnkin.com
KNOP TV North Platte	308-532-2222	lewysknoppe@knoptv.com
KETV Omaha	402-345-7777	ihood@hearst.com
KMTV Omaha	402-592-3333	
KPTM TV OMAHA	402-558-4200	
WOW TV Omaha	402-346-6666	hr@wowt.com
KDUH TV Scottsbluff	308-632-3071	kduh@kduhtv.com
KSTF TV Scottsbluff	308-632-6107	

It is suggested that the home team be responsible for reporting the scores unless other arrangements have been made. Above all, do not forget to report local scores to the local media, newspaper, radio and television.

### PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Activities Director  
Brent Hagel-Pitt  
402-464-6338  
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## Nebraska American Legion Baseball 2010 Tournament Directors List

### Class A, SENIOR AND JUNIOR AREA TOURNAMENTS - JULY 14-19, 2010

A1 - 4 Sr	Omaha Burke	Chris Loofe	402-614-0554
A1 - 4 Sr	Omaha South	John Stella	402-321-4836
A1 - 4 Sr	Elkhorn	Kevin Giesselmann	402-699-0218
A1 - 4 Sr	Omaha Skutt	Keith Engelkamp	402-346-0866
A5 Sr	Lincoln	Dick Clarence	402-489-6133
A6 Sr	Fremont	Vince Perry	402-720-7074
A7 Sr	North Platte	Rick McKain	308-532-8282
A1 - 4 Jr	Creighton Prep	Russ Kreikemeier	402-496-9764
A1 - 4 Jr	Omaha Central	Steve Kuzelka	402-558-5884
A1 - 4 Jr	Millard South	Cindy Elliott	402-301-4695
A1 - 4 Jr	Millard West	Ron Johnette	402-333-6031
A5 Jr	Lincoln	Dick Clarence	402-489-6133
A6 Jr	South Sioux City	Rick Voss	712-540-2448
A7 Jr	Kearney	Terry Broadfoot	308-233-4168

### CLASS B AND C SENIOR AREA TOURNAMENTS JULY 22-27, 2010

B1	Syracuse	Orvil Holz	402-269-7195
B2	Lincoln Lutheran	Dick Clarence	402-489-6133
B3	Roncalli	Herb Kupfer	402-334-2894
B4	Seward	Dennis Erks	402-643-3848
B5	Aurora	Bob Leach	402-694-8592
B6	Holdredge	Jason Sidel	308-991-1947
B7	Gering	Mike Hutchison	308-641-4780
C1	Ord	John Young	308-730-2354
C2	Hartington	Roger Jones	402-254-7323
C3	Dodge/Howells	Joseph Wisnieski, Sr	402-693-2307
C4	Tecumseh	Deanna Kaster	402-335-0434
C5	Harvard/Giltner	Chuck Conway	402-772-5305
C6	Gibbon	Mike Kenton	308-468-5588
C7	Overton	Norm Taylor	308-325-4058

### CLASS B AND C JUNIOR AREA TOURNAMENTS JULY 15-20, 2010

B1	Auburn	Patrick Engles	402-274-5073
B2	Plattsmouth	Tim Harris	402-296-4021
B3	Bennington	Dave Miller	402-305-3190
B4	Wahoo	Paul Eddie	402-480-0179
B5	Albion	Leon Magsamen	402-395-6078
B6	Lexington	Ray Ehlers	308-325-2048
B7	Ogallala	Julie Neill	308-284-6290
C1	Crofton	Dennis Merkel	605-660-7266
C2	Wisner	Richard Schultz	402-529-6816
C3	West Point	R. "Butch" Kreikemeier	402-372-6417
C4	Nehawka	Randy Winters	402-298-4210
C5	Hebron	Doug Modlin	402-768-3679
C6	DCB	Gary Hewitt	308-996-4376
C7	Hersey/Sutherland	Bob Hudson	308-530-1813

### CLASS A STATE TOURNAMENT SENIORS & JRS - JULY 23-27, 2010, CLASS B & C JRS STATE TOURNAMENT - JULY 24 - 28, 2010

Class A Senior National Division	Columbus	Brad Hansen	402-910-0454
Class A Senior American Division	Papillion	John McCord	402-871-6861
Class A Junior	Omaha Westside	Chris Knust	402-884-8904
Class B Junior	O'Neill	Dennis Cork	402-336-3467
Class C Junior	Pender	Tom Welsh	402-385-3430

### CLASS B AND C SENIOR STATE TOURNAMENTS JULY 31- AUG 4, 2010

Class B	Schylur	Don Meister	402-352-5247
Class C	Tri-County	Bill Waltz	402-239-9182
Class A Playoff July 31, 2010,	Class B and C Playoff August 7, 2010		

## Nebraska American Legion Baseball Use of The American Legion Emblem & Logo



Above is a copy of The American Legion Emblem and American Legion Baseball logo. A copy or computer image copy may be obtained from the National Baseball Coordinator.

The American Legion, a not-for-profit war time veteran's organization, was established by an Act of The United States Congress. Congress gave The American Legion sole and exclusive rights to have and use the name in carrying out its purpose (Section 48, of Title 35, USC)

Only the National Adjutant, or his designated representative (American Legion Emblem Sales), may give authority to use the registered names, emblems, or logos of The American Legion, in accordance with trademark law and National Executive Committee resolutions.

No officer or member of a Post, County, District, Department, or other unit of The American Legion, has the authority to grant the right to manufacture, reproduce, or deal in items bearing the name, emblem, or logos of The American Legion or any colorable imitation thereof.

If you have a need for shirts, caps, pins, tacks, signs, stickers, etc., ask American Legion Emblem Sales first. Call them toll free at 1-888-453-4466. American Legion Emblem Sales will either produce the items for you, or, as a designated representative of the National Adjutant, grant permission to have them made with an authorized manufacturer.

For programs, use the "Request for Use of American Legion Name or Emblem on Merchandise" form in your packet. Fill it out completely and include a depiction of the use of the emblem/logo/name in the box provided. Send to the Department Adjutant at:

The American Legion  
Department of Nebraska  
P.O. Box 5205  
Lincoln, NE 68505-0205

## Nebraska American Legion Baseball Tournament Website Guidelines

It is highly suggested that each tournament host site have a Tournament website. This website can be used to advertise the tournament, provide tournament information, show tournament brackets and report scores. Providing links to the Department websites, Convention and Visitor's Bureau, local hotels and any corporate sponsors are key elements to a successful website. The web page should be created well in advance of the tournament.

A well-designed and effective website can add a professional touch to your efforts to host a successful and well coordinated tournament. At the very least, the website should contain a tournament bracket that can be updated daily, even hourly, to reflect the results of tournament competition. It should also contain the ability to show scores and game results.

Extras that can be added include:

- Schedule of events
- Team Pictures
- Statistics and game reporting
- Special tournament functions, drawings, contests
- Host Post information
- Weather Information and maps
- Road construction information
- Phone numbers for information on weather, etc.
- Hotel Information
- Action pictures during tournament
- Advertiser links
- Host community information

Your website will be linked from the Nebraska American Legion Baseball website. Visitors to your site will be numerous as many people around the state will visit various tournament host websites to find out who is advancing in the tournament. The ability to update the site at least once a day, if not more, will be critical to providing this information to the world.

Contact the Activities Director at (402) 464-6338, email [actdirlegion@windstream.net](mailto:actdirlegion@windstream.net) or contact the Athletic Committee Chairman for additional information.

Nebraska Legion Baseball Web Site: <http://www.nelegionbaseball.net>

## Nebraska American Legion Baseball 2009 Tournament Directors List

### Class A, Senior and Junior Area Tournaments—15-20 July 2009

A1	Omaha Westside	Chris Knust	402-884-8904
A2	Ralston	Scitt Hodges	402-891-5781
A3	Millard South	Mark Sorensen	402-896-3830
A4	Papillion	John McCord	402-871-6861
A5	Lincoln	Dick Clarence	402-489-6133
A6	Norfolk	Tim Ellis	402-640-7777
A7	Scottsbluff	Hershell Stoner	308-632-0865
A1Jr	Omaha Burke	Chris Loofe	402-614-0554
A2 Jr	Omaha Skutt	Keith Engelkamp	402-346-0866
A3 Jr	Omaha Gross	Reuben Rosales	402-592-1284
A4 Jr	Millard West	Ron Johnette	402-333-6031
A5 Jr	Lincoln	Dick Clarence	402-489-6133
A6 Jr	Grand Island	Len Sloan	308-382-3134
A7 Jr	Hastings	Bob Moderow	402-461-4696

### CLASS B AND C SENIOR AREA TOURNAMENTS JULY 22-27, 2009

B1	Nebraska City	Arnold Beckman	402-873-6878
B2	Springfield	Jim Jenson	402-895-7089
B3	Bennington	Van Mohr	402-238-2862
B4	Geneva	Eric Williams	402-759-3513
B5	Central City	Jack McMahan	308-986-2383
B6	McCook	Leeland Shiers	308-345-5242
B7	Sidney	Jon Linden	308-254-4475
C1	Creighton		
C2	Dodge	Joseph Wisnieski, Sr	402-693-2307
C3	Elkhorn Mt Michael	Merl Core	402-453-1311
C4	Pawnee City	Tyler Ferebee	402-852-2179
C5	Daykin	Paul Bachle	402-446-7243
C6	St. Paul	Jim Sidel	308-754-4405
C7	Loup City	Arnie Palu, Jr	308-745-0432

### CLASS B AND C JUNIOR AREA TOURNAMENTS JULY 15-20, 2009

B1	Beatrice	Dave Warren	402-228-1491
B2	Gretna	Dale Hermsen	402-332-3881
B3	Blair	Jim Ryan	
B4	Seward	Dennis Erks	402-643-3511
B5	O'Neill	Dennis Cork	402-336-3467
B6	Gothenburg	Noel Jacobsen	308-537-7532
B7	Chadron	Rob Brown	308-430-2431
C1	Ainsworth		
C2	Hartington	Roger Jones	402-254-7323
C3	Lincoln Christian	Jon Sterns	402-430-0283
C4	Wymore	Chuck Shores	402-645-3251
C5	Sutton	Michael Thompson	402-773-4504
C6	Ravenna	Dirk Unick	308-452-3921
C7	Alma	Jon Davis	308-928-2041

### Class A SENIORS AND A B C JUNIORS STATE TOURNAMENTS JULY 24-28, 2009

National Division	Lincoln	Dick Clarence	402-489-6311
American Division	Bellevue	Don Kiviniemi, Jr	402-292-3205
Class A Junior	Kearney	Terry Broadfoot	308-234-6934
Class B Junior	Holdrege	Jason Sidel	308-995-8830
Class C Junior	Wisner	Richard Schultz	402-529-6816

### CLASS B AND C SENIOR STATE TOURNAMENTS JULY 31- AUG 4, 2009

Class B	Wayne	Jacki Zeiss	402-375-1698
Class C	West Point	Butch Kreikemeier	402-372-6417
Class A Playoff August 1st, Class B and C Playoff August 8th			

## Nebraska American Legion Baseball Tournament Planning

**Annual June Meeting**—The Department Athletic Committee will provide a mandatory training and orientation session for all Area and State Tournament Directors at its annual meeting in June. The meeting agenda includes the introduction of the Department Athletic Committee and its Area Representatives, an overview of the conduct of an Area or State Tournament, a review of the Tournament Director's Guide, the issuing of plaques, and some general "do's and don't's" for Directors to consider. During the meeting, participants are encouraged to ask questions that pertain to the discussion at hand.

Shortly after the annual June meeting, Area Tournament Directors will be informed in writing of the teams which have been assigned to their respective areas. Once Area Tournament Directors receive a listing of the area teams, they should contact team managers and coaches to accomplish the following:

- 1) Establish a line of communication
- 2) Schedule a meeting to determine pairing and to inspect/collect pertinent information as outlined in this guide
- 3) Discuss the operation and details of conduct for the tournament.

**The Area Tournament Seeding Meeting** A mandatory meeting will be held between July 3 to July 9, 2010, **You may have your meeting earlier as long as all teams agree with it** and season records used for seeding shall include all games played up to the meeting date. All teams are required to play a minimum of 10 regular season games by the scheduled seeding of Area Tournaments. Teams not meeting the minimum requirements will be seeded last in the tournament. NOTE: Roster changes are up to June 21, 2010.

By attending the area meeting, team representatives will have direct input into the pairing and other important matters and shall have no occasion to question them at a later date. Teams without representation at the meeting or failing to submit team records to the Area Tournament Director by the start of the meeting will be given a record of 0 wins and 0 losses. The Department Athletic Committee requires the seeding of Area tournaments by complete season records regardless of class or division, except for those cases where every team in an area is part of the same league. League records may then be used as determined by the majority of the team representatives at the area seeding meeting. In no case is a forfeited game counted in a team's record.

**Birth Certificates.** Teams are required to hand carry or send their player's birth certificate cards (or original birth certificates) and a copy of their team roster to the Area Tournament Director for the area seeding meeting. If for any reason those items cannot be prepared by the date of the meeting, all required documents must be in the hands of the tournament director prior to the start of the area tournament. Failure to do this will result in a team's disqualification

## Nebraska American Legion Baseball Pitcher Appearances

(American Legion Baseball Rule 1.N)  
(Nebraska American Legion Baseball Rule 2.09)

A player may make only four appearances as a pitcher in any three consecutive days. Any pitcher may be removed as a pitcher and still remain in the game at another position. Any subsequent return to the mound will count as another appearance.

However, if a pitcher is removed automatically by the second appearance to the mound by the coach in the same inning, that pitcher cannot return as a pitcher in that game. No Senior pitcher may pitch more than 12 innings (Junior—10 innings) in any three consecutive days. Playing days will begin at 8:00 AM local time. A game concluded after 12:00 midnight is not to be construed as another day. Should a double or triple play cause a senior pitcher to exceed the permitted 12 innings (Junior—10 innings) in three consecutive days, that action in and of itself, shall not be construed as a violation of this rule.

Teams will only be required to play more than one game in any one day, except where weather may prevent your tournament from concluding prior to the scheduled start of the next level of post-season play or the if necessary Championship Game. Any change in your tournament schedule or implementation of double headers due to rainouts will be prior approved by the respective Area Athletic Committee Reps, Athletic Committee Chairman, or Department Activities Director.

Keep the Department notified via fax, email, or phone call of the final scores from the previous day's play. At the conclusion of your tournament, contact the Activities Director with your winner.

FAX (402) 464-6330  
EMAIL: [actdirlegion@windstream.net](mailto:actdirlegion@windstream.net)  
PHONE: (402) 464-6338

State Tournament Directors will coordinate with Area Tournament Directors and provide information and instructions as to the schedule and activities of the State Tournament for Junior and Senior Area Tournament winners. Area Tournament Directors will pass along these instructions to Area Tournament winners immediately upon completion of each championship game.

**Delegate!** As mentioned earlier, seek assistance from other members of the Post. Don't attempt to do everything alone. Individuals should be appointed to handle such items as publicity, ticket sales, concessions, public address announcer, parking and foul ball "snaggers.". Have a crew available to handle grounds keeping chores. As Tournament Director, your responsibility is to coordinate the overall operation.

### **CONDUCT - A Matter of Vital Importance!**

**Rules of conduct.** Each tournament director should inform all coaches, managers and players that the rules of conduct as printed in the state and national rulebook will be enforced. Any individuals causing unnecessary disturbance at any time and not abiding by the rules will be ejected from the game. In all cases, the ejection requires that the individual sit out the remainder of the current game as well as the next game the team plays. It is expected that all persons associated with American Legion Baseball will read, understand and comply with the rules of conduct and the code of sportsmanship. Tournament directors are expected to enforce all such rules and the code.

**Tournament Motels.** Coaches and Team managers must work closely with motel officials and shall conduct inspections of rooms prior to the checkout of teams. Use of the "tournament housing approval form" is required. Any expense for damage incurred will be borne by the player, coach, or team sponsor.

### **PUBLICITY—Advance and Game Reports**

**Get the word out!** A tournament cannot be a financial success if no one knows about it. The Tournament Director should be sure that pre-tournament publicity is circulated in the towns taking part in order to better ensure a good return at the gate. Flyers announcing the tournament and including the schedule are a good investment.

**Advertising.** Many tournament hosts have found it to be profitable to print programs to give away or sell during the tournament. The success of this, of course, depends upon the advertisers in your community. If your post decides to print a program and sell advertising, a committee should be appointed to handle this activity.

**Game Reporting.** Following each tournament game, the director should ensure that scores and highlights of the game are phoned in to the news media and updated on the tournament website. Since most daily newspapers are connected with the Associated Press, request wire service coverage when game scores are called in. In this way, scores are reported to all areas of the state including radio and television. When communicating with members of the media, please use the organizations full and legal name, "THE AMERICAN LEGION." The program name is "AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL."

from tournament play. It is the tournament director's responsibility to check the team's credentials for authenticity.

All birth certificates (if used in lieu of birth certificate cards) must be certified, carrying the signature of the Director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics and the imprint of the estate seal in which the player was born. Plastic billfold-size birth registration cards obtained from the Bureau of Vital Statistics are still valid. No other form of records will be accepted, except as authorized by National **Rule 2.E.** The Area Tournament Director will review all birth certificates/cards for acceptability and will immediately send discrepancy forms to all teams needing to take corrective action prior to the start of the tournament.

**Proof of insurance** certificates are filed by each team with Department Headquarters. Only properly certified and insured teams will be listed amongst the area tournament teams. Tournament directors will check insurance certificates from area teams.

**Photographs.** All teams participating in area tournaments must submit two colored team photographs, properly identified, to the area tournament director by the seeding meeting. Pictures must be no smaller than 5" x 7".

**Be prepared for any emergency.** Have a phone available in your press box or nearby. Notify your local EMTs to be alert for any emergency during your tournament. Perhaps you can secure the volunteer cooperation of local health care workers or physical therapists to attend games and be available for medical assistance.

**Tournament Schedule.** Tournament Directors should attend all games and see that games start on time. If, it is necessary to adjust a game starting time from that listed on the tournament schedule due to rain or unforeseen problems you must get the word out as soon as possible. Tournament Directors may start their Area Tournaments earlier, but not later. Area & State Tournament Directors will use the Legion supplied Area & State Tournament Brackets.

**Pre-game procedures.** A coin flip will be conducted between opposing teams to determine home team in all tournaments. Home team will use the third base dugout and the visitor will use the first base dugout. Pre-game infield should be limited to approximately eight minutes, with each team receiving equal time. The infield should be readdressed prior to each game. Go over ground rules with the team coaches or managers and umpires before each game. Players should be introduced prior to starting the game. The "Code of Sportsmanship" will be recited preceding ALL first round games and before every championship game.

**Tournament Umpires.** Registered & Certified umpires will be used to work Area Tournament games. Selection of umpires should be discussed at the seeding

meeting attended by representatives of all teams. Tournament Directors must exercise common sense in assigning umpires. Relatives of coaches or players shall not umpire home plate. When the host team is playing, make every effort to schedule an umpire other than a local to work the plate. Tournament Directors, district chairmen or team managers shall not serve as umpires. **Area Tournament Directors will send a list of umpires chosen, to Department Headquarters, so umpires chosen, can be verified (being registered & certified) and approved by Department Headquarters prior to working any tournament games.** Selecting umpires can often be made simpler by employing a chief umpire and having him/her assign the crew. Should this approach be taken, the chief umpire shall be ultimately responsible for crew assignments unless otherwise agreed upon between the chief umpire and the Tournament Director. Coaches shall have no input as to umpire assignments relative to who works which position.

Provide a suitable private dressing and break area for your umpires. If you have a camper or trailer available, your crew will appreciate it. An air conditioned unit should be considered.

**Official Scorer.** Appoint an Official Scorer for your tournament games. The Official Scorer will provide a pitching record for both teams prior to the start of each tournament game. It shall also be the duty of the Official Scorer to notify the plate umpire when a pitcher has only three innings of pitching eligibility remaining. The team coach/manager must notify the plate umpire of all substitutes to be recorded by the official scorer.

**The Press Box.** Obtain the services of mature and responsible volunteers to run your press box as announcer, scorer, and scoreboard operator. Extras and unnecessary personnel should not be allowed. Your press box is a completely NEUTRAL ZONE, and absolutely no partisan remarks, noises, or chants should be allowed. Rules of conduct and sportsmanship apply equally to tournament officials and press box volunteers.

**Weather.** In case of rain, the tournament director should make the decision as to whether the field is playable or not and in the case of a game being rained out, shall decide when the game shall be played. The Chief Umpire can order a game stopped, but cannot call it. Keep Area Athletic Committee Reps and Department Headquarters informed on changes in tournament schedule.

**The Game.** All tournament games will be played in full, subject only to the ten-run rule. Class A Seniors will play double elimination, nine-inning games in area and state tournaments, subject to the 10-run rule after seven innings. Class B and C Seniors, and Class A, B, and C Juniors will play double elimination, seven inning games, subject to the 10-run rule after 5 innings. If a game is stopped because of rain, darkness, curfew or for any other reason, the game will be completed the following day prior to the next scheduled tournament game.

## **ON-SITE TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Mandatory Seeding Meeting.** As stated earlier in this manual, it is mandatory to call a meeting of all participating coaches/team managers, and head umpire to check rosters, Form 2's, birth certificates/ID cards, and SA Vandyke Insurance Forms. Tournament Directors are responsible for ensuring that all teams have a legal roster, all players in the tournament have a completed National Form #2 (Player Agreement & Parent's Consent and Release Form), all players have a birth certificate/Id card, teams have their insurance forms. They should be kept with the Tournament Director until conclusion of the tournament. These forms are mandatory and must be presented to the director at the seeding meeting. Make sure that each team understands the tournament schedule. Place special emphasis on the alternate schedule if such a possibility exists. Following the seeding meeting, Area Tournament Directors will fill in the schedule blanks provided by the Department Headquarters and return it to the Activities Director as soon as possible but no later than July 9, 2010. Game numbers always remain the same even if the game time is changed. State Tournament Directors will have a meeting of coaches prior to the start of the State Tournaments. State Tournament Directors will use the State Tournament Brackets in the 2010 Nebraska Legion Baseball Rule Book..

**Protests.** It is important to remember that protest of player eligibility must be made at the seeding meetings, except when there is a discovery of fraud. No protest will be accepted unless written evidence is furnished to back the protest. There will be no protests on "judgment decisions" of umpires. No protest will be accepted after play begins unless a protest fee of \$50 is deposited with the tournament director. Protests of rule interpretations during actual game conditions must be filed with the umpire-in-chief before the next legally pitched ball is thrown from the pitching mound. The game will be stopped and the Tournament Director will make a decision or call the respective Athletic Committee Rep to make a joint decision. The game will not resume until a decision is made on the protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee is returned. If the protest is denied, the fee is sent to Department Headquarters. The Tournament Director will send a copy of the formal written protest, including decision, to Department Headquarters within twenty four hours.

**Eliminated Teams.** When a team is eliminated from the area tournament, directors shall return all rosters, emergency information sheets, and birth certificates to the team managers/coach. Area tournament winners must take all team paperwork from area tournament and give them to the state tournament director for verification and acceptance. Expense checks for State Tournament teams should also be paid on the spot as teams are eliminated. Tournament Directors will forward Area Tournament champion teams photos to the State Tournament Directors. There is a very short window between tournaments, so do not delay on this.