

Wyoming American Legion Baseball

2021 Winter Meeting

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge
- 3) Board Introductions
- 4) Guest Introductions
- 5) Team Roll Call

Buffalo	Mtn View (Bridger Valley)
Caspar	Lovell
Cheyenne	Powell
Cody	Rawlins (Absent)
Douglas	Riverton
Evanston	Rock Springs
Gillette	Saratoga
Green River	Sheridan
Jackson	Torrington
Laramie	Wheatland
- 6) Financial Statement
 - 2021 Income Statement and 2022 Budget were reviewed.
 - **There will be a general fee increase as follows;**
 - Varsity (AA & A) \$400per team**
 - JR Varsity and Prep \$200 per team**
- 7) General Policy Review
 - All Form 1's, 2's, 6's 76's and ID card requests should be mailed to

Jack Simms	jsimms475@gmail.com
PO Box 50807	307-259-1925
Casper, WY 82605	
 - Covid- Operations Plan- We will strictly adhere to the existing plan, but will not have to do the Hold Harmless Waiver in 2022
 - Social Media Policies- Please make sure everyone is following these policies.
 - **USA Baseball Certification Mandatory**
<https://www.usabdevelops.com/>
copy and paste the above link and then click on the A Training Schedule
Until I can confirm with National, it will be mandatory that all new coaches and coaches that anticipate play above the State level recertify by taking the entire A Coach certification. Abuse Awareness and Safety/First Aid are required at the State level.
 - **Background Checks**
<https://opportunities.averity.com/ALDeptWyoming>
 - Form 6- all Wyoming Legion players who are participating in a non-legion event, not team related, must complete a Form 6 and receive approval from the Department Baseball Chairman two weeks prior to participating in the event.

- Form 76- player transfer form- This is a yearly request and must be turned in for approval prior to March 1st of each year.
- Sportsmanship Warning Cards- available for use to avoid conflict with fans. Form is available on the State website
- Pitch Smart and Age charts can be found on the State website. (updated after the first of the year).
- Background Checks must be completed prior to the start of practice, but no later than March 1st.
- **Class A All Star game will be held in Douglas August 5th and 6th.**

8) 2022 State Tournaments- All Form 1's, Form 2's, ID's, certifications and insurance have to be approved by the State Baseball Chairman or his designee or Tournament Director before the first game of any State Tournament.

AA - Sheridan

July 25-29 Coaches meeting 7/24 at 7pm Place TBD

The National/Regional bracket will strictly be followed

1st Round- higher seed will be the home team, 2nd + rounds will be a coin flip

Fee- \$500 plus 1 dozen logo balls

A- Cody

July 25-29 Coaches meeting 7/24 at 7pm Place TBD

The National/Regional bracket will strictly be followed

1st Round- higher seed will be the home team, 2nd + rounds will be a coin flip

Fee- \$500 plus 1 dozen logo balls

B- Powell July 21-24 Coaches meeting 7/20 at 7pm Place TBD

A standard 8 team double elimination bracket will be used

1st round will be higher seed, 2nd + rounds will be a coin flip

Fee- \$500 plus 1 dozen logo balls

Note- In order to play in this division a player must be born in or after 2005

C- Cheyenne July 14th -17th Coaches meeting will be 7/13 at 7pm Place TBD

A standard 8 team double elimination bracket will be used

1st round will be higher seed, 2nd + rounds will be a coin flip

Fee- \$500 plus 1 dozen logo balls

Note- In order to play in this division a player must be born in or after 2007

9) Important Dates

Jan 1st Online team registration begins

15th K&K Insurance website opens

Feb 1st 2022-23 American Legion Baseball rule books are available online

15th Deadline for submitting ALB booster decal orders to National Emblem Sales

March 1st Deadline for all background checks and USA baseball certifications to be

- completed
- March 31st** Establishment of players' legal domicile (parents' domicile) and high school enrollment for grades 10, 11 and 12
- April 1st** **Deadline** for orders of the 2022 Official MLB rules for June 2022 delivery
- May 15th** **Deadline** for early registration, purchase insurance and pay registration fees. Department late fee of \$200 will be charged until June 1st.
- June 1st** Final day to register team applications, purchase insurance and pay registration fees for the 2022 season.
- Deadline** for player ID card information. Include a \$5 per card fee.
- Deadline** for Hall of Fame Applications
- 20th** **Deadline** for copies of all Form 1's, Form 2's, Form 6's, insurance and copies of the USA Certifications to Jack Simms
- 22nd** **Deadline** for **Team Manager**s to file online Form 1's with the Department Chairman to be eligible for National Tournaments.
- NOTE- only one person per program should file the Form 1's
- 30th** **Deadline** for the Department Baseball Chairman to clear online Form 1's with the National office to be eligible for national tournaments
- July 15th** **Deadline** for baseball scholarship application submission to Department Headquarters.
- 29th** **Deadline** for Department Chairman to certify State Champion to the National office and Regional tournament Director. Department Tournaments must be completed by 11:59pm
- Note- deadline means it has to be received by that date.**

10) 2022 Approved Rule Changes

Rule 1.R.3. Pitching Rule - remove the word "scheduled" from "multiple games scheduled on the same day" and to read "If a pitcher throws 45 or fewer pitches in game one of multiple games on the same day, he may return to pitch in game two, up to 105 pitches total for the day. If a pitcher were to throw more than 45 pitches in game one, he would be ineligible to pitch in game two." The word "schedule" makes the statement a little ambiguous and removing it clarifies the rule.

Rule 1.J. Fake Tag – to read "A fake tag is an act by a defensive player without the ball that simulates a tag. A fake tag is considered obstruction." This new rule is added for player and sportsmanship in preventing possible retaliation for attempts at applying a fake tag.

Rule 3 & 4 Player Recruiting – Combined total enrollment of high schools cannot exceed 7,500 for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. An increase for high school enrollment was suggested by department chairman during their conference, however they unanimously rejected increasing the enrollment to 9,000. This increase of high school enrollment from 6,000 will assist with player recruiting efforts.

Rule 9.A. National Tournament Registration – establishes the 2022 deadline date for departments to certify their department winner. New rule to read "The department championship team must be certified to the Americanism Commission by the authorized department baseball official no later than 11:59 p.m. July 30, 2022. However, departments that fly to regional sites must certify their department champion no later than 11:59 p.m. July 28."

Rule 9.J.2. Suspended Games – add paragraph “2. Pitch Count Rule 1.R. applies to suspended games.” Adding this paragraph clarifies the pitcher’s availability to return as a pitcher in the event of a suspended game.

Rule 9.K. Minimum Active Players – change the word “transfer” to “bring up” so rule will read “Teams with fewer than 12 players are permitted to bring up players registered on their affiliated Junior American Legion Baseball team roster to the senior team in order to have 12 players but may not bring up a player to exceed 12 players.” This clarifies the rule for coaches as to if and how to bring up Junior players to their senior team for national tournament play

Note- This does not alter the dual roster rules. A program can dually roster three players from a lower division team to an upper division team, but you cannot roster from upper division to a lower division team. You can dual three players from C to B, B to A or A to AA. You cannot dual roster within the same age division.

11) Umpires-

- All umpires will be paid direct
- Re-start our evaluation process. Mark will assign evaluators around the State. If hosting a tournament, please include one of the evaluators as an umpire
- The Douglas umpiring clinic will be held February 6, 2022 at 10am

12) 2022 State/Conference Alignment

AA- All AA teams are on one conference and will play a 7 inning double header with the other AA teams. This is a two year commitment.

State tournament rotation has been adjusted as follows

- 2022- Sheridan
- 2023- Jackson
- 2024- Evanston
- 2025- Casper
- 2026- Gillette
- 2027- Laramie
- 2028- Cheyenne *
- 2029- Rock Springs*
- 2030- Casper*

* This allows these three teams to host the State tournament on the 100th anniversary of their first State Tournament win

A- This division will play a home and away 7 inning double header within their conference that will determine district tournament seeding. Top four teams from each district will advance to State

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| NE- Casper | NW- Cody |
| Buffalo | Lovell |
| Sheridan | Powell |
| SE- Douglas | SW- Riverton |
| Wheatland | Rawlins |
| Torrington | Green River |

Cheyenne

Bridger Valley

“A” District tournaments are scheduled for July 18 – 20, 2022 as follows;

West- Green River

East- Douglas

- B- This division will play a home and away 7 inning double header within their conference. The top two teams from each conference will advance to State.

NE- Sheridan

NW- Cody

Gillette

Powell

Casper

Riverton

SE- Wheatland

Cheyenne

SW- Rock Springs

Laramie

Rawlins

Casper

Green River

Jackson

- C- This division will play a home and away 7 inning double header within their conference. The top two teams from each conference will advance to State.

NE- Torrington

NW- Cody

Gillette

Powell

Buffalo

Lovell

Casper

Riverton

Douglas

Sheridan

SE- Wheatland

SW- Jackson

Casper

Rock Springs

Torrington

Evanston

Cheyenne

Green River

Laramie

Saratoga

It was decided to leave the 6 teams in the SW division to eliminate excess travel.

Tie Breaker Rules

- 1- Head to Head
- 2- Runs Allowed
- 3- Runs Scored
- 4- Coin Flip

Tie breaker rules have to be followed in order. Runs allowed and runs scored is the total number of all conference games.

Conference and State Games

NO re-entry and **NO** courtesy runner will be allowed during conference and state games. Run rule will be 10 runs after 5 innings

If you want to use re-entry and courtesy runners during regular season games, you will have to establish that at the plate meeting before each game.