

**Wyoming American Legion Baseball  
2023 Minutes  
December 3, 2022**

1) Call to Order

2) Pledge

3) Board Introductions

4) Guest Introductions

5) Team Roll Call

Buffalo	Laramie
Casper	Lovell
Cheyenne	Powell
Cody	Rawlins
Douglas	Riverton
Evanston	Rock Springs
Gillette	Saratoga
Green River	Sheridan
Jackson	Torrington
Lander	Wheatland

6) Financial Statement

7) General Policy Review

- All Form 1's, 2's, 6's 76's and 77's should be sent to

<b>Jack Simms</b>	<b>jsimms475@gmail.com</b>
<b>PO Box 50807</b>	<b>307-259-1925</b>
<b>Casper, WY 82605</b>	

ID card requests should be sent to;

**Baend Buus**  
**PO BOX 443**  
**Laramie, WY 82073**

- Social Media Policies
- **USA Baseball Annual Certification Mandatory**  
<https://www.usabdevelops.com/>  
copy and paste the above link and then click on the A Training Schedule
- 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- yearly request
- Pitch Smart and Age charts can be found on the State website. ( updated after the first of the year).
- Background Checks- required each year for all coaches and umpires  
<https://opportunities.averity.com/ALDeptWyoming>

8) Important Dates

- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>** Online team registration begins
- 16<sup>th</sup>** K&K Insurance website opens
- Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** 2022-23 American Legion Baseball rule books are available online
- 15<sup>th</sup>** **Deadline** for submitting ALB booster decal orders to National Emblem Sales
- March 1<sup>st</sup>** **Deadline for insurance to be purchased**
- 31<sup>st</sup>** Establishment of players' legal domicile (parents' domicile) and high school enrollment for grades 10, 11 and 12
- April 1<sup>st</sup>** **Deadline** for orders of the 2022 Official MLB rules for June 2023 delivery
- Deadline for all background checks and USA baseball certifications to be completed and submitted.**
- 15<sup>th</sup>** Department rule books submitted to the National office
- Report site and date of State AA and A state tournaments
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** **Deadline to register team applications and pay registration fees.**
- Department late fee of \$200 will be charged until June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- June 1<sup>st</sup>** **Deadline** for player ID card information. Include a \$5 per card fee.
- Checks should be made out to Wyoming Legion Baseball
- Deadline** for Hall of Fame Applications
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Deadline for copies of all Form 1's, Form 2's, Form 6's and insurance certificates to Jack Simms**
- 25<sup>th</sup>** **Deadline for Team Managers** to file online Form1's with the Department Chairman to be eligible for National Tournaments.
- NOTE- only one person per program should file the Form1's
- 30<sup>th</sup>** **Deadline** for the Department Baseball Chairman to clear online Form 1's with the National office to be eligible for national tournaments
- July 15<sup>th</sup>** **Deadline** for baseball scholarship application submission to Department Headquarters.
- 29<sup>th</sup>** **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.**

9) 2023 Approved Rule Changes

There are no rule changes for the 2023 season. National is **NOT** recommending we use the enlarged bases or the pitch clock.

**There is a new bat certification list that has been published by the NCAA that has incorporated both decertified and prohibited bats by color. Please refer to the State website/Equipment/NCAA Playing Rules/Bat Information/ BBCOR Certified Bat**

The State's position with guidelines for our coaches and umpires is in the process of being written and will be sent to you when it is completed.

Pitch Count- will be verified at home plate by the two head coaches and plate Umpire at least twice a game. Penalty for exceeding pitch count- both head coach and player are ejected from the game (National Rule). Knowingly violating this rule will incur an additional 2 game suspension for the first infraction, a ten (10) game suspension for the second infraction, and a permanent suspension from coaching Legion baseball for the third infraction.

The Ohtani rule will not be used in the State of Wyoming.

Plate umpires will be enforcing the bat and pitch count rules.

#### 10) Policy/Playing Proposals

The State received two proposals within the last 30 days. Any proposal to be considered for the next playing year, they must be received no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year. This will give the Board and committee time to review and respond to person/organization submitting the proposal.

- 1) A proposal was received from Luke Andrews for adding a second 15u classification to allow programs to be more competitive with their 13 year old players. After reviewing the proposal and talking with Luke, it was decided the current State rules allow the Head Coach the flexibility to provide this group competitive play within the respective program. Adding a 5<sup>th</sup> State tournament, at this time, is not feasible.
- 2) A proposal was received from Kalin Hill to move away from the A district tournaments and replace them with a 3 game seeded playoff in order to qualify 4 teams from each district to the State tournament. There are some issues with this method when you have an 8 team conference and one team is going to host the tournament. In a 7 team conference the host and #1 seed would receive a bye allowing the remaining teams to play for the final 2 spots. From a cost standpoint, this proposal may have some support going forward, but for the 2203 playing year, it will be tabled.

#### 11) District Tournaments

The "A" division is separated into an East/West conference. The West conference, due to travel restrictions, will play home/away double headers within their quadrants to determine their seeding into the District tournament. The East conference will play a single double header against the other conference teams, based on a home and away, 2 year rotating, schedule. The top 4 teams from each tournament will advance to the State tournament and be seeded into the National, 8 team, double elimination tournament.

West District- Lovell July 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>

East District- Cheyenne July 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>

13) 2023 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. The conference will re-schedule at the end of the 2023 playing season. Conference teams are as follows;

Casper	Laramie
Cheyenne	Riverton
Gillette	Rock Springs
Jackson	Sheridan

State tournament rotation has been adjusted as follows

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

This rotation can be adjusted to allow teams to host the State tournament on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their 1<sup>st</sup> state tournament win.

A- This division is split into an East/West conference, with the West conference divided into quadrants. State tournament host will be on a rotating East/West location. See District Tournament notes.

NW- Cody	East- Sheridan
Powell	Buffalo
Lovell	Gillette
Lander	Casper
	Douglas
SW- Evanston	Wheatland
Green River	Torrington
Rawlins	Cheyenne

The State champion will advance to the NWCART tournament.

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

NE- Sheridan	NW- Cody
Casper	Powell
	Lovell*
	Riverton*
SE- Wheatland	SW- Green River*
Cheyenne	Rock Springs
Laramie	Rawlins*
Torrington	

\* Unknown at this time if this team will be formed. Final determination will be made by February 1, 2023. Quadrant realignment may be adjusted.

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

NE- Sheridan	NW- Cody
Gillette	Powell
Buffalo	Lander
Douglas	Lovell
	Riverton
SE- Wheatland	SW- Jackson
Saratoga	Rawlins *
Torrington *	Rock Springs *
Cheyenne	Evanston
Laramie	Green River

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## 12) 2023 State Tournaments-

All Form 1's, Form 2'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 - Jackson

July 24-28 Coaches meeting 7/23 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- Sheridan

July 26-30 Coaches meeting 7/25 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- Rock Springs

July 20-23 Coaches meeting 7/19 at 7pm Place TBD

A standard 8 team double elimination bracket will be used

1<sup>st</sup> round will be higher seed, 2<sup>nd</sup> + 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 2006

### C- Douglas

July 13 -16 Coaches meeting will be 7/12 at 7pm Place TBD

A standard 8 team double elimination bracket will be used

1<sup>st</sup> round will be higher seed, 2<sup>nd</sup> + 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 2008 but before 2011.

## 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.

## 13) LOGO

A new logo (see below) has been approved by the National office. They are encouraging all teams to start using the new logo, "as new opportunity presents itself", in 2023.



Update to the Logo- National has informed me that Logo has been put on hold.  
We are to continue using the crossed bat patch until further notice.

## 14) Umpires-

- All umpires will be paid direct.  
Local fees will be set by the individual program.  
State rate is \$80 per game, plus mileage (.58 per mile) and per diem (\$30 per day)  
State tournament host are responsible for the cost of umpires, including motel rooms.
- Re-start our evaluation process. Gary will assign evaluators around the State. If hosting a tournament, please include one of the evaluators as an umpire
- Umpire State meeting 12/4 at 11am
- Umpire Clinic – Douglas Middle School- February 5<sup>th</sup>- 10am- Cost \$80
- Plate umpire will assume the responsibility for rule enforcement on white bats and pitch count. This will be reported immediately to both the State UIC and Chairman.
- All game ejections shall be reported within 24 hours to the State UIC and Chairman.