

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

2009 V.F.W. JUNIOR BASEBALL RULES

ARTICLE I – PLAYING REGULATIONS

All games shall be played under Minnesota High School Rules, except as follows:

- A. The uniforms requirements are:
 - 1. A complete baseball uniform of the same style and color must be worn by all members of the same team.
 - 2. Every member of each team must be in proper uniform which will consist of the Post Name and Post Number or the Community name, if the Community name is used then the uniform must have the VFW patch prominently displayed. Patches can be purchased through the State Headquarters
 - 3. An identifying number of at least 4 inches must be worn on the back of the baseball shirt.
 - 4. Copy of insurance for each Team must be shown.
- B. Two adult coaches or one coach and one active player are permitted on the coaching lines. Any player or coach making undue remarks, smoking and/or using tobacco on the field or in the dugout is to be ejected immediately from the game. A team coach must be in uniform to appear on the field. (Uniform does not necessarily have to match team uniform. No shorts.)
- C. Student/Coach Ejection from a Contest.
 - 1. Any student or coach disqualified from a contest by game officials will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled game/meet at that level of competition and all other games/meets in the interim at any level of competition.
 - 2. The second violation carries a four (4) regularly scheduled game/meet ineligibility.
- D. No team may play more than two games in one day. Extra innings in a game still count as part of the original game. Games are seven innings in duration, unless tied, then game will be continued until a winner is decided. In case game cannot be played to a full regulation seven innings, an official game will be declared if the Home Team is ahead after 4½ innings of play and ahead anytime during the same number of at bats.
- E. No player may pitch more than 14 innings in the Tournament unless he has had two consecutive days of rest. One pitch constitutes an inning, if he should only throw that much during the inning. Official scorer is responsible for keeping track.
- F. The ten (10) run rule will apply to all games at the tournament.
- G. The State V.F.W. Youth Activities Committee may prescribe such rule changes as deemed necessary for the Department Tournament.
- H. All protests regarding eligibility will be settled prior to the first pitch of the first ball game.
- I. Catchers must wear Throat Protectors.

ARTICLE II – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. Veterans of Foreign Wars Baseball Competition for 2009 is open to any player who is not 17 years old before June 1, 2009.
- B. Players must, before the start of the District and Department play, have their Birth date checked by District and Department Youth Activities Chairmen or their Tournament Director. The Birth Certificate must be the original copy or a Photostatted copy or a certified copy from the Bureau of Birth Records of the State. A Certified affidavit signed by the Clergyman on his stationery will also be accepted, also drivers license with picture.
- C. In case the player was born outside the limits of the United States, he will present such certificate as accepted by the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization.

ARTICLE III - TEAM AND PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

- A. Each team must be sponsored by a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post all season and must register on the prescribed form furnished by the Department. Three copies of the roster with team picture will be sent to the District Youth Activities Chairman by July 1st. The District Chairman will then send one set of the rosters to the State Baseball Chairman, he will also send one set with pictures to the State Tournament Chairman. These two copies must be sent by July 10th.
- B. Forms must be read by the team coach and Post Officer and duly signed by both.
- C. Each team roster must be restricted to twenty (20) players who will be eligible to play at the Department Tournament. No changes may be made on the Roster once it has been submitted to the Department Baseball Chairman.

ARTICLE IV - DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Determine the site of the Tournament. All bids for the Tournament must be sent to the Department Youth Activities Chairman and to the State Baseball Chairman at least one (1) week prior to the Fall Conference with a complete listing of the available facilities.
- B. Each District is entitled to one Championship team at the Department Tournament.
- C. All protests as to eligibility are to be settled prior to the first pitch of the first game. Birth Certificates are to be shown prior to the start of the State Tournament and registration forms must also be presented then.
- D. The State Tournament will be a double elimination Tournament and will be held the second weekend of August. The Host Post has the option of starting play on Thursday. In case of rainouts, the Tournament will be continued until completed.
- E. If the 1st falls on a Sunday, this is considered a full weekend.
- F. Trophies will no longer be given, instead medals will be purchased by the Department Youth Chairman and will be given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and Consolation (if one is played).
- G. Umpires decisions are final. V.F.W rules supersede all High School Rules.
- H. Department Chairmen will draw up the original bracketing.

ARTICLE V - DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Set up and run a District Tournament to select the representative to go to the Department Tournament.
- B. Certify eligibility. **THIS IS A MUST.**

C. **DISTRICT PLAYOFFS MUST BE COMPLETED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE DEPARTMENT TOURNAMENT.**

- D. Certify District Champion and submit a maximum list of twenty (20) eligible players and ***a team picture*** to the Tournament Director.
- E. All District Youth Chairmen will be required to attend Fall Conference. If they cannot attend, the District Commander will appoint someone (with letter to State Chairman) that they are filling in and have the voting power. If the District Commander does not have a representative or the chairman at the meeting the District Youth Chairman will be replaced by the State Commander

ARTICLE VI – HOST POST RESPONSIBILITIES

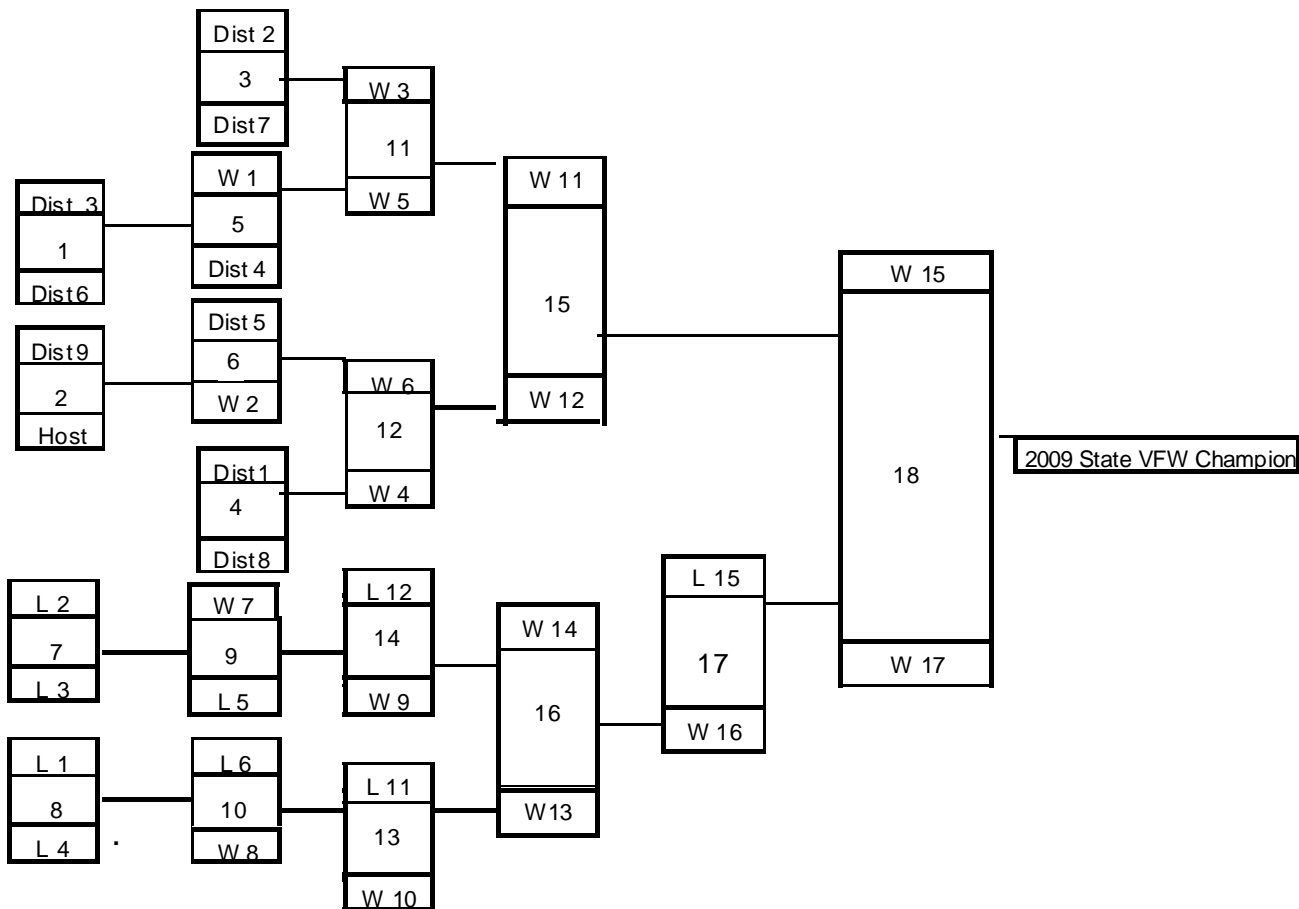
- A. Provide housing of three rooms for the Department Rep, the Department Baseball Chairman and the Department Youth Director.
- B. Must have two fields in excellent shape. One field must be lighted
- C. Have a photographer present before each first round game for official game photos.
- D. Operate the Tournament in general, handling all advertising and publicity. Contact competing teams regarding participation in the Tournament. Host Post will retain all proceeds from the Tournament.
- E. Qualified medical personnel must be present for all games.
- F. Obtain two qualified Uniformed Umpires for each game. (Three for the final game.) If they work more than one game, they shall rotate between home plate and bases.
- G. A copy of the Official Baseball Rules must be on the field in the hands of the Tournament Director.
- H. Provide protective covering for four bases and pitchers mound.
- I. ***Each Post sponsoring a team in the State Tournament is required to have a Post Representative in attendance at the Tournament. Sign in sheet at the ticket table.***
- J. The Sportmanship Code will be read on the field before all games. The Host Team Tournament Director will make sure he has copies available at all ballparks.
***** This was approved at the Fall Conference in Grand Rapids, September, 2001 *****
- K. Provide all District Youth Chairmen with Tournament passes when they are in attendance.

ARTICLE VII - PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- A. Sponsoring Post is encouraged to pay for meals and transportation for District and Department Tournaments.
- B. Sponsoring Post is also encouraged to pay for 5 rooms for players, plus 1 room for coaches, at a Hotel or Motel.
- C. Proper supervision of the team members must be provided at all times, especially at night. Action detrimental to the program by team members or coaches can mean removal of the team from the Tournament. A responsible adult, approved by the Commander will stay with the team at all times.

- D. If the District Champion or Runner Up does not compete in the Tournament, they will forfeit their Post's entry for the following year.
- E. Must be at the playing field 1 hour before game time.
- F. CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$200 (made payable to Host Post) will be given to Baseball Chairman at the time Birth Certificates are checked.
- G. At the conclusion of the tournament a check for \$1,000 will be given to the Department Youth Activities Chairman, made out by the Host Post. This check will be used to help defray the cost of jackets for the winning team. The winning team will purchase jackets, which **MUST** show that they represent the VFW. When the jackets have been purchased a copy of purchase receipt will be sent to the Department Youth Activities Chairman and they will then release the \$1,000. If the winning team does not purchase jackets, in a reasonable amount of time, the monies will be sent back to the ten teams that paid it.

THE 55th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT JUNIOR BASEBALL TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED IN ST. CLOUD ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 7, 8, 9, 2009. The Host Post will not play the team from their own District in the first round. If through normal scheduling this would normally be the case then they switch with the corresponding team in game one.



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V.F.W. JUNIOR BASEBALL
PAST TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

1955	Post 4462	WEST ST. PAUL
1956	Post 6845	ST. PAUL
1957	Post 1296	BLOOMINGTON
1958	Post 6845	ST. PAUL
1959	Post 6845	ST. PAUL
1960	Post 612	FERGUS FALLS
1961	Post 2717	ELY
1962	Post 1296	BLOOMINGTON
1963	Post 1778	WELLS
1964	Post 1287	WINONA
1965	Post 1296	BLOOMINGTON
1966	Post 5039	MORRIS
1967	Post 1648	NEW ULM
1968	Post 5516	KEEWATIN
1969	Post 1287	WINONA
1970	Post 1112	LITTLE FALLS
1971	Post 1287	WINONA
1972	Post 2717	ELY
1973	Post 1216	AUSTIN
1974	Post 1296	BLOOMINGTON
1975	Post 1296	BLOOMINGTON
1976	Post 6845	ST. PAUL
1977	Post 6845	ST. PAUL
1978	Post 1914	ST. JAMES
1979	Post 3877	ST. PAUL
1980	Post 3877	ST. PAUL
1981	Post 1648	NEW ULM
1982	Post 1296	BLOOMINGTON
1983	Post 6915	COLD SPRING
1984	Post 6210	ST. PAUL
1985	Post 1260	BEMIDJI
1986	Post 1215	ROCHESTER
1987	Post 1149	MINNEAPOLIS
1988	Post 6210	ST. PAUL
1989	Post 742	MARSHALL
1990	Post 6316	BLAINE
1991	Post 210	LAKEVILLE
1992	Post 6915	COLD SPRING
1993	Post 936	ALEXANDRIA
1994	Post 6210	ST. PAUL
1995	Post 1215	ROCHESTER
1996	Post 6210	ST. PAUL
1997	Post 1210	HASTINGS
1998	Post 6210	ST. PAUL
1999	Post 6210	ST. PAUL
2000	Post #494	CRYSTAL
2001	Post #936	ALEXANDRIA
2002	Post #6320	DULUTH
2003	Post #950	MANKATO
2004	Post #6583	CENTENNIAL
2005	Post #6210	ST. PAUL
2006	Post #230	COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
2007	Post #6210	ST. PAUL
2008	Post #6915	COLD SPRINGS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS BASEBALL
PLAYER ROSTER

DATE _____

DISTRICT # _____

POST NAME AND NUMBER _____ CITY _____

Company carrying insurance _____ Policy # _____

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Copies of Player Rosters are to: **ALL THREE COPIES TO DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION**

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Signature Post Officer _____

Manager _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Coach _____ Asst. Coach _____

WE CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE.

ALL INFORMATION ON ROSTERS MUST BE TYPED