



2022 TUCSON AREA “A” AMERICAN LEGION SEASON REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION

TEAM REGISTRATION

- Team registration www.legion.org Browse menu, click on “Programs” and in the dropdown click on “Baseball.”
- You will need to create an account.
- If you are going to have both a Senior and Junior Legion team you will need to do two separate registrations.
- Deadline to register team is **May 1, 2022.**
- List all coaches that will be on the team roster. List only those coaches that will be active during the season.
- List base high school. Reminder: maximum school enrollment Grades 10-12 is 6,000.
- User- name and password is to be submitted to Kino Baseball League so access to the team account can be accomplished for insurance payment and roster submission.
- Click “Submit” registration for review and approval by the Department Commander.

BACKGROUND CHECKS:

- Required annually.
- Each individual coach listed on the registration account must go into the team legion account through the legion website and complete the questionnaire and then submit.
- Individual whose background check comes back as failed, will have the opportunity to submit an appeal and re-submit the questionnaire.
- Coaches listed on the team account must complete the background check process by **May 10, 2021.**
- Team insurance cannot be paid until all coaches listed on the team account have passed background checks.

INSURANCE:

- The league will pay each team’s fees and medical/accident and liability insurance through each team’s legion account upon successful completion of background checks.
- Insurance payment deadline is **May 15, 2022.**
- Teams cannot practice as an American Legion team until insurance payment has been processed.
- Individual gets injured and requires treatment prior to the team insurance payment is made, the individual will be required to use their own personal health insurance plan and provider.
- The insurance is good only for the summer league season—it does not carry over.

PLAYER REGISTRATION:

- Players are required to register at www.kinobaseball.com
- Browse main menu “Legion:
- Drop down click on “Registration”
- Parents will have to set up account and pay fee on-line.
- Be sure that parent indicates the name of the team on the registration application.
- Fee Schedule: \$160.00. Registration dates: April 1 to May 15. Starting May 16 fee goes to \$175.00
- June 1st registration is closes.
- Player turning age 20 during 2022 calendar year is not eligible to play.
- Junior Legion age range is 13-17. Player turning 18 during 2022 calendar year are not permitted to play on a Junior Legion roster.

TEAM ROSTER:

- Minimum 14 players; Maximum 18 players
- Players that are in college and wish to play Legion and are age eligible they must return back to the legion team that they played for in 2019.
- College players who are league age eligible and did not play on a Legion team in 2021 are permitted to play on a Legion team that is nearest to their home domicile. No Exceptions.
- Coaches are to enter player information for team roster through legion account prior to start of season (June 1st). DO NOT SUBMIT. **Final submission of team roster JUNE 6, 2022.**
- Only two ways a player can be replaced on a team roster 1) Players enters the armed services or 2) Player passes away.

PLAYER DOCUMENTS:

- Manager of the Legion team is responsible for downloading from the team legion account FORM #2. This form is mandatory for every registered player.
- Player/Parent complete this form and return to the Manager.
- Returning players (if age eligible) who played Legion in 2021 will need to provide the Manager with the following:
 - Form 2 (from legion web site) completed and signed by parent/legal guardian.
- New Players playing Legion for the first time in 2021:
 - Form 2 (from legion website) filled out and signed by parent/legal guard.
 - Copy of Proof of Birth
- **Submission of the Form #2 to the league is required on/or before June 6, 2022. Form can electronically e-mailed (both sides) to kinobl@comcast.net**
- **Coaches are to hold onto all player proof of birth documents. If they are required during the season, the league will make such a request to the coach.**
- NOTE: FORM 76: is required for a player that is released by a legion team manager and goes play on another legion team. If you have such a player this form will be required to be completed by the parent and submitted to the Team Manager.

INSURANCE:

- The Legion insurance provides for both medical/accident and liability coverage for each team and player.
- When the team insurance is paid by the league, the team manager will be receiving a copy of the certificate of insurance to have in their possession during the season.
- The insurance benefit covers ONLY Legion practices and games. If a player plays on a tournament team (Non-Legion Sanction event) and gets injured the insurance benefit is not eligible to be used.
- Player gets injured and requires medical treatment, the team manager is to notify the Kino Baseball League office within 24 hours of the incident. Claim forms will be processed and sent to the team manager who will in turn present to the parents of the injured player to complete, sign and submitted to the insurance carrier.

REGULAR SEASON:

- Schedule calendar window for regular season-June 6 to July 2 (Both Senior and Junior Legion Divisions)
- Number of Games 12
- Days of Play Junior Legion Division:
 - Plan is to play doubleheaders on Saturdays and one game during the weeknight (subject to change)
- Days of Play Senior Legion Division:
 - Monday through Thursday Friday if only needed to make up a game(s).
 - No weekends unless rain outs back up the schedule.
- Game times during weeknights: 7:00 PM (both Junior and Senior Divisions)
- Game times Saturday mornings for Junior Legion: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
- Senior Legion Games will be 7 innings in length, with 2 extra innings used if there is a tie after seven (7) innings. Game that is tied after 9 innings is officially a tie in the standings. Junior Legion no extra innings are played if both teams are tied either after 7 innings or time limit has been reached.
- There is no time limit Senior Legion. 2:00 hour time limit for Junior Legion regular season games.
- Team must have nine (9) players to start and finish a game.
- Forfeit time is game time.
- Two forfeits in same season, team is removed from the game schedule and will no longer be able to participate in the league.
- Standings are maintained. The mission of legion baseball is to be competitive and provide a program setting that allows teams to advance and participate in the National Legion post-season tournament that plays State, Region and World Series levels. Legion baseball plays straight up baseball.
- Rules are mainly Official Professional Rules (MLB) supplemented by a few Legion and Local Area "A" League rules. NFHS rules are not utilized at any level of legion play.

POST-SEASON (ONLY IF NATIONAL LEGION MOVES FORWARD -PANDEMIC STATUS WILL BE DETERMINING FACTOR)

SENIOR LEGION DIVISION

Teams wishing to participate in the National American Legion tournament season are required to commit 100% to all levels of the tournament from State to Region to World Series. The tournament season runs from middle of July to the middle of August.

It must be understood before committing to play in the Legion tournament season, that if your team advances there is the possibility that with the way Arizona school schedule is structured, that players will miss portions of the early part of the school year.

You cannot just play in the state tournament and then if the team wins, decide not to play in the Regional tournament.

If you do not wish to participate in the Senior Legion Division post-season tournament, please advise prior to the start of the season. Teams are still welcomed to play in the Legion Area "A" League regular season.

HOW TEAMS QUALIFY SENIOR LEGION:

In 2022, the final regular season league standings will determine the teams that qualify for the state tournament. The number of teams that will qualify and advance will be determined prior to the start of the season. There will be no post-season league qualifying tournament. The 2022 Department State tournament site to be determined.

JUNIOR LEGION DIVISION:

The Junior Division does not have the three tournament levels as the Senior Division. The state level is the only Legion tournament that is conducted.

The league final standings will determine who advances. The number of teams to advance will be determined prior to the start of the season.

The American Legion Baseball Scholarship

The American Legion awards between \$22,000 and \$25,000 in scholarships to deserving baseball players each year. Each Department Baseball Committee may select a player from its department to receive this scholarship. The American Legion will award several scholarships each year depending on the number of applicants and interest earned from the trust fund.

Award Amounts

Department Baseball Scholarship Winners receive \$500.

Each certified Department Baseball scholarship winner shall be considered for The American Legion All-Academic Team sponsored by Diamond Sports, annually.

Eight players selected by a scholarship selection committee at The American Legion World Series will receive an additional \$2,500 scholarship.

A ninth player, selected as the most outstanding member of the All-Academic Team, will be awarded an additional \$5,000 scholarship.

All-Academic Team winners will retain their \$500 scholarship from their department.

Scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships immediately upon graduation from an accredited high school. Scholarship winners must utilize the total award within eight (8) years of their graduation date, excluding active military time.

To apply visit www.legion.org/scholarships/baseball

2022 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TIME- LINE**KEY DATES:**

April 1	Player on-line registration opens \$160.00
May 1	Registration deadline to enter a team.
May 10	Deadline for coach back- ground check submission
May 15	Medical/Accident/Liability Insurance paid for each registered team (by the league).
May 16	Registration Fee increases to \$175.00
June 1	Last day for player registrations
June 4	Junior Legion Season begins
June 6	Senior Legion Season begins
July 1	Regular Season Ends (if no rain outs)
July 5-6-7	Rain out Make Up Week (if needed)

POST-SEASON

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT STATE TOURNAMENT - Format, Dates, and location to be determined.

- If tournament not played in Tucson, the Department of Arizona American Legion pays for the players and coaches hotel and per diem. Teams responsible for their own transportation to the State tournament site.

WEST REGION @ Fairfield, California August 3-7

- Transportation, hotel and daily per diem provided to players and coaches by American Legion

WORLD SERIES @ Shelby, North Carolina August 10.

- Transportation, hotel and daily per diem provided to players and coaches by American Legion