



Washington American Legion Baseball  
Area III  
Spokane American Legion



To: Washington American Legion Baseball (WALB) Commissioners, Coaches,  
Executive Boards and Team Administrators

From: Andy Franklin, Area III Senior Commissioner

Re: 2017 WALB State AAA Tournament Information

Congratulations on your teams advancing to the 2017 ALB “AAA” State Tournament.  
The tournament is being held at Al K Jackson Field and Hart Field in Spokane.

***The MANDATORY coaches/umpire meeting is Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> during the BBQ.***

It is important that you read this document PRIOR to arrival and complete the  
**REQUIRED ACTIONS** in the following check list:

	ACTION REQUIRED:	DEADLINE
	Send team photo for program: Andy Franklin <a href="mailto:afranklin1832@yahoo.com">afranklin1832@yahoo.com</a> 509-720-0059	NOW
	RSVP for BBQ: Toni Hansen (509) 869-0619 toni@donedetailz.com	NOW
	Bring your team book for review at the coach/umpire meeting	7/21/17
	Ensure your fans know that personal coolers are not allowed at Parker Field	ASAP
	Get you hotel rooms booked –information below	ASAP



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**Tournament Key Contacts**

- Hart Field Site Tournament Director: Bob Little (509) 710-3573
- Selah Site Tournament Director: Paul Carrol (509) 979-8028
- Commissioner In-Charge: Andy Franklin (509) 720-0059  
[Afranklin1832@yahoo.com](mailto:Afranklin1832@yahoo.com)
- Commissioner Area 3: Steve Harrison (509) 339-3903  
[L\\_j\\_jarrison@yahoo.com](mailto:L_j_jarrison@yahoo.com)

**Tournament Game Times:** See Tournament bracket for detailed game times.

**Tournament BBQ:** Friday July 21 2017 at 6p @ Red Lion River Inn

**Tournament Locations:** Al K Jackson Field -near Shadle High School and Hart Field –near Lewis & Clark High School

**Hotel Information:** The Red Lion River Inn has been designated as the host hotel for the 2017 Washington AAA State Tournament. They are 80 hotel rooms have been reserved for out of town teams (coaches and players only) at Red Lion River Inn located in beautiful downtown Spokane. Teams must call, and pay for the hotel on their own.

Confirmations will be on a first come, first serve basis – call as soon as you know your team is in the tournament! Rates are \$129.00.

Below is the number of teams that are able to stay at each of the following locations:

**Red Lion River Inn**  
**(509) -323-2579**  
[Bethany.anderson@redlion.com](mailto:Bethany.anderson@redlion.com)



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**TICKET PRICES**

Site 1 games will be played at Al K Jackson Field. Site 2 games will be played at Hart Field

Single day passes and tournament passes will be valid at both sites.

**TOURNAMENT PASSES**

Tournament wristbands are valid for all days of competition. Wristbands must be worn and shown at the gate for entry into each complex.

Family Pass (two adults, three children under 18).....	\$50
Adult Pass.....	\$20
Senior/Student Pass.....	\$15

**SINGLE DAY PASSES**

Single day passes are valid for only that day of competition. Passes must be shown at the gate for entry into each complex.

Adults.....	\$7
Seniors/Students.....	\$5
Scouts, Coaches Spouses, Military and Children 12 & under....	Free

**\*\*Purchases must be made with either cash or check at the gate. Thank you!\*\***

**NO PERSONAL COOLERS will be allowed at Parker Field.** Teams/players are allowed coolers within their dugout

**NO** pets allowed at either ballpark.



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**WALB “AAA” State Rules/Notes addendum**

**Uniforms/Form 1:** Uniforms: Home team will wear white or light color tops & preferably white pants visiting team will wear dark tops & preferably gray pants. Do NOT wear same color of uniform tops. Any player, coach or manager who does not have an American Legion Baseball insignia on either the left sleeve or left chest of his uniform shirt, wind shirt, jacket or alternate jersey will be removed from the game.

**Conduct.** Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of the department chairman or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the department baseball committee. The department baseball committee’s decision will be final.

**Heckling.** No player, coach, manager or other party associated with an American Legion Baseball team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players, team officials or umpires. The umpire will eject from the game any individuals violating this regulation.

**Home/Away teams:** Coin flip for home/away for entire tournament @ coach’s meeting prior to start of tournament or may be completed by the WALB prior to the coach’s meeting

**Line-up Cards:** legible line-up cards with first and last names must be completed and given to the announcers in the press box, forty-five (45) minutes prior to the game.

**Batting practice:** Teams should arrange for field and batting practice times with Tournament Officials. No hitting into fences at any of the fields.

**National Tournament Tie Breaker Criteria**

- a) Head to Head play
- b) Total runs allowed divided by defensive innings played

**Protests & Appeals:**

- c) Written Proof: All protests of player eligibility must be specific, with written proof. All protests shall be filed with the department in accordance with department baseball rules. All protests must indicate the specific rule that is alleged to have been violated.
- d) Forfeitures: If a player is ruled ineligible, he shall be disqualified immediately and all games in which the disqualified player participated shall be forfeited.
- e) Game Protest: Protests of Official Baseball Rules during actual game conditions must be filed with the umpire-in-chief before the next legal pitch



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**Ejection rule:** Players and coaches ejected from a State game must be reported to the Commissioner-in-charge by the umpire in-charge, and must sit out the next State game, unless appealed by the team and reinstated by the Commissioner-in-charge. If a second ejection from a State game should occur, the player and/or coach will be dismissed for the remainder of the Tournament. **UMPIRES:** Will have the discretion of administering restraint prior to ejecting someone. Warnings and restricting coaches/players to the dugout is allowed prior to an ejection.

**Rainout procedure:** In case of rainouts or rain delays, suspended games must be completed prior to the start of the next scheduled game. Teams will be notified by the Tournament Director or Commissioner-in-charge. All games will be moved one day at a time for rainouts.

**Lightning Procedure:** When thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.

f) Thirty-minute rule: Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.

g) Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

h) Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel

**PLAYING RULES:** American Legion Baseball playing rules

**Suspended Games.** Suspended games will be completed from the point of suspension.

i) A suspended game completed on the following day will not count toward two games and these teams can still play an additional two full games.

A suspended game completed on the following day will not count toward two (2) games in Rule 1.I. These teams can still play an additional two (2) full games.

**2) All "AAA" State Tournament and the Championship game are nine innings.**

**3) TEN RUN MERCY RULE:** The ten run rule will apply to league, district and state games; after 6 ½-7 innings in a 9 inning game. Ten run mercy rules are in effect for all games except the Championship Game.

Good Luck to all!!