



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
2018 AAA STATE TOURNAMENT



ED WHEELER FIELD
CENTRALIA, WA BORST PARK

WF WEST HS
CHEHALIS, WA 342 SW 16TH ST

July 28th – August 2nd

MEMO

To: American Legion Baseball AAA State Tournament Qualifiers
From: Area 2 Senior Commissioner in charge: Jim Hayes
Tournament Directors: Marc Roberts, Jake LeDuc, Tim Gilmore,
Re: 2018 ALB AAA State Tournament

Congratulations on your teams advancing to the 2018 ALB AAA State Tournament. The 2018 AAA State Tournament is being held at Wheeler Field in the Borst Park Complex and at WF West HS Field in Chehalis. ALB Area 2 will host 16 teams from around the State. The AAA State Tournament will be 16 team double elimination bracket state tournament. All head coaches are required to RSVP by Tuesday July 24th with the number of players/coaches that are expected to attend the dinner on Friday, July 27th, hosted at the Borst Park Kitchen beginning at 5:30. A keynote address will take place that night at Wheeler Field at 7:00 featuring ABCA Hall of Fame coach Ed Cheff.

Mandatory coaches/umpire meeting is Friday, July 27th at 6:00 pm in Borst Park. Remember to bring your team kit & required paperwork to the Tournament! All teams that qualify need to have rosters added to game changer. Team picture needs to be sent to rgwhitney20@gmail.com by Monday July 23rd.

Contact information

Marc Roberts 360 508-3213
Jake LeDuc 360 888-6801
Tim Gilmore 360 269-4862

Included in this handout is tournament information that has directions and other items of interest.

We are pleased to be hosting this year's American Legion Baseball Tournament and are looking forward to watching some great baseball. Good Luck to everyone and we look forward to meeting the team managers, coaches and officials on Friday, July 27th.

Tournament Game Times: See Tournament Format for detailed game times. Game times will generally run at 10,1, 4, 7.

Tournament Dinner: RSVP by Tuesday July 24th.

Tournament Locations: Ed Wheeler Field Borst Park Complex Centralia, WA
WF West HS 342 SW 16th Chehalis, WA

Tournament Hotel: See list of hotels. Since this is the high season for Washington's tourism trade, **it is very important that each Team Manager guarantee their teams "rooms"**. It would be very wise for all Managers to call the reservation desk and with your credit card, guarantee the rooms for your respective teams.

Tournament Admission: There will be a daily gate admission charged at this tournament. Admission will be good at both sites per day. Adults are \$5.00 per day. Seniors and students are \$3.00 per day. Children under six years of age and Veterans will be admitted free. Daily Family Pass \$12.00 (2 Adults + 3 children)
Players and coaches in uniform will ONLY be admitted at no cost.

Ticket Prices: ***WE DECIDED TO NOT DO TOURNAMENT PASSES. DAILY ADMISSION WILL BE CHARGED AND A TICKET WILL BE PROVIDED TO LEAVE AND RE ENTER OR GO TO THE OTHER SITE.***

Adults.....	\$5
Seniors & Students (7-18 yrs).....	\$3
Family (2 Adults + 3 children)	\$ 12
Military Veterans & Children under 6	Free



HOTEL DIRECTORY

It is strongly recommended that hotel reservations be made as far in advance as possible to avoid potential conflicts with vacancies.

Peppermill Empress Inn 360 330-9441	1234 Alder Street	Centralia
Best Western Plus Park Place Inn 360 748-4040	201 Interstate Avenue	Chehalis
King Oscar 360 736-1661	1049 Eckerson Rd	Centralia
Motel 6 360 330-2057	1310 Belmont Ave	Centralia
Great Wolf Lodge 360 273-7718	20500 Old Hwy 99 SW	Centralia
Holiday Inn Express 360 740-1800	730 Liberty Place	Chehalis
Lakeview Inn 360 736-9344	1325 Lakeshore Dr.	Centralia
Fairfield Inn & Suites 360 858-5757	6223 97 th Ave. SW	Rochester

2018 ALB AAA State Tournament Rules

General Playing Rules & Guidelines

- 1) **Uniforms/Team Kit:** Coaches and players must be in uniform and also listed on Form 1 to be allowed in dugout and on playing field. Official ALB patches must be worn at all times. Players and coaches not wearing official ALB patch will be removed from the contest. Be prepared to have your team kit reviewed by Commissioners, to include Form 1 rosters, player Form 2's, birth certificates, and insurance certificates.
- 2) **Tournament Admissions:** It is very important for our coaches/managers to notify your players, families and fans that there will be a daily Tournament admissions charged at the gate.

3)

FAMILY TOURNAMENT PASS	\$12.00
SINGLE GAME ADULT	\$5.00
SENIORS & STUDENTS (11-18 years)	\$3.00
MILITARY & CHILDREN UNDER 10 years	Free

- 3) **Home/Away teams:** The higher seeded team will be the home team on day 1. The home dugout is the first base dugout at both sites. There will then be a meeting each day at the field site 2 hours prior to game 1 to determine coin flips. A team representative need be present. If no one represents, that team will become the visitor.
Exception: The host team will always have their choice of dugout throughout the tournament and play the evening games on day 1 and day 2.
- 4) **Line-up Cards:** legible line-up cards with first and last names of players and coaches must be completed and given to the announcers in the press box, forty-five (45) minutes prior to the game.
- 5) **Batting practice:** Teams should arrange for field and batting practice times with Tournament Officials. No hitting into fences at any of the fields. Batting cages will be available at both tournament locations and will be available to teams for 30 minutes before teams' scheduled start times. Centralia, home team will hit 1 hour and 45 minutes prior to game. Visitors will hit 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to game. The Chehalis cage is a short drive to the field from Stan Hedwall Park so visiting teams need to plan accordingly. IN/OF only if time allows & teams must be ready for infield/outfield practice when their time comes.
- 6) **Infield/Outfield:** Teams must be ready for infield/outfield practice when their time comes. Home team will take infield first, 30 minutes prior to game time and visitors 20 minutes prior to game time. Maximum 10-minute infield/outfield practice. There may be times when scheduled games enter extra innings, therefore infield/outfield may not be allowed.
- 7) All AAA State Tournament games are seven innings.
- 8) Coaches are encouraged to call their respective newspapers, bloggers prior to 10:00 p.m. and report game results and highlights.
- 9) **TEN RUN MERCY RULE:** The ten run rule will apply to league, district and state games; 4½-5 innings in a seven inning game.
- 10) **No Fakes to third base:** OBR 3 to 1 move is illegal.
- 11) **Warm-up Pitches:** Maximum of 5 warm-up pitches between innings for pitchers.

12) Pitching/innings – Daily maximum pitches 105. 0-30 = 0 days. 31-45 = 1 day . 46-60 = 2 days. 61-80 = 3 days
81+ = 4 days. No player may make more than 2 appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive 3-day period.

13) FORCE SLIDE RULE is same as NCAA (8.4)

On any force play, the runner must slide on the ground and in a direct line between two bases. It is permissible for the sliders momentum to carry him through the base in the baseline extended. Contact with a fielder is legal, and interference shall not be called if the runner makes a legal slide directly to the base and the baseline extended. If contact occurs on top of the base as a result of a pop-up slide, this contact is legal. PENALTY for force slide infraction is to call the runner out for the interference and the Batter-Runner also, regardless if the defense could have completed the double play.

14) INTENTIONAL WALKS: OBR – NO pitches need to be thrown to hitter.

15) Balks: OBR – balks are live.

16) Bat Rule:

1. Wood bat. The bat must be a smooth, rounded stick not more than $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter at neither its thickest part nor more than 42 inches in length. An indentation in the end of the bat up to 1 inch in depth is permitted (cupped bats).
2. Non-wood bats. Metal, ceramic, composite or graphite bats may be used provided they do not exceed 36 inches in length and the maximum diameter is $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches.
3. Any non-wood bat must have the BBCOR certification code marked on the barrel of the bat.
4. Any non-wood bat that does not display the approved certification mark or in the umpire's judgment has been altered shall be removed from the game, and the player and team manager shall be ejected.

17) Ejection from the Ballpark. Any player, coach or manager ejected by an umpire must leave the ballpark.

18) 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.

19) Protests & Appeals: Same procedure as NFHS. Protest committee will be final decision by umpire

20) 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.

21) Designated Hitter (DH) Rule. Senior ALB programs and all senior tournaments shall use the American League designated hitter rule as published in Official Baseball Rules.

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Team/Coaches/Fans Tournament Dinner

Friday July 27th @ 5:30 PM

At Borst Park Kitchen # 1

Players and coaches eat for free

Parents and fans will be charged \$5.00

**Hall of Fame Collegiate Coach Ed Cheff will present a keynote
welcome address at Wheeler Field at 7:00 that night.**

**Mandatory coaches meeting @ 6:00pm at Borst Park
Kitchen # 2.**

**Each team MUST have a representative @ coaches meeting.
All team kits will be collected & reviewed.**