



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
2018 A STATE TOURNAMENT

SOUTHEAST ATHLETIC COMPLEX
(RAINIER BEACH HIGH SCHOOL)
SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC COMPLEX
(CHIEF SEALTH HIGH SCHOOL)
SEATTLE, WA
July 28th – August 2nd



MEMO

To: American Legion Baseball A State Tournament Qualifiers
From: Area 1 Commissioners: Andy Hanson, Rob Reese, Les Martin
Area 2 Senior Commissioner in charge: Jim Hayes
Tournament Directors: Bookie Gates, Ryan Brown, Jasmine Vail
Date: June 23, 2018
Re: 2018 ALB A State Tournament

Congratulations on your teams advancing to the 2018 ALB A State Tournament. The 2018 A State Tournament is being held at Southeast Athletic Complex (Rainier Beach High School) & Southwest Athletic Complex (Chief Sealth High School) in Seattle, WA. ALB Area 1 will host 16 teams from around the State. The A 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 Renton High School.

Mandatory coaches/umpire meeting is Friday, July 27th at 7:00pm. 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 Jasmine Vail on Monday July 23rd.

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Included in this handout is tournament information that has directions and other items of interest. We recommend that your teams stay at the local hotels in Renton, WA and SeaTac, WA. Please coordinate your room reservations with the hotels director. Also, you'll find a listing of local accommodations for your stay in the Seattle area, as well as a copy of the tournament schedule.

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 on p8-p9.

Tournament Dinner: RSVP by Tuesday July 24th. See p6.

Tournament Locations: Southeast Athletic Complex (Rainier Beach High School)
8815 Seward Park Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118

Southwest Athletic Complex (Chief Sealth High School)
8402 30th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126

Tournament Hotel: See list of hotels on p3-p.4. 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 gate admission charged at this tournament. Seniors and students are \$4.00 per day. Children under ten years of age and active Military families will be admitted at no charge. Players and coaches in uniform will ONLY be admitted at no cost.

Ticket Prices:

TOURNAMENT PASSES	
Family Pass (2 adults plus 3 children)	\$50
Adult Single Pass	\$20
Seniors & Students (11-18 yo)	\$15
SINGLE SESSION	
Adults.....	\$5
Seniors & Students (11-18 yo).....	\$4
Active Military & Children under 10 yo	Free



HOTEL DIRECTORY

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

Red Lion Renton – 50 rooms

\$179 single/double

One South Grady Way 425.226.7700
Renton, WA 98057

- Includes breakfast, parking, wifi
- Must book by July 6, 2018 – please reference American Legion WA State Tournament block
- Reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to arrival with no penalty
- Guests can check out with no penalty if eliminated from tournament with 24-hour notification

Red Lion SeaTac – 20 rooms

\$179 single/double

18220 International Blvd 206.246.5535
Seattle, WA 98188

- Includes Breakfast, parking, wifi
- Must book by July 13, 2018 Call hotel or online (www.redlion.com) with group code **BASE0727**
- Reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hours before arrival with no penalty
- Guests can check out before 4pm to avoid a \$50 early check out fee

Hampton Inn Seattle Airport – 16 rooms

\$189 single/double

206.878.1700

19445 International Blvd
Seattle, WA 98188

- Includes breakfast, parking, wifi
- Book by July 5, 2018
- Call hotel and request a room in the American Legion Block or use booking link:
https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hp/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=SEASTHX&spec_plan=CHHBBB&arrival=20180727&departure=20180802&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT
- Can cancel 48 hours prior with no penalty
- No penalty for early departure if team is eliminated – must stay the night of elimination

Ramada Tukwila Southcenter – 10 rooms

\$179 single/double

425.226.1812

15901 W Valley Hwy
Tukwila, WA 98188

- Includes breakfast, parking, wifi
- Book by July 13, 2018
- Call hotel and request American Legion Baseball 16U room block
- Can cancel 48 hours prior with no penalty
- No penalty for early departure if team is eliminated – must stay the night of elimination

Holiday Inn Express SeaTac Airport – 8 rooms

\$190 single/double

206.824.3200

19621 International Blvd
SeaTac, WA 98188

- Includes breakfast, parking, wifi
- Book by July 6, 2018 Call hotel directly
- Can cancel 48 hours prior with no penalty
- No penalty for early departure if team is eliminated – must stay the night of elimination

Fairfield Inn Marriott Seattle Sea-Tac Airport – 8 rooms

\$184 single/double

19631 International Blvd
SeaTac WA 98188

206.824.9909

- Includes breakfast, parking, wifi
- Book by July 6, 2018 Call hotel directly
- Can cancel 48 hours prior with no penalty
- No penalty for early departure if team is eliminated – must stay the night of elimination

2018 ALB A 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 Tournament admissions charged at the gate.
- 3) **Recommended fees are subject to change**

FAMILY TOURNAMENT PASS (2 Adults plus all family children)	\$50.00
ADULT SINGLE TOURNAMENT PASS	\$20.00
SINGLE GAME ADULT	\$5.00
SENIORS & STUDENTS (11-18 years)	\$4.00
MILITARY & CHILDREN UNDER 10 years	Free

- 4) **Home/Away teams:** At the managers meeting, on the evening prior to the tournament beginning, the tournament director (senior commissioner) will oversee the coin flips, in advanced, for every game throughout the tournament.
Exception: The host team will always have their choice of dugout throughout the tournament and play the evening games on days 1 & 2.
- 5) **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.
- 6) **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 up to 90 minutes before teams' scheduled start times. IN/OF only if time allows & teams must be ready for infield/outfield practice when their time comes.
- 7) **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.
- 8) All A State Tournament games are seven innings.
- 9) Coaches are encouraged to call their respective newspapers, bloggers prior to 10:00 p.m. and report game results and highlights.
- 10) **TEN RUN MERCY RULE:** The ten run rule will apply to league, district and state games; 4½-5 innings in a seven inning game.
- 11) **Substitutions and Re-entry:** follow the same guidelines as NFHS. Starters only may re-enter (once) after being substituted for.
- 12) **Courtesy Runners** JUNIOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL may use the courtesy runner rule for their respective Junior American Legion program: "Teams have the option to use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher at any time. The umpire-in-chief shall record courtesy runner participation and announce it to the official scorer. For speed-up purposes, it is recommended that the courtesy runner be used with two men out in all games." CLARIFICATION the courtesy runner rule does not apply to a pinch-hitter for the catcher unless the catcher has been re-entered. A team may not use the same runner for the pitcher and catcher in the same inning. The courtesy runner may not be removed from a base to become a pinch hitter. A player removed from the game may not be used as a courtesy runner. Should the courtesy runner pinch hit, pinch run or enter the game at any position, he will no longer be eligible to be a courtesy runner. A player who violates the courtesy runner rule is considered an illegal substitute.
- 13) **Designated Hitter** JUNIOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL may use the following designated hitter (DH) Rule for their respective Junior American Legion program: "A hitter may be (not mandatory) designated for any one starting player (not just pitchers) and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game. A starting defensive player cannot be listed as the designated hitter in the starting lineup. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and

his name shall be included on the lineup cards presented to the umpire-in-chief and to the official scorer. Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter in that game. If a pinch hitter or pinch runner for the designated hitter is used, that player becomes the new designated hitter. A designated hitter and the player for whom he is batting are locked into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation.”
CLARIFICATION The role of the designated hitter is terminated for the remainder of the game when a) the defensive player, or any previous defensive player for whom the designated hitter batted, subsequently bats, pinch-hits or pinch-runs for the designated hitter, or b) the designated hitter or any previous designated hitter assumes a defensive position.

14) No Fakes to third base: OBR 3 to 1 move is illegal.

15) Warm-up Pitches: Maximum of 5 warm-up pitches between innings for pitchers.

16) Pitching/innings - JUNIOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL No player may pitch more than a total of 10 innings during any consecutive three-day period. No player may make more than three appearances as a pitcher during any consecutive three-day period. PENALTY – The game shall be forfeited if a protest is filed with the umpire-in-chief before the last out of the game. 1. Should a double or triple play cause a pitcher to exceed the permitted 10 innings in three consecutive days, that action in and of itself shall not be construed as a violation of this rule. 2. Any player may be removed from the pitching position and remain in the game at another position. However, a pitcher will be automatically removed when a coach makes two trips to the mound in the same inning, and that player cannot return as a pitcher in that game.

17) 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.

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

19) Balks: OBR – balks are live.

20) Bat Rule:

1. Wood bat. The bat must be a smooth, rounded stick not more than $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter at 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.

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

22) 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.

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

24) 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.

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Team/Coaches/Fans Tournament Dinner

Friday July 27th @ 6:00 PM

Mandatory coaches meeting @ 7:00pm. Each team MUST have a representative @ coaches meeting. All team kits will be collected & reviewed.

RENTON HIGH SCHOOL
400 S 2nd St, Renton, WA 98057



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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

2018 A State Tournament Format
RAINIER BEACH HIGH SCHOOL
Seattle, Washington
July 28th – August 2nd

Saturday (Day 1) - July 28

****Session 1 – Doubleheader****

Game 1 Area TBD vs. Area TBD 10:00 am
Game 2 Area TBD vs. Area TBD 1:00 pm

****Session 2 – Doubleheader****

Game 3 Area TBD vs. Area TBD 4:00 pm
Game 4 Area TBD vs. Area TBD 7:00 pm

If Host loses Game # 4 they will play in the Game # 8 slot on Day 2. Regularly scheduled games 7 & 8 will back up one game slot on Day 2

Sunday (Day 2) - July 29

****Session 3 – Doubleheader****

Game 5 Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 3 (Loser out) 10:00 am
Game 6 Loser game 2 vs. Loser game 4 (Loser out) 1:00 pm

****Session 4 – Doubleheader****

Game 7 Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 3 4:00 pm
Game 8 Winner game 2 vs. Winner game 4 7:00 pm

Monday (Day 3) - July 30

****Session 5 – Doubleheader****

Game 9 Winner game 6 vs. Loser game 7 (Loser out) 12:00 pm
Game 10 Winner game 5 vs. Loser game 8 (Loser out) 3:00 pm

****Session 6****

Game 11 Winner game 7 vs. Winner game 8 6:00 pm

Tuesday (Day 4) - July 31

****Session 7****

Game 12 Winner game 9/10 vs. Loser game 11 12:00 pm
(Loser out if second loss)

****Session 8****

Game 13 Winner game 10/9 vs. Winner game 11 3:00 pm
(Loser out if second loss)

BRACKET CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

Wed (Day 5) – August 1

****Session 9 SWAC****

Game 14 Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13 10:00 am
Game 15 If Necessary 1:00 pm

Wed (Day 5) – August 1

****Session 10 RB****

Game 16 Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13 1:00 pm
Game 17 If Necessary 4:00 pm

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

Thurs (Day 6) – August 2

****Session 9****

Game 18 Winner SWAC bracket vs. Winner RB bracket 12:00 pm

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SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC COMPLEX
Seattle, Washington
July 28th – August 2nd

Saturday (Day 1) - July 28

****Session 1– Doubleheader****

Game 1	Area TBD	vs.	Area TBD	9:00 am
Game 2	Area TBD	vs.	Area TBD	12:00 pm

****Session 2– Doubleheader****

Game 3	Area TBD	vs.	Area TBD	3:00 pm
Game 4	Area TBD	vs.	Area TBD	6:00 pm

Sunday (Day 2) - July 29

****Session 3 – Doubleheader****

Game 5	Loser game 1	vs.	Loser game 3 (Loser out)	10:00 am
Game 6	Loser game 2	vs.	Loser game 4 (Loser out)	1:00 pm

****Session 4 – Doubleheader****

Game 7	Winner game 1	vs.	Winner game 3	4:00 pm
Game 8	Winner game 2	vs.	Winner game 4	7:00 pm

Monday (Day 3) - July 30

****Session 5 – Doubleheader****

Game 9	Winner game 6	vs.	Loser game 7 (Loser out)	10:00 pm
Game 10	Winner game 5	vs.	Loser game 8 (Loser out)	1:00 pm

****Session 6****

Game 11	Winner game 7	vs.	Winner game 8	4:00 pm
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Tuesday (Day 4) - July 31

****Session 7****

Game 12	Winner game 9/10 (Loser out if second loss)	vs.	Loser game 11	12:00 pm
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****Session 8****

Game 13	Winner game 10/9 (Loser out if second loss)	vs.	Winner game 11	3:00 pm
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***All Games will be seven innings.*

***Pairings for Game 12 & 13 will not match previous opponents unless absolutely necessary.*

***If 3 teams in either bracket remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws a bye in Game 14*

Home/Away teams: Note 3 – At the manager/officials meeting, on the evening prior to the tournament beginning, the Tournament Director (Senior Commissioner) or the Area's District Commissioner will oversee the coin flips, in advance, for every game throughout the tournament. Top half of bracket will be considered "heads" and the bottom half of bracket will be considered "tails". Tournament Director (Commissioner) will asterisk the outcome of the toss onto the master bracket. Asterisks represent which part of the bracket will be the home team and occupy the 3rd base dugout.

Exceptions:

- 1) The host team(s) will always have their choice of dugout throughout the tournament.
- 2) The host team(s) will be guaranteed the evening games on the first two nights only.