

American Legion Baseball



Department Tournament Bid Guidelines

The Department of Texas Americanism Commission annually seeks bids to host the Department of Texas Baseball Tournament. Experienced committees and strong community support, as well as excellent ballparks, are the most important factors in obtaining a bid to host a Tournament. Hosting The American Legion, Department of Texas Tournament automatically qualifies a local team as the host team in the Department Tournament.

Any American Legion Post or community organization, within the Department, interested in submitting a bid must do so by September 19, 2008 bids for 2009 and / or 2010. The site(s) will be decided by the Baseball Committee at the Fall D.E.C. in September, 2008.

The American Legion provides...

The American Legion Department Headquarters provides for team meals, team hotel expenses (four players per room), and team mileage to the Department Tournament. Payment will be in accordance with the current Department of Texas Rule Book.

The Department Office pays mileage and Per Diem for the Department Baseball Chairman and Department Tournament Director.

Tournament format

Local organizing committee will have a host team if they meet all qualifications as set forth in the current Department of Texas Baseball Rule Book and certified by the Department Baseball Chairman. The Department Tournament will utilize a 5 -team double elimination tournament format.

The local committee provides...

The field and all costs related to it and it's maintenance, an official scorekeeper, a play by play announcer, a scoreboard keeper, tickets, gate attendants, concession and concession personnel, official American Legion Baseballs (In sufficient numbers for the tournament), a Team trophy and individual trophies for the winners, a Team trophy and individual medals or trophies for the runner-ups. The local committee shall host a pre-tournament banquet honoring the teams, for all players, managers, and coaches on the Form 1's, Department Baseball Chairman, Department Baseball Tournament Director, Department Commander, and Department representative at no cost. Other people may be charged to attend at a reasonable cost.

Financial bid

The financial bid to host a Department Tournament is \$1,500. A contract will be signed and funds are to be paid within 14 days after the close of the Tournament.

Since 1925

The American Legion has sponsored youth baseball. During the past eight decades over 10 million players have been given the opportunity to improve their skills and leadership on the Baseball Diamond.



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Suggested Ball Park Dimensions and Additional Specifications

- Coaches boxes - 20' x 10'
- Power alley - 350'
- Left field line - 300'
- Right field line - 300'
- Backstop to home plate - 45' radius
- Outfield grass line to pitching rubber 95' radius
- Side line fence - 5' high
- Outfield fence - 6' high
- Baselines to Grand Stand fences or dugouts - 30'
- Two bullpens - preferably outside the playing area
- Dugouts - 40' x 6' with helmet and bat racks
- Press box - 15' x 6' (must comfortably hold six people).
- Minimum tournament experience - Local Organizing Committee must have hosted a Department Tournament or an American Legion - eight team invitational tournament within the past five years
- Hotel(s) should be located within 20 miles of the ballpark.
- Hotel must be able to house all teams. (55 rooms per night, 37 double beds and 8 single beds).
- Additional housing for fans (30 additional rooms) within 30 miles of ballpark.
- The Tournament format will utilize a double elimination tournament in which all eight teams will play. There will be four games on days one, two and three. There will be two games on day four and one on day five (if needed).
- Host team shall be guaranteed to play the last evening game on day one only.

Department Bid Checklist

American Legion Posts interested in hosting a Department Tournament must submit a bid package by September 8 of this year for 2008 or 2009. The Post, District, or Division Commander must endorse bids. Bid package must include photos of the ballpark, letters of endorsement, and the qualifications of the host chairman and host committee. Listed below are several items, which should be addressed in the bid package.

- Describe Legion host or the city/community group wishing to host the tournament.
- List information about the local organizing committee.
- Describe prior experience of organizing committee.
- Name and qualifications of the tournament local chairman. Include name, address, phone number and email address.
- Describe financial support.
- Provide facilities information.
- Name & address of tournament ballpark.
- Provide photos of ballpark.
- Describe improvements to be made to the ballpark if a tournament is awarded.
- List name and address of the facilities owner.
- Describe physical characteristics of the ballpark (dimensions).
- Provide home plate to backstop distance.
- Provide left field (down line) distance.
- Provide right field (down line) distance.
- Provide center field distance.
- Describe permanent and temporary seating.
- Describe size and capacity of press box.
- Provide photos of available parking areas.
- Provide photos of Concession stands.
- Describe field lighting (candle power for infield and outfield).
- Provide photos of enclosed dugouts.
- Recommend a headquarters hotel and give estimated costs.
- Describe emergency medical services available at the ballpark.
- Describe nearby cultural, educational, social, and tourist attractions.
- Demonstrate media interest & support.
- Demonstrate business interest & support.
- Describe medical, safety and security support.

To obtain a sample copy of the tournament contract or tournament manual please contact us at:

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