## **Department of NH Baseball Game Policies 2024**

## ALB Rule 6E: and Affiliated Team Definition

6E: 1. For those American Legion Baseball programs that have affiliated senior and junior teams, junior eligible players may participate on both teams. However, senior eligible players may not participate on a junior team. Those eligible junior players may appear in an affiliated senior team game provided the total number of players in such senior game does not exceed 18 players.

**AFFILIATED TEAM:** Affiliated senior and junior teams must share the same base school and high school enrollment combination .

New Hampshire will allow a player from a Prep team or Junior team to participate on its affiliated senior team during the regular season as long as the prep team or junior team share the same base school as the senior team.

Recommendation: Remember, your Form 1 roster is the roster that is used if you make the state tournament. You cannot add to it unless a player goes into the service or gets hurt. So it is to your advantage that as one of the 12 senior teams with affiliations, you should be rostering 18 players. Out of those 18, a number you wish to choose as long as they are junior eligible (not 18 or 19 year olds) can also be rostered on the junior team. These players might not play too often on your senior team, but if you make the states, you have that larger roster protection. You would fill out the same forms for both the junior and senior team for those players. But with the new rule, even with your full roster of players on the senior team, you could still bring up a player from the affiliated prep and or junior team (not on the senior roster) to help on any given night as long as there are only 18 players on the bench on the senior team for that game. Also all players listed on your junior roster are eligible to play in the states.

## Completion of a regular season game with 8 players

ALB follows the major-league rule that a game must start with nine players on the field and end with nine on the field. NH will allow this policy for regular season games only.

A team must start a game with 9 players on the field. If that team uses all its players and there are no legal substitutes left on the bench and a player gets injured, that team can continue to play with 8 players on the field for the duration of the game. That injured player's spot in the line-up will then become an automatic out every time he is supposed to come to bat. If a player is tossed from a game by an umpire and there are no legal substitutes on the bench, that game will then be considered a forfeit. The team cannot continue with 8 players.