

ALL NEW HAMPHIRE TEAMS MUST ABIDE BY THE PLAN B RECRUITING RULES

PLAYER RECRUITING PLAN B RULE 4

Plan B base school recruiting allows both senior and junior Legion Baseball teams to select players who attend nearby high schools. High schools are combined to form a recruiting area. A player whose parent's domicile is nearest a base school is eligible to try out and play for the team if the player meets all other eligibility requirements and the combined enrollment of the recruiting area (combination of schools) does not exceed 5,000 students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Note: Plan B recruiting rules are more flexible but more complex than the Plan A (zoning) rules. Study these rules carefully.

A. Base school. All teams must have a base school.

1. New teams must request and receive approval for a base school from the department baseball committee at the time the team registers with the department baseball committee.
2. Existing teams may request to change their base school. This request must be in writing and approved by the department baseball committee prior to submitting National Form #1.
3. If two or more teams are sponsored by the same American Legion post or outside sponsor, the department baseball committee will assign the base school for each team.

B. Player Recruiting. Teams may select players who are enrolled on March 31, 2017, in any public, private, technical, vocational, regional or preparatory high school, or any combination.

1. Existing teams may request a new combination of schools from the department baseball committee; however, approval must be given prior to listing any player on National Form #1.
2. Teams may not recruit a player(s) from another team's base school.

CLARIFICATION

Teams may select non-base school players whose parents' or guardians' domiciles are nearest the team's base school. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest (www.mapquest.com). Teams may select player(s) who qualify under Rule 4.C.

3. Senior and Junior American Legion player(s) who qualify under Rule 4.D.
 - a) Combined total enrollment of the schools cannot exceed 5,000 for 10th, 11th and 12th grades.
4. Enrollment is determined using the number of 10th, 11th and 12th grade students officially recorded on March 31, 2016, by the state board of education or other state agency that has jurisdiction over school enrollment. Every student registered shall be counted, including special education students, physically challenged students, bilingual students, and students older than 19.
5. When single high school enrollment exceeds 5,000 students, the team that has such a school as its base school shall not recruit from any other school.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

The enrollment of the high school the player attends will be counted. Emancipated players such as college or university students or players no longer in high school must play for the team nearest their parent's or guardian's domicile or for the team they last played. Teams shall count the enrollment of the last high school attended. The school enrollment for middle schools, junior high schools and high school freshmen classes shall not be counted.

- C. Option Rule.** Players attending a high school (including freshmen) outside a team's recruiting area, may have the option of playing for the team nearest the high school the player attends or playing for the team nearest the parent's legal domicile. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest.

1. The player must complete National Declaration Form #77, on which the player declares in writing the team for which he wishes to play.
 - a) Such election shall be for the 2016 season and shall expire on Dec. 31, 2017.
2. The team manager must forward Form #77 to the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on National Form #1.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

The enrollment of the high school the player attends will be counted. Emancipated players and players enrolled in college must play for the team for which they played during the 2016 season. College players are not eligible for a transfer or option (Rule 4.C).

D. Transfer Rule. A player released from a team must obtain permission on National Transfer Form #76 from that team's manager to play for the team next closest to his parent's domicile.

1. To determine the nearest team from among several, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest.
2. The player must provide signed Transfer Form #76 to the new team manager, which must be forwarded to the authorized department baseball official for approval, prior to listing the player on Form #1. All transfers shall be for one year. All transfers shall expire on Dec. 31, 2017.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

A player who was enrolled in high school on March 31 who tries out for and fails to make the nearest team can request a transfer to the second closest team to their parent's domicile. If cut again, that player may try out for the third closest team until such time as the player is able to play on a team. The enrollment of the high school a player attends on March 31 shall be counted. Junior Legion players are eligible to be transferred. Transfers shall expire on Dec. 31, 2016.

3. Players who graduated from high school in 2016 are not eligible to be transferred.

4. Any transfers across state lines require mutual written permission of both department chairmen.
 5. Players who have qualified and played for a Legion team under Rule 4.C are not eligible for a transfer under Rule 4.D.
- E. School Enrollment Expansion.** Players who are unable to complete eligibility because enrollment expansion eliminated their schools from previously approved combinations may continue on the teams for which they last played, provided no new players are recruited from their school.
1. Written permission for a player to continue under these circumstances must be obtained from the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on National Form #1.
 2. Teams cannot form different combinations of schools.
- F. Change of Address.** Players who realize a permanent change in their parent's or guardian's domicile shall be eligible to compete for the team nearest their parent's new domicile.
1. A notarized statement from the player's parents must list previous address and new permanent address. Written permission must be obtained from the authorized department baseball official in which the new team is located, prior to listing the player on National Form #1. If released, a player may be transferred to the next nearest team as provided for in Rule 4.D (transfer rule).
 2. The enrollment of their previous high school as of March 31, 2017, shall be counted.
- G. Final Year of Eligibility.** Senior Legion Baseball players who have one year of eligibility remaining, whose parents move out of the team's recruiting area, shall have an option of playing for the team nearest their parent's new domicile or returning to their former team.
1. The enrollment of the high school the player attends on March 31, 2017, shall be counted.
 2. Written permission to play for their previous team must be obtained from the department baseball chairman prior to listing the player on National Form #1.
- H. Homeschooled Players.** A player who is homeschooled may compete

for the team nearest their parents' or guardian's legal domicile. To determine the nearest team, use the shortest driving distance as calculated by MapQuest.

1. Written permission for such competition must be obtained from the authorized department baseball official prior to listing the player on National Form #1.
2. Enrollment figures for such a player shall be that of the high school boundary of his parent's domicile.

I. New Team Formation. In the event a new Legion team is formed that is closer to a player's parents' domicile, that player has a one-time option of playing with the team for which he last played or for the new team.

1. The department baseball chairman, prior to listing the player on National Form #1, must grant written permission.
2. The enrollment shall be added to the team's total enrollment.