



## **Proposed Parameters for Inaugural NH American Legion Prep Program 2020**

At the suggestion of our National Legion Organization the Department of NH American Legion Baseball Program will create a newly formed program called American Legion Baseball “Prep League”. This program is being formed to engage and introduce the younger baseball player into the Legion Baseball Program with the hopes of those players continuing their legion baseball careers until they age out at age 19.

This program will allow players from the age of 13-15 or the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and some 9<sup>th</sup> graders a program to develop their skills in a more competitive situation than trying out for our junior program which is 17 and under. This program will follow the exact legion baseball rules as our junior program. The guidelines for this program will be as follows:

New team forms for this program due by 12/1/19.

On-Line Registration Period: January 1<sup>st</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Insurance must be purchased by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Scheduling shall take place between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tentative start and finish of season is 4/11/20 to 6/28/20.

Single elimination tournament top four teams Monday and Tuesday 7/6/20 and 7/7/20.

Teams will schedule games on weekends only, a DH with one team on Saturday, leaving Sunday as their rain date for that weekend during the middle school season. Once that season is over (dates will be provided), then week days will also be scheduled until end of the regular season. If a high school freshman makes a team, that player cannot be part of a high school baseball team. They are not allowed to compete on another team while the high school season is in session. Freshman that do not make a high school team are eligible to participate for the whole season. The number of games to be determined by number of teams who join the program.

**A pitcher will not be allowed to pitch more than three innings/weekend until the middle school season is completed.**