



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Parameters for NH American Legion Prep Program 2021

At the suggestion of our National Legion Organization the Department of NH American Legion Baseball Program has created a 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 (See Player Eligibility Chart on our website) or the 7th, 8th and some 9th 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 except the pitching rules and bat specifications as listed below. The guidelines for this program will be as follows:

Teams will schedule games on weekends only, until the middle school season is completed. Once that season is over (dates will be provided), then weekdays will also be scheduled until end of the regular season. If a high school freshman makes a team, and that player is part of a high school baseball team, he will need permission from his high school coach to participate in our program and must follow the NHIAA rules which govern a player who is playing outside his school team during the high school season. Freshman that do not make a high school team are eligible to participate and have no restrictions.

Important Dates and Deadlines

On-Line Registration Period: January 1st to February 15th.

Insurance Purchase: February 15th to April 15th

Scheduling: Shall take place between January 1st and March 3rd.

Paperwork: Hard Copy paperwork due by 4/25/21

Season Length: Start and finish of season is 5/2/21 to 7/2/21.

Paperwork: Material to include: Form 2 for every player, Form 6 for every player who is playing on another summer team, Form 77 for every player and original birth certificates for every player.

On-line Form 1 Roster: This is to be completed no later than 4/28/21.

Prep Tournament: A single elimination tournament with all six teams competing for the state title. Please see prep tourney schedule as listed on our website.

Game Rules for Prep Program.

Prep Pitching Rule:

A player will not be allowed to pitch more than 45 pitches/weekend. Starting June 14th, that limit will be lifted, and the prep program will follow the Pitch Smart Pitching Rule listed in the ALB Rule Book.

Bat Rule:

The prep program will follow the ALB bat rule that is listed in the ALB Rule Book. The prep program will not be a composite wood or wood bat program.

Batting Line-up:

During the regular season a prep team will be allowed to:

Bat nine players with a Designated Hitter following MLB Rules

Bat ten players using an EH

Bat all their players who are in attendance for that particular game.

Once a type of batting order is chosen at the beginning of a game, that choice cannot change. In all the above cases, a batting order cannot change.

Game Length:

When playing a double header involving the same two teams, the first game will be 7 innings and the second game will be 5 innings. If a team plays two different teams in the same day, both those games will be 7 innings. Like our pitching rule, starting June 14th, all games including a double header between the same two teams will be 7 innings.

Positioning of Players:

The prep program will allow free defensive substitutions during a game. Once a pitcher is removed during a game, he can go to another position but cannot return to pitch. We would also advise that a pitcher would not play the position of catcher the day he also pitches.

Rule Revisions:

Once our prep tournament starts, it will follow all NH, ALB and MLB rules as written. No exceptions to those rules will be allowed.