

Memo

To: Department Adjutants and Department Baseball Chairman
From: Gary Stone, Chairman, American Legion Baseball Committee
Date: April 1, 2024

Re: RISK MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR 2024 SEASON

Resolution No. 17, Risk Management Mandates for National Youth Programs, adopted at NEC Fall Meetings October 2023, established policies and procedures which mandates sexual abuse awareness training and criminal history background check screenings for adult participants of American Legion Baseball. Those policies and procedures are outlined in the American Legion Baseball Risk Management Guidebook. The current American Legion Baseball Risk Management Guidebook is available online at [Risk Management Guide – Baseball | Brochures & Publications | The American Legion](#).

Beginning with the 2024 season, all adult participants (coaches, managers, volunteers and players, who have or will have attained their 18th birthday before August 20, 2024, herein referred to as “Adult Players”) are required to have a background check and complete adult abuse awareness training each year to be eligible to participate in a national regional and world series tournament hosted by The American Legion. Coaches, managers, and volunteer staff members of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball teams will still need to complete a background check and abuse awareness course prior to conducting any meetings, events, practices, or games that involve youth participants.

During the online American Legion Baseball registration process, National Headquarters will require team administrators to acknowledge that all adult participants (coaches, managers, volunteers and Adult Players) of Senior American Legion Baseball teams have completed a background check and adult abuse awareness training.

As in previous seasons, coaches, managers, and volunteer staff members must have background checks and adult abuse training completed before the department baseball chairman can certify teams’ Form #1 roster to National Headquarters by June 30 to be eligible for national competition. Department baseball chairman must certify that Adult Players listed on the certified Form #1 roster have completed background checks and adult abuse training before the completion of the department championship tournament to be eligible for national competition.

In accordance with the recommendations under risk management awareness and orientation, all adult participants (coaches, managers, volunteers, and Adult Players) shall submit a statement form that acknowledges receipt and understanding of the “Risk Management Guidelines of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball Teams.” The said statement form entitled “Acknowledgment and Understanding of Risk Management Policies for American Legion Baseball” will be included as part of the department winner’s certification paperwork

required for regional competition. The Acknowledgment and Understanding form can also be utilized to certify adult participants that complete a group adult abuse training session conducted by the department baseball chairman. This form pertains to those adult participants listed on the team's certified Form #1. A copy of said form is attached.

We've created QR Codes to the various links for adult participants to easily complete the risk management requirements. Using the camera on your smartphone, these QR codes will re-direct you to the appropriate website.



Background Check



Abuse Awareness Training



Risk Management Guidebook