

FARGO  
AMERICAN LEGION  
BASEBALL

PLAYER-PARENT  
POLICY MANUAL



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POST 2 BASEBALL**

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## **I. Introduction**

- A. Mission Statement:** Participation in the Fargo American Legion Baseball program is a privilege extended to the players who are willing to make the commitment to adhere to the rules that govern American Legion Baseball and Fargo Post 2 Baseball. Participation in organized activities such as American Legion Baseball contributes to the all around development of young men. Fargo Past 2 sponsors American Legion Baseball for the purpose of giving players the opportunity to learn the importance of teamwork, discipline, leadership, having fun, and good sportsmanship, as well as an opportunity to develop their baseball skills, personal fitness, and leadership qualities.
- B. Fargo American Legion Board:** The Fargo American Legion Baseball program is sponsored by American Legion Post 2.
- C. Board Appointments:** Each season the Legion Board shall appoint a parent to serve the Legion Board as the Team Representative for each respective team (Post 2, Jets, and Bombers). The duties of each Team Representative include:
- 1) Assist with parent meetings
  - 2) Coordinate and scheduling volunteer help for all home and tournament game
  - 3) Serve as Assistant Tournament Director for all hosted tournaments
  - 4) Communicate information to player's parents as needed throughout the season
  - 5) Team Representatives shall meet with the Legion Board as needed
  - 6) Team Representatives shall meet with the team coaches as needed

## **II. Player Eligibility**

- A. To be eligible for Fargo Post 2 American Legion Baseball, a player must satisfy all ND State and National American Legion rules.
- B. Suspensions appeal process: 3 board members will be appointed by the baseball board chair. This appeals board will be set up at the start of the season.

## **III. Player-Parent Fund Raising**

- A. Each player will be required to:
- 1) Pre-purchase and sell \$100.00 in spaghetti feed tickets at fall sign up. If a player misses the spaghetti feed a \$150.00 sign up fee will apply.
  - 2) Pre-purchase and sell 20 season passes @ \$20.00 each (total = \$400)
  - 3) Pre-purchase and sell 10 Applebee's pancake tickets 2 \$5.00 (total = \$50.00)

#### **IV. Player Expectations**

- A. All player are expected to attend and be on time for all scheduled practices, games, and team functions. It is the PLAYERS responsibility to communicate with their respective coaches any schedule conflicts. **All players are required to notify the head coach or his designee prior to any absences(s) from team practice(s) or game(s). Consequences for not doing so will be dealt with on an individual basis by the coaching staff.**
- B. Any players involved in altercations with teammates, game officials, or opposing players will be subject to suspension as deemed appropriate by the head coach.
- C. Any player who damages equipment/property that involves the “Post 2” baseball program or any part thereof will be required to pay the cost to replace/repair the equipment/property before being allowed to play in any games.
- D. All players are responsible to keep their individual space and team area clean and neat at all times (i.e. locker rooms, dugouts, team bus, eating and sleeping establishments).
- E. All players are expected to follow guidelines set by the coaches for all road trips
- F. Any player caught stealing property while participating for Fargo American Legion baseball will be subject to disciplinary action as well as possible reimbursement of all costs.
- G. Players recognize the American Legion “Drug and Alcohol Policy”. This states that each player agrees to remain alcohol and drug free throughout the Legion season. The enforcement provisions and grievance procedure are identified in the policy. The policy applies to violations physically observed by the American Legion coaches and managers, or law enforcement officials.
- H. Any continued violation of the aforementioned guidelines and expectations or any other conduct deemed to bring discredit to fellow teammates and American Legion Baseball will result in suspension and/or removal of the player from the program.

#### **V. Parents Responsibilities & Conduct**

- A. Parents of all players are expected to be courteous and polite at all home and away games. We are a reflection of the entire Fargo Post 2 Baseball program. Please refrain from all forms of negative and combative cheering.
- B. Parent Work Schedules: All parents are expected to work on a volunteer basis during the Post 2, Jets and Bomber seasons. At the beginning of each season, parent work schedules will be put together and given to the parents. If during the course of the season, parent(s) have unforeseen conflicts in their schedules and are unable to work their scheduled duties, the parent(s) is responsible to find a suitable replacement to work their schedule.
- C. Complaints and Grievances: If a parent has a complaint that he/she wishes to make to a coach, the coach may agree to meet with the parent as long as the player is in attendance. Unresolved complaints should go to the appeals process as set up in player eligibility.

## **VI. Coaches Responsibilities & Conduct**

- A. Rule and Regulation Compliance: Coaches are responsible for reporting the player and parent rule infractions described in this manual to the team general manager.
- B. Conduct: The coaches shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all practices and all games. This conduct extends to all on and off field situations while traveling.
- C. Timeliness: Just as the players, all coaches are responsible for being on-time for all scheduled practices and games and communicating foreseen schedule conflicts to their players.

## **VII. Team Absences & Permission Requirements**

- A. Any player intending to enroll in athletic camps or participate in All-Star games during the season must obtain prior permission from the head coach before baseball tryouts. Failure to get prior approval may result in denial of permission. Participation in athletic camps or All-Star games is discouraged but not prohibited. If the player can provide assurance that participation will not unduly impact on practice or scheduled games and the head coach concurs, approval will be given. Each request will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- B. For games that are outside of the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo-Dilworth area, before any player is allowed to ride home from a scheduled road trip game, other than on the bus, they must receive prior approval from the head coach, the designee of the head coach, or the manager. The head coach, the designee of the head coach, or the manager will not grant approval without a signed note of consent form from the player's parent or guardian that specifies and requests the alternate mode of transportation. For example, to be allowed to ride home with a relative or another player's parent, the note from the player's parent or guardian must specifically indicate who will be providing the transportation and acknowledge their consent. At no time will the player be allowed to use their own transportation to go to or from an out-of-town game unless they are accompanied by one of their parents or guardians.

## **VIII. Team Travel**

Team Buses: The team bus is available to our coaches for travel to scheduled baseball games for Post 2, Jets and Bombers teams.

## **IX. Alcohol and Drug Policy**

- A. Purpose: Each Fargo Post 2, Jets, and Bombers American Legion baseball player by participating in the baseball season agrees to remain alcohol and drug free through the completion of the season. Implementation of the drug and alcohol policy will serve the following purposes:
  - 1) to emphasize concern for the health and well-being of our players;
  - 2) to provide a chemical-free environment that will encourage healthy development;
  - 3) to promote a sense of self-discipline among players;

- 4) to confirm and support existing state laws relative to controlled substances;
  - 5) to emphasize standards of conduct for those athletes who, through their participation, become leaders and role models for their peers and younger players.
- C. Policy Duration: This policy is in effect each year from the date of the first practice until the final game of the season.
- D. Player & Parent Notification of Policy Violation & Proposed Action: If a determination is made that a player has violated this policy, the player and parent(s) or legal guardian shall be notified of the violation and proposed disciplinary action either in person or by telephone contact from the manager or coach, and in writing by the Board.
- E. Appeals: A player may appeal a violation of the alcohol and drug policy to the Fargo Post 2 American Legion Baseball Board of Directors. The Board shall appoint a 3 member grievance committee to hear the appeal. However, until the grievance committee makes a decision on the appeal, the penalty will be enforced.
- X. Term of Suspensions.**
- The manager and/or coach will determine the duration of suspensions from competition for violations of this policy with concurrence from the Board.



The Fargo American Legion Board is responsible for informing players and parents of this policy and its enforcement. Players, who elect to participate in the program, and their parents and/or guardians, are required to acknowledge reading and understanding this policy by signing this form.

We have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above policy for the Fargo Post 2, Jets, and Bombers American Legion baseball programs.

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Player Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

This form must be signed and returned to the coach

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