

2020 American Legion Rule Changes and Dates for Missouri:

Plan A recruiting is eliminated in Missouri. All teams in Missouri will now be under Plan B recruiting. This impacts primarily Districts 10-12 and those Districts adjacent to them. Plan A will be eliminated from the Missouri rule book.

Here are the dates for 2020 Missouri Tournaments. Whoever wants to host A State, AA State, or AAA Zone must have a request in to me by Feb. 1, along with a \$300 check made payable to Department of Missouri American Legion Baseball.

*A and AA Districts complete by July 12

*A State - July 15-19

*AA Zone - complete by July 19

*AA State - July 23-25

*AA Regional will be in Fargo, ND August 6-9 *AAA Districts - complete by July 19

*AAA Zone - complete by July 26 *AAA State - July 30-August 1

Pitching rule - only change, and this only applies to a day on which you are playing a double header, if a player throws 45 or less pitches in the first game, he can pitch in the second game, up to his maximum allowed daily limit of 105, meaning 65 in the second game. All other aspects of the rule (days of rest required, 2 appearances in 3 days, what constitutes an appearance, etc.) remain the same. If the player exceeds 45 pitches, he cannot pitch again until he has the appropriate amount of rest.

Enrollment - the limit has been raised to 6000, raised from 5000.

Adding player to roster due to injury - once your roster has been approved and you lose a player due to season ending injury, you will now be allowed to replace him, WITH THE APPROVAL OF STATE BASEBALL CHAIRMAN AND SUBMISSION OF MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION FROM A LICENSED MEDICAL PHYSICIAN, NO CHIROPRACTORS OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS. This can only be done prior to the end of regular season play. Once Tournaments start, cannot be allowed. In the past, you could only replace in the event of death or military enlistment.

Graduated players - 19 year old players can now be released and are subject to the same rules applicable to releases.

Releases - releases are still for one year, but verbiage is being added to allow State Chairmen to release in those instances where a previously released player is being denied a release to play for the team he was previously released to for no valid reason. It is not the National Committee's intent to get in the business of forcing releases, but around the country, sometimes coaches do not release players a second time because of personality conflicts between coaches.