



American Legion Baseball Recruiting & Eligibility Rules

Because of the complexity of American Legion Baseball rules (which changed significantly for our community beginning in 2008), while not all inclusive, this summary is intended to provide basic information pertaining to your summer baseball program options. Again, since individual situations vary, this summary may not cover every specific case, so we encourage you to provide us with your home address and school attendance information, so we can investigate your eligibility options further when the 2009 Minnesota American Legion Rule Book is published.

- For the 2009 season, those born on or after January 1, 1990 – including high school graduates – are eligible to compete.
- A “Base School” is a high school that is the home base for a Legion team. (Mounds View High School is the Base School for Tri-City Red.) Base School teams must add up the total enrollment of all the high schools represented by players on its roster, and the sum cannot exceed 3,600. Teams who exceed 3,600 are ineligible to compete in Minnesota American Legion Baseball.
- A “Non-Base School” is any public or private high school that is not the home base for a Legion team.
- “Legal Domicile” (player residence) is determined as of 3/31/09. (In the case of divorced or legally separated parents, the player must declare which address he wishes to use as his legal domicile, and that address must continue to be used for the remainder of his Legion Baseball eligibility.)
- A player’s Legal Domicile is used to determine the team(s) for which he is eligible to play, if the high school he attends 1) is not a Base School, 2) is a private school, or 3) if the high school he attends is a Base School, but he did not make the team.
- **A player who attends a Base School** must tryout for that team, before considering any other teams. If a player does not make the team, his options are as follows:
 - ❑ Ask for a release (waiver), and then try out for the Base School team that is the next closest to his Legal Domicile. (See list of area Base School teams.)
 - ❑ To determine which Base School team is the next closest, Mapquest.com must be used (distance calculation, using shortest travel time).
 - ❑ If the player does not make that team through a tryout, he can ask for a release from that team, and then contact the second closest team to his Legal Domicile about trying out.
 - ❑ The team that he ultimately makes must add that player’s school enrollment in determining whether or not it meets/exceeds the 3,600 threshold – as well as the enrollments of any other teams for which he tried out, but did not make.
- **A player who attends a Non-Base School** must first determine (using Mapquest.com) which Base School team is nearest to his Legal Domicile. He must also determine if his school of attendance is located within the attendance boundary of another neighboring Base School – and/or if he lives within the attendance boundary of a Base School. While there are variations in each unique situation, generally
 - ❑ The player must make a one-time option election to play for the Base School team that is nearest to his Legal Domicile – or nearest to his school of attendance. This election is valid for the duration of his Legion Baseball eligibility.
 - ❑ This one-time election is available to a player who attends a private high school, even if the private school he attends is a Base School.
 - ❑ As above, the player must first tryout. If he makes the team, the team must add the enrollment of his school to their total enrollment accumulation.
- In addition to American Legion Baseball, players should not overlook investigating the quality programs that are available through Shoreview Area Youth Baseball, www.sayb.org.

**Follow Tri-City Baseball at www.tricitybaseball.org
For more information, contact Tri-City Baseball at info@tricitybaseball.org**



Area American Legion Baseball Base School Programs

The following programs are located in and around the general area of Mounds View School District 621.

(For further general information about American Legion Baseball, visit the Minnesota American Legion's web site at www.mnlegion.org and/or the National American Legion Baseball site at www.baseball.legion.org. Please note that MN American Legion Baseball Rules vary from Rules posted on the National web site.)

Tri-City American Legion Baseball (Tri-City Red)

Contacts: Rus Poser, 651-343-4500, rusposer@gmail.com;
Gail Kalata, info@tricitybaseball.org

Base School: Mounds View High School

Base School's Legal Address: 1900 Lake Valentine Road, Arden Hills, MN 55112

Tri-City American Legion Baseball (Tri-City Blue)

Contacts: Gail Kalata, info@tricitybaseball.org;
Thad Weber, 612-616-0946, tweb31@yahoo.com
Tyler Johnson, 612-998-4455

Base School: St. Anthony Village High School

Base School's Legal Address: 3303 33rd Avenue N.E., St. Anthony Village, MN 55418

Shoreview Area American Legion Baseball

Contacts: Chris Fink, 651-245-3764, avisfink@hotmail.com;
Jeff Fink, 763-757-2395, jeffcarole24@comcast.net

Register through the SAYB site: www.sayb.org

Base School: Irondale High School

Base School's Legal Address: 2425 Long Lake Road, New Brighton, MN 55112

Fridley American Legion Baseball

Contacts: Mike Heintz, 763-574-1554, centurymn@aol.com

Base School: Fridley High School

Base School's Legal Address: 6000 West Moore Lake Drive, Fridley, MN 55432

Rosetown American Legion Baseball

Contacts: Steve Palmer, 651-278-5022, spalmer_26@comcast.net

Base School: Roseville High School

Base School's Legal Address: 1240 West County Road B-2, Roseville, MN 55113

Ham Lake American Legion Baseball

Contacts: David Bailey, 763-780-6278, dbailey856@aol.com

Base School: Blaine High School

Base School's Legal Address: 12555 University Avenue, Blaine, MN 55434

For those players who attend private schools and need assistance in locating Base School programs that might be near that school, please contact Tri-City Red's staff.