



2011 American Legion Baseball Eligibility Rules

Because of the complexity of American Legion Baseball rosters (particularly if you attend a high school at which no Legion team is presently based), this summary is intended to provide basic information pertaining to your summer baseball program options – to help you determine the team(s) for which you are eligible to tryout / play. While not all-inclusive, some key player eligibility provisions, language definitions, and program descriptions under Minnesota American Legion Baseball rules are summarized below. Since individual situations vary, this summary may not cover every specific case, so we encourage you to [contact us](#), providing your home address and school attendance information, so we can investigate your eligibility options further under Minnesota American Legion Baseball Rules.

Essentially, your eligibility to play for a specific team is based on 1) your age, 2) your high school of attendance, and 3) your permanent address of residence.

- For the 2011 Senior American Legion season, those born on or after January 1, 1992 – including high school graduates – are eligible to compete. (Tri-City Red, Tri-City Maroon, and Tri-City Blue are Senior American Legion teams.) For the 2011 Junior American Legion season (17 and under program), those born on or after January 1, 1994 are eligible to compete.
- A “Base School” is a high school that is the declared home base of a Legion team. A “Non-Base School” is any public or private high school that is not the declared home base of a Legion team. (Mounds View High School is the Base School for Tri-City Red. Irondale High School is the Base School for Tri-City Maroon, and St. Anthony High School is the Base School for Tri-City Blue.)
- All Senior Legion teams are eligible to compete in Minnesota's Division I program. Under Minnesota rules, 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 that exceed 3,600 are ineligible to compete in Minnesota American Legion Baseball. Teams with Combined Total Enrollment of 400 or less, may voluntarily elect to participate in Minnesota's Division II program. The Junior American Legion program does not have separate divisions of competition. (Tri-City Red, Maroon, and Blue compete at the Division I level.)
- “Legal Domicile” (player residence) is determined as of March 31st of each year. (In the case of divorced or legally separated parents, the player must declare which parent's 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 “school of attendance” is also determined as of March 31st of each year.
- A player typically plays for the team based at the high school he attends. A player's Legal Domicile is needed 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. Players do not have the option to simply play for any team of their choosing; such might result in team disqualification from the American Legion Baseball program.

While there are other scenarios that exist, two examples that illustrate American Legion rosters rules are outlined below:

- A. Generally, a player who attends a Base School must tryout for that team, before considering any other teams. If a player does not make that 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 below.)
 - ❑ To determine which Base School team is the next closest, Mapquest.com must be used (using shortest driving distance, under the “get directions” feature).
 - ❑ 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 ultimately rosters him must add that player's school enrollment to determine 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. Once rostered, the player is committed to that team for the remainder of his Legion eligibility, unless a subsequent event allows a permissible change (e.g., the player moves, he changes schools, his team folds, a new, “closer” team forms in the area, etc.)
- B. Generally, a player who attends a private school that is not a Base School must first determine if a) his school of attendance is located within the attendance boundary of a Base School – and/or b) if his Legal Domicile is located within the attendance boundary of a Base School. **NOTE:** District boundary lines, which are used to group teams for league competition in American Legion baseball (e.g., 4th District, 10th District), are totally ignored in this process.
 - ❑ If so, he should contact such team(s) regarding registration and tryouts. If a) and b) are two different teams, after trying out and being offered a roster position, the player must make a one-time election to designate which of the two is his team of choice; the election remains valid for the remainder of his Legion eligibility, unless a subsequent event allows a permissible change.
 - ❑ If not, using Mapquest, he must determine which team is closest to his Legal Domicile -- and that is the team for which he is eligible to play.
- 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, as well as other area programs.



Area American Legion Baseball Base School Programs

Following is a list of American Legion Baseball programs that are located in or near the general Mounds View and St. Anthony area.

For general information, including information about the organization of teams into various competitive Districts within the Minnesota American Legion Baseball program, as well as a list of Directors in each District, please visit the [Minnesota American Legion Baseball resource page](http://www.mnlegion.org) at www.mnlegion.org. Additional information is also available at the National American Legion Baseball site, www.legion.org/baseball. (Please note that MN American Legion Baseball Rules vary from National American Legion Baseball rules.)

Teams that compete in Minnesota American Legion Baseball's 4th District:

Tri-City Red American Legion Baseball

Contacts: Rus Poser, 651-343-4500, rusposer@gmail.com;
Gail Kalata, 651-731-0550, 651-592-4279, info@tricitybaseball.org
Base School: Mounds View High School
Base School's Legal Address: 1900 Lake Valentine Road, Arden Hills, MN 55112

Tri-City Maroon American Legion Baseball

Contacts: Noah Nesler, 507-261-1440, noah.nesler@gmail.com;
Chris Fink, 651-245-3764, avisfink@hotmail.com
Base School: Irondale High School
Base School's Legal Address: 2425 Long Lake Road, New Brighton, MN 55112

Rosetown American Legion Baseball

Contact: 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

White Bear White American Legion Baseball

Contacts: Pete Bothun, 651-407-0185, pete.bothun@spps.org;
Joe Janitschke, 651-429-7289, 612-759-5381, jdjanitschke@yahoo.com
Base School: White Bear Lake High School
Base School's Legal Address: 3551 McKnight Road, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

White Bear Orange American Legion Baseball

Contact: Jeff Wagner, 651-253-8306, jpwagn@wbl.whitebear.k12.mn.us, jwags@usfamily.net
Base School: White Bear Lake High School
Base School's Legal Address: 3551 McKnight Road, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Teams that compete in Minnesota American Legion Baseball's 10th District:

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

Contacts: Gail Kalata, 651-731-0550, 651-592-4279, info@tricitybaseball.org;
Thad Weber, 612-616-0946, tweb31@yahoo.com
Tyler Johnson, 612-998-4455, tyler.johnson@rels.info
Base School: St. Anthony Village High School
Base School's Legal Address: 3303 33rd Avenue N.E., St. Anthony Village, MN 55418

Fridley American Legion Baseball

Contact: 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

Spring Lake Park American Legion Baseball

Contact: Ryan Holmgren, 651-308-1652 (school), ryan.holmgren@anoka.k12.mn.us
Base School: Spring Lake Park High School
Base School's Legal Address: 1100 81st Avenue N.E., Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Ham Lake American Legion Baseball

Contacts: David Bailey, 763-360-4112, dbailey856@aol.com
Base School: Blaine High School
Base School's Legal Address: 12555 University Avenue, Blaine, MN 55434

For those who attend private and/or non-Base high schools and who need assistance in determining their nearest Base School team, please [contact Tri-City staff](#), providing school of attendance and home address.