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Minnesota American Legion Baseball-----Winter Update

If you are no longer involved with your American Legion Baseball Team, please let me know right away so I can correct our Master Database...please forward this e mail to your replacement so we can maintain a correct database as well as continuity.

It is Mid-January ----time to start the team registration process etc.....Listed below is information on team registration, Pitch Count , Division 1 Sub State team Assignments , Division 2 State Tournament Format

TEAM REGISTRATION

Team Registration is due April 1, 2017. Please see below outlined steps for team registration.

Go to www.baseball.legion.org to start the 2017 Team Registration process. You can use the same username and password from last year. This will also enable you to access 2016 roster to save you time entering returning players on your 2017 roster. New teams or teams that can not access their 2016 team account should create a new account. From there, simply fill out required information for your team.

NOTE** All coaches /managers must complete their YEARLY background check at this site www.opportunities.averity.com/MNlegion

The entire coaching and managerial staff must complete their background checks at the time you are submitting your application. All background checks will need to be completed before approval of your team registration.

Team Registration fees for 2017 are as follows:

Sr. Teams National Fee = \$50 State Fee = \$125

Jr. Teams National Fee = \$25 State Fee = \$100

2017 Insurance Premium Info:

Senior Seasonal - \$325.00

Senior Annual - \$405.00

Junior Seasonal – \$255.00

Junior Annual - \$320.00

All teams must also pay a \$25 insurance admin/processing fee.

(included in the above quoted rates)

Insurance premiums and national/state fees are rolled into one, combined purchase -- which is made through the national registration system, using a credit or debit card.

Deadline for payment of insurance is May 15, 2017. Payments after the deadline incur a \$200.00 late fee. Insurance Refund Instructions (2016) (for teams that register, purchase insurance, but then cannot field a team)

PITCH COUNT

As I mentioned in the fall update---National has adapted a pitch count for the 2017 baseball season.....See attachment for the Minnesota Pitch Count Format.....although, we will not be adhering to this policy until playoffs during the 2017 season, we suggest you implement pitch count during the regular season to familiarize yourself with the process.

DIVISION 1 SUB STATE TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

Attached is current team assignments for Division 1 teams for the 2017 baseball season.

DIVISION 2----STATE TOURNAMENT

In 2017, the D2 State tournament will remain a 9 team(3 pool--3 team) pool play tournament with the same format as we used in 2015 and 2016.

A Sub Committee of the State Baseball Committee explored avenues of returning to a 8 team State Tournament but could not come up with a viable solution at this time...

Thank you

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