

NORTHWEST
CLASS "A" REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
2026

RULES AND REGULATIONS

GOVERNING REGULATIONS.

1. All games shall be governed by the Official Baseball Rules of Major League Baseball, except as described in the National American Legion Rules Book and as regulated by the following.
2. Rules and regulations shall be established by the Chairmen of the participating States. The tournament will be under the direction of Regional Representative, Assistant Regional Representative, and the Chairman of the Host State. The regional representative shall have the final authority in any decisions not covered by these rules and regulations.

ROTATION.

1. The tournament shall be rotated between the six participating States: Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, & Utah.
2. All participating States will be represented by their State Champion. A second team from one of the six participating States will be sending a second team to the tournament. The Host State will be represented by their State Champion and the Host Team.

TOURNAMENT DATES & HOST.

1. The 2026 Northwest Class "A" Regional Tournament will be held in Casper, Wyoming. Games will be played at Mike Lansing Field.
2. A banquet shall be held on Wednesday evening, August 5 2026, at 6pm. At site to be determined.

3. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENT.

The tournament shall be rotated annually by states in the following order.

- (A) 2026 Casper, Wyoming
- (B) 2027 Anchorage, Alaska
- (C) 2028 Utah
- (D) 2029 Montana
- (E) 2030 Oregon
- (F) 2031 Idaho

PAIRING.

1. The regional representative shall assign team pairings.
2. The Host team will play the last game of the day the first 3 days.

FORFEITURE.

1. In the event a team forfeits its tournament privilege, the State chairman of the forfeiting team shall designate an alternate.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. All Teams, team Managers, and Coaches shall arrive at the Host City by 5:00 PM on the eve of the tournament
2. *Teams not reporting to the Thursday evening Banquet/Picnic will be fined a \$500.00 fee plus they will be held from tournament play until this fee has been paid and their Form #1's, Form #2's, & Form 18 have been checked.*

3. Each team shall assume its own financial responsibility.
4. Each team Manager will present the regional representatives, their original **National Form 1's, Birth certificates, National Form 2's, & Form 18 immediately on arrival at the tournament site.**
5. Games shall be played on a lighted field approved by the Hosting State Chairman.
6. The Manager or Coach is responsible to insure a player who is ill and confined to his room or is ejected from a game has adult supervision.
7. A Manager and Coach meeting shall be held on the eve of the tournament. (Generally following the banquet or picnic).

HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Host site will submit to NWCART a host fee of \$1,000.00. This fee to be paid to NWCART, by the 1st. of March of the year before they are to host the REGIONAL TOURNAMENT.

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2. A banquet/picnic shall be held by the Host on the evening prior to the tournament. **ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.** Dress Code for the Tournament Banquet will be **SHIRT AND TIE OR NICE TEAM POLO SHIRT** all the same color or design.
3. Shall assist visiting teams in acquiring moderate priced lodging.
4. Shall arrange for (1) motel room accommodations for the Regional Representative. Room shall be reserved for Wednesday night thru Monday night. The Host shall be financially responsible for such accommodations.
5. Shall provide adequate medical assistance on the field.

6. Shall provide an **OFFICE** at the field with a **WIFI OR INTERNET CONNECTION AND PRINTER** for the Regional Representative.
7. Shall provide tournament packets to Scouts and Media. Scouts and Media personnel shall not be charged for admission to the games.
8. Shall provide tournament packets to each state Chairmen (4) weeks prior to the tournament. Information should include availability of motels and prices, restaurants and other items of interest to visiting teams.
9. Shall have availability of 18 dozen baseballs.
10. Provide bat and ball persons.
11. Field shall be dressed properly before the start of each game.
12. Shall provide QUALIFIED official scorers and P.A. announcers for each game.
13. Shall provide stadium and parking lot security.
14. The local Tournament Chairman shall be responsible for the availability of and assignment of practice fields. No practice shall be permitted on the tournament field.
15. Need game changer and video access for fans that aren't able to attend the tournament.

DESIGNATED HITTER

1. All National Tournament shall utilize the **AMERICAN LEAGUE DESIGNATED HITTER RULE** as published by **THE SPORTING NEWS. DH for pitcher only.**

BAT RULE

1. Wood, metal, ceramic composite or graphite bats may be used. Wooden bats comprised of laminate or composite wood may be used. The bat must not exceed 42 inches in length and 2 ¾ inches in diameter.
2. Any non-wood bat must have the BBCOR certification code marked on the barrel of the bat. Players found using an illegal bat will be

immediately called out and the team coach or manager shall be ejected from the game.

TEN RUN RULE.

1. The 10 run rule shall apply after 4 1/2 innings in all games.
2. Pitchers shall be charged for the number of pitches thrown.

INNINGS

1. All games shall be 7 innings, except when the 10 run rule is initiated.

UMPIRES

1. It is recommended that games use (3) umpires except the Semi-Championship and the Championship game; (games 13,14 & 15) shall use a minimum of (4).
2. Umpires shall be coordinated and approved by the Host Chairman.
3. Financial obligations for the umpires is the responsibility of the **HOST**.
4. Umpires shall be provided with dressing facilities and security at the field.
5. The Crew Chief shall be responsible for the game assignment of the Umpire Crew with prior coordination with the **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND HOST CHAIRMAN**.

STATE CHAIRMEN AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. State Chairmen shall compensate the Regional Fund \$500.00 to defray expenses of the Regional Representative and Awards. This shall be payable to the Regional Secretary, by May 1st of each year. Checks shall be made out to **NWCART** and mailed to Duwayne Scott, 443 W 600 N, Spanish Fork, UT. State Fee's will be \$500.00 per team attending the Regional Tournament. A State sending 2 teams to NWCART will submit a State Fee of \$750.00.

2. The following awards will be provided by the Regional Fund.

(A) Championship	(D) Sportsmanship
(B) Runner-up	(E) Banners
(C) MVP	(F)
3. The Regional Representative shall insure the tournament is conducted within the Rules and Regulations as adopted and by the National American Legion Baseball Rule Books and as governed by the Official Baseball rules.
4. The Regional Representatives will appoint a selection committee for the MVP and Sportsmanship awards.
5. The Regional Representative will be in charge of the pre-tournament meeting

This meeting should include input from the local Tournament Chairmen, Crew Chief, Grounds Keeper, Score Keeper and any others that would be a credit to the success of this tournament.
6. The Regional Representative has the final authority in all decisions in conducting this tournament in a smooth and orderly manner.

TOURNAMENT BRACKET.

1. There will be 2 pools with the top 2 teams in each pool advancing to the semifinals and the winners of the semifinals advancing to the championship game.