

2025 FIRECRACKER POST 92 TOURNAMENT RULES **UPDATED**

1. American Legion rules will apply with the following modifications: **Due to 20 Teams in this tournament there was no other way to get the championship without the possibility of a team playing 3 games.**
2. Saturday games will all be 5 inning games (Due to weather and having to make up and resume games) – There will be a 10 run rule after 4 innings (**For Saturday games**). **We will use the international rule to keep games going smoothly!** Sunday games will resume back to normal with the Championship Game/Bracket games having a 8 run rule after 5 innings, 12 run rule after 4. With the exception of the championship game having a 10 run rule after 5 innings. No time limit on Sunday and all games must be played to their entirety including extra inning contests in bracket play.
3. Games suspended after 5 innings will be official if they can't be finished that day
4. Pitching limits – American legion pitch count will be used. (To be kept by each team for their pitchers). **Games resumed on Saturday from Friday will be considered the same day for pitching.**
5. A coin toss to determine the home team will take place before each game. Rochester teams will be the Home team in all pool play games.
6. All coaches must be in uniform to coach in the coaches box - enforced by umpires (**Coaches & players ONLY in coaches boxes**)
7. Teams must turn in a lineup card with first & last names of all players with the correct player numbers 20 minutes prior to game time.
8. **Designation Hitter may be used for any spot in the lineup**
9. **Courtesy runners are allowed**
10. **Re-entry is allowed**
11. American Legion slide rule will be in effect
12. Trips to the mound – The pitcher will be removed on the second trip to the mound to that player in the same inning
13. No malicious contact will be allowed by any runner against a fielder. (Umpire discretion)
Runner will be out and ejected from the game.

Winner Bracket Selection

Pool Winners will be seeded 1-5 based on the following criteria:

- 1: Record
- 2: Runs Allowed in all Pool Games

3: Run Differential in all Pool Games

1 Wild Card Team will be selected from the remaining 15 teams and selected based on the Following Criteria:

1. Record in Pool Games
2. Runs Allowed in all Pool Games
3. Run Differential in all Pool Games

Remaining Teams will play 1 crossover game Sunday time and place TBD based on Bracket Selection. Will be released on SportsEngine Tourney Saturday Night following the completion of all Pool Play Games.

14. Tie Breakers:

- A. Head to Head
- B. Fewest Runs Allowed
- C. Run Differential (Runs Scored – Runs Allowed)
- D. Coin Flip

15. Each team will be allowed a 10-minute infield the 1st game of the day ONLY – Home team infield 25 minutes prior to the game –If time becomes a factor the tournament director may eliminate infield for both teams prior to a game starting.

16. Wood bats and non-wood bats with the BBCOR certification are permitted.

17. All types of catcher gear allowed.

18. Any forfeit will result in a 7-0 win for the team that was forfeited against. This will factor into tiebreaker scenarios.

19. **American Legion Baseball Code of Conduct is expected of all participants and will be enforced. SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT (RULE 7)** – From the VFW Baseball Rules

A. **Conduct.** Managers, coaches or players who, in the opinion of the department chairman or his representative, conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner that would discredit this program may be removed by the department baseball committee. The department baseball committee's decision will be final.

B. **Heckling.** No player, coach, manager or other party associated with an American Legion Baseball team shall abuse, heckle or make uncomplimentary remarks to opposing players, team officials or umpires. The umpire shall immediately eject from the game any individuals violating this regulation.

C. **Sportsmanship.** Any player, coach, manager or other party accompanying a team will be ejected from the game from the time of the infraction, if they:

1. Use profane language.
2. Throw bats or other equipment.
3. Make unnecessary or obscene gestures to umpires, fans or opposing players.
4. Commit unnecessary roughness on the playing field.

D. **Ejection from the Ballpark.** Any player, coach or manager suspended from a game in tournament play by an umpire for unsportsmanlike conduct will not be allowed on site for the rest of the tournament. That decision is final.