

Team Rules and Regulations

Sheboygan American Legion Post 83 Baseball

Sheboygan American Legion Baseball, Inc.

The opportunity to play baseball in the Sheboygan American Legion Program is a privilege, not an entitlement. As such, there are certain expectations made on Players, Coaches, and Parents. If you choose to participate, be prepared to accept the responsibility of being part of the program, and of the Sheboygan American Legion Baseball Family.

Player Expectations

1. ELIGIBILITY

Open to any amateur baseball player who is eligible under the eligibility rules of American Legion Baseball.

An original birth certificate (NOT hospital birth record) will be needed by all players and should be submitted to coaches prior to Regional competition. If a player does not provide an original birth certificate, they will not be eligible for Regional or State competition. Coaches will return the birth certificate to parents at the end of the season.

American Legion players shall not play with any other baseball team while a member of an American Legion team, except for programs that involve only players of the same age level as American Legion Baseball and do not interfere with a player's responsibility to American Legion Baseball.

2. FEES

Player's fee (\$150 for U16, \$225 for JV & Varsity) must be paid prior to the first game. Failure to pay the fee prior to the first game will result in the player being suspended until the fee is paid. If the player is unable to pay the fee, arrangements must be made with the Legion Baseball Board of Directors to pay the fee in installments or through some other means.

3. PRACTICE AND GAME ATTENDANCE

Players are expected to attend all scheduled practices and games. Any conflict that may cause a player to miss a practice or game should be communicated to the coach as soon as possible. The player must be excused by the coach. Individuals missing practice and/or games without being excused by the coach will be suspended from participation in the next game they attend. Second offenses will result in the player being dropped from the team.

4. JOB CONFLICTS

Realizing the importance of summer jobs, players must notify coaches as soon as possible about conflicts due to summer employment. It is the coach's discretion to determine if the number of conflicts is excessive and warrants disciplinary action.

5. VACATIONS or CAMPS

Vacations are a part of the summer experience. Players must notify coaches as soon as possible about conflicts due to vacation or camps. It is the coach's discretion to determine if the number of conflicts is excessive and warrants disciplinary action.

6. PLAYER BEHAVIOR AND EXPECTATIONS

- a) Lack of proper respect, both on and off, the field for the coaches, equipment, teammates, opponents, or umpires will not be tolerated. First offenses will receive a warning, second offenses a minimum one-game suspension, and third offenses, dropped from team. A player ejected from a game will receive a minimum one game suspension.
- b) Players will be required to adhere to the Team Drug and Alcohol Policy adopted by the Sheboygan American Legion Post 83 Baseball program.
- c) Players are to uphold the laws of society and conduct themselves as responsible young adults.
- d) Individuals violating school Athletic Codes will also be reported to their respective school administration for possible further suspension from school activities.
- e) Any illegal activities will be dealt with on an individual case by case basis and will be punished at the discretion of the coach.
- f) Interaction between players, parents, and fans is reserved for between and after games, not during the game.
- g) Coaches at their discretion may implement team rules.

7. SUSPENSIONS

Players will be required to be in attendance at all regularly scheduled programming while on suspension.

8. UNIFORMS

Uniforms must be returned upon the completion of the season. Uniforms should be cleaned prior to being returned. Players may keep their caps, t-shirts and personally purchased equipment. Lost or intentionally damaged uniforms will require reimbursement of \$75.00 per jersey or pants. Removing the elastic in the pant legs will require a reimbursement of \$10.00.

9. DOUBLE ROSTERING

A player may be placed on more than one roster for the season (example: Varsity & JV). In most cases a player would only play on one team until that team completes its season, then he may be moved up to complete the other season. It is also possible a player may have to be moved from one team to another to fill in for players that may be injured or on vacation. A player will not be double-rostered without the player's parent's consent.

10. POST GAME

After all home games (at Wildwood Park) **ALL PLAYERS** are required to maintain the field (rake, clean up dugouts & bullpens and put tarps in place), clean up the grandstands, empty garbage containers and make sure the ballpark is clean. **NO PLAYER CAN LEAVE THE BALLPARK UNTIL THE POST GAME CLEAN UP IS COMPLETE.** Any player leaving the ballpark early is subject to discipline (game suspensions and/or dismissal from the team).

Team Drug and Alcohol Policy

The Sheboygan American Legion Post 83 baseball team has adopted a Team Drug and Alcohol Policy that establishes standards that all team members must meet, and sets out consequences for those who violate this policy.

No team member shall report for any team related activity (practice, games, other sponsored functions) if they have used alcohol or any controlled substance, except when a physician has prescribed medication for a valid medical condition and the team member is taking it as prescribed.

Team members who are seen by a member of the coaching staff, or another adult in a position of authority, using or possessing drugs or alcohol, or in possession of drug paraphernalia (as defined in Wisconsin state law), during a team event will be subject to the discipline outlined below.

In instances where another person, such as another team member, family member, or fan, reports a violation of this policy, the violation will be investigated on a case by case basis. If the person reporting the violation is willing to provide a notarized written statement and/or testify in court (if needed), the report may be treated the same as if the violation was observed by a member of the coaching staff or an adult in a position of authority.

Discipline:

First Offense will result in the player being suspended for 3 games.

The American Legion Post 83 baseball team will not tolerate a second offense, the player will be dismissed from the team, and it will affect the player's ability to become a team member in the future.

Parent Expectations

1. TRANSPORTATION

It is the policy of American Legion Baseball that players do not drive themselves to away games. Expect to drive, bringing players with you, to at least a few away games. If it is impossible for you to drive, expect to have your son “chip in” for gas money. If parents are transporting players other than, their own, it is recommended that they check with their auto insurance agent to determine their minimum auto insurance liability needs. Any parent driving players to or from a game should refrain from using alcohol.

2. BOOSTER CLUB

100% of the direct costs of this program are funded through player fees, Post 83 sponsorship, private contributions, and fundraising activities. Since this is a self-sustaining program, participation by players and their parents with fundraising activities will be required. The Legion Baseball Booster Club is responsible for raising these funds, so it is imperative that all parents get involved in the booster club. Legion Booster Club meetings are held monthly (except June, July & August) on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Parents will be notified of the meetings by a published notice on the organization Website <http://sheboyganlegion.org> and e-mail.

3. FUNDRAISING

Parents are expected to support and be an active participant in all our fundraising activities.

4. BEHAVIOR

Parents are expected to be supportive of all coaches and players. Parents are expected to treat all players, coaches, fans, opposing players, opposing coaches, opposing fans, and umpires in a respectful manner. While attending games parents are expected to support all participants in a positive and respectful manner. Inappropriate behavior that reflects poorly on the Sheboygan American Legion Post 83 Baseball Program will not be tolerated.

We have read the Sheboygan American Legion Post 83 Team Rules and Regulations. We agree to adhere to these rules in order to provide for a positive and successful baseball season.

Player: _____
(Please Print)

Date: _____

Player Signature: _____

Parent: _____
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Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____