



IT'S TIME TO JOIN

American Legion Baseball has been turning out college and Major League Baseball (MLB) players for decades. Nearly 75 percent of Legion Baseball graduates continue playing baseball in college, and about 50 percent of all current MLB players played Legion Baseball. More than 60 Legion Baseball graduates have been inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.

Does your team want to belong to the nation's best-organized amateur youth baseball program?

Is your team ready to play other strong competitive teams?

Is your team ready to join a winning tradition?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, contact a local American Legion post. Better yet, attend its next meeting with a couple of players and ask the veterans to help sponsor your team.

Go online to learn more or register your team.

 www.legion.org/baseball

MILLIONS OF SUCCESS STORIES

Since 1925, American Legion Baseball has been a key part of the journey to adulthood for millions of young men.

Some have gone on to play the sport professionally such as current stars Albert Pujols, Madison Bumgarner and Justin Verlander. Other Legion Baseball graduates make their mark in business, politics and other fields. Former Vice President Dick Cheney played for American Legion Post 2 in Casper, Wyo. Television journalist and author Tom Brokaw played American Legion Baseball as a teen in South Dakota.

In short, American Legion Baseball alumni are proud contributing members of society and are often among the most successful people in their respective careers.



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A GREAT SUMMER TRADITION

Combine America's national pastime with a winning tradition and you get American Legion Baseball. High school aged players are invited to participate in the nation's most competitive youth baseball program, which has taught teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical fitness to generations of young men, along with promoting citizenship in their communities.

With nearly 4,000 teams from all 50 states, Canada and Puerto Rico, American Legion Baseball is the only program of its kind. Legion Baseball offers opportunities for quality competition in a structured format and team travel to invitational, state, regional and national tournaments. The Legion Baseball World Series games are live-streamed on ESPN3 with the championship game televised live on ESPNU.

Our user-friendly website provides listings for hundreds of invitational tournaments, the latest baseball news, online team registration and more to help your team get started.

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WHY AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL?

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT EXPENSES PAID

Shelby, N.C., has been the official home for The American Legion Baseball World Series since 2011. The American Legion sponsors the only amateur baseball program that provides travel arrangements, which includes airfare, hotel and meal expenses while participating at a regional tournament and to qualifying teams at the American Legion World Series.

To ensure fairness on the field, the national office makes arrangements for tournament staff, umpires and baseballs at the regional and national tournaments.

"You represent a post – people who fought in a war for us. It's an honor to be playing for them. When we step out on the field and we're called Brooklawn Legion Post 72, it's representing a really good cause."

– Eric Grafton, who played for Legion World Series champion Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Presented annually to deserving players, scholarships such as the All Academic Team are awarded during the national tournament, along with individual state awards.

GEORGE W. RULON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

This annual award honors integrity, mental attitude, cooperation, citizenship, sportsmanship, scholastic aptitude and good conduct. Since 1949, it has been given by special arrangement with the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL TROPHY & MLB WORLD SERIES

This award recognizes American Legion Baseball's national championship team during an on-the-field ceremony at Major League Baseball's World Series.

USA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT OF STARS

The American Legion nominates players to participate in this tournament, which features the nation's best ballplayers. These players form the pool of talent from which USA Baseball selects its 18U National Team to represent the United States in international competition.

"(Legion Baseball) had an impact on my career because it was the first time I got to play against older kids. The competition is a step up from high school. The friendships you make through Legion Baseball last a lifetime."

– Hall of Fame pitcher Greg Maddux, who played for Post 8 in Las Vegas, Nev.