

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
October 12-13, 2022
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Resolution No. 2: American Legion Baseball Program
Origin: American Legion Baseball Committee
Submitted by: Finance Commission**

WHEREAS, American Legion Baseball was organized in 1925 to teach practical lessons in sportsmanship and citizenship by emphasizing such qualities as loyalty, respect for the rules, fair play, courage and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, While the American Legion Baseball program is sound at its core, with the changing financial and social climates, it is to the benefit of The American Legion to closely examine policies and practices so as to ensure continued growth, accessibility and affordability of American Legion Baseball for both participants and spectators; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee adopted Resolution No. 9, "American Legion Baseball Program," on May 6-7, 2009, which established an annual national registration fee for Senior and Junior American Legion Baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee adopted Resolution No. 40, "American Legion Baseball Minimum Bid Increase," on May 5-6, 1993, which established the minimum bid amount of \$15,000 for hosting a national regional tournament; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Baseball program has been collecting a program administrative processing fee which helps to offset administrative costs of processing teams' registration since the 2019 season; and

WHEREAS, The costs to administer the program's day-to-day operations, regional and national tournaments have continually increased due to economic conditions beyond the organization's control; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Baseball program finds that it can no longer continue to absorb the increased costs and recommends an increase to the annual national registration fees and the minimum hosting bid for regional tournaments; and

WHEREAS, This resolution has been reviewed by the Americanism Commission and with concurrence from the Finance Commission is recommended to the National Executive Committee for favorable action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2022, That The American Legion is hereby authorized to assess an annual national registration fee of \$75.00 per Junior and \$100.00 per Senior American Legion Baseball team effective January 1, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion is hereby authorized to assess an annual national administrative fee of \$25.00 per American Legion Baseball team effective January 1, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That regional tournaments of the American Legion Baseball program may be sited in one location for one (1) year or for two (2) consecutive years, based on accessibility and central location as determined by open bids using objective, weighted evaluation criteria; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the minimum hosting bid for the eight American Legion Baseball Regional Tournaments be \$20,000 beginning with the 2024 Regional Tournaments and all years thereafter; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the minimum hosting bid for The American Legion Baseball World Series shall be \$150,000; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That National Executive Committee Resolution No. 40 approved May 5-6, 1993, Resolution No. 9 approved May 6-7, 2009, Resolution No. 16 approved October 14-15, 2009, and Resolution No. 15 approved October 11-12, 2017, are hereby superseded and rescinded.