

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 12-13, 2016**

Resolution No. 5: Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Diamond Sports Co., Inc. as Scholarship Sponsor of The American Legion Baseball All-Academic Team
Origin: American Legion Baseball Committee
Submitted By: Finance Commission

WHEREAS, Diamond Sports Co., Inc., is a leading sports manufacturer specializing in baseball, softball and football products; and

WHEREAS, Diamond Sports Co., Inc. has had a longstanding and successful corporate relationship with American Legion Baseball and American Legion Emblem Sales; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 7 of the National Executive Committee, October 2014 titled “Authorization To Enter Into Agreement With Diamond Sports Co., Inc. as Scholarship Sponsor of The American Legion Baseball All-Academic Team” continued the said scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, Diamond Sports Co, Inc., wishes to continue to endow an annual scholarship fund of \$25,000 in U.S. dollars in sponsorship of an All-Academic Team of American Legion Baseball for the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 seasons; and

WHEREAS, The national organization hosts an annual tournament for its baseball program consisting of eight (8) regional playoffs followed by a 15-game national championship playoff known as “The American Legion World Series” that is live webcast/telecast throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Americanism Commission and the Finance Commission have each approved this resolution and recommend it 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, 2016, That The American Legion enter into an agreement with Diamond Sports Co., Inc., whereby the latter organization shall furnish \$25,000 in scholarship funds per year to The American Legion Baseball program for five consecutive years continuing with the 2017 season; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That each year the Americanism Commission shall appoint and convene an official scholarship selection committee annually at The American Legion Baseball World Series tournament in order to select nine (9) American Legion Baseball scholarship recipients:

- a.) **An overall top academic baseball player shall be selected from all nominations submitted by American Legion departments and that player be officially designated as the “All-Academic Team Captain”; and**
- b.) **A top academic player from each of the eight (8) American Legion Baseball regions as nominated by their respective departments shall be selected as the remaining members comprising the “All-Academic Team”; and, be it further**

RESOLVED, That a \$5,000 scholarship sponsored by Diamond Sports Co., Inc., shall be awarded annually to the All-Academic Team Captain; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a \$2,500 scholarship sponsored by Diamond Sports Co., Inc., shall be awarded annually to each of the eight (8) All-Academic Team members; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the national commander be and is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms and conditions of any formal agreement necessary with Diamond Sports Co., Inc.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That after review and approval by the national judge advocate of said agreement, the national commander be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement and that the national adjutant be and is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the same; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 7 of the National Executive Committee, October 2014 titled “Authorization To Enter Into Agreement With Diamond Sports Co., Inc. as Scholarship Sponsor of The American Legion Baseball All-Academic Team” is hereby superseded and rescinded.