

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
October 14-15, 2009**

Resolution No. 16: Amendment To Resolution No. 9—“The American Legion Baseball Program”

Origin: Americanism Commission

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, With the exception of national tournament play, the Junior American Legion Baseball teams receive the same benefits as Senior American Legion Baseball teams to include: rule books, printed national forms, promotional brochures, access to the national insurance program, access to the national website, access to promote their junior invitational tournaments, and that this support for the Junior program accounts for thirty percent (30%) of the baseball operating budget; and

WHEREAS, Since The American Legion Baseball program does not provide national tournaments for the Junior American Legion Baseball teams, as they do for the Senior American Legion Baseball teams, the national registration fees assessed for Junior American Legion Baseball teams should be less than registration fees for the Senior American Legion Baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, This resolution has been reviewed by the National Americanism Commission and with concurrence from the National 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 14-15, 2009, That the first Resolved Clause of Res. 9, NEC May 2009 is amended to read:

“...That The American Legion is hereby authorized to assess an annual registration fee of \$25.00 per Junior and \$50.00 per Senior American Legion Baseball team effective January 1, 2010...”