NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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Resolution No. 38: Organization Of National Junior American Legion Baseball Program

Submitted by: Americanism 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, The National Americanism Commission strives to involve as many young people as possible in every youth activities program of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The National Americanism Commission currently administers a program of more than 5,400 teams with almost 100,000 players involving youth generally from 17-19 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Forty American Legion Departments have established so-called "junior" programs in American Legion Baseball for players generally from 14-16 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Several departments have petitioned the National Organization to officially recognize these junior programs by developing a uniform set of eligibility and playing rules consistent with the high ideals of the current American Legion Baseball program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 4-5, 2005, That The American Legion officially sanction "junior" baseball by formulating a uniform set of rules for participation and that it organize new and existing American Legion Baseball junior teams into a program of amateur competition; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That competition, team or tournament level, within or between departments of The American Legion for the Junior American Legion Baseball Program shall be the prerogative of those Departments and at no cost to the National Organization of The American Legion beyond costs relating to the development and day-to-day administration of the American Legion Baseball Program.