



AMERICAN LEGION POST 58 SINGLE A BASEBALL

Parent Information for 2025 Season

1. Season Overview

We're excited to kick off another great summer of baseball!

We are a part of the Area 3 Single A Willamette Valley League that include teams from Newberg, Corvallis, Crescent Valley, West and South Albany, and Dallas. Playing against these strong Legion programs will push us to grow, improve, and compete at our best.

All home games and practices will be held at **McNary High School**. We're grateful for the opportunity to use this great facility and want to treat it with care and respect. *All players will be expected to participate in field maintenance after every game and practice* to help keep the field in top condition.

We'll begin the season with several practices during the first two weeks. After that, our practice schedule will be adjusted week to week based on our game load. Due to the high volume of games in a short timeframe (averaging 4–5 games per week), practices will become limited or paused once the season is in full swing.

2. Key Dates

Once tryouts are complete and teams have been selected, we will hold our first team practice and distribute jerseys on **Wednesday, June 4 from 5–7pm at McNary**. Our season officially kicks off with a doubleheader on **Sunday, June 8**, also at McNary. We'll face **Crescent Valley at 2pm and Corvallis at 5pm**.

In addition to league games, we'll be participating in several non-league games and key events this summer. The Thurston Tournament will take place **June 27–29** at Thurston High School. If we qualify, we'll compete in the State Tournament, scheduled for **July 23–28** at Eagle Point High School in Medford. Teams that advance past state will move on to the Regional Tournament, held **August 6–11**, with the location still to be determined.

3. Player Fee & Gear Requirements

The player fee helps cover the cost of a black team jersey, hat, league and tournament fees, baseballs, and other program expenses. Each player will need to supply their own **black belt, white knickers** (or straight-leg pants), **black socks**, and **personal baseball equipment** (glove, bat, helmet, cleats, etc.).

Player fees can be submitted directly to the team manager by cash or check. Please make checks payable to: American Legion Post 58.

4. Travel & Transportation

All league games will take place in the Willamette Valley, with teams from **Newberg, Corvallis, Crescent Valley, West Albany, South Albany, and Dallas**. In addition to league play, we've scheduled a few non-league games – most within the Willamette Valley. At this time, the furthest travel during the regular season will be to Springfield for the Thurston Tournament, held at the end of June.

Parents and guardians are responsible for transportation to and from all games, practices, and events. Any coordination of carpools or shared travel is at the discretion of each family. Should we qualify for State or Regional Tournaments, additional travel details and logistics will be shared at that time.

5. Communication

All players are required to download the GameChanger app and update their availability *the day before each game or tournament*. This helps our coaching staff plan lineups and ensure we're fully prepared for each event.

You can find our team on the app under: **Post 58 Single A Keizer**.

We also encourage parents and guardians to download the GameChanger app to follow the team's schedule, get updates, ask questions, and live game information. If needed, communicating availability directly to the team manager via email or text is also acceptable any time.

6. Expectations & Culture

We understand that many players come from high school programs with strong team culture and close-knit camaraderie. Joining a new team with unfamiliar faces can feel challenging at first. That's why one of our top priorities this summer is to build a positive,

inclusive team environment while focusing on player development. Our goal is for every athlete to get significant reps in both practices and games, helping them grow in confidence, skill, and game awareness.

We want each player to leave this season better prepared for future levels of Legion ball and excited to return next year.

Our expectations for players are simple: **give full effort on and off the field** and maintain a **team-first attitude in everything they do**.

While we are competing in a league schedule with the potential to qualify for the state tournament, playing time may vary slightly from game to game. However, we are committed to ensuring that every player receives meaningful opportunities throughout the season. If questions or concerns about playing time arise, we ask that players first speak directly with the team manager. Should a situation require further discussion, we'll involve parents as needed on a case-by-case basis.

With larger rosters, balancing playing time can be a challenge, but we are committed to doing everything we can to create a fair, developmental, and competitive experience for everyone.

7. Volunteer or Support Opportunities

We're always grateful for parent support, and there are a few key areas where we could use assistance this summer:

Scorekeeping – If you're familiar with the GameChanger app – or would like to learn – we'd love your help keeping score during games. It's a simple way to support the team, and it provides valuable insights into player and team performance for coaches and players alike. If you're interested, please contact the team manager.

Team Dinners – We're hoping to host at least two team dinners this season. These gatherings are a great opportunity for players to connect and build camaraderie off the field. If you're able to host or help coordinate one of these events, please let us know!

Other Ways to Help – If you have other skills or experience you'd like to offer – whether it's photography, organizing carpools, or helping with equipment, etc. – please don't hesitate to reach out to the team manager. Every bit of support makes a big difference.

8. Sponsorship

American Legion Post 58 is a registered nonprofit organization, which means all donations are tax-deductible. Even better – **every sponsorship dollar raised by a player or their parent/guardian directly reduces that player's fee on a dollar-for-dollar basis.** It's a great way to help offset summer costs while inviting community support.

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Donations can either be submitted to the team manager or mailed to address above.

If your sponsor would like a receipt or confirmation of their donation for tax purposes, please let us know and we'll be happy to provide one.

9. Weather & Rainout Info

While we don't expect many weather-related cancellations, any changes will be communicated through the GameChanger app by 2pm on the day of the event. Please make sure notifications are enabled so you can stay up to date.

Here's to an Incredible Season Ahead!

We're incredibly grateful for another year of Single A Legion baseball—and even more excited to see how these players grow, compete, and come together as a team from Day One to the final out.

This program thrives because of the support of families like yours. Whether it's cheering from the stands, helping behind the scenes, or simply encouraging your player each day, your involvement makes all the difference. Let's make this season one to remember!

If you have any questions or want to connect, don't hesitate to reach out to the team manager at any time. We're in this together!

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