



Join The Tradition!

Introducing Missouri American Legion Baseball's Division 2 League.

We want to thank you for your time and consideration to learn about this new opportunity we are bringing to the state for our youth to play the game at a competitive level right from their hometowns.

We are beginning our new league D2 (MALB Division 2) for the 2023 season. It will be a league composed of teams with less than a 750-enrollment cap.

The Division 1 league, for example, has an enrollment cap of 7,500 that is not always as accommodating to teams with schools with a much smaller enrollment number.

With an alumni base that includes more than half of current Major League Baseball players, American Legion Baseball is one of the most prominent and tradition-rich youth athletic leagues in existence. The program is always growing, looking for new opportunities to provide our teams, and participation is easy.

The Division 2 league is designed with smaller cities in mind. The idea is to provide a high school in a small town with the opportunity to play baseball in the summer without having to compete with the larger D1 communities. Travel logistics will try to be kept to a minimum of 50 miles. There will be season ending tournaments e.g., Zone and State.

We have outlined the basic details on how you can easily participate in the program in any number of roles that are listed here.

To play:

Age eligibility will be from 14-18. Why such a large range? Because we are trying to support smaller high schools that may only have 16 or less on the team and their ages may span freshmen to seniors.

To coach:

Coaches who want to start a team should contact the Missouri Baseball Chairman, Tom Rhoads (314-304-6702). The Department needs to know of your interest in playing by March 1st, 2023, to set up the leagues geographically around the state.

To umpire:

Usually, local umpire associations provide leagues with umpires. Managers/Coaches will need to contact their local association to procure umpires for their season.

Where and when to play:

The team will need to locate and establish a home field to play on. League will start when the 2023 High School Season is completed.

Sponsors:

Teams can be sponsored by a local Legion Post, or an outside sponsor.

We want to thank you for taking the time to learn about this new opportunity and look forward to hearing from you with any questions or interest in the program!

Tom Rhoads, State Chairman

314-304-6702

To Learn more about MO Legion baseball - www.missouriamericanlegionbaseball.org

Get Started! Fill out the form using the link below, and submit it to the State Chairman,

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/NU190SY/division2>