

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 08-10-C
SUBMITTED BY: Upper Peninsula Association of American Legion Posts
SUBJECT: American Legion Baseball – Change of Rules

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion Baseball program is an official program of the Department of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The basic principals which underlie the success of this program is the self-evident truth that organized and directed play molds character of our youth; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Baseball offers many possibilities for teaching lessons in citizenship and such qualities as loyalty, respect for the rules and decisions rendered, fair play, courage, and physical fitness which are essential to the proper development of today's youth; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 5,200 American Legion Baseball teams certified at National Headquarters annually, with the State of Michigan certifying approximately 40 teams; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Baseball Program continues to decline in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, There are thousands of Michigan youth who are willing to participate in American Legion Baseball in Michigan, but present rules and regulations have deleted most Posts from sponsoring an American Legion Baseball team.

WHEREAS, There is a definite need to change the structure of the American Legion Baseball program in Michigan to save this important program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 19-22, 2008, That the State of Michigan revert to the tier system which is structured where all communities with American Legion Posts, large or small, would be able to sponsor an American Legion Baseball team at a more competitive level.