

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPT. OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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FROM: The American Legion Department of South Dakota

TO: Post Athletic Officers

SUBJECT: Gratuitous Issue of Player's Birth Certificates for American Legion Baseball

Section 34-25-54 of South Dakota Law provides that the State Department of Vital Statistics shall provide without charge, a certified copy of a birth record, limited to one, to a person under eighteen years of age who needs such certificate to participate in an organized sports program sponsored by a patriotic organization.

The cost of re-issuing certified copies of all statistics is \$15 .00 each, which means after the player has been issued a free copy; re-issuance will be costly.

The same certified copy of a birth certificate may be used year after year as long as the player is eligible, by age limits, to participate in American Legion Baseball. Consequently, please keep the certificates or have the player keep it for future use. It is also recommended that coaches, managers, or Athletic Officers work closely with the VFW Teeners and secure the proper certificates from them as the boys pass from one program to another. **KEEP THE CERTIFIED COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF YOUR PLAYERS FROM YEAR TO YEAR!**

Please remember your team's birth certificate information and National Entry Form No. 1 must be filed with your "B" Regional Officer or Regional Commissioner by June 29th of the current year.

Individual players must obtain their own birth certificates. Requests for free certified copies of birth certificates should be directed to the local County Register of Deeds or State Department of Health, Office Building No. 2, Vital Statistics Dept., 600 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501. They must provide name, date of birth, place of birth in S.D., mother's maiden name and father's name for each individual.

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