

D. Proof of Eligibility. The American Legion will accept as proof of age and legal status:

1. Records of birth that are an original or a certified document by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health or other governmental agency authorized to certify birth documents.
 - a) Notarized photocopies of birth certificates, hospital records, baptismal records, school records or certificates are not acceptable proof of age and will disqualify a player and/or the team.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

If the birth certificate is produced and bears a seal of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics or federal government agency, The American Legion will accept that document. A driver's license that meets the federal Real ID law is now acceptable; however, hospital and baptismal records are not acceptable. Players or coaches who need to obtain an official birth certificate should contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Information is listed online at legion.org/baseball. Requests for birth certificates should be sent early since

many states require four to six weeks to process and provide such documentation. The American Legion requires a government-produced document. The two documents that cause players to be declared ineligible are hospital certificates and photocopies of birth certificates that have been notarized.

2. A state-issued driver's license that complies with the Federal Real ID Law, or a state-issued ID that is also in compliance with the Federal Real ID Law.
3. A U. S. government-issued passport.
4. A U. S. government-issued military ID card or dependent ID card.
5. An American Legion Baseball ID card issued by those departments. The American Legion Baseball ID card shall be purchased from the national office and shall be laminated and recognized by the embossed sportsmanship code on the back of the card.
6. In case of foreign birth, a player will present any certificate or document duly issued to the bearer by the Department of Homeland Security or by the Department of State that shows the birth date of the bearer. Official birth certificates issued by a foreign country are acceptable when accompanied by a letter with an English translation, and must have an official seal.
7. A court-certified copy of that portion of permanent legal adoption papers showing the place and date of a player's birth shall be acceptable in cases involving adopted players.
8. Other documents as may be reviewed and approved by the national judge advocate.

POINT OF EMPHASIS

The American Legion will accept a document issued by a U. S. government agency or a foreign government-issued birth certificate if that document is an original or has a raised seal or stamp with an English translation. The American Legion will accept documents from any federal government agency.