



# 2010 Kalispell Lakers Handbook

**Kalispell Legion Baseball Association**  
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### **Mission Statement:**

The Kalispell Lakers is a program Committed to a positive baseball experience for the youth of Kalispell, while providing an opportunity for personal growth and success. It will involve the learning as well as the integration of numerous life long skills and values such as courage, pride, determination, hustle, respect, loyalty, poise, commitment, dedication, discipline, intensity, solid work ethic and good positive attitude.

### **History:**

The Kalispell Lakers were officially established in 1970 and have a long-standing tradition of success. The Lakers have made several trips to the state tournament with the most recent trip in 2006. The Lakers were the 1978 Montana State American Legion Champions and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Northwest Regional Tournament that year. The Lakers finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2009 State Tournament in Miles City. (see - [www.kalispelllakers.org](http://www.kalispelllakers.org))

### **Facts:**

Sponsored by American Legion Post #137

Team name: Kalispell Lakers

Team colors: **Scarlet** and **Gold**

Division: Western

Complex: Griffin Field

### **Birth Certificates:**

Each participant is required by the American Legion to have a **CERTIFIED** record on file with the Kalispell Lakers President by May 1. The birth certificate will be returned to you when your playing career is over.

### **Camps and Vacations:**

You are allowed to attend one camp as long as you have approved it with the Head coach 30 days in advance. Please plan your summer vacations after baseball is over.

### **Equipment/Uniforms:**

You will be provided necessary equipment and uniforms for competition. You are expected to take proper care of all team equipment and uniforms. You will need to provide your own gloves and practice gear. A uniform deposit **may** be required and returned to you upon the completion of the season with your uniform turned in to the coaching staff.

### **Code of Conduct:**

Do what is right; if you have to ask if it's right, it's not.

### **Communication:**

The Kalispell Lakers have a set procedure for solving problems. The Board strongly encourages the player to meet with the Coach first to solve any problems that may arise during the season. If the player is not comfortable approaching the coach directly, then the player or parent or both may bring the problem to the attention of the Liaison. The Liaison will address these problems with the coach at an appropriate time. If any of the parties believe that a face-to-face meeting is necessary and all are in agreement to do so, then the Liaison will coordinate and mediate that meeting. If any of the above should fail or prove to be unsatisfactory in the eyes of either party, then the player, the coach or the parent may bring the matter to the attention of the board of directors. The board will then make a decision that it believes is in the best interest of the Kalispell Lakers Program.

### **Fees/Fundraising:**

A non-refundable fee of \$30.00 is required at the time of registration. Each player is required to sell 20-\$40.00 passes or the equivalent of \$25.00 student passes or a combination of both to equal **\$800.00**. The ticket stubs and money (\$800.00) are due on or before **THE FIRST SCHEDULED GAME** of the season. This money is used to defray expenses and the tickets promote home games. There are **NO** exceptions. **Players that have not turned in their ticket money (by the above date) will not be allowed to play or travel with the team.** Additionally the Lakers will need assistance from players and their families with other group fundraisers. Parents and family members are also responsible for participating in fundraisers such as the spring/fall golf tournament, the Booster Auction, the concession stand, ticket sales at the gate and any other fundraising projects. We would also like to emphasize that the cost should not be a factor in determining if your son should play for the Lakers. Cost is however an overwhelming factor in our ability to provide a strong, sound baseball program. Financial records are available for your review at any time.

### **Field Care:**

Each player is required to assist with all field care. Responsibilities will be assigned.

### **Injuries and Illness:**

Report any injury or illness to a coach immediately.

### **Physical Exam:**

A Physical exam is required to participate and must be turned in to the coach prior to the first day of practice.

### **Road Trips:**

While on the road you are expected to follow specific guidelines regarding your behavior. The coaching staff will address those guidelines with you prior to your first road trip. At least one coach or designated parent will remain with the team at all times. The team will make every effort to eat all meals together.

### **Illegal Substance Policy:**

Any illegal or criminal activity, use of, possession of, consumption of, selling or giving away of tobacco, tobacco substitutes, alcohol, or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited from the first day of sign-ups until the last day of competition. Refer to separate pages for the drug and alcohol policy to be read and signed by each player and parent before any participation of the player in the Lakers baseball program.

### **2009 Board Members:**

President: Marc Liechti - 844-2377, Cell – 261-4810

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