

Attention Coaches: Major League's General Managers adopted a new rule which mandates all coaches "on the lines" shall wear a protective helmet. Here is a copy of the email we received. The American Legion follows Official Baseball rules authorized by the Commissioner of Baseball, therefore American Legion coaches shall be mandated to wear a protective helmet. Coaches may wear a no-flap; a single flap or a double flap helmet. Coaches who fail to wear a protective helmet shall be confined to the dugout.

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At their December 2007 meeting, the General Managers voted to require all base coaches at the Major and Minor League levels to wear a protective helmet while performing their duties on-field. The style of the protective helmet (i.e., with or without an ear flap(s)) is at the discretion of each Major League Club. This requirement applies to all spring training, championship season and post-season games.

The Commissioner's office will enforce this requirement strictly at all levels. Any violations of this regulation may result in fines or other discipline. Please make sure that all on-field and clubhouse personnel in your organization are aware of this new regulation.

Thank you,

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