

## **NEW Grange Baseball**

(National Contest)

Grange Baseball gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the organization in many different areas while enhancing your critical thinking, problem solving, communications, and listening skills.

Questions will be gathered from the National Grange roster, Youth and Junior programs, past trivia challenges, manual, degrees, Grange history books, Digest of Laws, Journal of Proceedings, etc.

### **Regional contests:**

- Regional Participants will be divided into two teams: Blue Agates or Golden Sheaves. State affiliations do not matter.
- Play will last for five innings or an hour and a half. In the case of a tie-breaker, an extra inning will be played.
- Each team will get 3 outs per inning. (An out is an incorrect answer.)
- When a player gets up to bat, they will get to determine what type of base hit they want: single, double, triple, home run.
- The type of base hit will determine the difficulty of the question.
- Participants will have 15 seconds to answer a single or double question; 30 seconds to answer a triple or home run question.

Once the teams have been decided, the teams will choose a line-up. Teams cannot help the batter answer a question.

Statistics will be kept on each individual player. The three players from each region with the best slugging percentages will represent the region at National. These participants will be referred to as "Silver Sluggers".

For anyone not participating, team cheering sections are highly encouraged. Cheer gear will be provided by the National Grange Youth Department.

Anyone may participate at a regional level. Only Juniors/Youth/Young Adults will be able to participate at National session.

The State Grange will pay mileage to and from the carpool departure point, two-nights shared lodging, and registration, which includes group meals. The contest at the Western Regional Conference will follow the same format as the national contest.

National winners will receive a ribbon.

If an Oregon contestant is selected to participate at the National Grange Convention, the State Grange will pay round-trip mileage or airfare and up to \$30 per day (Friday – Sunday) reimbursement for meals upon presentation of receipts.