

OFFICIAL RULES

FSGA Expert Fantasy Baseball Leagues

This will be a mixed (AL & NL players) league with up to 14 teams.

The draft will use the RealTime Fantasy Sports website. RT will be the official commissioner service of the League.

Each manager must provide Digger Turnbull with their name, company name, mobile phone number and email address. An email will be sent to each manager to activate their team and allow website access for team management.

The cost to play is \$50 (prize money), which goes into the prize fund. Please confirm you are in for prize money and if so, pay right away to league commissioner (who will be announced in league announcement emails). All prize money to be awarded at end of season.

Each player's company must be a current FSGA member in good standing and registered for the league.

THE DRAFT

A draft slotting selection will occur before the draft. The draft slot selected will be used to determine the team's draft position for all rounds of the draft. The draft will be in serpentine order (1-14 and 14-1). Each team manager will have **45** seconds to make their selection. A team

manager can pass, and after the next selection is made, jump back in and make their selection. Each player needs to fill 23 active lineup spots and 6 reserve spots by the conclusion of the draft. The draft will be 29 rounds.

ROSTER

Each team will draft 2-C, 1-1B, 1-2B, 1-SS, 1-3B, 1-CI, 1-MI, 5-OF, 1-DH, 9-P, 6 reserves. It is each manager's responsibility to have a full roster at the end of the draft. Any player can be drafted, including minor leaguers, unsigned players, guys on the MLB Injured List (IL), etc.

Ohtani Rule ... from Tim Jensen (RT Sports): Ohtani will be listed as pitcher AND at UT, same as last year.

Managers can use him as one or the other each week, **but not both**. Managers can switch him back and forth weekly if they want. He will work just like an NL pitcher in years past – hitting stats will not count when he's started as a pitcher and his pitcher stats will not count when he's started as a hitter. So, he will be one player and will be on only one team, and that team can decide how they want to use him as per the above.

ELIGIBILITY

A player may be drafted at any position in which he played 20 games or more during the previous baseball season. If a player did not play 20 games at any position, he can be drafted at the position he played the most games in the previous baseball season. A player who only

qualifies at the UT position must be drafted as a UT. If a player did not play in the majors during the previous baseball season, he must be drafted at the position in which he played most in the minor leagues, Japan, or other league.

Once a player plays 10 games at a position in the baseball season, he will become eligible at that position this year. Reserve players can be any player position.

SCORING

We will use the standard 5 x 5 Rotisserie style scoring. Hitting Categories – BA, HR, RBI, SB, RS. Pitching Categories – W, S, ERA, WHIP, K. Every team must have a minimum of 3,500 At-Bats and 900 Innings pitched. Failure to achieve these minimums will result in 0 points in the respective categories.

IN-SEASON PLAY

Each player will be able to manage their team on the RT Sports website set up for the FSGA Experts League. Team managers may start or bench a player for the current week up until the beginning of the first game for that player's team that week. After that time, the player is locked and cannot be started or benched. In addition, lineup changes are allowed one week in advance.

Week 1 note: In a season where there are overseas regular season games prior to the traditional Opening Day of games in North America, Week 1 lineups will be locked

at start of games on the traditional Opening Day. This means that managers will be able to see the stats of any regular season games played prior to the traditional Opening Day of games in North America and decide whether to place them in their Week 1 starting lineups prior to the traditional North America Opening Day lineup deadline. If players from the games overseas are in the manager's starting lineup, the stats those players accumulated in those regular season games will be counted retroactively toward Week 1 results.

Tiebreaker note: If real-life MLB tiebreaker games are played, those results will count toward the final week of the fantasy regular season. There will be no FAB the Sunday night before those tiebreaker games and no start/bench moves will be allowed for the tiebreaker games. They are simply an extension of the current week.

FAB (Free Agent Budget): Each manager will have \$1,000 in FAB money to spend on changes for their team. The minimum FAB bid on any player will be \$1.00.

The free-agent pool will consist of the following:

- Active players not currently on a FSGA team roster
- Minor leaguers
- Unsigned players
- International, college or high school players (if they are in the RT Sports player database)

NOTE: Players on the MLB Injured List (IL) are not

eligible for pick up.

When submitting a bid for a free-agent player, it must be accompanied with a corresponding move. After the FAB deadline, it will be the manager's responsibility to make sure their lineup is set and legal. The FAB deadline will be at 11:00 PM ET on Sunday each week. Player(s) won in the waiver claim process will be on rosters by 7:00 AM ET Monday.

After the FAB deadline, teams may claim players on a first-come basis – and at \$0 cost – beginning Mondays at 10:00 AM ET until the transaction deadline.

If a player is not available for FAB pickup on Sunday night, he will not be available for first-come pickup on Mondays, either.

Players acquired via FAB and/or first-come are not required to be in a manager's active lineup that week.

Players released via the FAB process and/or first-come are locked and not eligible to be picked up until the following week's FAB deadline.

There will be one FAB waiver claim on the Sunday immediately prior to the traditional North America Opening Day at 11:00 PM ET. For injured players to be moved to IL, they must be designated as being on IL in the RT Sports system.

TRADES

Teams will be able to make unlimited trades. All trades will need to be reported to the commissioner for processing. Trades will go into effect for the next transaction deadline if the trade is reported before the transaction deadline for all players in the trade. 2-for-1 trades are permissible as long as there are corresponding moves to keep rosters legal. The trade deadline is the first Sunday in September at 11:00 p.m. ET.

Injured List (IL) – This league has an unlimited IL. If a player is on the MLB IL before the transaction deadline – and designated as being on IL in the RT Sports system – the manager may claim another player through use of FAB dollars to replace him, or through first-come free agency on Monday. Keep in mind that each manager must always keep an eligible active roster, so if a player is moved from the active roster, a qualified replacement must go in his place.

When a player is activated from the MLB IL list, he must be activated or dropped or traded from the manager's roster by the second Monday after his activation before the manager will be able to make any other transactions.

- Example 1: Player A is activated from IL on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. The manager has two (2) Mondays to activate, drop or trade that player.
- Example 2: Player A is activated from IL on a Monday. The manager must activate, drop, or trade

that player by the next Monday.

Suspended Players CANNOT be placed on IL. They must remain on your roster ... or they can be dropped or traded.

PRIZES

Total prize fund will be \$700 or amount collected based on teams participating

1st place will earn 60%

2nd place will earn 30%

3rd place will earn 10%

Top team in the FSGA Experts Fantasy Baseball 'Champions League' will win gold ring(s) and have their name(s) engraved on the Champions League trophy.

Plus ... bragging rights ... significant with the esteemed participants in this league!

Relegation – Will be based on the number FSGA Experts Fantasy Baseball Leagues other than the 'Champions League.' The lowest ranked team(s) in the Overall Standings at the end of the season from the 'Champions League' will be relegated. The exact number of team(s) to be relegated will be equal to the number 'other' FSGA Experts Fantasy Baseball Leagues.

For all 'other' FSGA Experts Fantasy Baseball Leagues other than the 'Champions League,' the champion of that league will win silver ring(s) and will move into the

‘Champions League’ for the following baseball season!

Tiebreakers: If two or more teams are tied at the top of the standings at the conclusion of the fantasy regular season, the team that has won the most categories H2H will be declared the winner. If there’s still a tie, then the team that finished with a higher Batting Average will be declared the winner. If there’s still a tie, then the team that finished with a better ERA will be declared the winner. If there’s still a tie, we’ll go to HRs and then the categories in this order to determine a winner:

- WHIP
- RBI
- Wins
- SB
- Saves
- RS
- Strikeouts

The same tiebreaker rules apply for determining if a ‘Champions League’ team is relegated – but with the team having won the *least* categories H2H, and so on, being relegated.