

Official Rules

2019 SiriusXM / FSTA Expert Baseball League Draft

There will be one mixed ((NL & AL players) league with 14 teams draft on Tuesday, January 22nd . The draft will start at 5 PM ET and be carried live on the SiriusXM fantasy channel from the Westin Tampa Waterside Hotel. We will draft as many rounds as time permits until 7 PM ET and the conclusion the draft will happen via email.

Please be ready to go and seated at the table at least 10 minutes before the draft.

RealTime Sports will be the official commissioner service of the SiriusXM/FSTA Experts League. Each team owner must provide Charlie Wiegert (cwiegart1@gmail.com) with his name, company name, mobile phone number and email address. An email will be sent to each team owner to activate his team and allow web site access for managing his team.

The cost to play is \$50, which goes into the prize fund and will be managed by League Safe. Each player's company must be a current FSTA member and registered for the the event.

THE DRAFT

A draft slotting selection will occur before the draft. The draft slot selected will be used to determine the team owners draft position for all rounds of the draft. The team owners will position themselves at the draft table in the order selected.

The draft will be in serpentine order (1-14 14-1). Each team owner will have 30 seconds to make his selection. A team owner can pass, and after the next selection is made, he will have the opportunity to select again. Each player needs to fill 23 active line-up 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, 1-3B, 1-CI, 1-2B, 1-SS, 1-MI, 5-OF, 1-DH, 9-P, 6 reserves

It is each player's responsibility to have an active roster at the end of the draft.

Otani Rule...from Tim Jensen

Ohtani will be listed as pitcher and DH, same as last year. Although the likelihood is he will not pitch this year. However if he does, You can use him as one or the other each week, **but not both**. You can switch him back and forth weekly if you want. He will work just like an NL pitcher, hitting stats will not count when you start him as a pitcher and his pitcher stats will not count when 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 use as per the above.

ELIGIBILITY

A player may be drafted at any position in which he played 20 games or more during the 2018 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 2018 season. A player who only qualifies at the DH position must be drafted as a DH. If a player did not play in the majors in the 2018 season, he must be drafted at the position in which he played most in the minor leagues, Japan or other league, or position he played in 2017.

Once a player plays 10 games at a position in 2019, he will become eligible at that position in 2019.

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 3500 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 his team on the RT Sports web site set up for the SiriusXm/FSTA league. Team owners may start or bench a player for the current week up until the beginning of the first game for that player that week. After that time the player is locked and can not be started or benched. In addition, lineup changes are allowed one week in advance.

FAAB (Free Agent Acquisition Budget)

Each player will have \$1000 in FAAB money to spend on changes for his team. The minimum bid on any player will be \$1.

The free agent pool will consist of any player on an active MLB roster prior to the transaction period, not currently on a FSTA team roster. When submitting a bid for a free agent player, it must be accompanied with a corresponding move. After the faab deadline, it will be the player's responsibility to make sure his line up is set and legal.

The faab deadline will be at 11:59 PM CT on Sunday each week. Player(s) who you won in the waiver claim process will be on your roster by 6 AM Monday. After the FAAB deadline, teams may claim players on a first come basis until the transaction deadline.

There will be one waiver claim before the season starts at 11:59 PM CT Wednesday, March 27. Player(s) who you won in this faab waiver claim process will be on your roster by 6:05 AM CT Thursday, March 28. Players who will be playing in the Thursday, March 28-Sunday, March 31 games will become locked in your starting line-up or bench when their teams game starts and

will not be able to be moved until the first transaction deadline, Monday April 1. Team owners may start or bench all players until the start of the first game for that player any week. A determination will be made before the draft how players and stats from the two games played in Toyko on 3/20 & 3/21 will be used. Any players released (if applicable) will go back into the free agent pool and be available the following week for faab pick up.

TRADES

Teams will be able to make unlimited trades. All trades will need to be reported to the commissioner (Charlie Wiegert) for processing. Trades will go into effect for the next transaction deadline as long as 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 your roster legal. The trade deadline is August 31st.

DL List

If a player is on the MLB disable list before the transaction deadline, the team owner may claim another player through use of faab dollars to replace him, or through first come first serve free agents on Monday. Keep in mind each team owner must keep an eligible active roster at all times, so if you move a player from your active roster, a qualified replacement must go in his place.

When a player is activated from the MLB dl list, he must be activated (or dropped) on your roster before you will be able to make any other transactions.

PRIZES

Total prize fund will be \$700 (14 x \$50). 1st place will earn 60%, or \$420. 2nd place will earn 25%, or \$175. 3rd place will earn 15%, or \$105.

Plus Bragging rights, which with the esteemed participants in this group is significant!