



"My favorite game is still Scoresheet Baseball. Play the game, you'll love it!"

- Ron Shandler
Founder
Baseball HQ

SCORESHEET BASEBALL

Enjoy Fantasy Baseball Like Never Before!

Would you like to play a fantasy baseball game that is closer to playing real baseball than any other? Would you like your fantasy baseball team to play head-to-head, inning-by-inning baseball, instead of just accumulating "points"? If so, then welcome to *Scoresheet Baseball*, the ultimate fantasy baseball experience.

Similar to other fantasy sports games, *Scoresheet Baseball* allows you to draft players before the major league season begins, and your team wins or loses depending on how your players perform throughout the major league season. But rather than just adding up statistics, ***Scoresheet Baseball* teams play actual simulated ballgames.** Each week of the upcoming 2017 major-league season, using your lineup card choices, your *Scoresheet Baseball* team will play six or seven full baseball games **on our computer**, the outcomes of which are based on your players' actual performances from that week's major league games. ***Scoresheet Baseball* is not like other simulations that use past season stats or will play their 2017 season after the major league season is over.** Playing *Scoresheet Baseball* is the most realistic fantasy baseball experience anywhere!

In *Scoresheet Baseball*, your team will play a complete 162-game schedule, going **head-to-head** against other teams in your league. You will take part in a live draft and make trades with other owners in your league. You can turn in a new lineup card every week if you choose, but **it takes no more of your time to play *Scoresheet Baseball* than it does to play any other fantasy baseball game.** You will quickly find that the experience of *Scoresheet Baseball* is unlike any other.

Each week, you will receive a league report which includes complete scoresheets for every game your team played. League standings, trade reports, player and team stats, league leaders, top undrafted players, and team vs team records are all included.

Every *Scoresheet* league also has its own website full of essential information to manage your team. **You can even use our online "Score-It" feature to watch each game played in its entirety, at-bat by at-bat.**

In addition to our unique game system, there are many other reasons why *Scoresheet Baseball* is your best choice for fantasy sports. At *Scoresheet*, our top priority is customer service. With over 30 years of experience, we offer unmatched reliability and on-time reports, and our web-based draft system gives you the most flexibility and control possible. Join the thousands of baseball fans who play *Scoresheet Baseball* each year, and take your fantasy baseball experience to a new level.

The Experts Agree...

Jeff Passan, Lead Baseball Writer, Yahoo Sports:

"One night I found myself glued to the computer, living and dying with every at-bat, hoping, praying, ultimately losing. I wanted to stop. I couldn't. Because there is something so alluring about Scoresheet, so different from every other fantasy game, so much better, that it was useless. Four years later, the addiction happily rages on."

Todd Zola, Owner, Mastersball.com:

"If you want something more realistic, more related to the real game...check out Scoresheet. It's the way to go"

Bruce Taylor, Publisher of Fantasy Index Magazine:

"In Scoresheet, you actually manage your team. You set a batting order (vs. lefties and righties), you decide when each player should bunt and whether to steal, and you choose when pitchers are replaced. Defense counts, too."

Jeff Erickson, Owner, Rotowire.com:

"Play Scoresheet Baseball. It is the most accurate, fun simulation game out there. I can not recommend it highly enough."

Gary Huckabay, Co-Founder, Baseball Prospectus:

"Scoresheet is the ONLY baseball game I play!"

Sean Forman, Founder, Baseball-Reference.com:

"Scoresheet is the only game that I've seen that combines defense and positional scarcity in any meaningful way. It's the only fantasy game that I play..."



The Scoresheet Difference

The problem with other fantasy systems that just add up 'points' is that **point adding is *not* real baseball**. In those stat-adding games a few categories like stolen bases are overemphasized while entire areas of baseball, such as creating batting orders, sacrificing and pinch hitting, platooning, fielding, using set-up men, etc., are ignored.

At Scoresheet, we don't feel that a home run should be worth 4 points or a pitcher win worth 2 points, or that winning a category is what baseball is all about. **In Scoresheet Baseball, teams play complete ballgames each week of the season, using the current week's major league statistics and the strategies you have included on your lineup card.** The results are so realistic that the *San Francisco Chronicle* said, "Comparing Scoresheet Baseball to other fantasy games is like comparing chess to checkers."

Each *Scoresheet Baseball* at-bat, our simulation system determines the outcome based on the actual performances of the batter, pitcher, and fielders involved in the play. For example, the better a batter's average that week in the majors, or the more hits per nine innings a pitcher gave up that week, the higher the probability of a hit in that Scoresheet at-bat. Based on the probabilities, our system calculates the chances of a base hit, home run, out, error, extra base-hit, walk, strikeout, etc. – virtually every official baseball statistic is used to determine the outcome of each play. Even fielding ranges, which are generally hard to find, are used in *Scoresheet Baseball*.

At Scoresheet, we are avid baseball fans, and we have tried to include all of the subtleties that make baseball such a great game. But our computer system handles all the details; your job of managing is quite simple. For the last 30 years, we have constantly upgraded and fine-tuned the *Scoresheet Baseball* simulation program. We are proud to say that our team owners continue to praise our game's fun and realism.

Do you think that middle relievers, good defense, and a manager's strategies all play an important part in real baseball? Well, so do we, and that is why we designed Scoresheet Baseball so that your fantasy team plays complete games, at-bat by at-bat.

Choose Your League

Sign up alone or with just a few friends and we will put you in a league with other individual owners. Scoresheet forms 10-team leagues drafting American League players or National League players only, or 20-team leagues drafting from both the AL and NL. Leagues are split into divisions. You will quickly find that Scoresheet team owners are some of the most avid baseball fans in all of fantasy baseball!

Join with a group of friends, and form your own complete Scoresheet league. With your own "private" league, you can have *any* number of teams, and can choose to draft just AL or NL players, or from both leagues if you like. You can also choose to either hold your own draft, or you can use our web-based draft system with your own league. Scoresheet private leagues offer more custom options than any other fantasy baseball game!

Scoresheet also runs perpetual (keeper) leagues that allow owners to keep players from year to year so that you can build your fantasy baseball dynasty. However, we suggest that you play *Scoresheet Baseball* for at least one season before committing to such a league.

Batting

- ◆ Each batter's actual numbers of singles, doubles, triples, home runs, walks, strikeouts and at-bats that week in the majors are used – not just his batting average and number of home runs.
- ◆ Batters hit differently against left-handed and right-handed pitchers.
- ◆ Team-dependent stats like RBIs and runs scored in the majors matter much less than individual stats like slugging percentage or on-base percentage.
- ◆ Sacrifice bunts and pinch hitting only happen for batters you specify, and only if the game situation calls for it.

Fielding

- ◆ Errors and passed balls are based on the fielder's actual stats that week.
- ◆ Better fielders are able to get to more balls. Each player's fielding range is included in the draft packet.
- ◆ Better catchers throw out more runners, and are run on less often.
- ◆ Players who play more than one position in the majors can also switch positions in Scoresheet.



Base Running

- ◆ Runners can only steal as often, and with as much success, as they did in the majors that week.
- ◆ Fast runners score more often from second base on a single.
- ◆ Slow batters ground into more double plays.
- ◆ Runners sometimes advance farther on a hit with 2 outs, since they run with the crack of the bat.



The Draft is a Blast!

There is much more to a *Scoresheet Baseball* draft than just picking the players who will have the most home runs or stolen bases! Having a fast leadoff hitter to score from second on a single, solid middle relief pitchers that can get you to your closer, and speedy fielders to close off the gaps all are important elements in real baseball – and are just as important in *Scoresheet Baseball*.

Unlike "pool-format" fantasy games, Scoresheet team owners take part in a real draft. For instance, Justin Verlander can only be on one team in each league, instead of each team selecting from the same pool of players each week.

While we still offer a postal-based draft, **most leagues now use our web-based draft system.** The Scoresheet web draft allows you to change your draft list between every draft pick, **giving you the same control as if you were at a live in-person draft.** With our web draft, you do not have to be online when it is your turn to pick. Instead, our draft program uses a draft list you have saved to the Scoresheet website. You can change your list as often or as little as you like - most team owners change it before every one of their picks.

Scoresheet also offers an optional Roster Balancing feature for our web-based drafts that can help ensure you draft a balanced team. More about the Scoresheet web draft can be found at: www.scoresheet.com/BB_WebDraft.php.

As soon as we receive your order form, we will send you a complete drafting information packet including player lists and full drafting rules. The drafting packet includes a list of almost everyone on each AL or NL 40-man major league roster, along with many top prospects. Players are grouped by position, and we include each player's major league team, which side he bats or pitches from, his fielding range and his age.

Pitching

- ◆ Each pitcher's complete stats are used, including the number of strikeouts, walks, hits, earned runs and innings pitched he recorded that week in the majors – even wild pitches!
- ◆ Pitchers "pitch carefully" when first base is open and a runner is in scoring position, giving up more walks but fewer big hits.
- ◆ Team-dependent stats such as wins and saves matter less than individual stats such as ERA.
- ◆ Your closer will only pitch in save situations.

Why Play Scoresheet?

Because your Scoresheet team plays complete games there is more to winning than just drafting and trading. A manager who makes the best use of his players will win those crucial close games. Filling out your lineup card tells our simulation system exactly what strategies to use during each game.

Is it worth an out to move a runner along?

Is it a good gamble to try to steal second?

These are the types of decisions you make as a Scoresheet manager.

In addition, you set your batting order and pitching rotation, and you decide when to:

- ◆ platoon
- ◆ steal
- ◆ bunt
- ◆ pinch-hit
- ◆ use each reliever
- ◆ bring in a closer
- ◆ make a defensive replacement

**You Make
All the
Decisions**

As with other fantasy games, your team's performance depends on how your players perform during the major league season. But in Scoresheet Baseball, you get the added excitement of knowing that your managerial decisions are playing a key role in your team's success.

Root Teams

Scoresheet also forms single season leagues with a "root team" flavor. These 10-team leagues will draft from either the AL only or NL only. Each root league team will be based on a major league team chosen by the team owner before joining a league. This type of format makes the Root Leagues a lot of fun, while simplifying the draft. Scoresheet has designed the Root League format so that teams rooted with the best major league teams will not necessarily have an advantage, as many players from better major league teams will get picked by other owners in the open draft rounds. During the draft, each team owner picks a player from their root team's organization in the first few rounds and from the "open" teams in other specified rounds. Teams need to have at least 8 players from their root team by Round 16, and must draft players from the root team in specified later rounds, as well. Thus, many of your starters and almost all of your backups and bullpen will come from your root team. Root leagues will all draft using the Scoresheet web draft.

Since Root Leagues are a simpler version of the standard *Scoresheet Baseball* game, the franchise fee for Root Leagues is just \$59, or only \$29 if you are playing *Scoresheet Baseball* for the first time.



GET IN ON THE FUN

Play the Best! Start by sending in your order form now.

Owning a *Scoresheet Baseball* team costs \$89. Join with a friend, or order two teams for yourself, and the price is only \$84 per team. And for those joining in groups of five or more, the price drops to \$79 per team. **If you have never played Scoresheet Baseball before, we offer an introductory price of just \$29.**

We have put over 30 years into making our fantasy sports games as much fun and as realistic as possible. **Considering how many hours you spend following baseball each year, you owe it to yourself to play the very best game you can.** Our success over the years has been due to repeat business and word-of-mouth

On the Internet

Each league has its own website with everything you'd want to know about your league. Along with complete scoresheets for every game, the "Score-It" feature allows you to view your games at-bat by at-bat. You will also receive weekly reports by e-mail (or postal mail).

You can choose to play in a league with a web-based draft, where you can change your player ranking sheet as often as you like - between every round if you want. Be sure to include the web-based draft option on your order form if you would like to be in one of these leagues.

If you want to join a league that conducts its own private draft - either in person or online - check out our message board at www.scoresheet.com/msg/ where anyone can post messages about forming new private leagues.

advertising from over 7,000 satisfied team owners.

We have designed our lineup cards so that you do **not** have to turn in a new lineup every time an injury occurs. You simply list your backup players in the order you want them used, and your starters are automatically substituted for if they miss games. However, when you want to make a strategy change, you certainly can. And as long as you use our website to make lineup changes, there is NO charge for submitting new lineups. If you want to turn in lineup changes by postal mail, fax or e-mail, there is a small charge. Also, there is no fee for trades or picking up players during the season. As long as you use the Scoresheet website for lineup changes, your team fee is the only cost for the season.

To take part in a league drafting on the Scoresheet website, you can sign up anytime between January through early March. The earlier you join, the more time you will have to enjoy the draft, which for many owners, is the best part of the whole season.

Don't spend a whole winter without baseball while you wait for opening day. Instead, send in your order form now, and start thinking about your next Scoresheet baseball team as you get ready for the exciting season ahead. If your order form has been misplaced, send us your name, address, phone number, and your choice of American or National League. You can also order your team on our website, at www.scoresheet.com.

Scoresheet does not offer the cash prizes some "contests" do. To offer cash prizes, we'd have to change our game

completely, and no longer be able to offer a league-type format - Owners would collide, making unfair trades, in an effort to win. (This is why companies with large cash prizes use a "pool-type" format, with no real draft.) We believe the real excitement of playing fantasy sports is being in a league where a player can only be on one team, where making real trades with other baseball fans is part of the fun, and where you compete against the other owners in your league.

See how much fun playing fantasy baseball can be. As some of our team owners have proclaimed: "*Scoresheet makes you a total baseball fan,*" "*it just gets better every year,*" and "*far superior to rotisserie or stat games.*"

Every year, nine out of 10 *Scoresheet Baseball* team owners return for another great season. So join the thousands of other Scoresheet team owners and **Play the Best — Play Scoresheet!**

