

Continuing League Owners

October 3rd, 2006:

Now that the season is over you CAN start trading again. Please do send us a trade notice when you make a trade. There is **NO** charge for off-season trades, but we need the trade notices so that we can keep updated rosters. Also, we need to hear from both owners involved before the trade can go thru. And please, **do NOT make any trades unless you plan on returning for next season!**

We will send out new updated league rosters showing all the off-season trades when next year's draft packets go out in mid-January. Your protected lists will be due at the end of January, a couple of weeks AFTER you receive the year 2007 draft packets and player lists and the updated rosters.

Each team has the rights to protect 13 players. You can NOT just protect 10 players and get the first 3 picks of the draft. However, you can trade away one of your protected spots for other players or draft picks. In other words, team 5 could trade with team 2 for one of team 2's protected spots - meaning team 5 would protect 14 guys, and team 2 would protect 12. If you trade away a protected spot or draft pick you WILL end up with less players - you will NOT have 35 players at the end of drafting if you trade away draft picks!

In addition to your 13 regular players protected every year, you can also protect any '*Scoresheet minor leaguers*' you have on your roster. *Scoresheet* minor leaguers are defined as a player with less than 70 career major league at-bats, or less than 25 career major league innings pitched. Players who qualify as minor leaguers have an asterisk (*) next to their name on your season-end league rosters. Those rosters will be included with the playoff results going out next week, and rosters are also on your league's web page.

Each minor leaguer you protect costs you one of your draft picks - if you protect one you lose your 35th round pick, if you protect 2 you

lose your 34th and 35th round picks, if you protect 3 you lose your 33rd, 34th and 35th round picks, etc. If you've traded away a late pick then you lose your next pick instead - you do lose one of your team's draft picks for every minor leaguer you protect, regardless of any draft pick trades you've made. It is also **only** your own team's picks you lose for protecting minor leaguers - if you have traded for other team's late picks they can NOT be used as picks lost for protecting 'minor leaguers'. So, if you protect 5 minor leaguers you will lose your 31st thru 35th round picks, or even a better pick if you've traded away one of those picks already, no matter how many other team's picks you may own. You CAN also protect as many minor leaguers as you like with your 13 regular protected spots if for some reason you want to do that (though doing so does not make much sense.)

You will be limited to protecting no more than 2 players which are on the other league's year 2007 Scoresheet player lists. But like always, if you protect or draft a guy and he is traded later in 2007 to the other league, you can still keep him for the entire 2007 season.

****NOTE:** If you protect a minor leaguer who is listed on the other league's player list he does NOT count against this '2 players from the other league limit'.

The protected phase (stage 1) of the draft counts as 13 rounds. Teams then draft 11 rounds in the second stage, and 11 more rounds in the third stage; drafting the same total of 35 rounds as in one year leagues. You can also trade draft picks. However, you can only trade draft picks up to one year ahead - you can now trade for any year 2007 draft pick, but not for any 2008 picks. After a draft stage has been held in 2007 then you can trade for those round's 2008 picks. For instance, after the second stage of the year 2007 draft is held, then you can make trades for 2008 second stage draft picks. When trading draft picks please make clear exactly which round you are trading - for instance round 14 is

the first round of real drafting (since you are keeping 13 players.) Round 25 starts the final stage, and round 36 is the first pick of the first in-season supplemental draft. And as said earlier, if you traded away draft picks you will end up with a smaller number of players on your team at the end of the draft.

Don't forget, those round 14 picks are very valuable. For instance, if ARod is traded to the NL this off-season he'd be eligible in NL drafts in 2006. So, don't trade away your round 14 pick without getting a lot in return!

In every round the draft is in the reverse order of won-loss record, except that the league's playoff winner will pick last, and the other division winner(s) will pick 2nd to last. This coming year (2007), in case of ties, the higher (larger) numbered team (among the tied teams) drafts ahead of any higher numbered teams in the first round of the second stage of the draft (which is round 14), and then the order among those tied teams keeps reversing in each round thereafter. For example, if team 2 and team 8 are tied for the worst record in the league, then in 2007 team 8 would get the first pick in round 14, then team 2 would get the first pick in round 15, etc. We do flip-flop the tie-breaker every year.

If for some reason you know you will not be participating in Scoresheet during the 2007 season PLEASE let us know as soon as possible! And if you have a friend (or two) who would like to get into your league please let us know that also. It does turn out that many leagues have one or two owners drop out during the off-season, and we'd rather fill that spot with someone who is a friend of one of the owners in that league. If more than one person wants to pick up that orphaned team then the first new owner to pay next year's team fee is the one who gets that team - makes sense, eh?

Have a great off-season, and keep thinking baseball. We hope that you had a lot of fun during this past year, and that you are looking

forward to the start of the next baseball season as much as we are.

Have Fun, and Play Ball!

P.S. Once again - PLEASE take a minute and mail us a note, or send us an e-mail, as soon as you make a trade. We don't charge for off-season trades; we sure hope that in appreciation you can send in the trade notice immediately so that we can keep up with your trades. And please do NOT make any trades if you are not returning for the 2007 season. In past years we've had to veto a couple of trades because one of the owners did not keep his team, and since players often get traded from team to team in the off-season, one vetoed trade ended up negating about a dozen trades! Thanks for your cooperation!