

Hi Again: Our **second mid-season supplemental draft is coming up**. Drafts will consist of four rounds. For 10 team leagues, please submit a list that has up to 25 players on it, and for 12 team leagues a list of 30 players should be more than enough. Owners list very different players in this late draft - you'll probably get all 4 players from your first 15 players listed, so 25 or 30 is plenty.

For **American and Combined Leagues drafting by list thru us, the deadline for sending in draft lists will be 4 PM Monday, July 9th**, and the National League submission deadline will be Monday, July 16th. Whether you are using postal mail, fax, e-mail or sending your list from our web site, please follow those submission deadlines - we do feel it is only fair for everyone to have the same deadline no matter how they send their list in. AL/BL draft results will be included with the report showing games thru July 15th; NL draft results will be included with the report of games thru July 22nd. You **CAN** make trade involving your draft picks. But if you are trading supplemental draft picks those **trades** must be turned in by the **same due dates** as for the lists. The draft will be held in reverse order of the standings in **ALL** 4 rounds, using standings thru games of July 8 for American and combined Leagues, and standings thru games of July 15 for NLs.

LEAGUES WHICH USED THE WEB BASED DRAFT SYSTEM IN THE PRE-SEASON WILL ALSO BE USING THAT WEB DRAFT FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT. We will send out more complete instructions about your web draft later this week. But in short, you should have your list entered on the web by the same dates as given above, and then the draft will start running the next day.

If you are in a league doing your own drafts you CAN do your mid-season drafts whenever you want. But please, have someone send us your entire league's draft results when you are done so that we can add all the drafted players to all your team's rosters at the same time - thanks!

***NOTE:** As stated in the draft packet, **players** which have been **drafted** in this year's **June MLB draft ARE eligible** to be picked in this supplemental draft (in the same type of league they were drafted in in the majors), even if they have not signed a contract yet.

The **All-Star** break is coming up (the All-Star game is on Tuesday, July 10th.) In Scoresheet, all pitching cards must list a normal **5 man rotation**. But during the All-Star week almost all Scoresheet teams will only play 4 games, so if all 5 of your rotation's pitchers do pitch in the majors during the All-Star week, your 5th starter will not be needed as a starter that week. In that case your 5th starter will **automatically** be moved to the top of the bullpen, with

an earliest inning of 1, a hook of 3, and a rank of 5 versus both RHBs and LHBs. To avoid using those assigned default numbers, you **can** choose to also list your **5th starter** at the **top** of your bullpen, with whatever hook, rank and earliest inning used numbers you want. Then, if that 5th starter needs to be used as a starter we'll use his starter numbers, and if he is not needed to start a game he'll be eligible to come out of the pen, with either the numbers you show for him, or the default numbers if you don't list him in the pen.

You can list your 5th starter both in the rotation and as the number 1 listed pitcher in your pen on any lineup you turn in, but it will **only** matter during the All-Star week and in the playoffs, since in all other weeks you must use a 5 man rotation in Scoresheet, and if a rotation pitcher starts a game that week in Scoresheet he can NOT also be used as a reliever. When we say 'list your 5th starter in the pen' we mean that you can list him twice on your lineup card, once as your 5th starter in the rotation, and also as your first (top line) listed pitcher out of the pen. If you list him somewhere in the pen other than the top line, or if it is someone other than the 5th starter, then the computer will just delete that pitcher from your pen.

Carry-Over starts: If one of your starting rotation pitchers has an 'unused start' from a previous week (meaning he was in your rotation some week and started twice in the majors, but was only needed to start once for your team), that unused 'saved' start can be used in a future week. If a starting pitcher needs to use an unused start from a previous week then the stats from that unused start get added into the current week's major league performance. So, **both** his starts for you that week will be based on the combination of his major league stats for the current week, and the stats of his unused start. (This is why we put an asterisk next to both your pitcher's starts in a week when a carry-over is used). Unfortunately this can make it harder for you to predict how your pitchers will do just from looking at that week's major league boxscores, but we figure most of us need all of the starting pitching innings we can get! For pitchers in your rotation the season totals should be fairly accurate in matching ERA and hits, Ks, and BBs per inning, (**after** taking into account the quality of opponents your pitchers are facing in Scoresheet); but in an individual week the hitters faced, and unused starts, can affect performance a lot. Finally, 'carry-over' starts do count the same as real starts when figuring out who should start twice for you in a week. This means that if more than one pitcher has 2 starts available the pitcher higher in your rotation gets two starts, except when a lower listed pitcher is facing a team you have listed in his 'prefer to face' column.

Have a great week! - Jeff Barton