

2004 Pre-Season Basketball Rosters

Here are the final pre-season rosters for each team in your league. At the bottom of the roster is the season schedule. (If you are drafting in-person we will mail you the rosters and schedule as soon as we get the draft results from you.) Also included are blank depth charts and instructions.

Please fill out your **initial depth chart/free agent list** and **POSTMARK, FAX or E-MAIL** it **by/before Monday, November 1st**. Keep the extras for use later in the season. If you need more blanks during the season just drop us a note and we will send you some. (Feel free to make copies of these blanks - the copyright notice can be ignored by *Scoresheet Basketball* players.) If you happen to be out of blanks and want to make a depth chart change, use any paper you want, but please make sure it is in the same format as our chart. And please include player numbers on your depth charts - thanks!

We have put your league number at the top of your league roster. **PLEASE** put your league number and team number at the top of any depth charts you turn in. 12-team leagues are split into 2 conferences. All odd numbered teams are in one conference, and all even numbered teams are in the other. If you are in a league which drafted in person we may have had to change your team number to accommodate your conference requests. Please check your team number on these rosters! Also, team 12 goes first in the first week's free agent draft, then team 11, etc.

Games are played on Mondays, using the previous week's NBA stats (Mon. - Sun.) You must send in your new depth chart/free agent list **BEFORE** you see how your players did that previous week in the NBA. For example, *Scoresheet Basketball* games played on our computer on Monday, November 22nd will use NBA stats from Monday, November 15th thru Sunday, November 21st. Thus the depth chart/free agent list you want used for *Scoresheet* games played by the computer on the 22nd would have to be **submitted** (postmarked, faxed or e-mailed) by/before any NBA games start on Monday, the 15th. **And please, put depth chart/free agent list changes in the mail in time to get them postmarked on Monday.** Honesty seems to be quite high among fantasy owners. Please, drop your depth chart/free agent list in the mailbox Monday, **BEFORE** any games are played in the NBA that day. **If you are faxing or e-mailing in your chart please send it by 4 PM, Pacific time, to have it**

used for that upcoming week's games. If you postmark or fax a depth chart/free agent list card after Monday it will be used for the following week's games and draft.

You do **NOT** need to send in a new depth chart every week. The game automatically takes care of injuries, you only need to send in a new depth chart if you make a trade, want to change starters for reserves, or want to participate in that week's free agent draft. (Though only owners who have turned in a new depth chart/free agent list that week will be entered in that week's free agent draft. See the enclosed depth chart instructions for more info on free agent drafts, player use, and filling out the depth chart.) There are **NO in-season fees** for turning in new charts, making trades, or participating in the free agent draft. However, even if you are just taking part in the free agent draft, and making no depth chart changes, your free agent wanted list must be submitted by Monday, before that week's NBA games begin, to be included in that week's free agent draft.

We do need an initial depth chart from every owner. Please, mail, fax or e-mail your first depth chart on, or before, Monday, November 1st. If we do not get your depth chart by Monday, November 8th (when the first week's games are played on our computer), or if it is not sent in (postmarked, faxed or e-mailed) by the 1st, we will make one for you based on player number order, and your free agent list for the first week will be by player number.

TRADES: **The way to report trades is to include a note**, explaining the trade, with your new depth chart, or if you are not making a depth chart change you can just mail, fax or e-mail in a trade report (there is **NO** need to report trades over the phone.) We do need to hear from **ALL** of the teams involved in the trade before we can put it into effect. **Please, for everyone's sake, report any trades you are involved in the SAME WEEK you make the trade.** (Remember, for a change to take effect for that week's games it must be postmarked by Monday. This means your trade note and/or new depth chart should be sent in by the very first Monday following any trades you make.) Making a trade and not reporting it promptly that week is really a drag for the person you traded with, as we can not use his new depth chart until you have ok'd the trade (by turning in a new depth chart and trade notice).

You can make unbalanced trades (i.e. 2 players for 1), and your roster also will grow throughout the

year as you pick up free agents, make trades, etc. The only limit is that you can only list 17 players on a depth chart. ****The rights to your future free agent draft PICKS can NOT be traded.** Once you get a player in the free agent draft you **can trade that player**. But the rights to a future PICK can NOT be traded - for instance, you can **not** say "I trade my free agent pick rights in week 8 to team X".

FREE AGENTS/VOICE MAIL: We feel that free agent pickups are fun, and are a necessary way to deal with injuries. (Though we feel trading is a lot more fun!) We hold the free agent draft before we play that week's games, and then add those players to your roster. This means free agent pickups are available for use that week if necessary. Free agent drafts are done in reverse order of won-loss record. In case of a tie, in odd numbered weeks the highest numbered team goes first, in even numbered weeks the lower numbered team wins the tiebreaker. **This means that in the first week's draft (when every team is tied at 0-0), team 12 goes first, then team 11, etc.**

In addition, we have a voice mail system to announce your free agent pickups. We will hold the free agent draft Saturday afternoons, as soon as we process Saturday's mail (using only those depth charts postmarked by Monday.) We will load the results of the free agent draft into our voice mail system as soon as the draft is done - but it will take a couple of hours. Results of the free agent draft should be available by/before **4:00 PACIFIC TIME, Saturday evenings**, each week. (That is 7:00 PM Eastern time, 6:00 PM Central time, 5:00 PM Mountain time.) You can call anytime after that to hear the results of your league's draft.

To access voice mail, dial (530) 470-1883. The recorded message will ask you for your league access code, which is printed at the top of your league roster. Punch in this 3 digit code (do **not** wait for the message to finish first) and your league's free agent draft results for that week will be read back to you. If during the playback you want to hear the message again you can hit any number on your touch tone phone and the message will start over. At the end of the report will be a beep. Once the beep goes off you are disconnected - at that point the only way to hear the message again is to hang up and re-dial our number. (You can help speed up the hanging up process by hitting the star (*) key on your phone before the beep sounds - thanks for your cooperation!) That beep does **not** mean an answering machine to us is activated. If you are trying to contact us please call our **regular** office line: 530-470-1880.

We will also be putting the weekly game scores on the voice mail system every Monday night - those results should be available by 5:00 P.M. (Pacific time) Monday, each week. (The **first week** of the season the game results will not be available until **Tuesday afternoon**, November 9th.) If you want your results please call this voice line number - we are not set up to give out results over our regular phone numbers. I know you are all anxious to see how you are doing, but please do bear with us as the first week of a season is a very busy time!

BAD NEWS: Because the first week is very hectic (we have to type in EVERY owners depth chart, match spellings of every player with the service we get the raw NBA data from, etc.) the **voice mail system for free agents will NOT be activated until the second week's results!!** Yes, this means you won't find out your first free agent until after the deadline to mail in your second week's depth chart/free agent list. If you list someone on your second week's free agent wanted list that was already picked he'll just be skipped over. Also, your free agent pickup is automatically added to the end of your reserve list, and will even play if necessary. You can also list a guy that you think you may have drafted as a starter or backup - if you get him he'll be used in that spot, if you don't have him then he just gets skipped over and everyone else moves up a spot. So, when turning in your second week's chart you could list a guy you think you got in the first week's draft as a starter or backup, and if you got him then he'll be used there. (See the other letter titled Depth Chart instructions for more on this subject.)

This does seem like a lot of reading, though I think that any confusion will be quickly cleared up as the season goes on. We do welcome any suggestions, questions, or criticisms you care to send us. If you ever do need to call, our phone number is: **550-470-1880**. The best time to reach us is from 8:30 to 5:30, Mon-Fri (Pacific time!) Or feel free to call at any other time. We keep very flexible hours, if you miss us please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can. We often work weekends - but like most people we do take occasional weekends off. Sorry, but messages left on the weekend may not get heard until Monday.

Have Fun! - The Scoresheet Gang