

WINTER LEAGUES

DRAFTING IN PERSON

If you are in a league which is drafting in person then some of the rules outlined in the drafting packet do **NOT** apply to you. The section entitled roster balancing is only used to make sure that owners drafting by mail get a balanced team. When taking part in a live draft you do **not** have to follow the rules set forth in that section. For instance, if you want to draft 2 catchers before you get one second baseman, or 8 pitchers before you get a third outfielder, then you should feel free to do so. (However, I certainly feel it makes sense to get a starter at every position before you draft a backup at any other position.) We do **strongly** recommend you end up with a roster that includes AT LEAST 13 pitchers, 6 outfielders, and 2 players at all other positions. Also, you do not have to draft exactly 36 players per team; you can draft more or less. But you can **ONLY LIST 30** players on a lineup card.

To get started with the first week's games you should have your initial lineup card sent in from your league website (or faxed or e-mailed) by Sunday evening, December 16th, or postmarked by Wednesday, December 12th if using postal mail. And we would greatly appreciate it if you can finish drafting and send us the draft results by/before December 13th.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR LEAGUE ROSTERS AS SOON AS YOU ARE DONE DRAFTING. Your league will get off to a much smoother start if you mail in your league roster all at once, instead of having each individual owner mail his in. We do not care what order players were picked, we just need to know which players are on each team. The best way to avoid confusion is to list the owner's name, address, and phone number, and underneath that give us his entire team. **And please list players by name and player number.**

Your league can be of any size, though if you are just drafting from either the AL or NL we strongly suggest a league size of 6 to 12 teams (with 10 being ideal). If you are doing a combined league than any size up to 20 teams would probably work great. If you are in a **combined league** please add 1000 to all NL player numbers. So, in a **combined league**, Steve Rogers, who is #3 on the NL player list, would be 1003 in your combined league. Davey Lopes, who is NL #240, would become #1240 in a combined league. Also, our fielding range averages for all positions is the same in both the AL and NL, so two shortstops with the same range will field the same for you, even if one is AL and one is NL. **In this year's winter game all American and Combined Leagues will use a DH.** (Any hitter can be used as a DH on the lineup card.)

When you turn in your draft results please tell us what you would like to name your league. Also, you can have a league with an odd number of teams. Because of the program we use, (mainly the fact that every team must play exactly 12 games a week) the schedules are pretty much fixed, with very little flexibility (sorry!). However, if

you have your own 'private draft' league, we are very flexible as far as number of teams you want to make the playoffs. Just let us know how to set up your playoff format.

As soon as we get your rosters we will send you back copies of everyone's roster, and a season schedule. If someone can please send us a list of the owners in your league then we will send everyone blank lineup cards, an example card, and full instructions, a couple of weeks before the season begins.

After your draft is over and, please send us a note telling us of any roster changes made in your league, either by trade or by supplemental draft. If there is a trade we must hear from BOTH owners to make it valid. (We must have a new lineup from both owners, we don't want the same player on two teams.) When you turn in rosters, lineups, or trade notices, **please include player numbers**. (It is a huge help if you can keep track of player numbers while you draft, and include them when you send in the draft results.)

Finally, each league will have its own web page. As soon as we get your leagues draft results and team fees, we will enter each team's players into our system, and will post the league roster and schedule to the web. To get to your league's web page, go to www.scoresheet.com/list.html Once you get to that page, click on the link to the 'list of winter baseball leagues', and then click on the link to your league. **Good Luck and Have Fun!**

P.S. If you send an overnight package using the US Post Office please check the signature waiver so that they can just leave it in our P.O Box - thanks! If you are sending a UPS or Fed Ex package to us, our street address is:
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