



# FANTASY BASEBALL



## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Your team of 12 players must be chosen from the players listed on the reverse side of this form. All non-pitchers have played at least 80 games last season at the position under which they are listed. Starting pitchers started at least 20 games and relievers saved at least 10 games. If more than 80 players qualify at any 1 position, those declared eligible shall be the 80 players who most readily meet the eligibility requirement. Eligibility, based on last season's activity does not guarantee a player will be active in the Major Leagues during the coming season. Pick 3 starting pitchers, 3 outfielders, and 1 player from each of the remaining 6 positions.

## CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING NON-PITCHERS

The ultimate function of all offensive activity (batting average, on-base percentage, stolen bases, etc.) is to score or drive in runs. Choose players who you think will score and/or drive in runs regardless of how successful or unsuccessful their contributing statistics may appear. A homerun is officially counted as both a run-scored and a run-batted-in (along with any baserunners). To more accurately represent actual runs produced, therefore, homeruns shall be subtracted from a player's batter points. Since your team will have only 12 players (no platooning), it is important to choose players who you think will play often. Points will not be earned while players are platooned, injured, unsigned, or for any reason inactive in the Major Leagues. Your team's total offensive points will be determined by the sum of all non-pitchers' (8 players) statistics as follows:  $BATTER\ POINTS = RUNS + RBI - HR - ERRORS$

## CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING PITCHERS

Choose pitchers who you feel will have a low earned-run-average and who will pitch their share of innings. Each team's pitching staff (3 starters & 1 reliever) will be expected to pitch an average of at least 25 innings per week. A staff that does not meet that requirement will be penalized by allowing .6 runs for every inning less than the required average of 25/week. The penalty is set high enough to hurt most teams yet low enough so that it does not automatically kill a team's chance of remaining competitive. Since relief aces are often called upon at crucial points in the game and the number of innings they pitch are disproportionately small in relation to their value, the weight of their performance is tripled when figuring a team's total ERA. The team's ERA is compared to the total ERA of all pitchers chosen by this year's participants.  $PITCHER\ POINTS = LEAGUE\ ERA / TEAM\ ERA$  A good pitching staff will produce *PITCHER POINTS exceeding 1.0*, while a poor staff will produce *PITCHER POINTS of less than 1.0*

## TEAM POINTS

Division standings will be determined by team points.

$TEAM\ POINTS = BATTER\ POINTS * PITCHER\ POINTS$  or...

$TEAM\ POINTS = (RUNS + RBI - HR - ERRORS) * (LEAGUE\ ERA / TEAM\ ERA)$

*Standings will be updated and posted each week. Final standings shall be determined by player statistics accumulated at the All-Star break.*

## SALARY CAPS (OPTIONAL)

You have the option of competing in a salary-capped division or an unlimited-salary division, or you may choose a team for each if you wish. A player's salary is listed next to his name. A team whose total player salaries total \$1200 or less shall be considered a "salary-cap" team. **Be careful! Salaries will be closely scrutinized! A team whose salaries total \$1201 or more MUST compete in an unlimited-salary division. Accurate figuring of team salary is YOUR responsibility!**

## DEADLINE TO ENTER COMPETITION

To be eligible for competition, this form must be returned to the Northville District Library by closing time of the date indicated below. Some participants prefer to withhold their forms until the last possible moment in order to make certain that the players they have chosen are signed and healthy when the season begins. If you wish, you may return this form early and make roster changes until the deadline. This can be done in person or by calling (248) 349-3020 or via email at [smitley@northvillelibrary.org](mailto:smitley@northvillelibrary.org)



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