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Another season has come to an end. It sure started out as one of the worst of all possibilities, the death of a member. As we were getting over the death of Doug we awarded his team to a backup member who was once a regular league member. Before Dave had played a full block of games he disappeared without a word. Email after email was unanswered. Phone call after phone call were not returned. Man, that was eerie. We played the Nashville team by computer manager after awarding the team to a new member, Allan Kaufman. Allan took full control of the team at the end of the season. The new team is the Manchester Freedom. We continued on and the rest of the season turned out great. We had tight races in both leagues and the playoffs were amazing. I want to thank everyone for doing a great job.

In this newsletter is a **test ballot**. If there are any mistakes, please let me know. Remember, all members must send in a ballot. You can vote on all items or none of the items. You can abstain, but you must send in a ballot. Thanks again.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

2017 –CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Dec. -
1. Members send in their ballots by December 7th.
 2. Members send in their winter (present) rosters and draft picks owned to Bob Figella by Dec 15th. You can review your roster and DP's on the web and just email Bob and tell him they are correct.

Transactions:

1. Hogs get: TX #1, CT #2, TX 2019 #1, TX 2019 #2, TX 2019 #3, Ubaldo Jimenez & Anibal Sanchez.
Chiefs get: Michael Fulmer, Mike Montgomery, Carl Edwards, Jr., Chris Iannetta & Hector Rondon
2. Milford Receives: LV #1, T. Lyons. Louisville Receives: MD #1, NH #1 and KK 2019 #2.

The **2018 pending draft order (without any –BP's)**

Odd Rounds: 1.TX 2.CD 3.LV 4.BB 5.WS 6.YA 7.UR 8.IL 9.AG 10.HT 11. NN 12. MY 13.LW 14.CT 15.KK 16.MF*** 17.NE 18.MD 19. NH 20. HZ 21. BR 22. AS 23. AA 24.US

Even Rounds: 1.TX 2.CD 3.LV 4.BB 5.WS 6.YA 7.UR 8.IL 9.AG 10.NN 11. HT 12. MY 13.LW 14.CT 15.KK 16.MF** 17.NE 18.MD 19. NH 20. HZ 21. BR 22. AS 23. AA 24.US

Teams with identical records. **First tie breaker is the team with the worst home record drafts first.** The second tie breaker is a coin flip. The winner drafts first in the odd rounds and the loser of the coin flip drafts first in the even rounds. HT won the coin flip tie breaker over NN.

**Manchester Freedom. Manager Allan Kaufman

Five and less –BP's are forgiven each season.

Minus Bonus Points:

-BP's: none

YTD –BP's: LV 3 ½, CT 3, WS 3, BB 3, AG 2, NE 2, NN 2, CD1, AS 1, LW ½, AA ½.

Test Ballot Only.

All members vote on the League Presidents. Remember all members must send in a ballot. If you do not want to vote on an item all you have to do is abstain but you must send in a ballot.

1. Jeff Merklin for American League President. Yes___ No___
2. Bob Figella for National League President. Yes___ No___

1. Increase reliever use in the post season from 8% to 10%. Yes___ No___
Reliever only 10%
S/R used as S/R 10% maximum 12IP
S/R used as R only 10% maximum 12IP
S only used as R only 10% maximum 8IP

2. Increase AB minimum requirement per position to 550 from 500. Yes___ No___

3. Expand Roster size. Yes___ No___

If Expand Roster size passes **check either 3A or 3B** below for the method to be used.

- 3A. Expand pre-draft rosters from 37 to 40. 3A___ or 3B___

- 3B. Roster Expansion for pre-draft and seasonal. Instead of 37 with 40 max use
40 and 43 max as shown below from the constitution.

IX. ROSTERS ACTIVE-INACTIVE: A. Team rosters will consist of a maximum of 43 all year and a minimum of 25 players during the season. 1. Rosters cannot go over the 43 man maximum limit when making a trade (see trades). If a trade would put a team over the 43 man maximum limit the team may cut players by announcing it to the commissioner and by waiving a player or players during a trade to stay below the 43 man limit. Once a team waives a player(s) no team can reclaim or claim the player(s).

XII. TRADES: A trade will not be allowed that will put a team over the 43 man limit. If a trade would put a team over the 43 man limit that team must waiver the number of players it will take to get it back to 43 when the trade is announced to the commissioner

XIV. the DRAFT: D. GM's may protect a maximum of 40 players going into the draft. GM's receive 1 draft pick for each player under 40 that he protects.

4. It is not allowed for a #1,2, or 3 hitting Pitcher to pinch-hit in any FBN game unless they are an A or B bunter, and then the offense MUST Sac or Squeeze Bunt. Yes___ No___
Exception: If a team has given up its designated hitter, the pitcher in the game may bat no matter what he is rated.

5. Increase usage for batters with less than 400AB's during the real life season from 6% to 8% of total AB's for each playoff series rounded off to a whole number. Yes___ No___

6. Move the deadline for all voting items from November 30th to November 15th. Yes___ No___

7. Confirmable errors on total team stats for at bats or innings pitched may be assessed up to 10 –BP's as determined by the league officials based on the significance of the error(s). Deliberate errors to other reported team stats categories are also subject to up to an additional 10 –BP's as determined by the league officials based on the significance of the error(s). The offending manager may appeal the penalty to the entire league subject to a league vote. Yes___ No___

8. Tighten the loophole on regular season AB over use potential.

Yes ___ NO ___

○ If Yes passes, choose A) or B):

- A) (1/2) point for each AB a batter is overused.
- B) (1) point for each AB a batter is overused.

A ___ or B ___

The current 5 or less penalty point forgiveness rule would remain in effect for either A) or B).