

2018 OOTL DRAFT RULES AGENDA

1. **Introduction and recognition of league champion**
Speakers
2. **Vote on League Officers**
President – Brandon
VP – Steve
Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Boyd
Alternate 1 – Tim
Alternate 2 - Mike
3. **Vote on POY/BOY**
POY – Mike Trout, Daniel Murphy, Edwin Encarnacion
BOY – Rich Hill, Kyle Hendricks, Jake Arrieta
4. **Clarifications**

EXCHANGE OF PLAYOFF ROSTERS/ROTATION

Update wording in the constitution regarding play-off roster/rotation changes:

- a. Lower seed sends opponent and commissioner their 3 man rotation
- b. Higher seed sends opponent and commissioner their 3 man rotation
- c. Once A & B are complete, the rotations are locked and no further changes can be made in games 1-3.
- d. Then each team will send their 25 man roster for review to the appropriate league official. DO NOT send the roster to your opponent.
- e. Once the rosters are approved, the rosters will be sent to both managers at the same time. Any players with limitations should be identified so each team is aware of those limitations.

RULE 5.11

Currently, Rule 5.11 states the following: ~~XB/J~~-4 drafted players must remain on a team's major league roster, defined as active roster or taxi squad, throughout the season to be eligible for that season's playoffs. ~~We~~

~~need to discuss if we want that changed to J-4 players or if the rule should be eliminated.~~

Drafted J-4 who is traded and listed in the minors for any team in the current year is not eligible for the playoffs. Online rosters will reflect this ineligibility.

SCHEDULE & PLAYOFFS

We will play a 96 game schedule with every team playing 4 3 game series against each other. We need to decide if want to play the season in 4 periods or in 2 halves. 4 periods would equal playing everybody once and then submitting stats 4 times. 2 halves would equal playing everybody once home and away and then submitting stats twice. Playing 2 halves would allow for people to play 6 games at a time if they choose to. That is not an option is we play 4 halves.

Play 6 games against each team within the first 48 and the second 48. Turn in stats after 24, 48, 72 and 96. We will determine deadline dates for stats submission. Additional day of rest at 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 96.

Since there are 9 teams in the league, we should go with 4 playoff teams. There would be no 4/5 series this year. The 1 seed would play the 4 seed while the 2 seed would play the 3 seed in a BEST OF 7 series. The winners would meet in a BEST OF 7 World Series.

SHOHEI OHTANI ISSUE

Since Ohtani can hit and pitch, we need to determine how will treat his usage going forward. In my opinion, I believe that he should be limited based upon pitching usage and his hitting usage. The two levels of usage should be kept separate. Also, Ohtani should not be allowed to hit and pitch in the same game.

Table until next Rules meeting based on how dual players are used in MLB.

5. RULES DISCUSSION

1. PLAYER LIMITATIONS FOR PLAYOFFS WITH ELIMINATION OF XB DESIGNATION (MULTIPLE)

CURRENT LIMITS WITH THE XB DESIGNATION

- (a) J-0, J-1 & J-2 = unlimited
- (b) J-3 = limited to four (4) games
- (c) Regular J-4 = limited to three (3) games
- (d) XB J-4 batters and relievers = limited to two (2) games
- (e) XB J-4 starting pitchers = limited to one (1) start
- (f) XB J-4 split-grade pitchers = limited to two (2) relief appearances or one (1) start and one (1) relief appearance

Two suggestions have been presented:

First Proposal: Change C to previously drafted J4. Then, change D, E, and F to Drafted J4. All current restrictions remain.

~~Second Proposal: Eliminate D and E—Drop the XB from F, but keep the limitations.~~

2. UPDATE LIMITATIONS FOR 5 GAME SERIES (Steve)

For a 5 game series: J3's should be limited to 3 games and J4's to 2 games in the 5 game series.

Passes 9-0.

3. BOARDS v. BOOKLET (Brandon)

For 2019, OOTL will switch from using boards to utilizing the APBA Booklet. Here is a list of changes that I am aware of:

1. Fielding one on bases empty is an error for 2b, SS, and 3b unless there are two outs.

2. On bases empty, fielding two for all OF positions is a single. On the current boards, it is an out for CF and RF.
3. On Hit and Run with runner on first, you can no longer hit a HR.
4. There are sac fly opportunities that turn in to strikeouts when pitchers with K and X are on the mound.

The booklet contains the Brown board and would also allow all of us to utilize the same RP boards.

Optional use of new booklet during 2018 if both managers agree, but boards will be used during the 2018 playoffs. 2019 will be required.

4. BOOKLET CHANGE TO BASES EMPTY FIELDING ONE (Brian/Brandon)

Fielding one result would be an out for 2b-9, SS-9/10, or 3b-5/6. Any other Fielding one result for all other defenders would be a hit instead of an error.

Fielding two result for ALL 2b, SS, and 3b would be a hit.

Fielding three result for ALL 2b, SS, and 3b would be an error.

Table until next Rules meeting after we've had an opportunity to play as is.

5. No trading picks after the draft that are after the 10th round (Ed)

Passes 6-3.

6. Altering How Draft is Conducted (Brandon/Steve)

a. During the 2018 draft, rosters expand to 38 players with an option for a 3rd prospect player. Then all future drafts, starting in 2019, teams will be limited to 12 total picks in the rookie draft.

b. If a. does not pass, I propose that starting with the 13th round (or earlier if a manager is done drafting) of the draft anyone who has completed their

draft and foregoes their remaining picks will receive an extra pick between rounds 3 and 4 of the following year's rookie draft. Order of that supplemental round is determined on a first come first serve basis. Anyone picking after round 15 of the current year's draft, beginning in 2019, simply will not have a pick in the following year's supplemental round.

Tabled.

7. Determination of how games in a playoff series are set (Brandon)

Update the constitution to allow for the higher seeded playoff team to choose how a play-off series is played. 2-2-1 for the 5 game play-off series; 2-3-2 for the 7 game playoff series.

Passes 9-0.

8. Designation of Prospect Players (Brandon)

Any player that is designated as a PP when rosters are submitted is ineligible to be on an active 25 man roster during that season. This includes if the player is traded. The team trading the PP will not be able to name another player to take that spot. The team acquiring that player will need to designate that player to the taxi squad or the minors. If sent to the minors, that player would accumulate one year of minor league time.

Passes 9-0.

9. Change to 10's (Ed)

Any 10 at 15 becomes an 11 with bases empty.

Fails 4-5.

10. Update to H&R Rules (Brandon)

This new rule will allow a manager to call a H&R with any player regardless of their number of 31's.

Players with less than 2 31's will be subject to the following penalties:

a. Regardless of the runner on 1st's SBA, any 13 rolled is considered a strikeout. The runner on 1st will then have their chance to steal based upon current H&R/Stolen base chart.

~~b. If the roll results in a 31, the 31 will be a PO-CF instead of a single.~~

Passes 8-1.

11. REVERSING LOST HIT NUMBERS (Brandon)

ANY hit number rolled that becomes an out due to the pitcher's grade will have a chance to become a hit with an additional roll.

A game card will be created for pitchers graded 1-12, 13-17, 18-22, and 23-30. These cards will be exactly the same as a hitting card for any player. Next to each roll combination, will be listed H or O. If the result is O, then the out result will stand. If the result is H, then the out will turn into a hit. Follow the result as if the hit was not lost

A 1-12 will have 12 H's (therefore an out can be turned into a hit 33% of the time)

A 13-17 will have 9 H's (therefore an out can be turned into a hit 25% of the time)

A 18-22 will have 6 H's (therefore an out can be turned into a hit 16% of the time)

A 23-30 will have 3 H's (therefore an out can be turned into a hit 8% of the time)

I have attached an example of the cards that would be associated with this rule.

Tabled until next Rules meeting.

12. CHANGE REST CHART FOR Q3 RP (Brandon)

Change the rest chart for RP.

7 BF in one game – 1 game of rest

10 BF in one game – 2 games of rest

Passes 9-0.

13. RP LIMITS IN THE PLAYOFFS (Brandon)

Limit the amount of innings a RP can throw in a playoff series. RP would be limited to 20% of their regular season totals for a playoff series.

Tabled until next Rules meeting.

14. ELIMINATION of RP BUMP (John)

This proposal eliminates giving RP a bump when coming in during the middle of an inning.

Fails 2-7.

+3 for first batter, +1 for second batter, RHP vs. RHB or LHP vs. LHB.

Passes 9-0.

15. ALL RAIN OUTS and RAIN DELAY RESULTS ARE DISCARDED (Steve)

With a rain delay result, a manager may replace the current pitcher without facing board-declared number of batters. Reliever immediately following a rain delay will not receive the newly passed +3, +1 advancement.

Passes 9-0.

16. CHANGES TO RARE PLAY RANDOMIZATION CHART (Steve)

Rare play randomization chart changes

12 - 39 to 38

21 - 41 to 38

43 - 37 to 41

52 - 39 to 36

62 - 41 to 36

There are far too many pickoffs and line drive DP's in the game. These adjustments would give us a 37, 39, and 41 in each 'column' of the chart. In my opinion this could help the game be more offensive. It also still gives a 25% chance of the RP randomized to an odd number.

Passes 6-3.

17. UPDATE RULE 11.05a (Brandon)

This rule currently reads:

11.05a Any overused player (G, ABs, SBA, GS, IP) will be released from the offending team's roster immediately. No results will count for the games in which the overused player appeared. No games will be replayed.

I would like to see the penalty change from the loss of the player to that of a draft pick. First offense, 3rd round pick, or next highest pick available. 2nd offense, 1st round pick, or next highest pick available. 3rd offense – loss of player.

Rescinded.

18. ELIMINATE RULE 2.23 (Tim and John)

Fails 2-7.

19. ELIMINATE ERROR RANDOMIZATION WHEN RESULT IS HBP. (Tim)

Fails 2-7.