

Dear IRBL Members:

The following is a list of the 7 managers who are definitely IRBL members (there are 6 other managers that I am still waiting for their second reply):

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KANSAS CITY ROYALS	All managers who have not done so, please send me your telephone number the next time you write to me.
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First, let me clarify all abbreviations: 3X-three times the amount, PA-plate appearances (AB+BB+HBP+SH+SF), IBB-Intentional walks, SH-sacrifice bunts, PAB-at bats as a pinch-hitter, PH-hits as a pinch-hitter, GIDP-number of times grounded into a double play for a batter, E-errors made by a fielder defensively, PB-passed balls allowed by a catcher, CS-caught stealing (does not include pick offs), GWH-game winning hit (The batter who got credit for the RBI that proved to be the winning run gets the GWH; in a 7-2 game it would be the 3rd run), GF-games finished by a relief pitcher (the last relief pitcher, if any, in a game gets credit for a GF), HiBa-number of batters hit by a pitcher

The new rule for relief pitcher saves recently adopted by the major leagues will be used: To get credit for a save, a relieve pitcher must come in the game with his team leading and must maintain that lead and either 1) face the lead run or have the runner on base, or 2) pitch 3 effective innings. Only 1 pitcher can get credit for a save in any 1 game and he is not eligible for the save if he gets the win.

Although each team is allowed a 40 man roster, it is not likely that any team will achieve this total in the near future. Once an IRBL team has control of a player's card, he controls that player even if his card is not made in future seasons (due to injuries, retirements, etc.). Also, player cards that were not made in the IRBL's first season and are made in subsequent years become the property of the IRBL team corresponding to the major league team which that card was made for. This brings me to rule#21 that several people did not understand. Let me give an example that I gave one of the managers: If I, as manager of the Yankees, traded Fritz Peterson and the rights to Otto Velez to the Cubs for Billy Williams, before our first season began, the Cubs would get Peterson's card and the Yankees would get Williams card. If in 1975, when the 1974 season cards come out, Velez has a card on the real Yankee team, the Cubs would get the card and have complete control over Velez. But, if Velez during the 1974 season is traded to another club in the major leagues and is issued a card on that other team, that other team would get the card and the Cubs would be out of luck.

Besides the above rule, teams can trade players in any manner they choose (so long as it only involves cards and players and not an exchange of money or property).

The following are a few additional IRBL rules:

- 27) A pitcher is reduced to all "5's" if he allows 8 earned runs in 2 consecutive innings or 10 earned runs in a game.
- 28) A record is to be kept of all games a player is injured for during the season. If a player is injured for more than 20 games in a season, he can be used as

- 28) a DH for the remainder of that injury and all subsequent injuries. He will advance 1 base on a single and 2 bases on a double (disregard charts in these situations). He will not attempt any steals (this cancels steals and throw outs trying to steal on the charts). These restrictions only remain in effect for the duration of the injury.
- 29) For each game, the home manager will award up to 3 players the star of the game (1 to 3 players will be named). The players named can be on either team or both teams. This will be for a spectacular performance or for something that caused the winning team to get the victory. This will be listed with the linescores for each game sent to the league office.

All managers: Please let me know your opinion on the following: Do you want a schedule drawn up with only the teams who have managers? Do you want all 24 teams used in the schedule with instructions sent out by me to team in the series that does have a manager for managing the open team and with myself or volunteers managing teams for series between 2 open teams? Do you want just several open teams run as above to allow other managers to enter the league during the season (taking over an open team)? Several of the worst teams could be used so that batting averages will not be low with only our top teams used.

Just so there is no misunderstanding, the league will begin using the cards based on the 1973 baseball season. Each subsequent season will use the newest cards that will probably come out each February. I talked to someone who talked to John Brodak, and he said that the new cards will be coming out soon.

Although I am not asking for any league dues, I still intend to run a smoothly operating league. Please inform me if you find any manager not following your instructions, if he is late, or if he generally messes up your series. Any manager who cannot keep up the pace or if I get many complaints about, I will have to ask to leave the league. I hope that this will not happen. In the event that a team is dropped or if a manager must drop out for some reason, I will send out instructions for that team for their road and home series until a replacement can be found.

- 30) Free Agent draft for subsequent seasons (to be held, not this year, but in future seasons when the new cards come, probably in March): All teams that have more than 25 player cards will release all above that limit. Teams with the least number of cards will pick 1 player in order (if they also have space on the 40 man roster). Then teams with the least number of players on their 40 man roster will pick in order (teams can release players that do not have cards to make room to draft others). If a player is picked from a team, that team it was picked from can withdraw a player it had originally released (if that player has not already been picked yet).

For a trade to be official, all teams involved must send me confirmation of the trade. For trades made during the season, the trade must take effect during the same series number for both teams and must take effect before the deadline that will be announced.

Always check the back of the newsletter for anything I might add after the newsletter has been printed.

The next newsletter will be sent out in about 2 weeks (when I get a response to my schedule suggestion and when I hear from the other managers).

Until next time.....

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