

BOXSCORE BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

TEAM AND LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

1. Teams consist of 29 players, 25 active and 4 reserves.
2. The 29 players are divided up in the following way:

2 CATCHERS	2 SHORTSTOPS
2 FIRST BASEMEN	5 OUTFIELDERS
2 SECOND BASEMEN	10 PITCHERS
2 THIRD BASEMEN	4 RESERVE PLAYERS (ANY POSITION)
3. Teams may contain players from both the American and National Leagues
4. Players may be drafted at any position where they played a minimum of 10 games in the prior season.
5. Once a player has started 10 or more games at a new position in the current season, he may be utilized at that position as well.
6. All AL/NL mixed leagues must consist of 8-12 teams.
7. Upon request, NL-only or AL-only leagues can be assembled with as few as 6 teams.

CASH PRIZES AND BOXSCORE BUCK AWARDS

NATIONAL		ULTIMATE NATIONAL	
1 ST Place	\$500 in Cash	1 st Place	\$250 in Cash
2 nd Place	\$250 in Cash	2 nd Place	\$100 in BoxScore bucks
3 RD Place	\$100 in BoxScore bucks	3 rd to 5 th Place	\$50 in BoxScore bucks
4 th to 10 th Place	\$50 in BoxScore bucks	6 th to 20 th Place	\$25 in BoxScore bucks
11 th to 25 th Place	\$25 in BoxScore bucks		

ANNUAL, CONTINUOUS & ULTIMATE LEAGUES		
<u>12-Team Leagues</u>	<u>10-Team Leagues</u>	<u>8-Team Leagues</u>
1 st \$500 in Cash	1 st \$400 in Cash	1 st \$250 in Cash
2 nd \$100 in BoxScore bucks	2 nd \$50 in BoxScore bucks	
Plus 6 monthly \$50 cash prizes	Plus 6 monthly \$50 cash prizes	Plus 6 monthly \$50 cash prizes
MEGABUCKS LEAGUES		SUPER MEGABUCKS LEAGUES
1 ST \$1,000 in Cash		1 st \$2,500 in Cash
2 nd \$200 in Cash		2 nd \$1,000 in Cash
3 RD \$100 in BoxScore bucks		3 rd \$500 in Cash
4 th \$50 in BoxScore bucks		4 th \$100 in BoxScore bucks
Plus 6 monthly \$100 cash prizes		Plus 6 monthly \$150 cash prizes

1. BoxScore bucks are coupons that may be applied towards league fees for BoxScore Baseball, BoxScore Football, Survival Game Baseball, Survival Game Football, or the NFLGoddess Survival Game.
2. Prizes in a particular Megabucks or Super Megabucks League will be prorated downward in the unlikely event that the league fails to reach 12 teams.

SIX MONTHLY PRIZE PERIODS:	
APRIL:	Opening Day to Sunday, April 29
MAY:	Monday, April 30 to Sunday, May 27
JUNE:	Monday, May 28 to Sunday, June 24
JULY:	Monday, June 25 to Sunday, July 29
AUGUST:	Monday, July 30 to Sunday, August 28
SEPTEMBER:	Monday, August 29 to Sunday, Sept. 30

TYPES OF LEAGUES:

1. **ANNUAL LEAGUES:** In an Annual League owners draft a brand new team each season. These leagues are ideal for first time fantasy leaguers who want to get a taste of BoxScore Baseball without committing to additional seasons. Annual Leagues are recommended for owners who enjoy building their teams through the draft each season. These leagues feature free trading. The entry fee is \$99.
2. **CONTINUOUS LEAGUES:** In Continuous Leagues owners may retain the rights of up to five players from one season to the next. These leagues are recommended for the more serious fantasy baseball owner who wishes to compete against the same group of owners for the next several seasons. They feature free trading. The entry fee for a Continuous League franchise is \$99.
3. **MEGABUCKS LEAGUES:** Megabucks Leagues draft from scratch each season by LIVE Conference Call Draft or over the Internet. These leagues are recommended for experienced fantasy leaguers willing to pay a higher entry fee in order to compete for larger league prizes. These leagues feature free trading. Owners compete for nearly \$2,000 in cash prizes within their individual 12-team league. The entry fee for the Megabucks Leagues is \$199.
4. **SUPER MEGABUCKS INVITATIONAL LEAGUES:** The Super Megabucks League gives owners the opportunity to compete against BoxScore Baseball's most elite owners. This league drafts from scratch each season by LIVE Conference Call or over the Internet. Admittance into this league is by invitation only. Owners are given the capability to process their own roster moves. This is a no-trade league. The entry fee for the Super Megabucks League is \$299. Owners compete for \$5,000 in league prizes.
5. **ULTIMATE LEAGUES:** Ultimate Leagues are the closest things to actually owning a Major League baseball team. Owners have a draft in their initial season only. This draft is a LIVE Draft. After that owners build their teams through year round trades, free agent moves, and disabled list transactions. Owners retain the rights of their entire 31-man squad from one season to the next. Ultimate Leagues are recommended for only the most serious fantasy leaguers. These leagues feature free trading during the regular season, the postseason, and the preseason as well. The entry fee is \$99, but owners must also prepay \$75 toward next season's entry fee (limited openings).

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, FEES, AND DISCOUNTS

1. Included in a team's entry fee is a non-refundable \$25 deposit that secures a team's position in an 8-12 team league for the upcoming season.
2. The balance of the entry fee is due prior to the start of the season when private leagues submit their rosters or when individual teams submit their completed Draft Order Designation Sheets (DODs).
3. For teams with Internet access, reports are updated on league homepages each day.
4. Teams may have their full league reports mailed to them each week for a one-time fee of \$15.
5. BoxScore Baseball provides you with a TOLL FREE Transaction Hotline in order to report any weekly roster moves. The cost for these transactions is as follows:
 - a. Trades with other teamsNo charge
 - b. September Call-UpsNo charge
 - c. Reserve Player Moves \$2.50
 - d. Free Agent Moves \$5.00
6. Owners receive a \$15 credit toward their league fees and team expenses for each new owner they are able to introduce to BoxScore Baseball.
7. Owners who are able to recruit and organize all the members of an 8-team league pay just \$89 per team, for a 9 or 10 team league \$79 per team, and for an 11 or 12 team league \$69 per team.
8. Any owner who becomes delinquent in his payments will be ineligible to win any prizes and ultimately could be dropped from his league.
9. BoxScore Baseball has the final say in settling all disputes regarding the interpretation of these rules. Also, to maintain the spirit of what was intended, BoxScore Baseball reserves the right to supplement these rules at any time.
10. No purchase necessary. To participate, void of all services, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to BoxScore Baseball, P.O. Box 276, Auburn, MI 48611

RULES GOVERNING THE DRAFT

1. In all standard drafts conducted by BoxScore Baseball the selection order is alternated back and forth throughout the 29 rounds of the draft. In the odd numbered rounds, the selection order is 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . etc. In the even numbered rounds, the selection order reversed.
2. Whenever there is sufficient demand, BoxScore Baseball will conduct online auction-style drafts as well.
3. Immediately following the draft owners may activate their reserve players to be effective Opening Day.
4. Owners are permitted to draft minor league prospects and international players who have not yet made their Major League debuts.

DRAFT OPTIONS:

1. PRIVATE LEAGUES: Owners who are able to recruit and organize all the members of an 8-12 team league will be allowed to hold a LIVE In Person Draft. To remain eligible for national awards, all owners must submit their completed league rosters postmarked prior to Opening Day.
2. LIVE DRAFTS: BoxScore Baseball conducts several In-Person Drafts in the state of Michigan. For those who can be in the Metro Detroit area, drafts are held on the last two weekends prior to Opening Day. Drafts last approximately two hours. Owners participating in Continuous Leagues who are unable to attend in person must be connected by phone. Owners in Super Megabucks, Megabucks and Annual Leagues may also have the option of drafting LIVE over the Internet.
3. 7-DAY EMAIL DRAFTS: BoxScore Baseball also offers Annual and Continuous Leagues featuring a 7-Day Email Draft. To participate, owners complete a Draft Order Designation Sheet (DOD). On the DOD, owners rank their top 24 catchers, first basemen, second basemen, third basemen, and shortstops; their top 50 outfielders; and their top 100 pitchers. Owners also list a round-by-round account of the positions they would like to draft. For example, 1st Round: Starting Pitcher, 2nd Round: Outfielder, 3rd Round: Catcher, etc. This unique format turns the draft into a weeklong adventure

SCORING SYSTEM

1. To determine national and league standings BoxScore Baseball tracks each position player (non-pitcher) in six hitting categories and each pitcher in five pitching categories:

<u>Hitting</u>	<u>Pitching</u>
Batting Average	Earned Run Average
Runs	Wins
Runs Batted In	Net Wins
Home Runs	Strike Outs
Stolen Bases	Saves
OPS (On base pct. + slugging pct.)	

2. In what could be called the "Otani Rule" a player may be moved back and forth from being a team's active a hitter and a team's active pitcher. However, this player may not be active in both capacities simultaneously.
3. In each of the 11 scoring categories, teams are ranked from first to last. Teams receive points in these categories based upon these rankings.
4. A team's position in the league standings is determined by totaling its points earned in each of the 11 statistical categories. In the event of a tie, the team placing higher in the greatest number of categories is awarded the higher place in the standings.
5. The league pennant winner is the team in each league with the most points at season's end.
6. There is a monthly winner IN EACH LEAGUE at the end of the 5th, 9th, 13th, 18th, 22nd, and 27th weeks. These six segments are scored completely independent of one another and a team need not be in first place in the year-to-date standings to be declared a monthly winner.
7. Only those statistics accumulated by a player as a member of a team's active roster are counted when calculating a team's totals.
8. In the event of any discrepancies, BoxScore Baseball will rely on the statistics compiled by OnRoto.com.

TRANSACTIONS

1. With the exception of disabled list transactions, all player transactions take effect on a WEEKLY basis.
2. Transactions must be reported by Monday at 12:00 noon ET in order to be effective for the upcoming week. (The week of the All Star Game transaction that deadline is pushed back Friday at noon ET).
3. Owners may begin making transactions at 12:00 noon on Opening Day Monday.
4. Important terms for reporting transactions:
 - a. ADD: To pick up a player from free agency.
 - b. WAIVE: To drop an active or reserve player into free agency.
 - c. DISABLE: To either waive or reserve (please specify) a player who has been officially placed on the AL or NL disabled list.
 - d. TRADE: To exchange players with another team.
 - e. RESERVE: To change an active player's status from active to reserved.
 - f. ACTIVATE: To change a reserve player's status from inactive to active.
 - g. SHIFT: To move a player to a new position of eligibility.
 - h. ADD A SEPTEMBER CALL-UP: To add a reserve free agent during roster expansion.
5. Owners make roster moves one of three ways:
 - a. TOLL FREE transaction hotline: (800) 384-9694.
 - b. Email—info@boxscorebaseball.com.
 - c. Text—(989) 274-4260
6. Please do not attempt to report your transactions to the commissioner on the message board of your league homepage. Transactions reported in this way will receive the lowest priority.
7. Please, provide the following information:
 - a. The name of owner, league, and team
 - b. Type of transaction: a trade, a DL move, a free agent transaction, a reserve squad activation, or a September call-up.
 - c. Names, positions, and ID #'s (if known) of all the players involved.
 - d. It is recommended that if free agents are being added that two alternate choices be provided.
8. Once reported, a transaction is official and cannot be retracted.
9. One special class of free agents are the Waiver Wire Wednesday free agents. These are the players who were dropped during a given week. They may not be claimed until the following Wednesday.
10. If two or more owners put in a claim for the same Waiver Wire free agent, the one who is lower in the league standings will get him.
11. Waived players who go unclaimed on Wednesday are returned to the free agent pool and are offered on a first come, first serve basis the same as all other free agents.
12. Owners must either prepay for their player transactions or they have a valid credit card on file.
 - a. Otherwise, an owner will NOT be allowed to make player transactions whenever one of the following two factors is true:
 - b. An owner's account is more than 30 days past due.
 - c. An owner owes BoxScore Baseball \$50 or more.
13. After each transaction has been approved it is posted on your league homepage at <http://www.boxscorebaseball.com>. After waiting at least 48 hours for processing, owners may receive confirmation by calling (989) 274-4260 or by emailing info@boxscorebaseball.com.

RESERVE SQUAD MOVES:

1. A team must have four and only four reserve players at all times prior to roster expansion. When a team activates one of its reserve players, it must reserve, waive, or trade away one of its active players.
2. A reserve player only may be activated to replace a player on the active roster who plays the same position.
3. Free agents of any position may replace reserve players.
4. In the preseason, a drafted reserve player may be activated within 24 hours of the completion of the draft free of charge.
5. A reserve player may be activated to replace a player has been traded away free of charge.
6. In all other instances where a team activates a reserve player, other than the two cases stated above, a \$2.50 activation fee is charged.

DISABLED LIST MOVES

1. A disabled list move is the deactivation or waiving of an injured player.
2. These transactions only apply to players who have been officially placed on the AL or the NL disabled list as indicated on the OnRoto team homepage. An exception may be granted for player's suffering season-ending injuries during the final month of the season when ML teams generally stop utilizing the DL.
3. Disabled list moves take effect on a DAILY basis.
4. These transactions must be reported before noon ET in order to take effect on that given day.
5. The activation of a disabled player is not a daily move unless the player being replaced is on the DL.

TRADES:

1. The trading deadline is Monday, August 6 at 12:00 noon ET.
2. Ultimate and Continuous League owners have a winter trading session that runs from Sept. 24 until Dec. 10 at noon ET.
3. For any trade to be approved, the involved teams must comply with all roster size requirements. A trade will not be accepted until all of the teams have a balanced 27-man squad.
4. All non-injured players received in trades must occupy a spot on their new team's active roster, at least temporarily.
5. No trade is official until ALL teams involved have notified BoxScore Baseball.
6. All controversial or protested trades in our Megabucks, Super Megabucks, and Ultimate Leagues must be approved by the majority of a 5-person panel consisting of the five owners who are not members of the league involved in the trade.
7. Trading between owners is free of charge.
8. Once a team waives a player from its 27-man squad, even an injured player, he becomes a free agent who may be claimed by any team in that league.
9. Rookies and other players who have not made their Major League debuts may be added to a team's roster. These players are assigned the positions Rotoworld.com deems the most reasonable at the time the first BoxScore Baseball owner puts in a claim for him.
10. When a trade is NOT a straight up trade (E.g. an outfielder for a shortstop), it becomes necessary to add free agents. These "necessary" free agents may be added free of charge.
11. During roster expansion, up to two free agents may be added to a team's reserve squad free of charge. (To activate one of these players, all normal fees would apply).
12. In all other instances where a team chooses to add a free agent, other than the two cases stated above, a transaction fee is charged. It is a \$5 charge to replace one of your 25 active players or a \$2.50 charge to replace one of your two reserve players

ROSTER EXPANSION

1. Teams may add up to two September Call-Ups to its reserve squad without being forced to drop another player.
2. Roster expansion is permitted between Monday, August 13 at noon ET and Monday, Sept. 24 at noon ET.
3. At season's end, teams in Continuous Leagues may protect the rights of up to five players. Teams in Ultimate Leagues protect their entire roster. To do this an owner must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Must have his league fees and team expenses paid up to date.
 - b. Must submit a \$25 deposit and a protected player list postmarked by Dec. 10.
 - c. An owner must remain a member of his current league and at least six of the teams in that league must renew.
4. Continuous League owners are not required to protect five players and should be aware that in the draft protected players represent draft choices. For example, if a team protects two players, it will not receive a selection in the draft until the third round.
5. Annual League owners are not allowed to protect any players at season's end.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES FOR SUPER MEGABUCKS LEAGUES

- Owners should use the league homepage to add free agents and to activate reserve players.
- All waiver wire transactions are still processed by the commissioner and must be reported via the transaction hotline or email.
- In addition to the position designations in the Scouting Report, free agents also may be utilized at the positions they are assigned on the league homepage.
- Unless otherwise stated, no trading between teams is permitted within these leagues.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES FOR ULTIMATE LEAGUES

- Nationally, the Ultimate Leagues are scored independently from all other leagues and compete for their own separate National Awards.
- Ultimate League teams do not add September Call-Ups following their initial season.
- If a team(s) drops out of an Ultimate League it will either be sold as an expansion team or merged with another team that dropped out.
- Waiver Wire Week transitions our Ultimate Leagues from one year to the next.
- Waiver Wire Week runs from Friday, December 28 until Thursday, January 3. This week kicks off the Preseason transaction period. This is the first time that owners may begin to add free agents.
- If two or more owners put in a claim for the same player any time during that week, the team that was lower in the standings in the previous season will receive him.
- During Waiver Wire Week, owners may put in claims for as many free agents as they desire, but no team may actually add more than three (and no more than one off the roster of a team(s) being dissolved).
- Additional free agents may be claimed beginning Friday, January 4 and right on through the rest of the year until Monday, December 10.
- Transactions made during the Preseason Transaction period take effect on Opening Day.
- During the Preseason, owners may be required to add certain free agents because one of their player's position status changes. These required free agents may be added free of charge
- The first time players who were waived during the Preseason may be claimed is Friday, Mar. 30. If more than one owner puts in a claim for the same player on that day, the one who finished lower in the previous season's standings will receive him.
- The Postseason transaction period runs from Monday, September 24 at noon ET until Monday, Dec. 10 at noon ET.
- After an Ultimate League has been in existence for five seasons, its owners will vote on whether or not to disband the league and to hold a redraft. The votes are scheduled as follows: UL1 prior to 2022, UL2 and UL3 prior to 2021, UL4 and UL5 prior to 2023.
- The redraft proposal will NOT be approved unless at least 50% of the league owners favor it.
- IF THE REDRAFT IS DECLINED league owners will revote on the proposal every five years. As long as less than 50% of league owners favor the proposal, the league will continue on indefinitely.
- IF THE REDRAFT IS APPROVED, any owner who voted against the redraft proposal and who did NOT finish in the top six of his league in the previous season will have the option of opting out of the redraft and of maintaining his current roster—provided the league consists of at least 11 total teams. All other owners will be forced to disband their teams.
- Any owner who does not wish to remain a member of the redrafting league will be refunded his \$75 prepayment in the form of a credit that may be applied toward any other BoxScore league.
- If a team(s) drops out of an Ultimate League, it will either be sold as an expansion team, merged with another team that has dropped out, dismantled for a dispersal draft, or temporarily run out of the commissioner's office.
- All questionable or protested trades must be approved by 4 of 5 members of the trading panel.
- Owners are not permitted to add a new player to their active rosters who was either in the minor leagues or was projected to be out for the rest of the season with an injury.
- Owners are allowed to add such players to their reserve squads or even keep them on their active rosters as long as he became disabled or went to the minor leagues after he was already active.
- The WHIP ratio (walks + hits divided by innings pitched) is added as a 12th scoring category.