

# OFFICIAL RULES

## 2024 FSGA Expert Fantasy Baseball “Champions” League

This will be a mixed (AL & NL players) league with 14 teams drafted on Monday, March 11.

The draft will start at 8:00 PM ET and be carried live on the SiriusXM fantasy channel.

The draft will be held online using the RealTime Fantasy Sports website. RT will be the official commissioner service of the League.

League co-commissioners are:

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  - Note: Digger’s number is international – texts are fine, but calls generate international charges.

Each manager must provide Digger with their name, company name, mobile phone number and email address. An email will be sent to each manager to activate their team and allow website access for team management.

The cost to play is \$50 (prize money), which goes into the

prize fund.

Each player's company must be a current FSGA member in good standing and registered for the league.

## THE DRAFT

A draft slotting selection will occur before the draft. The draft slot selected will be used to determine the team's draft position for all rounds of the draft. The draft will be in serpentine order (1-14 and 14-1). Each team manager will have 60 seconds to make their selection. A team manager can pass, and after the next selection is made, jump back in and make their selection. Each player needs to fill 23 active lineup spots and 6 reserve spots by the conclusion of the draft. The draft will be 29 rounds.

## ROSTER

Each team will draft 2-C, 1-1B, 1-2B, 1-SS, 1-3B, 1-CI, 1-MI, 5-OF, 1-DH, 9-P, 6 reserves. It is each manager's responsibility to have a full roster at the end of the draft. Any player can be drafted, including minor leaguers, unsigned players, guys on the MLB Injured List (IL), etc.

Ohtani Rule ... from Tim Jensen (RT Sports): Ohtani will be listed as pitcher AND at UT, same as last year.

Managers can use him as one or the other each week, **but not both**. Managers can switch him back and forth weekly if they want. He will work just like an NL pitcher in years past – hitting stats will not count when he's started as a pitcher and his pitcher stats will not count

when he's started as a hitter. So, he will be one player and will be on only one team, and that team can decide how they want to use him as per the above.

## ELIGIBILITY

A player may be drafted at any position in which he played 20 games or more during the 2023 season. If a player did not play 20 games at any position, he can be drafted at the position he played the most games in the 2023 season. A player who only qualifies at the UT position must be drafted as a UT. If a player did not play in the majors during the 2023 season, he must be drafted at the position in which he played most in the minor leagues, Japan, or other league in 2023.

Once a player plays 10 games at a position in 2024, he will become eligible at that position in 2024. Reserve players can be any player position.

## SCORING

We will use the standard 5 x 5 Rotisserie style scoring. Hitting Categories – BA, HR, RBI, SB, RS. Pitching Categories – W, S, ERA, WHIP, K. Every team must have a minimum of 3,500 At-Bats and 900 Innings pitched. Failure to achieve these minimums will result in 0 points in the respective categories.

## IN-SEASON PLAY

Each player will be able to manage their team on the RT

Sports website set up for the FSGA Experts League. Team managers may start or bench a player for the current week up until the beginning of the first game for that player's team that week. After that time, the player is locked and cannot be started or benched. In addition, lineup changes are allowed one week in advance.

2024 Week 1 note: While the traditional Opening Day is Thursday, March 28, the Dodgers and Padres are playing a 2-game series on March 20 and March 21. For the purposes of our league, lineups will be locked at start of games on **March 28**. This means that managers will be able to see the stats of any Dodgers and Padres on their rosters and decide whether to place them in their Week 1 starting lineups prior to the March 28 lineup deadline. If Dodgers or Padres players are in the manager's starting lineup, the stats those players accumulated in the March 20 and March 21 games will be counted retroactively toward Week 1 results.

FAB (Free Agent Budget): Each manager will have \$1,000 in FAB money to spend on changes for their team. The minimum FAB bid on any player will be \$1.00.

The free-agent pool will consist of the following:

- Active players not currently on a FSGA team roster
- Minor leaguers
- Unsigned players
- International, college or high school players (if they are in the RT Sports player database)

**NOTE: Players on the MLB Injured List (IL) are not eligible for pick up.**

When submitting a bid for a free-agent player, it must be accompanied with a corresponding move. After the FAB deadline, it will be the manager's responsibility to make sure their lineup is set and legal. The FAB deadline will be at 11:00 PM ET on Sunday each week. Player(s) won in the waiver claim process will be on rosters by 7:00 AM ET Monday.

After the FAB deadline, teams may claim players on a first-come basis – and at \$0 cost – beginning Mondays at 10:00 AM ET until the transaction deadline.

If a player is not available for FAB pickup on Sunday night, he will not be available for first-come pickup on Mondays, either.

Players acquired via FAB and/or first-come are not required to be in a manager's active lineup that week.

Players released via the FAB process and/or first-come are locked and not eligible to be picked up until the following week's FAB deadline.

There will be one waiver claim on Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 PM ET before the season starts in earnest. For injured players to be moved to IL, they must be designated as being on IL in the RT Sports system.

TRADES

Teams will be able to make unlimited trades. All trades will need to be reported to the commissioner for processing. Trades will go into effect for the next transaction deadline if the trade is reported before the transaction deadline for all players in the trade. 2-for-1 trades are permissible as long as there are corresponding moves to keep rosters legal. The trade deadline is Sunday, Sept. 1 at 11:00 p.m. ET.

Injured List (IL) – This league has an unlimited IL. If a player is on the MLB IL before the transaction deadline – and designated as being on IL in the RT Sports system – the manager may claim another player through use of FAB dollars to replace him, or through first-come free agency on Monday. Keep in mind that each manager must always keep an eligible active roster, so if a player is moved from the active roster, a qualified replacement must go in his place.

When a player is activated from the MLB IL list, he must be activated or dropped or traded from the manager's roster by the second Monday after his activation before the manager will be able to make any other transactions.

- Example 1: Player A is activated from IL on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. The manager has two (2) Mondays to activate, drop or trade that player.
- Example 2: Player A is activated from IL on a Monday. The manager must activate, drop, or trade

that player by the next Monday.

Suspended Players (Noelvi Marte, for example) CANNOT be placed on IL. They must remain on your roster ... or they can be dropped or traded.

## PRIZES

Total prize fund will be \$700 (14 x \$50).

1st place will earn 60%, or \$420

2nd place will earn 30%, or \$210

3rd place will earn 10%, or \$70

A championship Trophy or Ring may be provided by the FSGA.

Plus ... bragging rights ... significant with the esteemed participants in this league!

**Please Note:** If there are other FSGA Experts Leagues (Roto) in 2024, the winners of those league(s) will move into the Champions League next year (2025) AND the corresponding number of bottom teams in the Champions League will be relegated to other FSGA Experts Leagues in 2025.