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Commissioners note: From earlier emails.

Next important due date is Tuesday February 18th. GM's mail draft instructions and the phone number that they will be at on draft day to the commissioner. Mark on the outside of the envelope "DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS". This envelope will only be opened at the draft if for some reason we cannot reach you. An email stating "Use Lamanna's" is the only email accepted. You must send in instructions even if you plan on being at the draft.

Talking with Bob and Ed submitting protected rosters is one of the most important due dates. Presently, the penalty for lateness is 1/2 -BP per day late to a maximum of 3. It's not listed in this section so it makes it unclear. Since this is one of the most if not the most important due date we feel we need to make the penalty clear. Also, with all the work that is included in this we feel the penalty for lateness needs to be more severe.

Here is the present rule in the Constitution. It doesn't even mention the 1/2 -BP per day of lateness. The 1/2 -BP for lateness is only listed in the -BP section of the Constitution.

XIV. the DRAFT:

- A. All Strat-O-Matic carded players not currently on a roster are available for the draft. See section **IX-E** for additional details.
- B. For draft purposes 1/2 -BP will be rounded up.
- C. Each GM shall submit a pre-draft protected roster by the date and time specified in the newsletter. It is the individual GM's responsibility that his roster is accurate. If a player is listed or omitted in error and the error is found and corrected before the submission deadline, then the GM may correct the error without penalty. If the error is found within 48 hours after the deadline the GM may correct the error but will be charged 2 -BP's for each player added or deleted from the roster. 48 hours after the deadline the rosters are frozen and any errors may not be corrected.
- 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. If a GM has traded one of his team draft picks he must reduce his 40 man protected roster so he will use his team's draft pick into the next round past the round that was traded. No matter how many earlier DP's are picked up by the GM he must cut enough players so he will draft in one round higher from the highest round he has traded. **Example:** A GM trades his 5th round DP he must reduce his protected roster to 34 so he will use his 6th round draft pick. If he has picked up 5 other DP's in the first 6 rounds before his regular 6th round pick he must cut back to 29. This would cover the 5th round pick that he traded away.
..... other not pertinent sections

Here is what we would like to amend in the Constitution.

XIV. the DRAFT

- A. No change
- B. No change
- C. Pre-draft protected rosters
 - 1. Each GM must submit a pre-draft protected roster by the date and time specified in the newsletter.
 - 2. It is the individual GM's responsibility that his roster is accurate. If a player is listed or omitted in error and the error is found and corrected before the submission deadline, then the GM may correct the error without penalty. If the error is found within 48 hours after the deadline the GM may correct the error but will be charged 2 -BP's for each player added or deleted from the roster. 48 hours after the deadline the rosters are frozen and any errors may not be corrected.
 - 3. If the protected roster is not submitted by the deadline the team will be penalized.
 - i. 5 -BP's if the protected roster is late but received within 24 hours of the due date and time.
 - ii. 10 -BP's if the protected roster is late but received within 48 hours of the due date and time.
 - iii. If no protected roster is received with 48 hours of the due date the team owner will be considered as abandoning the team and the league officers will make the cuts for the team as they see fit.. The manager will be subject to removal from the league based on consensus of the league officers. The league officers may call for a league vote for removal or act on their own in the best interests of the league.

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. If a GM has traded one of his team draft picks he must reduce his 40 man protected roster so he will draft into the following round past the draft pick round that was traded. EXAMPLE: GM trades his 5th round DP. The GM must reduce his protected roster to a correct number so he will use his 6th round DP. In this example a 6th round pick must be used regardless of how many earlier draft picks have been traded or picked up.

(In section D. we are just making the rule clearer and easier to understand.)

We had protected roster issues in the past and we really think we need to have a written policy in place so we are not winging it in the future. The final vote was 19 to Make changes to lateness for protected rosters. While 5 voted to Keep present rule for lateness.

I would never let it get to the point that a member is ousted from the league because he was just late. I would give the member all the benefit of doubt. When Doug Campbell died I only knew about it because I was friends with him on Facebook. A friend of his put in on Facebook that Doug had died. I would have not known otherwise. But, once he would have been late I would have called his cell and emailed him too. When Dave Sanborn took over Doug's team and after a week we never heard from him, I called his cell at least a half dozen times. I must have emailed the same number of times. I never heard from him. To this day I don't know what happened to him. He was so excited to get back into the league and then he was gone. I made the phone calls and sent the emails. I did and I would do everything I could to keep a member in good standing. I would do for him as I would hope the league would do for me if I was the member that was missing.

This is no longer a league of 24 individuals it's become a league of "family" members. Whenever a due date is coming close to the deadline either Bob has sent out a notice or I have sent out a "friendly reminder." Sometimes the friendly reminders have only gone to the members that have items still outstanding.

Bob Figella said it best in his email. "This is the most critical date we have in the FBN. Potentially removing the team is a last resort that would be looked at only in the most severe instances. We need to have a system in place so everyone knows what will happen and that is what this rule change does."

Thanks for listening. ***This item passed a league vote 19-5 and will be updated in the constitution.***

OPENING DAY AT STRAT REPORT BY Bill Nieman

Bob and Roland rolled into the Surf Ave commuter lot @ 7:05 and Harry and I were literally right behind them. Bob was on the road to Strato by 7:10. Steady rain slowed the trip down but we still arrived just after 9:30 AM. We were the 3rd or 4th group, so pretty close to the front of the line by 12 noon when they opened the doors.

The 2 1/2 hour wait was bearable as it wasn't cold and the rain was intermittent. Free donuts and coffee were plentiful and Roland cashed in big time. Close to a record, Roland scarfed down 5 donuts including the last one available. Don Decker grabbed the French crullers first, so Roland had no defense against smeared chocolate, dripping jelly and powdered sugar for his donut selections. Results are what you would expect.

Later Roland headed out for his Baskin Robbins and bathroom trip, but never made it that far. A new place opened up just across the RR tracks from Strato, so Roland and Don tried out their bathroom and their Gyros. They bought them back to eat in line. Don neatly picked at his, a morsel at a time, while Roland downed his in 5 or 6 chomps. Brian Faveroux was standing in Roland's splash zone. White sauce, tomato, and lettuce pieces were flying everywhere. Then he started losing pieces of meat too. Roland's solution,...bigger bites and faster chomping. I turned my umbrella sideways for splash protection but Brian didn't have an umbrella so he moved out of the area. Roland did police the area of the larger detritus, and solved his sauce problem by zipping up his coat and hiding the stains.

The doors opened at noon, and after a two minute speech by Hal the cards were available. By 12:15 we were on the road again, and with no rain Bob cut the return trip to Stratford in half... and Harry and I got back to Waterford by 2:40. Grinders and soda for a snack then to work on the cards. Joe and Rob stopped by for their cards for a few minutes chatting then back to the cards. By 5:20 the cards were separated and alphabetized by hitters and pitchers... a new record for Karen, Harry and I.

All set for tomorrow to make up the FBN teams and Rookie piles.
It feels like Spring. Bill

Backup Member

Scott Hamel is the newest backup member to the FBN family. Scott was referred to us by Glen and Ed. They are in another league with Scott. Scott has been in that league for 13 years and has been playing Strat for over 25 years. He's 53 and lives in Kingsland, GA., City in Camden County. I think he said it's about 30 minutes from St. Simmons Island.

2020 –FBN CALENDAR of EVENTS

Feb 21 – 1. Commissioner emails seasonal package to be put on the website. GM's will find the Manager's Directory, Team Schedules, and Constitution on the website.

Feb 23 - 1. Draft Day 2020. At the Quality Inn at 48 Whitehall Ave., Mystic, Ct. 06355. (860) 980-3257 if you want to rent a room.

We are listed under Robert Bruno Navigator Room Fantasy Baseball.

The draft will start at 10am EST. We will be on line but if we are not we will use the old buddy system. You will get updated phone calls to give the players taken in front of you. When you get the call for your draft pick you will have one minute to make your selection. Emergency phone number 1-860-271-5117

2. Preseason Trading Period begins.

3. After the draft non-drafted players become available in the Waiver Wire. For each player selected a player must be cut. Newly cut players carded or non-carded are available for selection.

Feb 26 – 1. Draft results to be on the website for the GM's.

Feb 27 – 1. WW ends Wednesday at 6pm EST. Commissioner emails player cut and picked up to the GM's.

Mar 1 - 1. GM's email their ballpark ratings to the commissioner by 6pm EST.

Mar 3 - 1. Commissioner emails ballpark ratings to entire league.

Mar 5 - 1. League officials will post/update rosters on the website.

Mar 6 - 1. Preseason Trading Period ends at 6pm EST. All trades not reported by 6pm will become effective with the first game of series #7.

Mar 7 - 1. GM's email in their 550AB's and 1325IP to their league president by 6pm EST. List batters by Position, ML team on the card, carded AB's, and FBN max. AB's for each batter for the FBN season. Next, list pitchers, ML team on the card, carded IP and the FBN max IP for the FBN season.

2. GM's email confirmation or corrections to their rosters as listed on the website to the commissioner and League Presidents by 6pm.

Mar 8 - GM's email opening day active rosters and pitching rotation for block one to the Commissioner and Cc all your first block opponents. Emailing pitching rotations is required for the entire season.

Mar 16 - OPENING DAY for the 47th Season of The FBNBA.

TRANSACTIONS:

1.

Minus Bonus Points: none

Year to Date: none