

# YFLPS Fantasy Baseball League

## Rules & General Information Sheet

The Yours For Life / Pitching & Steals (YFLPS) Fantasy Baseball League is comprised of ten teams, each consisting of 18 position players, 2 pitching staffs, and up to an additional 3 position players on Injured Reserve status. Teams engage in head-to-head competition over 21 weekends during the regular season, plus post-season play covering an additional 3 weekends.

**League Officers:** Governing the YFLPS is its League Commissioner, elected each year by a vote of the team owners present at the league's annual Free Agent Draft Meeting. The League Commissioner is responsible for resolving any protests or disputes among team owners, making determinations as to the legality or validity of player transactions, rendering decisions as to player position eligibility, and addressing any other league matters brought to his attention by the team owners. The Commissioner may elect to resolve issues either by interpretation of the YFLPS league rules when appropriate or by calling for a vote among team owners.

Serving in a supportive capacity is the league's Assistant Commissioner who shall assume the responsibilities of the League Commissioner when the latter is unavailable to do so.

The YFLPS League Statistician / Treasurer is responsible for the scoring of league games and management of the league's website onto which game results, league standings, schedules, and other statistical information is recorded and maintained. He is also responsible for collection of all league fees as well as for the end-of-year distribution of its prize fund.

**Protected Lists:** Following the completion of post-season play and in advance of the following year's annual Free Agent Draft Meeting, each team will submit a "Protected List" consisting of any combination of six position players and pitching staffs from its current roster. All other position players and pitching staffs are left unprotected and become "free agents," eligible to be acquired as draft selections by any team at the Free Agent Draft Meeting or as free agent signings once the regular season has begun.

**Rosters:** Each team shall be comprised of 18 position players (2 each at catcher, 1b, 2b, 3b, shortstop, designated hitter and 6 outfielders), plus 2 pitching staffs.

**Injured Reserve List:** Each team may also designate up to 3 additional players on to its Injured Reserve List provided that the injured player has first been placed on the Major League Baseball Disabled List. This allows the owner to acquire additional players to complete his roster. Once an Injured Reserve player has come off the MLB Disabled List, a team owner has 14 days to activate the player from Injured Reserve status and make an appropriate roster move or the player shall be deemed a free agent, eligible for acquisition by any YFLPS team. If, at the time of the Free Agent Draft Meeting, a

protected player is on the MLB Disabled List, an owner has the option to move the player on to the Injured Reserved List and draft an additional player after the last team to draft has made its final selection. No transaction fees will be applied under these circumstances.

**Position Eligibility:** Prior to the start of the regular season, a player may be assigned or drafted to play at any position provided that the player played a minimum of 20 games at that position during the previous MLB season. A player may also be assigned or drafted to play at a position at which he played fewer than 20 games during the previous MLB season provided that it has been announced by his MLB team that they plan to use him as a starter at the new position during the upcoming season. Once the MLB season has begun, a player may be moved to another position provided he has played a minimum of 5 MLB games at the new position.

**League Participation Fee:** Each Team Owner will pay \$50.00 as an entry fee at the time of the draft. The amount of the participation fee shall be determined by agreement of the league owners immediately prior to the beginning of the draft.

**Draft Order:** Since each team protects a total of 7 players and/or pitching staff on its 20-player roster, the YFLPS Free Agent Draft shall consist of a total of eleven rounds. The order of selection shall be the reverse order of the previous regular season's league standings.

**League Schedule:** The YFLPS regular season shall span 21 weeks and consist of 63 games. Post-season play shall consist of a series of best-of-three playoff pairings determined by the regular season's final standings as follows: (Note that the 9th and 10th place teams do not qualify for post-season play).

#### Opening Round

1<sup>st</sup> place vs. 8<sup>th</sup> place  
2<sup>nd</sup> place vs. 7<sup>th</sup> place  
3<sup>rd</sup> place vs. 6<sup>th</sup> place  
4<sup>th</sup> place vs. 5<sup>th</sup> place

#### Semi-Final Round

Teams are re-seeded for this round with the highest seeded team paired against the lowest seeded team. The second highest seeded team will play the second lowest seeded team.

#### YFLPS World Series

Winners of Semi-Final Round Games

#### YFLPS Consolation Series

Losers of Semi-Final Round Games

**Submitting Lineups:** Lineups for each weekend's games must be submitted by 11:00 p.m. Thursday. A lineup consists of one catcher, one first baseman, one second baseman, one third baseman, one shortstop, three outfielders, and one designated hitter. Any position player on a team's roster may be placed into a team's lineup as the designated hitter. But a player who is listed on his team roster as a designated hitter may only be listed on his team's lineup card as a designated hitter.

To complete and submit a lineup card, team owners should click on the "Submit Lineup" button on the YFLPS website ([www.YFLPS.com](http://www.YFLPS.com)). If, due to technical difficulties or other circumstances, an owner is unable to submit a lineup card in this manner, a lineup may be e-mailed to [rbyer@epix.net](mailto:rbyer@epix.net) or by phoning in a lineup to the League Statistician/Treasurer at 979-0860.

If the Statistician does not receive a lineup by the 11:00 p.m. deadline, the most recently submitted lineup for that team becomes the default lineup and is to be used for that weekend's games. Should an owner fail to submit a lineup for the first weekend of the YFLPS season, the team's default lineup will consist of the first player listed at each position (first three outfielders) on that team's official roster, which is posted on the league's website. Lineups submitted for each weekend series remain in effect throughout the entire weekend and may not be changed once they have been posted on the website. However, a team owner may alter his lineup by submitting an amended lineup card prior to the 11:00 p.m. Thursday deadline. In all cases, the last lineup card received prior to the 11:00 p.m. deadline shall count as the official lineup for that weekend's games. Lineups will be made available for viewing on the league's website as soon as possible after 11:00 each Thursday evening.

**Scoring:**

YFLPS scoring is based upon a position player's or pitching staff's on-field performance during the weekend's MLB games. Scoring is as follows:

Position players receive

2 points for each run scored

2 points for each RBI

1 point for each stolen base

-1 point for each error\*

*\*Exception: a player listed on his YFLPS team's lineup as the designated hitter for that weekend's games does not receive any scoring reduction for errors committed in his MLB game.*

A pitching staff receives points based upon the formula

Innings Pitched – Runs Allowed = Pitching Staff Points

*(Partial innings pitched are rounded. 8-1/3 innings pitched equals 8 innings.*

*8-2/3 innings pitched = 9 innings).*

**Special Scoring in Post-Season Play:** Unlike the regular season, wherein a series can be split 1-1-1, post-season play shall employ a sequence of tie-breakers to declare a post-season series winner. The tie-breaking sequence is as follows:

1. Most total points scored in the series.
2. Most RBI recorded in the series.
3. Most runs scored in the series.
4. Fewest errors committed in the series.
5. Play one additional game on Wednesday to determine the series winner.

**Official Scoring Record:** The box scores provided by Major League Baseball, Inc. ([www.mlb.com](http://www.mlb.com)) will serve as the official scoring record for all YFLPS games.

**Double-headers:** Only the first games of MLB double-headers count toward YFLPS scoring.

**Suspended Games:** In the event that an MLB game is suspended, all scoring from the suspended game will be credited to YFLPS players upon completion of the suspended game.

**Rainouts:** If a MLB game is postponed prior to it becoming an official contest, no points shall be awarded to players in its YFLPS lineups, even if the game is replayed as part of a double-header within the same weekend.

**Ineligible Players:** Players submitted in a lineup at a position for which they are ineligible receive no points for the weekend, regardless of their on-field performance.

**Breaking Ties in League Standings:** In the event that two or more teams have identical points totals (2 points are awarded for a win and 1 point is awarded for a tie), the higher position in the league standings shall be awarded to the team with the better record in head-to-head play during the course of the regular season. Should the two teams have identical records in head-to-head competition, the higher position in the league standings will be awarded to the team that scored more points in head-to-head play between the two teams during the course of the regular season. Should the two teams have identical point totals in head-to-head play during the course of the regular season, the higher position in the league standings shall be awarded to the team with the higher PF (Points For) total to that point in the regular season. Should the teams have identical PF totals, the higher position in the standings shall be awarded to the team with the lower PA (Points Allowed) total to that point in the regular season.

**Transactions:** Transactions include trades between teams, dropping a player or pitching staff from a team's roster, acquiring a free agent player or pitching staff, placing a player on Injured Reserved status, activating a player from Injured Reserve status, and moving a player from one position to another. Transactions should be submitted by e-mail or telephone to the League Statistician who will post them on the league website. Should more than one owner seek to acquire the same free agent, the player will be awarded to the owner whose notification was received first by the League Statistician, who will make

note of the time indicated on the e-mail or the time the phone call was received. Once published on the league's website, transactions become official and cannot be reversed unless determined to be invalid by the League Commissioner. The cost of a transaction is \$1.00 per player per move. Fees may be paid in advance, at the time of the transaction, or immediately following the completion of the post-season. Transactions (including position moves) occurring during the off-season and up to the completion of the Free Agent Draft are free of charge.

**Late-Season Roster Expansion:** Rosters may be expanded by any combination of 2 players and/or pitching staffs following the completion of the 19<sup>th</sup> weekend of the regular season. Such transactions cannot occur and will not be accepted prior to 12:00 a.m. midnight on the Monday preceding the 20<sup>th</sup> weekend of the YFLPS season. Regular fees will remain in effect, but there is no need to release rostered players in order to make room for the new acquisitions.

**Trade Deadline:** No trades are permitted following the completion of the 21<sup>st</sup> weekend of the regular YFLPS season. Trades are not allowed again until the conclusion of all YFLPS post-season play. Once a team has been eliminated from post-season play, its roster is frozen and it may not acquire free agents nor is it held responsible for activating any of its players from the Injured Reserve list.

**Distribution of Prize Fund:**

The Prize Fund shall consist of all fees collected and bank interest earned over the course of the season and shall be distributed upon the conclusion of post-season play as follows:

**Regular Season Final Standings**

(75% of Total Prize Fund)

1<sup>st</sup> place - 37% of fund

2<sup>nd</sup> place - 19% of fund

3<sup>rd</sup> place - 11% of fund

4<sup>th</sup> place - 8% of fund

**YFLPS Playoffs**

(25% of Total Prize Fund)

World Series Champion - 75%

World Series Runner-up - 25%