

# 2018 Rules

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## How do I become an owner?

### 1. Submit your roster [using this form](#) by the first pitch of Opening Day, March 29, 2018.

You must select ten (10) hitters for a hitting roster and five (5) pitchers for a pitching roster.

If you want to join the Hall-of-Fame Death Pool, select five (5) living Hall-of-Famers for the Hall-of-Fame Death Pool roster. [See how the Hall-of-Fame Death Pool works here.](#)

### 2. Pay your \$100 entry fee.

You must pay your entry fee up front. That fee will cover your \$20 ownership fee and your first eight trades. [Go here to see your payment options.](#)

## How do I make a trade?

[Use this form.](#)

## Trade Rules

- On payment of your entry fees, you automatically have eight (8) pre-paid trades to use during the season.
- A pre-paid trade goes into effect the day after you submit the trade. So, if you submit a trade [using this form](#) today, the trade will go into effect tomorrow.
- Trading ends when the Regular Season ends, which is with the final out made of the final game played on the final day of the season (including any playoff games to determine Division or Wild Card winners).

## Additional Trading

- After you have made all eight of your pre-paid trades ([plus any free trades earned](#)), you can pay for up to ten more trades, which cost \$10

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each.

- o Each additional trade will go into effect the day after you have submitted your trade or the day after the SLPL has received payment, **whichever is latest.**

You cannot make trades on your Hall-of-Fame roster.

#### **How do I earn free trades?**

- o You will earn two free trades if you pay your entry fee in full before first pitch on the big Opening Day.
- o You will earn one free trade for each new owner you recruit, up to three maximum. ("New owners" is defined as owners who have not been in the league during any previous SLPL season.)

#### **How do I score points for the Overall Standings?**

Points for the Regular Season Standings, Playoff Standings, and Overall Standings are awarded as follows:

##### **During the Regular Season...**

- o Hitters earn 10 points for every home run hit
- o Hitters lose 1 point for every K
- o Pitchers earn 1 point for every K
- o Pitchers lose 5 points for every homer surrendered

##### **During the Divisional Playoffs...**

- o Hitters earn 20 points for every home run hit
- o Hitters lose 2 points for every K
- o Pitchers earn 2 points for every K
- o Pitchers lose 10 points for every homer surrendered

##### **During the League Championship Series...**

- o Hitters earn 50 points for every home run hit
- o Hitters lose 5 points for every K
- o Pitchers earn 5 points for every K
- o Pitchers lose 25 points for every homer surrendered

##### **During the World Series...**

- o Hitters earn 100 points for every home run hit
- o Hitters lose 10 points for every K
- o Pitchers earn 10 points for every K
- o Pitchers lose 50 points for every homer surrendered

#### **How do I score points for the All-Star Standings?**

##### **During the Home Run Derby...**

If a player on your roster wins the All-Star Home Run Derby, your team picks up 250 points

##### **During the All-Star Game...**

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- o Hitters earn 150 points for every home run hit
- o Hitters lose 25 points for every K
- o Pitchers earn 25 points for every K
- o Pitchers lose 75 points for every homer surrendered

The team with the most combined points — Home Run Derby points plus All-Star Game points — will win the All-Star Championship.

BTW, points earned in this category are allocated exclusively to the All-Star Standings and **are not** allocated to the Overall Standings.

#### **What's the Hall-of-Fame Death Pool and how does it work?**

You pick five -- count 'em, five! -- Major League Baseball Hall-of-Fame inductees\* who have already been formally inducted at the beginning of the 2018 season. (This means that those who were selected to be inducted in the July 2018 induction ceremony are **not** eligible for the 2018 SLPL season.) If HOFers on your roster die, you pick up points. The team with the most points at the first pitch of the 2019 Opening Day wins the pot.

To fill out your roster, you pick five HOFers. However, if you would like you can also pick one player multiple times. So, if you really wanted Joe Morgan to die, as we do, you could put him on your HOF roster as many as five times, which means you will earn five times the points should he die in a fortunate boating accident.

The Death Pool will run from Opening Day 2018 to the first pitch of (the SLPL designated) Opening Day 2019. Monies will be awarded once the champ is awarded.

**Here's how points are awarded:** Points are earned by subtracting the reported age of the dirt-napper at the time of his death (rounded down to the most-recent birthday) from 100 and multiplying the result by 5. So:

- o An 80-year-old would get  $100-80=20*5=100$  points.
- o A 40-year-old would get  $100-40=60*5=300$  points.

Additional points may be awarded, depending on the [Magic Number](#).

Once an HOFer has officially become worm food, you can't replace him on the roster. Then again, every time you look at your roster and see an open spot you can take solace in the fact that you have already earned valuable HOF Death Pool points.

Points earned in this category are allocated exclusively to the Hall-of-Fame Death Pool Standings and **are not** allocated to the Overall Standings.

#### **What's the Magic Number and how does it work?**

The Magic Number breaks the logjam of ties for the Hall of Fame Death Pool. The Magic Number reduces the number of owners who tie at the end of the season while increasing the size of the payout checks for winners. Here's how it works:

- o The first 30 teams are assigned a Magic Number — a single number from 1 to 30 — based on the order in which they join the league. So, the fifth team to join gets Magic Number 5. Magic Numbers from 1-30 are then drawn from a hat for the remaining teams.
- o You keep the number for the whole season. You can't change it (even if another owner has it).
- o For the HOF Death Pool, the team with the Magic Number closest to the Date-of-Death (DoD) will get an extra 25 points. If that team's Magic Number matches the DoD, the team will instead get 50 extra points. So, if an 80-year-old HOFer dies on the 16th and you have the closest

Magic Number at 15, you'll get the normal 100 points ( $100-80=20*5=100$ ) plus an additional 25 Magic Number points. If, however, that HOFer dies on the 15th, you'll get the 100 plus an extra 50. Note: More than one team can be awarded the extra points if their Magic Numbers are equidistant to the DoD. So, if Bob dies on the 15th and one team has 14 and another has 16, both teams will get the 25 extra points.

### **What's the Rube Clause and why should I care?**

The Rube Clause can be summarized thusly: What Commissioner **Rube Furrow** says, goes. That means that, despite our best efforts to rule fairly, give payouts justly, and make sure league owners are happy campers, Commissioner Rube Furrow's word is the final word when it comes to any disputes, complaints, statistical anomalies, and payouts.

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