

Federal League Meeting Agenda
February 10, 2024 11 AM (Zoom)

Attendance – Quorum – Not present – JTs

Budget

- Start 2023 \$8068, end 2023 \$7284
- Team Fee 2024 = **\$775 per team** (to ensure we cover insurance fees for following year).
- Expansion Team Fee for new teams in 2024 = \$250 additional per new team (\$1025 total due)
- **PASSED 32-0**

FEDERAL LEAGUE HISTORICAL BUDGET

<u>Expense</u>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Plan
Insurance	\$ 4,561	\$ 4,475	\$ 3,821	\$ 4,140	\$ 4,939	\$ 5,318	\$ 6,232	\$ 7,500
Baseballs	\$ 1,628	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,376	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AS/Playoffs - Field	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,633	\$ 2,405	\$ 2,931	\$ 3,666	\$ 4,394	\$ 4,900	\$ 7,590
AS/Playoffs - PA						\$ 100	\$ 630	\$ 1,100
AS/Playoffs- Umps	\$ 4,799	\$ 3,841	\$ 4,504	\$ 3,290	\$ 4,820	\$ 6,020	\$ 6,010	\$ 8,160
HOF / Trophies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 365	\$ 272	\$ 549	\$ 203	\$ 475	\$ 650
Communciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ 750	\$ 750
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 282	\$ 595	\$ 107	\$ -	\$ 1,787	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$13,388	\$11,949	\$13,753	\$11,978	\$14,081	\$16,051	\$ 20,784	\$ 26,250
<u>Revenue</u>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Plan
Team Fees	\$12,000	\$12,150	\$10,400	\$ 8,000	\$14,435	\$18,600	\$ 20,000	\$ 27,125
Expansion Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Baseballs	\$ 1,628	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,237	\$ 340	\$ 549	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$13,628	\$14,150	\$12,637	\$ 8,340	\$14,984	\$18,600	\$ 20,000	\$ 28,125
<u>Bank Balance</u>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Plan
+/- Each Year	\$ 240	\$ 2,201	\$ (1,116)	\$ (3,638)	\$ 903	\$ 2,549	\$ (784)	\$ 1,875
EOY Balance	\$ 7,169	\$ 9,370	\$ 8,254	\$ 4,616	\$ 5,519	\$ 8,068	\$ 7,284	\$ 9,159
Teams	30	27	26	20	28	31	32	35
Team Fee	\$400	\$450	\$400	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$625	\$775

By-Laws League Fees

Each team is required to pay an annual fee to the League. The amount of this fee will be determined by the Board after reviewing the suggested Budget provided annually by the treasurer (recommended to maintain budget to cover insurance payment for next year – which is due before league fees are collected). This league fee will include all expenses: league fee, insurance, and playoffs. Teams that dissolve any time after paying their League fee will not be entitled to any refund. League fees should be paid prior to the season (e.g. May 1st). prior to the season (e.g. May 1st).

Review Regular Season Teams

- Retiring teams: Minneapolis Diablos
- New teams: Eden Prairie Flyers, Hastings Hurricanes, Tonka Bay Lakers, Waconia Islanders

Proposed Divisions

7 geographic divisions of 5 teams = 18 games each – **Passed – 32-0**

- All divisions: 5 teams each = 8 division games
 - Plus 10 cross-division games
 - Preferred # of games (18), still maintaining goals of opportunity to play for a championship, division rivalries and low travel for majority of games, while adding cross-division variety of fields and teams.

<u>West - American</u>	<u>2023 W-L</u>	<u>Win%</u>	<u>Run Diff/G</u>	<u>Old Div</u>	<u>South - American</u>	<u>2023 W-L</u>	<u>Win%</u>	<u>Run Diff/G</u>	<u>Old Div</u>	<u>East - American</u>	<u>2023 W-L</u>	<u>Win%</u>	<u>Run Diff/G</u>	<u>Old Div</u>
Waconia Islanders	11-2	0.846	4.6	New	Burnsville Bulldogs	15-3	0.833	6.1	West	East Metro Mammoth	16-2	0.889	6.5	East
Rockford Rail Splitters	12-6	0.667	1.8	North	Northfield Millers	9-9	0.500	0.2	South	River Falls Groupers	12-6	0.667	1.9	East
Eden Prairie Flyers	7-4	0.636	3.0	New	Milltown Outlaws	8-10	0.444	0.3	South	South Metro Saints	11-7	0.611	0.4	East
Chaska Voyageurs	8-10	0.444	0.5	West	Webster Wildcats	7-11	0.389	-0.8	South	St. Croix Valley Silverbacks	9-9	0.500	-0.4	East
Chaska Diamonds	2-16	0.111	-7.3	West	Hastings Hurricanes	0-0	0.000	0.0	New	Richfield Rockets	5-13	0.278	-2.7	East

Average	0.541	0.5
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Average	0.433	1.2
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Average	0.589	1.1
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<u>West - National</u>	<u>2023 W-L</u>	<u>Win%</u>	<u>Run Diff/G</u>	<u>Old Div</u>	<u>South - National</u>	<u>2023 W-L</u>	<u>Win%</u>	<u>Run Diff/G</u>	<u>Old Div</u>	<u>East - National</u>	<u>2023 W-L</u>	<u>Win%</u>	<u>Run Diff/G</u>	<u>Old Div</u>
Tonka Bay Lakers	10-3	0.769	4.6	New	New Market Northerns	15-3	0.833	3.7	South	Apple Valley A's	15-3	0.833	3.2	West
Minnetonka Saints	11-7	0.611	1.3	West	Lakeville Lobos	14-4	0.778	3.8	South	Rosemount Pipers	14-4	0.778	3.9	East
TC Snappers	11-7	0.611	1.8	West	Lonsdale Jokers	9-9	0.500	-0.2	South	St. Anthony Norsemen	8-10	0.444	-0.5	North
Metro Loons	10-8	0.556	2.2	West	Elko Chuggers	8-10	0.444	-1.3	South	St. Paul JTs	4-14	0.222	-3.6	East
Minnetonka Mustangs	1-17	0.056	-6.9	West	Veseli Vulcans	2-16	0.111	-5.7	South	St. Paul Senators	3-15	0.167	-4.0	East

Average	0.521	0.6
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Average	0.533	0.1
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Average	0.489	-0.2
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<u>North - American</u>	<u>2023 W-L</u>	<u>Win%</u>	<u>Run Diff/G</u>	<u>Old Div</u>
Minnoka Grays	17-1	0.944	8.7	North
St. Michael Angels	11-7	0.611	1.3	North
Capital City Cannons	9-9	0.500	-0.3	North
Red West Legends	7-11	0.389	-1.7	North
Minneapolis Bombers	2-16	0.111	-3.9	North

Average	0.511	0.8
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Proposed Schedule

All divisions = H/R every team in division + cross-divisional matchups against 2 divisions (see below).

(D = Division, X = Cross-division matchup)

Cross-division Matchups

		<u>West - American</u>	<u>West - National</u>	<u>South - American</u>	<u>South - National</u>	<u>East - American</u>	<u>East - National</u>	<u>North - American</u>
<u>DIVISIONS</u>	<u>West - American</u>	D	X		X			
	<u>West - National</u>	X	D					X
	<u>South - American</u>			D	X		X	
	<u>South - National</u>	X		X	D			
	<u>East - American</u>					D	X	X
	<u>East - National</u>			X		X	D	
	<u>North - American</u>		X			X		D

Cross-division Detailed Schedule (H = Home, R = Road)

Read your team schedule across (horizontal).

		Tonka Bay	Mtka Saints	TC Snappers	Metro Loons	Mtka Mustangs	New Market	Lakeville	Lonsdale	Elko	Veseli
West - American	Waconia Islanders	H	R			H		H	R	H	R
	Rockford Rail Splitters	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Eden Prairie Flyers	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	Chaska Voyageurs	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Chaska Diamonds	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R

		Waconia	Rockford	Eden Prairie	Chaska Voyageurs	Chaska Diamonds	Minnoka	St. Michael	Capital City	Red West	Mpls Bombers
West - National	Tonka Bay Lakers	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Minnetonka Saints	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	TC Snappers	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Metro Loons	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	Minnetonka Mustangs	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H

		New Market	Lakeville	Lonsdale	Elko	Veseli	Apple Valley	Rosemount	St. Anthony	St. Paul JTs	St. Paul Senators
South - American	Burnsville Bulldogs	H	R		R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	Northfield Millers	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Milltown Outlaws	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	Webster Wildcats	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Hastings Hurricanes	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R

		Burnsville	Northfield	Milltown	Webster	Hastings	Waconia	Rockford	Eden Prairie	Chaska Voyageurs	Chaska Diamonds
South - National	New Market Northerns	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Lakeville Lobos	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	Lonsdale Jokers	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Elko Chuggers	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	Veseli Vulcans	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H

		Apple Valley	Rosemount	St. Anthony	St. Paul JTs	St. Paul Senators	Minnoka	St. Michael	Capital City	Red West	Mpls Bombers
East - American	East Metro Mammoth	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	River Falls Groupers	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	South Metro Saints	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	St. Croix Valley Silverbacks	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Richfield Rockets	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R

		East Metro	River Falls	South Metro	St. Croix	Richfield	Burnsville	Northfield	Milltown	Webster	Hastings
East - National	Apple Valley A's	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Rosemount Pipers	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	St. Anthony Norsemen	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	St. Paul JTs	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	St. Paul Senators	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H

		Tonka Bay	Mtka Saints	TC Snappers	Metro Loons	Mtka Mustangs	East Metro	River Falls	South Metro	St. Croix	Richfield
North - American	Minnoka Grays	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	St. Michael Angels	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	Capital City Cannons	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H
	Red West Legends	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R
	Minneapolis Bombers	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H	R	H

Review Playoffs

- Brackets to be determined:
 - A. Double Elim: AAA - 8, AA - 8, A - 8, B - 11
 - B. Home team is always:
 - 1st Criteria – Team with zero losses in bracket play (undefeated)
 - 2nd Criteria – Top Seed
 - C. Ideally the field would be – nice, central, lights, concessions, music, PA & live streaming, reasonably priced (with field maintenance), not home field resource dependent.
 - Sites secured:, Alimagnet, St Boni
 - Potential additional sites: Delano, Big Willow, Dundas, Hastings, Anoka

HOF/All-Star Game – @ Chaska June 29 (tentative, to be confirmed). League games with teams of HOF players ideally playing in those games. Potential structure – 2 League games, HOF, AS game, Night Game. Concessions available.

Website/Communication

- Website, Twitter & Contacts – Rules, stats, rosters, schedules are all on the website. Please send any contact changes to: federalbaseballmn@gmail.com
[Federal League Baseball - \(Minnetonka, MN\) - powered by LeagueLineup.com](http://FederalLeagueBaseball-(Minnetonka,MN)-powered-by-LeagueLineup.com)
[Federal League \(@TheFedMN\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/TheFedMN)

Rule/By-Law Changes

- **Mercy Rule: -- PASSED 25-6**

- A. Current – Mercy Rule → A mercy rule is in effect if a team is behind by **15 runs** or more at any point after five innings of play have been completed. The game will be officially over at this point; the teams may agree to continue playing, but none of the results of the game beyond the mercy rule point (runs, at-bats, innings pitched, etc.) shall be included in the reporting of the results of the game.
- B. Proposed – Mercy Rule → A mercy rule is in effect if a team is behind by **10 runs** or more at any point after five innings of play have been completed. The game will be officially over at this point; the teams may agree to continue playing, but none of the results of the game beyond the mercy rule point (runs, at-bats, innings pitched, etc.) shall be included in the reporting of the results of the game.

- **Roster expansion to 30 players. 5 spots are for 50+ players. – PASSED 24-8**

- A. Current – Team rosters are limited to a maximum of **25 players**.
- B. Proposed – Team rosters are limited to a maximum of **30 players, with 5 spots reserved exclusively for players at least 50 years of age.**

- **Forfeit counts as a game for the entire opposing roster. – PASSED 23-0**

- A. Current – Playoff Eligibility - A game will be considered “played in” if the player had at least 1 PA or 1 IP.
- B. Proposed – Playoff Eligibility - A game will be considered “played in” if the player had at least 1 PA or 1 IP **or the game is forfeited by the opposing team.**

AMEND - A game will be considered “played in” if the player had at least 1 PA or 1 batter faced **or the game is forfeited by the opposing team. -- FAILED 20-8**

- **Exceptions to playoff qualification to be public. – PASSED 25-0**

- A. Current – Playoff Eligibility - Players who have historically met the requirement, but has a unique situation (player/coach, injury, military service, utility player) that does not allow him to make the required # of games, the team can petition to the league to adjust the game requirement that player was healthy/available.
- B. Proposed – Playoff Eligibility - Players who have historically met the requirement, but has a unique situation (player/coach, injury, military service, utility player) that does not allow him to make the required # of games, the team can petition to the league to adjust the game requirement that player was healthy/available. **If the petition is approved, the league will make a list of these adjustments publicly available by listing the player's name and team.**

- **Cash payment of players is prohibited. – PASSED 24-0**

- A. Current – Not addressed in Federal Baseball League Player Eligibility.
- B. Proposed addition – No player may receive financial compensation from a team or team manager, including salaries, bonuses, or other monetary rewards, for their participation. Exceptions are allowed for reimbursement of actual travel and lodging expenses, and provision of necessary equipment and apparel. Sponsorships and donations must be allocated solely towards operational and non-compensation-related expenses. Any form of payment to players, outside of these exceptions, will result in player ineligibility.

Elections - PASSED 25-0

Commissioner – Dan Tupper

Communications – Lars Larson

Secretary – Jamie Houselog

Treasurer – CT Harris

Division Presidents –

- North – Chris Kalina
- South – Paul Jesh
- East – Wade Peterson
- West – Josh Stoll

Season Calendar

Oct-Nov – Division Meetings – open discussion / ideas

Jan 1 – Exec committee book playoff fields; New/existing team deadline

Jan 16 – Executive Committee Meeting (finalize agenda for Board Meeting)

Feb 10 – Board Meeting

Feb 10 – April 15 Teams Begin Scheduling & Website Season Reset (updated w/new teams-divisions)

March 1 – HOF / Chris Erickson Nominations Due

~ March 30 – Division Scheduling Meetings (if needed)

March 30 – League Field Insurance Application Due

April 20 – July 22 – Regular Season Games (thru July 28 for make-ups only)

April 20 – Team Payment Due to Treasurer (team schedules/rosters must be listed on website)

June 29 – HOF / All-Star @ Chaska (tentative, to be confirmed)

June 30 – Final Roster Deadline

July 22 – Last day for originally scheduled games, only make-ups after this date

July 28 – Regular Season Complete (or teams receive losses)

July 28 – Teams Submit Playoff Status & Player eligibility requests due

July 31 – Website Stats to Excel (league leaders & all-time leaders updated)

August 2 – August 11 → 2-week Playoffs, TBD

August 2 – August 18 → 3-week Playoffs, TBD

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