

2023 LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

CONGRATULATIONS! You have made it to the PostSeason.

Now, you'll need some instructions on how to fill out your playoff lineup, and how the games are played. Remember ... you must use the (special) Playoff lineup form! Your regular season lineup cannot carry over to the special playoff files! *Failure to submit a playoff lineup may result in forfeiture of your series!*

Be sure to download / view your PostSeason roster. Remember, all players you claimed over the final 4 weeks are ineligible, and have been deleted – do not attempt to use them. The 32-man active limit still applies, and you may not release any player(s). Please account for all players shown on your PostSeason roster, and document all transactions if you are moving players to/from your Inactive Reserve or Minor League roster. Fill-in the names of your players at each position, prioritized by starting order. *And, be sure to check position eligibility!*

The Playoff lineup has two pages: the first is for your LDS lineup; the second is for your LCS lineup. Fill out both if you are in the LDS... League Champions (with a first round bye) need only complete the LCS page.

The "Schedule vs. Teams": has already been entered for the longest possible duration of the series: for the Division Series, it's a Best-of-5; and the Championship Series, it's a Best-of-7.

Unlike the regular season and World Series, the League Division and Championship Series' are played game-by-game. In other words, team depth is not that important, as long as your #1 starters played at least 1 game in each of the 26 weeks of the regular season. Remember, the weekly stats used for each game of each series have been drawn at random for each game - 1 for hitting and 1 for pitching.

Next, decide if you want to platoon any of your hitters. If you wish to platoon, using your backups and reserves, then enter the game number in the appropriate space in the game assignment brackets. Be sure to space the game assignments where a game is being skipped.

Now, about DH's. Unlike the regular season, DH's may be assigned by game. So, first, number from 1 to 9 your DH order (just like the regular season). Now, if you want to use several different DH's, like a position-player who is being platooned, you will need to designate your DH in each game by entering the letter "D" in the appropriate game space. For example:

OF 6 MUSIAL, Stan (D,_,D,_,D,_,_) [4]

In this example, your #6 OF, has been assigned as your #4 DH, however, he will DH in games 1,3 & 5, regardless of who is assigned as your #1, 2 or 3 DH.

Finally, set up your pitching staff. You are required to use a 4-man rotation regardless of the length of the series! So, list your first 4 SP's in the order you want them to appear in games 1,2,3,4. If no game assignments are made, then after Game 4 (if necessary) the assignments will return to the top of the order. You **MUST** allow 3 games between starts! In other words, your #1 SP pitches Game 1, he cannot pitch again until Game 5. If you wish you may expand your rotation to include more than 4 SP's. If, in the week-of-play drawn for a particular game, your SP did not pitch, his assignment will go to the #5 SP, or the first SP not assigned to appear in a game.

Your RP's should also be listed in the order you want them to be available. You may assign up to 4 appearances to a RP. If you do not assign games to your RP's, then #1 & 2 will pitch together in Games 1,2,3,4 and RP's #3 & 4 will pitch together in the remaining games. This will occur if each RP made at least 1 appearance in each week of the season. So here is where strategy pays off. Do you stagger your RP assignments so your #1 closer is available late in the series, or do you use him up in the first 4 games and take your chances?

If you have any questions, please call during business hours. We may not have time to call an owner if there is a problem with their lineup. All playoff lineups must be submitted - postmarked, faxed or e-mailed - by Monday, October 16.

L.D.S. results will be posted on Monday, October 30; L.C.S results on Monday, November 6.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL