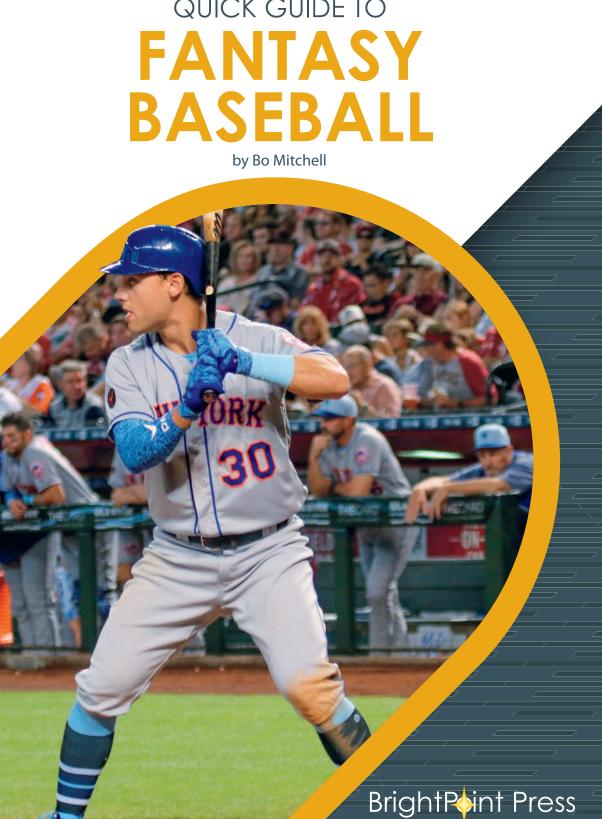


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AT A GLANCE

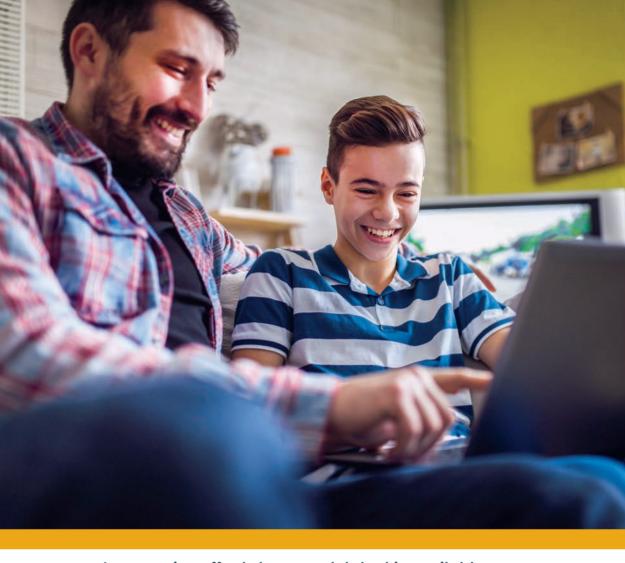
- Fantasy baseball is a fun way for MLB fans to learn more about the game.
- Participants earn points based on the statistics of MLB players.
- League commissioners organize the league and set it up online.
- Leagues establish clear rules before the season begins. Many customize their rules.
- Many websites host fantasy baseball leagues.
- There are two popular forms of fantasy baseball.
 They are Rotisserie and head-to-head.
- Participants use a draft or an auction to build their teams.

WHAT IS FANTASY BASEBALL?

B aseball uses many statistics. Fans often know common stats. Some fans keep track of batting averages. Even new fans know about home runs and strikeouts. Statistics shape MLB games. They also determine the success of fantasy baseball. Fantasy baseball is a game where



Fantasy baseball uses MLB stats to determine how well fantasy teams do.



League size affects how much talent is available per team.

fans create teams of MLB players. These teams compete against each other. The team with the best stats wins.

FORMING A FANTASY BASEBALL LEAGUE

The first step in starting a league is finding people to play. An MLB season lasts six months. However, finding fans to participate shouldn't be tough. Leagues generally have ten or twelve teams. Fewer teams means every team is filled with star players. More than that and there might not be enough good players for everyone. Fantasy baseball becomes challenging with more teams.

Fantasy baseball participants are called "owners." Some people call them "managers." Owners run the team.

They select players. They decide who plays every week. A group of owners forms a league.

Most owners begin to follow every MLB team. It becomes important to know who is doing well. Beating other owners is fun. Winners get all the bragging rights.

CO-OWNING A TEAM

Following baseball all season can seem like too much. However, there's another solution. Sometimes people co-own a team. It cuts down on the work. There are a lot of MLB players. Having two people to scout players and set lineups can make things easier. Finding the right friend to help can be tricky. But a good partner can lead to success.

GLOSSARY

cheat sheet

A ranking of players, sorted by position, to help owners in fantasy baseball drafts.

draft

The most popular way for owners to select players for their fantasy baseball teams.

free agents

MLB players who aren't on fantasy baseball teams in a league.

mock draft

A practice draft used as a tool to help owners prepare for their real draft.

position eligibility

Rules about which players can be used for different positions in a fantasy baseball lineup.

position scarcity

The amount of talent at a position compared with the amount of talent at other positions.

waiver rules

Guidelines for picking up and dropping players from a fantasy team.

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