

Greater Chicago Strat League Newsletter

June 22, 2024

KEY DATES:

1. 6/30/2024 (Sunday) – Last call for rule change proposals to be nominated and seconded. Last call for Executive Committee nominations.
2. 7/2/2024 (Tuesday) – Trade deadline for July games.
3. 7/9/2024 (Tuesday) – 26-man rosters and pitching rotations (Starter Schedule) due. Deadline for rule change proposals to be nominated and seconded. Deadline for Executive Committee nominations.
4. 7/13/2024 (Saturday) – Rule change ballot published for inspection.
5. 7/21/2024 (Sunday) – Final player settings and manager tendencies, along with default lineup number specifications for each game due.
6. 7/24/2024 (Wednesday) – Final rule change and Executive Committee election ballot published.
7. 8/4/2024 (Sunday) – Season Trade Deadline. Voting on rule change ballot and executive committee due.

REMINDERS:

1. Rule Change discussions and proposals coming up per the dates above. Get your thoughts out there now! (**Rule Change Submissions and Discussion**)
2. We will need another Executive Committee Member to join Greg Edens and Jim Calabrese (with Frank Lopeman's term coming to an end).

Here are the managers that are eligible to serve on the EC and have not “recently”:

Jim Aldrich, Steve Linke, Joe Ingrafina, Mike Gahalla, Glenn Panner/Alan Dyche, Mike Wilson

Recent EC members (year term ends/ended):

TBD (2027)	Tony Calabrese (2023)	John Stryker (2019)	Adam Smith (2015)
Jim Calabrese (2026)	Steven Seydell (2022)	Rich Domovic (2018)	Doug Salzwedel (2014)
Greg Edens (2025)	Brian Anderson (2021)	Ralph Madera (2017)	Steven Seydell (2013)
Frank Lopeman (2024)	Wes Davies (2020)	Mike Aldrich (2016)	Greg Edens (2012)

TRADE SUMMARY (since the draft):

To VRN: Michael A Taylor, NYY-10

To NYY: Wilyer Abreu*, VRN-5

To BUR: HUC-6

To HUC: Jon Berti, BUR-14

To BUR: Jake Bird, HOH-16

To HOH: BUR-9

To DYE: TAM-4, TAM-6, TAM-7

To TAM: Hunter Harvey, Chris Taylor, DYE-9, DYE-14, DYE-16

To OAK: Colson Montgomery*, Kyle Manzardo*, Ross Stripling

To COL: Merrill Kelly, Stone Garrett, Reese McGuire*

To BUR: Luis Severino

To TAM: Tyler Wells

To DUB: Gavin Stone, TAM-5, TAM-10

To TAM: Michael King, DUB-15, DUB-16

What this means for HUC 45-21 (1 trade):

Total Additions: Jon Berti, BUR-14

Total Subtractions: HUC-6

A starting 2B vL that is also usable utility depth vR for a 6th. Nothing to see here.

What this means for TAM 39-27 (3 trades):

Total Additions: Tyler Wells, Michael King, Hunter Harvey, Chris Taylor, DYE-9, DYE-14, DUB-15, DYE-16, DUB-16

Total Subtractions: Luis Severino, Gavin Stone, TAM-4, TAM-5, TAM-6, TAM-7, TAM-10

Wells and King slot in as #2 and #3 in the rotation, Harvey fits in as another good setup option and Taylor adds some utility depth. Clearly focused on this year, Mike doesn't care that Wells is out for the year and Taylor is hitting .131 - but he will miss Stone, who is putting together an impressive rookie campaign and already looks like a middle rotation arm. Luckily, King is pitching surprisingly well in SD and should slot in as a middle rotation option for next year to make up for the loss of Severino and Harvey looks like a carryover option as a setup arm.

What this means for NYY 39-27 (1 trade):

Total Additions: Wilyer Abreu, VRN-5*

Total Subtractions: Michael A Taylor, NYY-10

Abreu looks like he could be the starting RF for NYY as a 24 year old hitter with a balance of power, speed and contact. Add a 5th and they have additional options in case they decide to add for a playoff run - maybe an upgrade over Grisham in CF 😊.

What this means for COL 37-29 (1 trade):

*Total Additions: Merrill Kelly, Stone Garrett, Reese McGuire**

Total Subtractions: Colson Montgomery, Kyle Manzardo*, Ross Stripling*

Kelly is the right-handed full time starter they needed to anchor their rotation and Garrett is a valuable part time corner OF who can get on base against both righties and lefties. McGuire will join the catcher platoon as the left handed option. Garrett and McGuire will be cuts, but Kelly is due back after the All Star break and still has high expectations. This appears to be a great trade as it has kept them in the postseason race while they just lost young players who are currently overmatched with their most recent promotions.

What this means for VRN 37-29 (1 trade):

Total Additions: Michael A Taylor, NYY-10

Total Subtractions: Wilyer Abreu, VRN-5*

A great defensive CF who kills lefties and is playable vR is probably not enough to justify the loss of Abreu and a 5th. This was hoped to be an important piece in a playoff run - time will tell.

What this means for HOH 36-30 (1 trade):

Total Additions: BUR-9

Total Subtractions: Jake Bird, HOH-16

Traded away useless innings.

What this means for DYE 34-32 (1 trade):

Total Additions: TAM-4, TAM-6, TAM-7

Total Subtractions: Hunter Harvey, Chris Taylor, DYE-9, DYE-14, DYE-16

Despite being over .500, this clearly answers the question about the plans for DYE this year. Nothing they will miss next year and some nice early-middle draft help.

What this means for OAK 30-36 (1 trade):

Total Additions: Colson Montgomery, Kyle Manzardo*, Ross Stripling*

*Total Subtractions: Merrill Kelly, Stone Garrett, Reese McGuire**

We will learn if the aging Kelly will be missed as he returns from a right shoulder strain in about a month after just 4 (very good) starts. This trade definitely brings youth, but 1B Manzardo is back to AAA after struggling with Cleveland and Montgomery may be heading back to AA unless his bat starts working to justify staying as the AAA SS.

What this means for DUB 23-43 (1 trade):

Total Additions: Gavin Stone, TAM-5, TAM-10

Total Subtractions: Michael King, DUB-15, DUB-16

King is a loss not just for this year but for next also, but the upgrade to the younger and more impressive Stone (plus a 5th) makes the fan base optimistic for a return to glory sooner rather than later.

What this means for BUR 22-44 (3 trades):

Total Additions: Luis Severino, Jake Bird, HUC-6, HOH-16

Total Subtractions: Tyler Wells, Jon Berti, BUR-9, BUR-14

Severino is the only story here, as the move across town from the Yankees to Mets seems to help him regain his form as a top-to-mid rotation option for next year at just his age 30 season.

FINES & FINANCES:

NO CHANGE

Bank Balance: \$1708.99

Outstanding Credits: \$140 total - CHI (\$20), DUB (\$80), JAM (\$20), WRK (\$20)

League Balance: \$1688.99