

# Rville Fantasy Football Constitution

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## I. Preamble

We the Managers of the Rville Fantasy League (RFL), in Order to form a more perfect League, establish just Procedures, Regulations, Punishments, and Awards, promote the general Welfare of all League Managers, and the annual renewment and operations of the League, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Rville Fantasy League.

## II. League Officers

The undisputed crowned Champion of the League will be appointed the new Commissioner, assuming all responsibilities from the Moratorium Period through the end of the next immediate league year. Once a new league Champion is crowned at the conclusion of Championship Week, the Former Commissioner, if any, will relinquish his duties effective immediately, to the new Commissioner, and assume the Vice Commissioner's duties and responsibilities.

The Commissioner will be responsible for the following duties:

1. Scheduling and organizing the next League draft, including but not limited to location, time, and format.
  - a. The Commissioner is responsible for creating a way to randomly and fairly select the draft order.
2. Making up to two (2) new changes to the League rules (which must be ratified by no less than a majority vote by participating Managers) with the following exceptions:
  - a. No more and no less than twelve (12) teams are allowed to participate in the League

- b. All Twelve (12) teams must be comprised of managers that lived in the confines of Robbinsville, NJ from the years 1990-2009. Foreigners are prohibited from entering the League at any point.
- 3. Creating the punishment for the Worst Manager of the Year (Last Place in Regular Season.) and enforcing said punishment.
  - a. The Punishment must be unanimously approved by the Council of Elders before being presented to the League.
  - b. The scheduling/organization of League Punishment will be the responsibility of the Loser. *If the Loser fails to complete the punishment before the following season's draft, he may be subject to immediate and permanent expulsion from the league or another form of discipline at the discretion of the Commissioner.*
- 4. Settling all League disputes in a swift and effective manner, keeping in mind fairness and equality for all League managers.
- 5. Being available for assistance to all League managers in a timely manner.
  - a. If the Commissioner is unavailable, the Vice Commissioner may be contacted. If you cannot contact the Commissioner or Vice Commissioner, and the issue at hand is time-sensitive (for instance, if you are requesting a roster modification), the league message board, or league GroupMe may be utilized to voice your request. In this way, the time of your request can be verified and roster changes can be made retroactively, if necessary at the discretion of the Commissioner. If you do not have access to the message board or group me, a call or text to the Commissioner can be used as a last resort, but may need to be approved by a majority vote of managers at the discretion of the Commissioner.

## League Commissioner

(Name)

(Phone Number)

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*By signing this document I agree to assume all duties and responsibilities of League Commissioner and I solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of League Commissioner of the RFL, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the RFL.*

## Vice Commissioner

If you are unable to reach the league commissioner, please contact the Vice Commissioner

(Name)

(Phone Number)

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*By signing this document I agree to assume all duties and responsibilities of Vice Commissioner of the RFL and I solemnly swear that I will aid the Commissioner with any and all responsibilities with which the Commissioner requests*

*help. In the event that the Commissioner can no longer perform his duties and responsibilities, I will assume the duties and responsibilities for the remainder of his term to the best of my ability.*

## **League Treasurer**

The team that finishes in last place during the regular season will be appointed League Treasurer for the same league term as the League Commissioner. All League dues and fees will be collected and accounted for by the League Treasurer. All league managers are expected to pay league dues and fees prior to, or on Draft Day for the upcoming League year. The League Treasurer should document all Managers that still owe dues. If, for any reason whatsoever, the league dues are lost or incomplete, the League Treasurer will be expected to pay the League winners their full compensation.

(Name)

(Phone Number)

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*By signing this document I agree to assume all duties and responsibilities of League Treasurer.....*

## **The Council of Elders**

The omnipotent, supreme, overseeing governing body of the RFL comprised of the Founding Fathers, Caretakers, and Ambassadors of the League. Not unlike the Illuminati, The Council of Elders are always watching, always scheming to create the best possible brand of fantasy football in the world. The Council of Elders may strike, with or without warning, for the betterment of the League as a whole.

## **III. League Dues, Fees, and Fines**

**Entry Fee:** The League Commissioner will determine the Entry Fee at the beginning of each League Year.

**Champion's Award Fee:** An additional \$10 Champion Award tax will be paid by each League Manager with the Entry Fee to be used for the next League Champion's Richard Wharton Champion's Award.

## **IV. Prize Payout Structure**

The payout structure will vary from year to year based on the League entry fee. The payout should not exceed the top 3 places, with first place receiving the most, and third place receiving the least. The payout structure and Championship Award pool will be announced by the League Commissioner and approved by the League Managers on Draft Day.

**The Richard Wharton Champion's Award:** The Award will be partially/fully funded by the \$120 Champion Award pool (as stated above) and must be used on a tangible, non-consumable

memento. It will be presented by the previous year's League Commissioner to the League Champion to begin the League Year on Draft Day, immediately prior to the first draft selection.

**The Mihir G. Patel Memorial Trophy:** To commemorate one of our favorite (and least favorite) managers in league history, the trophy for the loser of the regular season will be named after Mihir G. Patel. The award will be funded by the League Champion and presented to the previous year's last place regular season finisher before the ensuing year's draft. The Mihir G. Patel Memorial Trophy award winner will also be referred to, and referenced as "Mihir (Roman Numeral)" by name and team name for the entirety of the League Year, for the archives.

\*There is no minimum dollar amount that must be spent on this trophy, but the Loser must be presented with something following the Champion's Award Presentation Ceremony.\*

## **V. Late Payments**

Don't be a dickhole. Pay League Dues on Draft Day. We have jobs.

## **VI. Playoff Configuration**

The league will implement a Championship playoff bracket that will hold no more than 6 teams. The structure of the bracket may vary from year to year based on new Commissioner changes as long as they are legally ratified by the League.

## **VII. Draft Order Determination and Structure**

The Commissioner will create and announce a way to randomly and fairly determine the Draft Order at least 1 month prior to Draft Day. The Council of Elders may be consulted for ideas. The Draft will always be of serpentine format, the trading of picks are allowed and must be announced immediately.

## **VIII. Draft Attendance**

The Draft will be held at a location announced well before the draft date. The date of the draft will vary from year to year, but will most often be held the 3rd or 4th weekend in August. All managers are expected to be present in person at the draft location. Missing the draft is grounds for penalization of a \$50 fine to the League (which will be used to fund booze/drugs/food for those in attendance at the draft), as well as sanctions on selecting procedures while not present at the draft (covered in VIX). An appeal may be made to the League based on extenuating circumstances (i.e. weddings, funerals, etc.), but the League Commissioner ultimately has final say in the matter. If a League Member is not present in the draft for more than 2 out of 3 consecutive drafts, he may be subject to a minimum 1 year suspension, and may not be guaranteed a spot back in the league after serving said suspension.

## **IX. Draft Sanctions**

If the Commissioner has granted a leave of absence in lieu of the draft. The manager in question MUST abide by the following rules:

1. The non-present drafter must be on videochat of some sort for the entirety of the draft.
2. If the League loses connection with the non-present drafter (NPD), a phone call will be made to inform the NPD. If the NPD can not be reached after 1 phone call, a 3 minute grace period will be given to the NPD to make contact with the league. If the 3 minute period passes without contact, the NPD temporarily forfeits that selection and the next manager in line may draft a player. The NPD may announce their pick at any point after their 3 minute grace period expires. The pick may not be anyone who was selected after the 3 minute grace period.
3. In the event that the NPD still has not made contact by their next pick, the same sequence of events will follow. If the NPD still does not make contact, he will be given the next highest player available based on Yahoo projections and his next pick will begin to slide as did his previous.

## **X. Trades**

**Player Trades:** The Commissioner will approve of all trades. He should make sure the trade is legitimate by talking to both owners in question. The Commissioner and Vice Commissioner may put a trade up for league vote if they jointly deem it unfair or lopsided. Players who have already played on a given week cannot be traded until the following week. The Commissioner should notify the League via GroupMe or League Message Board that a trade has been made and accepted.

**Draft Pick Trades:** Trading future draft picks for players or current year draft picks is strictly prohibited, as RFL is a redraft format league.

**Trade Deadline:** The Deadline to make player trades will be exactly one (1) week before Thanksgiving Week.

**League Vote:** League managers may appeal an accepted trade between two managers. Appeals must be presented in the GroupMe forum and the Council of Elders will convene to uphold or deny the trade within 24 hrs after appeals are presented.

## **XI. Amendments to the Constitution**

1. The league winner's new rules, if any, for the upcoming year will be added to the Addendums section of this Constitution before each league year.
2. When a league dispute arises which has not been addressed in the league constitution, a discussion will ensue on possible resolutions. Following the discussion period, the Commissioner will put the dispute up for vote to determine the outcome and ratify a new

League Rule. The result of the League Vote will apply immediately and the ruling will be appended to the existing Constitution for future reference.

## **XII. Addendums**

1. Lowest Scorer of the Week must write a recap of the week of fantasy matchups on the message board. (ML - 2016)
2. Highest Scorer of the Week must write a preview of next week of fantasy matchups on the message board. (ML - 2016)
3. Roster expansion by 1 spot to 15 total players. (League - 2016)
4. Rental Trades are strictly prohibited. If teams are suspected of a rental trade, the trade will be vetoed. (ML - 2017)
5. At least 1 kicker and 1 defense must be on all teams rosters at all times. If a team does drops one of these for a position player, the Commissioner will disallow the transaction and return the team to its original state. (ML - 2017)

## **XIII. League Rules and Settings**

(Attached by League Commissioner)

## XII. Ratification

The Ratification of the Standards, Procedures, Rules, and Regulations of RFL, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the League Managers,

Done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the League Managers present the \_\_\_\_ year of the RFL on the \_\_\_\_ of August in the Year \_\_\_\_\_.

By signing this official document, I agree to unequivocally abide by the entirety of Rules and Regulations outlined in this Constitution.

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(Year (x) Commissioner of the League)

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(Year (x) Vice Commissioner of the League) \_\_\_\_\_(print)

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(Year (x) Treasurer of the League)

\_\_\_\_\_(print)

**Year (x) League Managers**

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