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I have been running two online leagues for a while; X Factor Baseball League (XFBL) is now in its eighth season, and Mound Trippers Baseball Association (MTBA) is entering its fourth season. Well, over time I have been asked a number of times if there is a way to have a 'Playoff/Tournament' between the league winners. So experimenting for a while I have come up with the Fredrock Baseball Network Championship Format

The following pages will discuss how it works, why things will be structured the way they are and hopefully all the GM's that get to participate in this will have an enjoyable and fun time...

Cheers,
Rick Brandt

How Teams are Invited

The FBN Championship (FBNC) will start with eight total teams. There will be the four playoff teams from the X Factor Baseball League and the four playoff teams from Mound Trippers Baseball Association. The way participating teams will be structured is they will be 'grabbed' (a quick process that will occur at the start of each leagues playoffs) with their current 40-Man rosters as they appear at the start of their respective league playoffs. Thus if one league finishes a month behind the other it will not affect the placement of the respective playoff teams.

Players on their respective teams retain there current ratings (OSA), with minor adjustments as the first championship will start with 1946 modifiers and increase a year for each championship run (this has been tested so far 4 times and works well since except for MTBA having 'stars' for overall/potential ratings, everything else is the same between leagues)

This concept will work with any amount of teams and I reserve the right on the first few championships to just have the actual XFBL and MTBA League Champions invited for a 5 of 9 Series…

Whats required of the participating GM's

IN-GAME

Once all teams are placed in the FBNC Structure, GM's will go to the FBN Section of their respective forums and download the FBNC Starter File, which will contain their logins to their teams with a password of 'baseball' and also an accountsdata_gms.dat file So basically they will put the starter file in their 'saved_games' folder and extract it their… They will then notice they will have a FBNC league they can login into… Once this is completed they will do the normal GM stuff; lineups, etc and export their file as norma download league files as normal, etc

The total championship process will probably take a total of 5-8 SIMs (Will be running the Double Elimination Tournament for 8 teams) and thus can completed during the course of a week or so.

SLACK

We will be utilizing XFBL Slack area with specific channels for FBN—reason behind this is 10 of the 12 members in MTBA are also in XFBL…

Information dissemination to GMs

This will work basically like it does now except for a few of the following changes:

♦ There are No Scouts and thus GMs will be using OSA ratings, though after running their respective ballclubs they should no how their scouts are..

♦ The will be no StatsPlus Site

♦ Reports will be captured at the FBNC Website

♦ The FBNC Website will contain the Reports, and Championship Information (Champs, MVP's etc) for each championship going forward.

♦ There will be no-cross over of stats to both the XFBL and MTBA Leagues (Envision FBNC as a separate league with stats for each championship separated by year)

SCHEDULE AND TOURNAMENT LAYOUT (1924/1978 SEASON)

Teams will be ranked by record from their league (MTBA/XFBL). Ties will be based upon how team did in their league playoff or by the Commish

Then there will be the Quarter finals (1 SIM) best of 3

Then there will be the semifinals (2 SIMs) best of 5... (1-3)(4-5)

Then the Championship Round (2 SIMs) best of 7.... (1-3)(4-7), if a game 7 I will pause and let GMs make final adjustments, by providing me with the details...

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