

EBF Baseball Rules

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Simulation

- In-season sims are 7 days long, these run Tuesday-Monday.
 - EBF roster moves are only allowed on Tuesdays in the sim, thus you can only make roster moves before a sim. You cannot stipulate for a roster move to happen in the middle of a sim.

Leagues

- European Baseball Federation – this is the main major league level consisting of 10 teams.
- EBF Reserve League – this is the equivalent to AAA; all teams are affiliated with EBF teams.
- EBF Development League – this is the equivalent to AA; all teams are affiliated with EBF teams.
- EBF Academy League – this is the equivalent to A; all teams are affiliated with EBF teams. This league has a max age of 21 years old.
- Dutch Developmental League – this is an 8-team independent league to allow players under 26 to develop. This league has a max age of 25 years old. Players in this league can only transfer to the EBF via the waiver draft in the off-season.
- EBF University League – this is a 12-team league that is equivalent to college baseball. These players feed into the EBF Draft.
- EBF Junior League – this is a 14-team league that is equivalent to high school baseball. These players feed into the EBF Draft.

Salary Cap: €2.50m

- You must always be always salary cap compliant during the league year (end of re-signing period until end of playoffs).
- You may be over the salary cap in future years. You must be cap compliant for the upcoming season when the preceding re-signing period ends.

Roster Rules

- **Active roster limit:** 23
- **Expanded active roster limit:** 25
 - This takes effect on the first Tuesday on or after September 1.
- **Full roster limit:** 75
- **Disabled List**
 - 7-Day Disabled List.

Player Retirement

- If a player retires before the end of his contract, 50% of that contract will count towards the cap in each season left on the deal.
- If they retire due to injury, then the entire contract is removed from the cap. If this happens in season, this does not apply until after the season.

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- If a drafted player retires before their first season starts, their contract is voided immediately.

Trades

- Trade deadline is the first Tuesday on or after July 31.
- Only tradable draft picks are for the current season.

Contract Types

- *Entry*
 - This is the initial contract a player receives when they enter the league.
 - This is a 1-year contract worth €20,000. It can be renewed each year until the player turns 26 years old.
 - These contracts are only guaranteed for the current league year.
- *Standard*
 - This is the default player contract. All Standard contracts are fully guaranteed and will count towards the salary cap even when released.
 - The minimum standard contract is €25,000.
- *Base Year*
 - This is a player in the first year of a standard contract, they cannot be traded until June 1.

Extensions

- Standard Extensions
 - All players entering the final year of a standard contract will be given an extension number heading into the re-signing period. You can either treat the extension as a totally new contract and leave the current year alone or you can wrap the current year into the extension when structuring.
- Restructuring
 - Any existing standard contract can be restructured by increasing the total value of the contract by 5%. Contracts must be restructured by the final day of the regular season to change the current season's amount.

Waivers

- All players being released must be placed on waivers.
 - Any team can claim a player on waivers, order is determined by prior year's record during the off-season and current year's record while in season. Claiming team assumes the player's current contract.

Free Agency

- Only players 26 or older are eligible for free agency. Any players younger than this that are undrafted or released become eligible for the Dutch Developmental League.

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Off-Season Process

1. Re-Signing Period

- a. This is the period to re-sign free agents and pick up entry options.
 - i. Players who are out of contract can be re-signed for up to 6 years.
 - ii. Players who are out of contract can not be re-signed for less than 2 years, unless they are 35 years old or older.
- b. Roster rules and salary cap do not apply during this period, but teams must be compliant when the period ends.

2. Entry Contract Waiver Draft

- a. Any players who had their Entry contract options declined will enter a waiver draft where other teams can claim them.
- b. Any players not drafted in the waiver draft then move to the Dutch Developmental League player pool.

3. Dutch Developmental League Waiver Draft

- a. Any players currently in the DDL can be drafted by EBF teams during this draft.

4. EBF Draft

- a. Draft length: 8 rounds in the proper draft, plus 8 supplemental rounds.
- b. Picks in the proper draft can be traded during the current season only.
- c. Picks in the supplemental rounds cannot be traded and can also be skipped.
- d. Player pool comes from the University and Junior leagues.

5. Unrestricted Free Agency