



# TML 2020 Franchise All Star League Guidelines and Rules

A player's "**Franchise**" label is assigned to his entire TML Career ... not just during 2010-2019. However, you will be selecting season performances only during the past 10 TML seasons (including the one just completed). For the newer TML Managers ... you can track your **Franchise** through the "**Franchise Chronology**" off the TML website ("History" tab):

<http://tmlam.org/records/CHRONO47-19.pdf>

If the player's years do not extend into the 2010-2019 time frame, then he is **ineligible**. Or, if a player is a Franchise player with **Team A** for 10 years from 2000-2009 and then played with **Team B** for another 5 years from 2010-2014, then he is a **Team A** Franchise player and is **ineligible** for **Team B** and also cannot be selected by **Team A** (due to not playing with **Team A** from 2010-2019).

If a player was involved in an **in-season trade**, each team gets to claim that year of service credit.

In the event of a tie in years, the tie-breaker will be **total ABs for position players** and **total IPs for pitchers**. In the unlikely event of a further tie, the team he last played for gets the player's services.

## Playing Rules (all current TML Rules with the following changes):

- 1) Roster size of **30 players**; the entire 30-man roster will be active.
- 2) Each team will select five (5) **starting pitchers** who had **25 or more MLB GS** in the MLB year selected, thus setting up a 5-man rotation of **32 TML GS each** no matter their actual MLB GS.
- 3) Each team will select up to ten (10) **relief pitchers** that had **25+ MLB GR** in the MLB year selected and will be limited to those **GR**.

**Unlimited ERA: 5.01+** and limited to **90 GP**.

4) All players with **501+ MLB ABs** or **551+ MLB PAs** would be **unlimited** in ABs. Just make sure to have enough ABs (e.g., 650 ABs or so) at each defensive position and DH to get through a 160-game season. All other players would be limited by the usual **50-AB TML limits**.

5) Once the primary starting team has been selected, each team will fill out their roster to **30 total players**, including "**specialty players**" for pinch-hitting, pinch-running, defense.

6) The **deadline** for 30-man roster submission will be **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. After a verification check for eligibility, an initial database will be sent out on or before **January 1<sup>st</sup>**. **There will be no trading**, but teams can make roster changes up until **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. The season would begin on **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

7) There will be an **expanded** playoff structure. For each **Conference** the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will be joined by the next two best records and seeded 1 to 8 (using TML tie-breakers, if needed). The first Round will be 1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6 and 5 v 4 in a **best-of-five** playoff. All subsequent Rounds will be **best-of-seven**, with the higher seed having the usual "home field advantage." (*Overuse = Disqualification.*)