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2011 Standard Instructions (revised)

(we will be playing the Board Game at home)

Rumrunners 2011 Roster

Player (MLB Team)	B	BC	(MG)	(CG)	SSN	SPD	Arm	PB	Th	G	PA	SBA	31s	24s
Cabrera, O. (CIN)	R	L+	6	R-	4	SA-3	E28 (15)	32		123	537	15	2	1
Cain, L.* § (MIL)	R	L-	4	R-	0	SA-0	E34 (16)	34		43	158	10	1	0
Castro, S. (CHW)	R	L+	6	R-	4	SA-3	E22 (15)	35		125	506	18	1	2
Desmond, I. (WAS)	R	L+	4	R-	3	SA-2	E30 (15)	34		154	574	22	1	0
Hudson, O. (MIN)	B	L-	2	R-	1	SA-0	F30 (15)	31		126	559	13	2	2
Johnson, R. § (LAD)	R	L+	5	R-	8	SA-3	D20 (13)	34		102	215	4	2	0
Jones, C.* (ATL)	B	L-	4	R-	0	SA-0	G35 (7)	32		95	381	5	2	2
Kotchman, C. (SEA)	L	L-	8	R+	1	SA-5	N (4)	32		125	457	0	2	3
Lewis, F. § (TOR)	L	L-	6	R-	0	SA-3	D29 (17)	31		110	470	23	2	2
Maybin, C. § (FLA)	R	L-	4	R-	0	SA-0	E31 (17)	33		82	322	11	1	0
Molina, J.* § (TOR)	R	L-10	R+	3	SA-0	R26 (4)	33		2 +5	57	183	1	1	4
Pie, F.* § (BAL)	L	L-	4	R-	1	SA-2	E28 (17)	30		82	308	7	2	3
Posada, J. (NYY)	B	L-	1	R-	1	SA-0	G29 (5)	31	2 -4	120	451	4	1	0
Quentin, C. (CHW)	R	L-	3	R-	1	SA-0	F20 (6)	34		131	527	4	1	2
Schafer, J.* (ATL)							uncarded							
Scott, L. (BAL)	L	L-	7	R-	0	PR-4	R31 (6)	30		131	517	2	1	1
Suzuki, I. § (SEA)	L	L-	5	R-	0	SA-3	D32 (19)	38		162		51	3	0
Treanor, M. (TEX)	R	L-10	R+	3	SA-0	D14 (4)	31		1 +0	125	272	3	1	0
Valdez, W. (PHI)	R	L-	3	R-	0	SA-0	F35 (15)	37		111	363	7	2	6

Pitcher (MLB Team)	T	Gr	C	HR	HRA	f	Q	WP	HB	BK	MF	St	IP
Bard, D. (BOS)	R	22*	C-23	HR+21		f	6* Q3*	WP2		BK0	MF-0		74*
Capuano, F. (MIL)	L	9/ 9*	C+13	HR-16	L	f23/ 8*	Q4	WP3		BK0	MF+2	9	20*
Doubront, F. (BOS)	R	7	C-16	HR-11		f25/ 7*	Q4	WP3		BK0	MF+1	3	(25 ip)
French, L.* (SEA)	L	7	C+13	HR-21	L	f28/15*	Q4	WP3		BK0	MF+3	13	
Hamels, C. (PHI)	L	13	C+16	HR-15	L	f26	Q2	WP1		BK0	MF+1	33	
Heilman, A. (ARZ)	R	7*	C+14	HR-14		f	7* Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF+1		72*
Hernandez, Da. (BAL)	R	8/14*	C-42	HR+ 0		f28/ 7*	Q4	WP3		BK0	MF+1	8	37*
Lackey, J. (BOS)	R	7	C+12	HR+23		f30	Q2	WP1		BK0	MF+1	33	
Lewis, J.* (CLE)	R	15*	C-51	HR+53	H	f	6* Q3*	WP0	HB0	BK0	MF-0		36*
Rivera, M. (NYY)	R	20*	C+42	HR+46	H	f	6* Q3*	WP0		BK0	MF-0		60*
Rowland-Smith, R. (SEA)	L	1	C-12	HR-36	M	f31/ 7*	Q4	WP3		BK0	MF+1	28	
Runzler, D.* (SFG)	L	13*	C-53	HR+52	H	f	6* Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF+2		32*
Smith, J. (CLE)	R	15*	C-62	HR+13		f	5* Q3*	WP0			MF-0		40*
Talbot, M.* (CLE)	R	7	C-25	HR+24		f27	Q3	WP1			MF+3	28	
Miller, An. (FLA)	L	1	C-62	HR-23	L	f28/14*	Q4	WP3		BK0	MF-0	21	
Wood, Tr.* (CIN)	L	12	C+23	HR+14		f25	Q4	WP0			MF+3	17	

* Starts in minors (Aug: Jones, Pie up, Maybin, Cabrera down; Sep: Cain up, Lewis down).
 § CF rated. Players in italics have innocuous usage.

Released: Bass (unc), E. Chavez (unc), C. Cordero (unc), Hammahan, Lillibridge (again!), Looper (unc), Villone (unc), K. Wells(unc)

Minors by month (Schafer uncarded; moves subject to series instructions):

MAY: Cain, French, Jones, J. Lewis, Molina, Pie, Runzler, Talbot, Wood

JUN: Cain, Capuano, French, Jones, J. Lewis, Molina, Pie, Runzler, Wood

JUL: Cain, Capuano, Jones, J. Lewis, Molina, Pie, Rowland-Smith, Runzler, A. Miller

AUG: Cain, Capuano, Dubront, Jones, J. Lewis, Pie, Rowland-Smith, Treanor, A. Miller

SEP: Capuano, Dubront, French, F. Lewis, Maybin, Rowland-Smith, J. Smith, Treanor, A. Miller

OCT: Dubront, French, F. Lewis, Maybin, Rowland-Smith, J. Smith, Treanor, A. Miller, Wood

Lineups

Lineups will be provided on a per-series basis. Lineups 1 and 2 will be in use early in the year, with a changeover as Cain, Jones and Pie replace Lewis, Cabrera and Maybin. Roster moves to be announced.

Lineup 1 (RH)	Lineup 2 (LH)	Lineup 3 (RH)	Lineup 4 (comp)
F. Lewis/L. Cain, lf	O. Cabrera, 3b	F. Lewis/L. Cain, lf	F. Lewis/L. Cain, lf
I. Suzuki, rf	I. Suzuki, rf	I. Suzuki, rf	I. Suzuki, rf
O. Hudson, 2b	O. Hudson, 2b	C. Jones, 3b	C. Jones, 3b
L. Scott, 1b	L. Scott, 1b	L. Scott, 1b	L. Scott, 1b
C. Quentin, dh	J. Posada, c	C. Quentin, dh	J. Posada, c
J. Posada, c	S. Castro, ss	O. Hudson, 2b	O. Hudson, 2b
S. Castro, ss	C. Maybin, cf	J. Posada, c	I. Desmond, dh
C. Maybin, cf	I. Desmond, dh	S. Castro, ss	S. Castro, ss
O. Cabrera, 3b	F. Lewis / L. Cain, lf	F. Pie, cf	F. Pie, cf

Roles

C: Jorge POSADA will use every at-bat he is allowed, and will be in the majors all year. Matt TREANOR or Jose MOLINA (later in the season) will replace him. They may be called upon to start occasionally. When starting, POSADA should get 3 plate appearances and be removed for the defensive catcher.

Infield: Orlando HUDSON will play 2B most of the time with help from Wilson VALDEZ, and Starlin CASTRO will get most starts at SS. Orlando CABRERA will start at 3B for the first three months, following which Chipper JONES will become the starter. Ian DESMOND may get a few games at shortstop. VALDEZ is available to substitute for any infield position if not starting, but will most often replace the third baseman. At first base, Luke SCOTT will get most starts. Casey KOTCHMAN is available for defense.

Outfield: Ichiro SUZUKI will every inning in RF. Cameron MAYBIN will start the season in CF and will give way to Felix PIE in midseason. Fred LEWIS will be the everyday LF through August, and Lorenzo CAIN will become the starter for September and October. Reed JOHNSON is a defensive replacement and lefty-killer.

DH: Carlos QUENTIN. Ian DESMOND may get some starts against tough lefties on the boards.

Defensive Management

Substitutes. Jose MOLINA, Matt TREANOR, Reed JOHNSON and Casey KOTCHMAN are defensive replacements. Wilson VALDEZ can replace either third base or shortstop (and will have to fill some games at second base depending on Hudson's usage.) POSADA and SCOTT will start every game and finish almost none; SUZUKI should never be replaced.

Throws. Throw for the best chance, except always throw for the game winner; otherwise, don't bother with 34+ chances (or "well around" in the computer game), cut off instead. Use your best judgement on multiple advances. In the computer game, throw when baseball sense suggests, and when in doubt go with the recommended strategy unless it's the game winner.

Infield/Stretch/IW. IF always deep before the 7th inning; always deep with 2 outs. 7th or later, with tying or winning run on 3rd, 0 or 1 out, play in unless first and third and your instructions call for hit and run – then play deep for the DP. The only exception, of course, is if the game winner is on third. Wind up 0 or 1 out; with 2 outs, if the runner on 3rd has SSN 12+ and the game is within 3, stretch; otherwise wind up. I intentionally walk rarely, and only with the game winner already on base to set up the DP; use your judgement.

Offensive Management

Hit and Run whenever available with any hitter, when steal of second has at least 22+ SSN. Remember that TBL's -3 penalty on H&R is not present on the computer. Do not hit and run with runners on first and third with JOHNSON, CAIN or SUZUKI (despite 3 31s, he has 3 27s). H&R in preference to straight steal.

Steal with SUZUKI 2/series; anyone else 1/series if steal attempts are available. Steal 2nd with an SSN of 26+; steal 3rd with an SSN of 24+; steal home with an SSN of 15+.

Bunt with anyone other than SCOTT, POSADA, LEWIS, QUENTIN or PIE 2nd to 3rd base, tying (0 out) or winning (0 or 1 out) run, 8th or later. NEVER EVER EVER SQUEEZE. *JUST SAY NO.* I will occasionally bunt 1st to 2nd against a very high grade pitcher, tying or winning run, 0 out only. I expect to channel Darrell Skogen and bunt more with the weaker hitters this year.

Pinch Hit with DESMOND, VALDEZ, JOHNSON or CABRERA as needed. DESMOND and CABRERA can pinch-run. Do not use SCOTT, HUDSON, CASTRO, or QUENTIN if not starting.

Baserunning. Go with 28+ chances; hold with 22-. Otherwise, use Adams Tables. Always go if "well around" in the computer game; otherwise, do what you'd do.

Pitching

There are some real management decisions to be made this year. Unfortunately there are not enough relief innings to save everyone's bacon, so the two worst starters are going to have to pitch through the pain and stretch it out. Don't remove if pitching a shutout. Don't let any starter pitch more than 11.2 innings. Try to avoid having any reliever pitch more than 2.2 innings, except if an off day follows.

Starter	Condition For Removal
Rowland-Smith, A. Miller	Nailed to the mound unless Rumrunners ahead, 6th or later. If either of them must leave, replace with HEILMAN or DUBRONT .
Lackey, French, Talbot	Fatigue reduction. Rumrunners -2/+2, 5 th inning or later, baserunner in scoring position
Capuano, Hernandez	Fatigue reduction. Rumrunners -3/+3, 5 th inning or later, baserunner in scoring position
Wood, Hamels	Fatigue reduction. Rumrunners -3/+3, 6 th inning or later, baserunner in scoring position

Reliever	Condition For Removal
Rivera	1 inning, Rumrunners +1 or +2, 9th inning or later (close save situations). If the game isn't still a save situation after an inning is completed, remove him.
Bard	1 inning, Rumrunners tied or +1, 8th inning or later; Rumrunners +3 or +4, 9th inning if not already in the game. In close games he sets up RIVERA ; in less close games he closes. Otherwise he should not pitch.
Hernandez, Lewis, Runzler, Smith	1 inning. I'd rather use all of the middle guys a little than any of them a lot, and there should be 2-3 of them in the bullpen.
Doubront, Heilman, Capuano	As relief valets for pitchers who have bad outings; otherwise 2.2 innings per appearance. CAPUANO has about 20 innings of relief.

Use the reliever chart to determine the preferred choice of reliever; choose the reliever depending on the situation. Do not use **RIVERA** except in his assigned role; otherwise any reliever can be brought into the game at any time.

		Score							
		-4 <	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3 >
Inning	5 th -	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
	6 th	C	C	C	B	B	B	B	C
	7 th	C	C	B	B	A	A	B	B
	8 th	C	B	B	A	A	R	A	B
	9 th +	B	B	B	A	R	R	R	A
A: Bard, Lewis, J. Smith									
B: (see note on LHP) Lewis, J. Smith, D. Hernandez, Runzler, Heilman									
C: (see note on LHP) Heilman, Capuano, Dubront, D. Hernandez, J. Smith, Lewis									
R: Rivera									

The Lefty: DUBRONT, CAPUANO and ultimately RUNZLER will be available as the lefty in the pen. All have limited innings. Try to use the lefty where it might force an opposing lefthanded platoon shift to bat or leave the game.

Final Comments

As always, instructions are only guidelines for managing the team. I haven't protested a game in almost twenty-five years, and have been very pleased for many years with the skill and fairness of managers in TBL both new and old. When pinch-hitting or going to the bullpen, don't bother making a move you can immediately and massively counter; use your own judgement. I trust that I will receive as fair treatment on the road as opponents do at home. Do the best you can, and I'll be more than satisfied. Have a great year.

– Walter

