١	DRAFT	a KDS Draft System: teams drawn at random and then first team gets to pick their draft slot, then second team gets to
		pick their draft spot, and so on and so forth
		b use Draft Hammer website - the webmaster charges a \$5 fee per team to cover this cost
		Venmo (@Ryne-Pishkur) or Zelle (rpishkur@gmail.com) payment to commissioner
		c players from the 1996 NL with 30 man rosters
3	SEASON	108 game schedule ~ 12 intra-division games 8 inter-division games
	1	two six team divisions (Alpharetta and Lancaster); first six teams drafted in KDS will be in the Alpharetta Division
		see managers tab for division assignment
	2	playoff series to be held between the two division champs
		best of 7 series, see D below
	3	world series to be held between this NL champion and the 1996 AL champion
		best of 7 series, see E below
	4	
		managers must begin the season with enough starts on their pitching roster to cover the entire season (108 games)
		in other words, you need to draft starters with at least 162 starts in MLB
	5	each team is required to carry an extra D starter ~ this player is NOT included in B 4 above
	6	managers must begin the season with enough field player appearances at each position to cover the entire season
		in other words, you need to draft fielders with at least 162 games at each position in MLB
	7	there is no Free agency period
	8	DH will NOT be utilized in the NL season
	9	Trades can be completed at any time during the season
		send an email to the group announcing the trade
		please include games / innings used info for traded players in your communication
	10	League to utilize Advance Fielding Rule
; P	PLAYER USAGE	
	1	Prorata usage is .675 of actual usage for all pitchers and position players
	2	
		the player usage spreadsheet is required to be filled out and turned in to the commissioner before starting league play
		~ game / inning numbers are rounded up (i.e. 23.3 is rounded to 24)
		~ it is strongly recommended that a manager update the usage spreadsheet often (i.e. after each series?)
		~ split grade pitchers should be listed in both the starter and reliever sections
		remember to keep track of split grade reliever appearances & innings pitched during the season
		only type information in the blue and orange themed cells to avoid corrupting the formulas embedded therein
	3	Penalty for overusing any player is forfeiture of all games in excess of allowed number

position players

a all position players are limited to actual number of games in real life mulitiplied by .675

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~ see Mark Grace from 1990

click on link above

type Mark Grace in search bar

scroll down to 1990

Grace appeared in 157 games

Grace can appear in 106 games (157 times .675)

a.1 position players cannot be used at a position they are not carded for

Except where multiple injuries occur to the same position leaving a team without a carded player at that position In this case, use any other eligible position player and APBAgo will assign them the lowest defensive rating possible

starting pitchers

- **b** starters must rest 3 games in between starts (i.e. a starter <u>cannot pitch in games 20 and 23</u> of the season, they can pitch in games 20 and 24)
 - ~ pitchers who only carry a starter rating cannot be used in relief

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~ see Bob Gibson from 1969

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scroll down to 1969

Gibson appeared in 35 games, all as a starter and pitched 314.0 inning

Gibson can start 24 games (35 times .675) but does not have a season innings limit ~ see 3 b.2 above for 10 inning restriction

- **b.1** starters do not have a season innings limit
- b.2 starters cannot pitch more than 10 innings in each start

Note that pitchers with only a starter rating CANNOT be used as a reliever

split grade pitchers

c split grade pitchers (prorata usage as starter with no innings limit as well as prorata usage as reliever with prorata innings limitation)

split grade pitchers must rest 3 games in between switching roles from starting to relieving OR relieving to starting i.e. a pitcher cannot start game 20 and relieve in games 17,18,19 or 21,22 or 23

i.e. a reliever cannot pitch in relief in game 20 and start games 17,18,19 or 21,22 or 23

~ see Al Levine from 2000

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type Al Levine in search bar

scroll down to Pitching Splits 2000

scroll down to Pitching Role

Levine pitched in 5 games as a starter and 46 as a reliever (77 Innings)

As a starter, Levine can appear in 4 games (5 times .675) with no season innigs limit; see 3 b.2 above for 10 inning restriction

As a reliever, Levine can appear in 32 games (46 times .675) AND is ALSO limited to 52 innings (77 times .675)

In other words, split grade starters are subject to single grade starter rules and split grade relievers are subject to reliever rules

remember to keep track of split grade reliever innings pitched during the season

relief pitchers

- **d** relief pitchers are limited by the actual number of games appeared in real life **AND** are limited by the actual number of innings in real life
 - ~ see Bruce Sutter 1980

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type Bruce Sutter in search bar

scroll down to 1980

Sutter appeared in 60 games as a reliever and pitched 102.1 innings

Sutter is limited to 41 relief appearances (60 times .675) **AND** he is also limited to 69 innings as a reliever (102.1 times .675)

In other words, once you reach the either the appearance or innings limit the pitcher is no longer eligible to play

- f NOTE that a pitcher may have appeared as both a starter and reliever during the year but if APBAgo card has only one rating, he is limited to the stats shown on the card
 - ~ see Don Gullett from 1976

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type Don Gullett in search bar

scroll down to Pitching Role

Gullet pitched in 23 games, 20 as a starter but his APBA card shows 23 games

Gullet can appear in 16 games as a starter (23 times .675) but cannot appear as a reliever ~ see 3 b.2 above for 10

inning restriction

g

If you run out of relief pitchers during a game, a position player may be used in relief and he will carry a D*(0)(W) rating

D PLAYOFF SERIES

- **1** best of 7 game series between two division champions
 - **a** 2-3-2 format
 - **b** home team is team with best record

first tiebreaker is head to head record

second tiebreaker is run differential

third tiebreaker is coin flip

- c after each game is complete, add it to the 1996 Playoff Collection
- If teams tie for division championship first tiebreaker is head to head record second tiebreaker is run differential

third tiebreaker is coin flip

3 starting pitching - 10 inning limitation per start

4 man rotation must be announced before game one starters must have at least 10 starts in MLB to qualify

rotation is continuous (i.e. 1,2,3,4,1,2,3) ~ i.e. if you finish one series with your 3rd starter, your #4 starts the next game starting pitchers must have made at least 10 starts in the regular season in order to be considered a starter for the playoffs

- 4 relief pitching
 - a. relievers can pitch up to a maximum of two innings per game for two straight games but then must rest a game i.e. a relief pitcher cannot pitch in three straight games
 - **b.** pitchers with starting grade only who are not in playoff series rotation can be used as relievers these pitchers are subject to the same limitations in 4 a.
 - **c.** non-rotational split grade pitchers who are not in the playoff series rotation can be used as relievers these pitchers are subject to the same limitations in 4 a.
- 5 position players

J4 players are limited to one start in the series but can enter any game after the 6th inning is complete position players cannot be used at a position they are not carded for

E WORLD SERIES

- **1** best of 7 game series between NL and AL champions
 - **a** 2-3-2 format
 - b home team is team with best record first tiebreaker is run differential second tiebreaker is coin flip
 - **c** the DH will be utilized when the AL team is the home team the DH will **not** be utilized when the NL team is the home team
- **2** starting pitching 10 inning limitation per start

rotation is continuous (i.e. 1,2,3,4,1,2,3) ~ i.e. if you finish one series with your 3rd starter, your #4 starts the next game starters must have at least 10 starts in MLB to qualify starting pitchers must have made at least 10 starts in the regular season in order to be considered a starter for the playoffs

- **3** relief pitching
 - a. relievers can pitch up to a maximum of two innings per game for two straight games but then must rest a game i.e. a relief pitcher cannot pitch in three straight games
 - **b.** pitchers with starting grade only who are not in world series rotation can be used as relievers these pitchers are subject to the same limitations in 3 a.
 - **c.** split grade pitchers who are not in the world series rotation can be used as relievers these pitchers are subject to the same limitations in 3 a.
- **4** position players

J4 players are limited to one start in the series but can enter any game after the 6th inning is complete position players cannot be used at a position they are not carded for

see 3 a.1 above