



**Maracaibo Rumrunners Baseball Club, Inc.**

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**2017 Standard Instructions**

We play the APBA Master Game at home.

**Rumrunners 2017 Roster**

Player (MLB Team)	B	BC (MG)	(CG)	SSN	SPD	Arm	PB	Th	G	PA	SBA	31s	24s
Arcia, Or. (MIL)	R	L+ 9 R+ 5	SA-4	E35	(17)	35			55	216	8	1	2
Aybar, E. (DET)	B	L- 6 R- 0	SA-0	C16	(15)	37			126	459	8	2	3
Blash, J.* § (SDP)	R	L+ 1 R- 1	SA-1	F26	(15)	32				84	1	1	3
Cain, L. § (KCR)	R	L+12 R- 5	SA-4	E29	(17)	34			103	434	19	2	2
Casali, C. (TBR)	R	L+ 5 R- 4	SA-2	N	( 5)	32	2	+2	84	256	0	1	0
Desmond, I. § (TEX)	R	L+ 3 R- 3	SA-2	E30	(16)	34			156	677	27	1	1
Difo, W.* (WAS)	B	L- 2 R- 1	SA-0	E33	(16)	32				66	3	1	0
Ethier, A.* (LAD)			<i>uncarded</i>										
Franco, Ma. (PHI)	R	L+ 4 R+ 3	SA-2	G20	( 6)	34			152	630	2	1	1
Gonzalez, Ma. § (HOU)	B	L- 0 R- 2	SA-0	D26	(15)	34			141	518	18	2	3
Lamb, Ja. (LAD)	L	L-10 R+ 1	SA-5	F33	(15)	32			151	594	7	1	1
Marte, S. § (PIT)	R	L- 5 R- 0	SA-0	C31	(18)	34			129	529	59	2	0
Moreland, M. (TEX)	L	L+ 2 R- 2	SA-0	R26	( 6)	34			147	503	1	2	0
Perez, S. (KCR)	R	L- 0 R- 2	SA-1	N	( 5)	33	1	+6	139	546	0	2	1
Phillips, B. (CIN)	R	L- 5 R- 0	SA-0	D25	(13)	33			141	584	22	2	2
Suzuki, I. § (MIA)	L	L+ 5 R- 3	SA-0	E32	(16)	36			143	365	12	2	0
Young, C. B. § (BOS)	R	L+ 6 R- 6	PL-3	E26	(15)	32			76	203	6	1	1

  

Pitcher (MLB Team)	T	Gr	C	HR	HRA	f	Q	WP	HB	BK	MF	St	IP
Cervenka, H. (MIA)	L	15*	C-62	HR+33		f	5* Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF+1		43*
Hutchison, D.* (PIT)			<i>uncarded</i>										
Jimenez, U.* (BAL)	R	6	C-62	HR+16	G	f27/14*	Q4	WP3			MF-0	25	
Koehler, T. (MIA)	R	9	C-31	HR+ 0		f25	Q3	WP3		BK0	MF+2	33	
Hamels, C. (TEX)	L	12	C-23	HR+14		f27	Q2	WP1			MF-0	32	
Happ, J. (TOR)	L	13	C+ 0	HR+15		f25	Q3	WP1			MF-0	32	
Johnson, J. (ATL)	R	12*	C+11	HR+44	H	f	6* Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF-0		65*
Jones, N. (CHW)	R	17*	C+33	HR+21		f	6* Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF+2		71*
Kela, K.* (TEX)	R	8*	C-46	HR-16	L	f	6* Q3*	WP3			MF+1		34*
Kelly, J.* (BOS)	R	6	C-62	HR+16		f23/ 7*	Q1*	WP0		BK0	MF-0	6	17*
Lackey, J. (CHC)	R	14	C+14	HR-11		f26	Q3	WP1		BK0	MF-0	29	
Lewis, C. (TEX)	R	11	C+22	HR-21	L	f25	Q4	WP1		BK0	MF+3	19	
Melancon, M. (PIT)	R	19*	C+34	HR+44	H	f	6* Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF+1		71*
Neshek, P. (HOU)	R	15*	C+51	HR-11		f	5* Q3*	WP1	HB0	BK0	MF+1		47*
Romo, S.* (SFG)	R	14*	C+26	HR+25	L	f	5* Q3*	WP2	HB0	BK0	MF+2		31*
Strahm, M.* (KCR)	L	22*	C-51	HR+62		f	6* Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF+1		22*
Tazawa, J.* (BOS)	R	10*	C+16	HR-23	L	f	6* Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF-0		50*
Wilson, Ju. (DET)	L	8*	C+21	HR+23	G	f	6* Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF-0		59*

\* Starts in minors. § CF rated.

Released: Matt Albers, Marlon Byrd (unc), Severino Gonzalez, Rafael Ortega, Jordan Pacheco, Rob Refsnyder, Josh Rutledge (unc)

**Rotation:**

Hamels, Happ, Koehler: all months  
 Jimenez: May, August–November  
 Lackey: all months except September  
 Lewis: all months except May and August

Other roster moves will depend on usage.

## Lineups

Lineups will be provided on a per-series basis, but these are default ones if needed.

<b>LHP (comp)</b>	<b>RHP (comp)</b>	<b>LHP (board)</b>	<b>RHP (board)</b>
Cain, rf	Suzuki, rf	Suzuki, lf	Suzuki, rf
Marte, lf	Marte, lf	Cain, rf	Marte, lf
Desmond, dh	Desmond, cf	Desmond, dh	Desmond, cf
Lamb, 3b	Lamb, 3b	Young, cf	Lamb, 3b
Young, cf	S. Perez, c	S. Perez, c	S. Perez, c
Phillips, 2b	Phillips, 2b	Franco, 3b	Phillips, 2b
S. Perez, c	Franco, dh	Moreland, 1b	Moreland, 1b
Moreland, 1b	Moreland, 1b	Phillips, 2b	Franco, dh
O. Arcia, ss	Gonzalez, ss	O. Arcia, ss	Gonzalez, ss

## Roles

**C:** Salvador **PEREZ** will start at catcher all season except for a handful of games for Curt **CASALI**. There is lots of usage, and in close games **PEREZ** can be used defensively.

**Infield:** Mitch **MORELAND** and Brandon **PHILLIPS** will start every day. Third base will primarily belong to Jake **LAMB**, with some assistance from Maikel **FRANCO**. Shortstop will be a platoon of Orlando **ARCIA** against lefthanded pitching and Marwin **GONZALEZ** against righthanders. Erick **AYBAR** is available to substitute.

**Outfield:** Ian **DESMOND** will play every day, either in the outfield or at DH. Ichiro **SUZUKI**, Lorenzo **CAIN**, Starling **MARTE** and Chris **YOUNG** will be used in various combinations.

**DH:** Maikel **FRANCO** and Ian **DESMOND** will share the position.

## Defensive Management

**Substitutes.** Erick **AYBAR** and Marwin **GONZALEZ** are available for defense at third base or second. **SUZUKI** and **GONZALEZ** can pinch-run for anyone and can remain in the game. **PEREZ** can replace **CASALI** if pinch-run or pinch-hit for, and should be behind the plate when we lead by any amount, 7th inning or later.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> inning; always deep with 2 outs. 7<sup>th</sup> or later, with tying or winning run on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **SUZUKI**. H&R in preference to straight steal.

**Steal.** Steal with **DESMOND**, **MARTE** or **CAIN** 2/series; anyone else 1/series if steal attempts are available. Steal 2<sup>nd</sup> with an SSN of 26+; steal 3<sup>rd</sup> with an SSN of 24+; steal home with an SSN of 15+. Series instructions may expand these limits as the season progresses.

**Bunt.** with **AYBAR**, **ARCIA**, **DIFO**, or **GONZALEZ** 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> base, tying (0 out) or winning (0 or 1 out) run, 8<sup>th</sup> or later. NEVER EVER EVER SQUEEZE. *JUST SAY NO*. I will occasionally bunt 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> against a very high grade pitcher, tying or winning run, 0 out only.

**Pinch Hit** or **Pinch Run** with anyone other than **CAIN** as needed. There is a lot of bench usage. Unless specifically marked as resting, anyone else may be used off the bench. The same goes for pinch-runners

**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

Starter	Condition For Removal
Lackey, Happ, Hamels	Fatigue reduction. Rumrunners -2/+3, 6 <sup>th</sup> inning or later, baserunner in scoring position
Koehler, Lewis, Jimenez	Fatigue reduction. Rumrunners -3/+3, 5 <sup>th</sup> inning or later, baserunner in scoring position

Don't remove if pitching a shutout. Don't let any starter pitch more than 11.2 innings.

Reliever	Condition For Removal
Melancon	He is the designated closer. If opponent ties the game, remove.
Everyone else	2.2 innings, or if fatigued, or whenever necessary. This is a <i>very</i> deep bullpen and there should be ample opportunities for matchups.

Try to avoid having any reliever pitch more than 2.2 innings.

Use the reliever chart below; choose the reliever depending on the situation (lefty, righty, homerun prevention, control). Do not use **MELANCON** except in his assigned role; otherwise any reliever can be brought into the game at any time. Given the number and quality of innings, do not hesitate to rescue a starter if the game can still be saved.

		Score							
		-4 <	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3 >
Inning	5 <sup>th</sup> -	C	C	C	B	B	B	B	C
	6 <sup>th</sup>	C	C	B	B	A	A	B	C
	7 <sup>th</sup>	C	C	B	B	A	A	A	B
	8 <sup>th</sup>	C	B	A	A	A	*	A	B
	9 <sup>th</sup> +	C	B	A	A	A	*	*	B

A: Jones, Strahm, Neshek, Cervenka, Johnson, Romo, Wilson
B: Johnson, Neshek, Cervenka, Tazawa, Wilson, Romo, Jones, Strahm
C: Tazawa, Johnson, Romo, Tazawa, Neshek, Cervenka, Wilson, Kela, Kelly
* : Melancon

## Final Comments

As always, instructions are only guidelines for managing the team. I haven't protested a game in more than 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*

### Rumrunners 2017 Rotation

Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher			
APR 1	RYE	LACKEY	JUN 1	NW	HAMELS	AUG 1	STM	HAPP	OCT 1	BH	KOEHLER	26		
2	RYE	HAPP	2	NW	LEWIS	2	STM	HAMELS	2	BH	HAMELS	24		
3	RYE	HAMELS	3	NW	KOEHLER	3	STM	JIMENEZ	3	BH	JIMENEZ	12		
4	RYE	LEWIS	4	NW	LACKEY	4	STM	KOEHLER	4	BH	see below			
5		off day	5		off day	5	MUN	LACKEY	5		off day			
6 @	NW	LACKEY	6	GC	HAMELS	6	MUN	HAPP	6	KAN	KOEHLER	27		
7 @	NW	HAPP	7	GC	LEWIS	7	MUN	HAMELS	7	KAN	HAMELS	25		
8 @	NW	HAMELS	8	GC	KOEHLER	8	MUN	JIMENEZ	8	KAN	LEWIS	15		
9		off day	9 @	RYE	LACKEY	9		off day	9	KAN	LACKEY	24		
10 @	GC	KOEHLER	10 @	RYE	HAPP	10	HOB	KOEHLER	10 @	CAY	HAPP	27		
11 @	GC	LACKEY	11 @	RYE	HAMELS	10	HOB	LACKEY	11 @	CAY	KOEHLER	28		
12 @	GC	HAPP	12 @	HOB	LEWIS	6	HOB	HAPP	12 @	CAY	HAMELS	26		
13 @	GC	HAMELS	13 @	HOB	KOEHLER	11	HOB	HAMELS	13 @	CAY	LEWIS	16		
14 @	BH	LEWIS	14 @	HOB	LACKEY	13	14 @	NBO	JIMENEZ	14		off day		
15 @	BH	KOEHLER	15 @	HOB	HAPP	12	15 @	NBO	KOEHLER	15 @	RIV	HAPP	28	
16 @	BH	LACKEY	16 @	HOB	HAMELS	11	16 @	NBO	LACKEY	16 @	RIV	KOEHLER	29	
17 @	BH	HAPP	17		off day	17 @	NBO	HAPP	17 @	RIV	HAMELS	27		
18		off day	18	BRO	KOEHLER	12	18 @	DET	HAMELS	18 @	RIV	LEWIS	17	
19	WHT	LEWIS	19	BRO	LACKEY	14	19 @	DET	JIMENEZ	19 @	KNX	LACKEY	25	
20	WHT	KOEHLER	20	BRO	HAPP	13	20 @	DET	KOEHLER	20 @	KNX	HAPP	29	
21	WHT	LACKEY	21	BRO	HAMELS	12	21 @	DET	LACKEY	21 @	KNX	KOEHLER	30	
22	WHT	HAPP	22			22			22 @	KNX	HAMELS	28		
23	WHT	HAMELS	JUL 1 @	MID	LEWIS	7	SEP 1	All-Star Break		23 @	KNX	LEWIS	18	
24		off day	2 @	MID	KOEHLER	13	2			NOV 1		off day		
MAY 1	RIV	KOEHLER	3 @	MID	LACKEY	15	3	RYE	LEWIS	2 @	BRO	JIMENEZ	13	
2	RIV	LACKEY	4 @	MID	HAPP	14	4	RYE	KOEHLER	3 @	BRO	LACKEY	26	
3	RIV	HAPP	5 @	MID	HAMELS	13	4	RYE	KOEHLER	4 @	BRO	HAPP	30	
4	RIV	HAMELS	6 @	IND	LEWIS	8	5	RYE	HAMELS	5 @	BRO	HAMELS	29	
5	RIV	JIMENEZ	7 @	IND	KOEHLER	14	6 @	NW	HAPP	6 @	BRO	LEWIS	19	
6 @	WAR	KOEHLER	8 @	IND	LACKEY	16	7 @	NW	JIMENEZ	7 @	MID	JIMENEZ	14	
7 @	WAR	LACKEY	9 @	IND	HAPP	15	8 @	NW	LEWIS	8	MID	LACKEY	27	
8 @	WAR	HAPP	10		off day	10 @	NW	KOEHLER	9 @	MID	HAPP	31		
9 @	WAR	HAMELS	11	MLR	LEWIS	9	9 @	GC	HAMELS	9	MID	HAPP	31	
10		off day	12	MLR	KOEHLER	15	10 @	GC	HAPP	10	MID	HAMELS	30	
11 @	COL	KOEHLER	13	MLR	LACKEY	17	11 @	GC	JIMENEZ	11	NW	KOEHLER	31	
12 @	COL	LACKEY	14	MLR	HAPP	16	12 @		off day	12	NW	JIMENEZ	15	
13 @	COL	HAPP	15	HUD	HAMELS	14	13	@	WHT	KOEHLER	13	NW	LACKEY	28
14 @	COL	HAMELS	16	HUD	LEWIS	10	14 @	WHT	HAMELS	14		off day		
15 @	ZIO	JIMENEZ	17	HUD	KOEHLER	16	15 @	WHT	HAPP	15	GC	HAMELS	31	
16 @	ZIO	KOEHLER	18	HUD	LACKEY	18	16 @	WHT	JIMENEZ	16	GC	KOEHLER	32	
17 @	ZIO	LACKEY	19	LV	HAPP	17	17 @	IND	LEWIS	17	GC	JIMENEZ	16	
18 @	ZIO	HAPP	20	LV	HAMELS	15	18	IND	KOEHLER	18	GC	LACKEY	29	
19		off day	21	LV	LEWIS	11	19	IND	HAMELS	19 @	RYE	HAPP	32	
20	KNX	JIMENEZ	22	LV	KOEHLER	17	20	IND	HAPP	20 @	RYE	HAMELS	32	
21	KNX	KOEHLER	23		off day		21	IND	JIMENEZ	21 @	RYE	KOEHLER	33	
22	KNX	LACKEY					22		off day	22 @	RYE	JIMENEZ	17	
23	KNX	HAPP					23			23		off day		
							OCT 4	BH	LACKEY					
									HAPP					