

## KEEPER EMPIRE LEAGUE RULES

### KEEPERS:

- \* CAN HAVE FROM 0 TO 3 KEEPERS PER SEASON. (ALL HAVE TO BE OF DIFFERENT POSITIONS).
- \* KEEPERS CAN BE KEPT FOR A MAX OF 3 YEARS.
- \* 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND PICKS CANNOT BE KEPT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE (TRADE, FA PICKUP, OR WAIVER PICKUP).
- \* **PLAYERS THAT ARE KEPT:** YOU MUST FORFEIT ONE ROUND EARLIER THEN THE ROUND THEY WERE DRAFTED IN. IF THE PLAYER WAS PICKED UP IN FA OR WAIVER, YOU GIVE UP A 7<sup>TH</sup> ROUND PICK. IF MULTIPLE, YOU GIVE UP THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> ROUND, IF ALL THREE YOU GIVE UP THE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup>, AND 7<sup>TH</sup> ROUND (DRAFTED PLAYERS COME AHEAD OF TRADED, FA, OR WAIVER PICKUPS FOR KEEPER SPOTS IN THE DRAFT). IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE FA, WAIVER PICKUPS, OR TRADED PLAYERS YOU WANT TO KEEP. YOU CAN SELECT THEM WHERE YOU WANT THEM AS FOR ROUNDS FORFEITED ABOVE, IF NOT ALREADY TAKEN BY A DRAFTED KEEPER ALREADY FILLED IN THAT SLOT.
- \* YOU CAN ONLY KEEP PLAYERS WITH YOUR ORIGINAL DRAFT PICKS, NOT ANY OF WHICH YOU RECEIVED THROUGH TRADES. INCLUDES TRADES, IF YOU DONT HAVE THE SPOT OPEN, THEY MOVE UP TO AN OPEN SPOT.
- \* IF YOU DECIDE TO KEEP A PLAYER IN A ROUND THAT IS ALREADY FILLED BY ANOTHER KEEPER, THE FORFEITED PICK WILL JUMP UP TO THE NEXT ROUND THAT IS OPEN.
- \* KEEPERS ARE LOCKED FOR 3 YEARS, EVEN IF THEY RETIRE, GET INJURED, OR KICKED OUT OF THE LEAGUE.
- \* IF YOU HAVE A KEEPER AND WANT TO GET AWAY FROM THEM. YOU HAVE 2 OPTIONS. YOU CAN TRADE THEM FOR ANYTHING, OR YOUR CAN DROP THEM. HOWEVER, IF YOU DROP THEM. YOU'RE PICKUP MUST BE OF THE SAME POSITION, THAT PLAYER WILL TAKE OVER THAT OTHER PLAYERS SPOT (SAME ROUND FORFEIT), AND WOULD RESTART THE 3 YEAR CONTRACT, THAT YEAR COUNTING AS YEAR ONE. ALL DROPS ARE FINAL, IF YOU DOIT FOR A DIFFERENT POSITION, THEN IT GETS REVERSED AND OVERRIDED TO A PLAYER OF THE SAME POSTION THAT CANNOT BE WHO YOU DROPPED (CHOICE IS YOURS).
- \* PLAYERS YOU PICKUP ANYTIME DURING THE SEASON WITH GAMES TO BE PLAYED USES UP THAT SEASON AS YEAR 1 ON THE 3 YEAR TERM.
- \* YOU CANNOT RE-KEEP KEEPERS ONCE THEIR CONTRACT EXPIRES. YOU CAN HOWEVER, REFILL KEEPER SPOTS WHEN THEY EXPIRE. YOU CAN CHOOSE ANYONE OFF THE PREVIOUS SEASON'S ROSTER, THEY CAN'T BE OF THE SAME POSITON OF WHOM YOU ALREADY HAVE A KEEPER IN LINE FOR AND KEEPERS CAN'T BE EXCHANGED, QB FOR QB, ETC. KEEPERS KEPT DURING THIS TIME DO NOT USE A YEAR OF THE KEEPER TERM.
- \* A KEEPER DEADLINE WILL BE AT THE END OF WEEK 14, PLAYERS PICKED UP AFTER THIS POINT CANNOT BE KEPT.
- \* KEEPER ANNOUCEMENTS WILL HAVE A DEADLINE AT MIDNIGHT OF THE SUPERBOWL.

### **TRADING:**

- \* KEEPERS CAN BE TRADED ANY HOW YOU'D LIKE. WHETHER IT BE FOR NON-KEEPERS, A DRAFT PICK, OR ANOTHER KEEPER. YOU JUST CAN'T HAVE TWO KEEPERS OF THE SAME POSITION.
- \* KEEPERS & DRAFT PICKS CAN BE TRADED YEAR-ROUND, EXCEPT FROM WEEK 11 TRADE DEADLINE TO NOON, THE DAY AFTER THE SUPER BOWL.
- \* DRAFT PICKS CAN BE TRADED IN ANY POSSIBLE PACKAGE YOU SEEM FIT, HOWEVER, WHEN YOU TRADE A DRAFT PICK YOU EITHER NEED TO GET ONE IN RETURN OR GET A KEEPER IN RETURN. KEEPERS ARE PREDETERMINED DRAFT PICKS; THEY CAN BE TRADED FOR ANYTHING. EVERYONE JUST NEEDS TO HAVE NO MORE OR LESS THAN 15 SPOTS (WITH KEEPERS) GOING INTO THE DRAFT.
- \* WHEN TRADING PLAYERS, THE TERM WILL GO WITH THE PLAYER, BE IT A NON-KEEPER OR KEEPER (ROUND DRAFTED & YEARS LEFT). IF A PLAYER WAS PICKED UP FROM FA OR WAGER, THEN TRADED THE OWNER HE/SHE HAS THE OPTION FOR A MID ROUND PLACEMENT (AS STATED ABOVE) IF KEPT.

### **LEAGUE INFO:**

- \* IF AN OWNER LEAVES THE LEAGUE. HIS TEAM AND KEEPERS ALL GO BACK TO THE DRAFT AND THE NEW OWNER STARTS OVER. HIS PLACEMENT IN THE DRAFT WILL GO TO WHERE THE LEAVING OWNER WAS GOING TO DRAFT. (NO FEE)
- \* IF AN OWNER DECIDES TO LEAVE THE LEAGUE AND HAS TRADED PICKS AWAY IN ANY FUTURE YEARS. THE KEEPERS FALL BACK INTO THE DRAFT & THAT OWNER MUST PAY 50% OF THE NEW OWNER'S FEE FOR THE NEXT YEAR, UNLESS THE NEW DRAFT PICKS ARE BETTER THAN THE ORIGINAL. THE NEW OWNER WILL BE DEALT WITH THE HAND GIVEN, WILL GET DRAFT POSITION, AND GET THE PICKS THE LEAVING OWNER HAD AT THE TIME. WILL NOT HAVE ANY KEEPERS THOUGH. ALL OF THIS ONLY HAPPENS IF AN OWNER LEAVES THE LEAGUE, HAVING TRADED PICKS AWAY IN FUTURE SEASONS.
- \* IF SOMETHING LIFE ALTERING HAPPENS TO CAUSE YOU TO LEAVE THE LEAGUE WITH PICKS BEING TRADED AWAY. THE EMPIRE POT WILL COVER THE FEE. (ONLY IN LIFE ALTERING CASES).
- \* NEW OWNERS WILL ALSO BE ON A 2-YEAR PROBATION IN ORDER TO WIN THE EMPIRE POT. LEAVING OWNERS CAN COME BACK, BUT HAVE A 1-YEAR PROBATION PERIOD, NO JUMPING IN AND OUT.
- \* EVERYONE PLAYS EVERYONE ONCE, WITH ONE RIVALRY WEEK THAT IS PREDETERMINED. DIVISIONS WILL BE SELECTED BEFORE THE DRAFT WITH A COMPETITION BETWEEN THE BOTTOM 2 FINISHERS OF EACH DIVISION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. RIVALRY WEEKS ARE WEEK 6 & 12.

***(SCOTT vs BILL, ZACK vs JOE, HEINZ vs BRYCE, TYLER vs JQ, KEVIN vs BECK, JAKE vs MICKEY, SHAWN vs CHRIS)***

### **POST SEASON:**

- \* OWNERS GO INTO THEIR RESPECTIVE BRACKET TO PLAY FOR DRAFT POSITION. RESEEDING AFTER EACH ROUND.
  - **The Butt Dart Bowl consists of the top 7 teams in the League vying for the BPFL Trophy.**
    - Where you place, is the order of how you want to select your draft position for next year's draft.

- You get to pick between 8-14 for draft positions.
- 1<sup>st</sup> gets 1<sup>st</sup> choice.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> gets 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> gets 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.
- Etc...
- **The Toilet Bowl consists of 8-14 seeds vying for The Bears Den Bowl.**
  - Where you place, is the order of how you want to select your draft position for next year's draft.
  - You get to pick between 1-7 draft positions.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> gets 1<sup>st</sup> choice.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> gets 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> gets 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.
  - Etc...

\* **THE BUTT DART BOWL SEEDS 1-7**, DIVISION WINNERS WILL GET TOP TWO SEEDS, WITH THE BEST RECORD GETTING FIRST ROUND BYE. THE REST IS BASED BY OVERALL RECORD, THEN POINTS FOR, FOR TIEBREAKER.

\* **THE BEARS DEN BOWL SEEDS 8-14**, THE OWNER WHO FINISHES IN THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SPOT IN THE BEARS DEN BOWL WILL ASSUME "THE USUAL PUNISHMENT" DUTIES OF LAST PLACE. WHOEVER WINS THE TOILET BOWL, WHETHER THEY WERE IN THE BOTTOM 2 OF EITHER DIVISION OR NOT, CAN DECIDE THAT THEY EITHER WANT TO OR DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE BUTT DARTATHON. IF THEY WEREN'T ORIGINALLY IN, THEY CAN SELECT WHO THEY WANT TO SUB IN FOR OUT OF THE 4 CONTESTANTS. IF THEY WERE ALREADY IN AND THEY WANT TO SUB OUT OF IT. THE LEAGUE WILL VOTE FROM EITHER DIVISION THAT WASN'T IN THE WINNING BRACKET.

\* FA AND WAIVERS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE IN THE PLAYOFFS BUT CAN'T BE KEPT.

\* THE LOSER OF THE TOILET BOWL WILL PAY \$75 TOWARDS THE LEAGUE FEE FOR THE NEXT SEASON OF THE WINNER OF THE TOILET BOWL.

### **NAMESAKE:**

**THE BPFL WINNER:** The Butt Dart Bowl Champion/Trophy.

**TOILET BOWL WINNER:** The Bears Den Bowl Champion/Trophy.

**LAST PLACE OWNER:** The Bobby Buchana (Mr. Texas Tech) Award. (The Guy Who Claims to Be a Stud but Sucks Beyond Belief)/Trophy/Duties.

### **DRAFT:**

\* THE DRAFT ORDER WILL BE DETERMINED BY HOW OWNERS SELECT THEIR POSITION BASED ON WHERE THEY PLACE IN THEIR SELECTIVE PLAYOFF.

\* IF YOU SCREWED UP DURING THE DRAFT IN ANYWAY WAY, YOU'LL BE PUNISHED WITH A SHOT, DELIVERED BY THE CHAMPION FROM THE SEASON BEFORE (EXPECT FLAGS THROWN AT YOU).

\* DRAFT WILL HAVE 2 MIN TIME LIMIT PER PICK, IF YOU MISS YOUR TIME SLOT, PEOPLE BEHIND YOU CAN JUMP AHEAD OF YOU UNTIL YOU MAKE YOUR PICK (SUDDEN DEATH PICKS). NAME NEEDS TO BE ON THE BOARD BEFORE TIME EXPIRES.

\* ROOKIES WHO JOIN THE LEAGUE WILL SHOTGUN A BUSCH AT THE DRAFT AS INITIATION.

#### **TIEBREAKERS:**

- Regular Season tiebreaker goes to points for on the season.
- Playoff tiebreaker goes to the higher seed; I cannot change this setting through Sleeper App.
- League votes that end in a tie; the commissioner's vote becomes the tiebreaker.

#### **KEEPER EMPIRE LEAGUE:**

\* STARTED IN 2020, UPDATED FROM \$100 TO \$150 IN 2024. OVERALL, THE FEE WILL BE \$150 PER YEAR. **\$600** OF THE **\$2100** IN WILL GO INTO AN EMPIRE POT UNTIL SOMEONE WINS 2 CHAMPIONSHIPS IN A ROW. THAT PERSON WILL WIN THE ENTIRE AMOUNT THAT IS IN THAT POT. THE OTHER **\$1,500** WILL GO INTO THE PAYOUT FOR THE SEASON. MONEY PUT INTO THE EMPIRE ACCOUNT IS NON-REFUNDABLE, NOR IS LEAGUE FEE. (FEES HAVE CHANGED YEAR TO YEAR).

\* IF THE LEAGUE FOLDS WITHOUT AN EMPIRE WINNER, THE POT WILL BE SPLIT UP AND PAID OUT TO EVERYONE WHO IS LEFT IN THE LEAGUE ACCORDINGLY, NO MATTER THE TOTAL AMOUNT. PAYOUTS WILL BE BASED ON HOW LONG A PERSON HAS BEEN IN THE LEAGUE BY YEAR.

#### **LEAGUE:**

\$150 PER TEAM, 14 TEAM LEAGUE, PPR LEAGUE. \$2100 WITH \$1,500 TO PAYOUTS, \$600 TO EMPIRE

#### **PAYOUTS 2025 SEASON:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> \$900**

**2<sup>ND</sup> \$450**

**3<sup>RD</sup> \$150**

#### **PAST BUTT DART BOWL CHAMPIONS:**

2016	Matt Varnadoe	10-6	RIP Harambe
2017	Andrew Klamm	11-5	Upper Decker
2018	Chris Beck	13-3	All Barkley No Bite
2019	Billy Michalski	12-4	Cheat Code Run CMC
2020	Billy Michalski	13-3	ManbagsNYorkies
2021	Chris Beck	11-6	DownTownBrownTown
2022	Kevin Mack	12-5	Chasing A Jaleneare Equation
2023	Scott Johnson	13-4	Jahmyr for the Gangbang

2024 Justin Heinz 12-4-1 Nailor Whispering Eye

**PAST BOBBY BUCHANAN AWARD LOSERS:**

2016 Alex Beck 2-14 Harry Ballsagna  
2017 Rolando Rivera 3-12-1 PUSSYGETTERS  
2018 Billy Michalski 2-11 BILL  
2019 Brandon Zeigler 3-10 Jim's Matchless Team  
2020 Danny Scholand 4-9 Beli and the Boys  
2021 Alex Beck 5-9 TYREEKS DAYCARE  
2022 Shawn Ryan 4-10 Steel Hawkins  
2023 Alex Beck 3-11 Bill can etienne my ass  
2024 Billy Michalski 3-12-1 The Landy

**PAST BEARS DEAN BOWL WINNERS:(STARTED IN 2022)**

2022 Chris Beck  
2023 Joe Hart  
2024 Chris Beck

\*With the one-time fee of the Trophy and the rings (\$30ish) every year. I will update on the week of the draft every year of what the balance is after all have paid for the upcoming season! All traveling hardware and clothing is the responsibility of who wins them. If they lose or break them in any way, they replace them at their own expense.

**\*EMPIRE BALANCE: \$2,140**

2020: \$280 - \$182(TROPHY) \$16(RING) = \$82

2021: \$410 - \$30(RING) = \$380

2022: \$410 - \$26(RING) - \$65(3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE TIEBREAKER) - \$177(LEAGUE BANNER & DRAFT ACCESS.) = \$168

2023: \$400 - \$30(RING) = \$370

2024: \$600 - \$30(RING) = \$570

2025: \$600 - \$30(RING) = \$570

**KEY DATES:**

DRAFT: 2025, Saturday, August 16th 12PM, Joe Harts Draft Room, 68 Desiree Drive, Grand Forks

TRADE DEADLINE: End of Week 11

KEEPER DEADLINE: End of Week 14

KEEPER ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Midnight of the Superbowl*

DRAFT POSITION SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS: ***Picks need to be to the Commish by 6PM CST each day.***

**Jan 1:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place from Each Bowl Selects.

**Jan 2:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place from Each Bowl Selects.

**Jan 3:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place from Each Bowl Selects.

**Jan 4:** 4<sup>th</sup> Place from Each Bowl Selects.

**Jan 5:** 5<sup>th</sup> Place from Each Bowl Selects.

**Jan 6:** 6<sup>th</sup> Place from Each Bowl Selects.

**Jan 7:** 7<sup>th</sup> Place gets what's left from the Winner Bracket.

PAYOUTS: *At the Draft*

KEEPER/DRAFT PICK TRADING DATES:

*\* Opens at noon (CT Time) the day after the Superbowl up until the end of the next season's draft. It then freezes from there until the start of the season. To once again close at the end of week 11 and repeat every year.*

LEAGUE STATUS: Toilet Bowl Winner announcing Butt Dartathon status, Owner's leaving the league, etc. At the end of the league year. New owners, BD participants, League Issues, etc. go to league vote.

### **"FAAB"**

FAAB bidding provides you with a budget during the season for free agents and uses a blind bidding process to select people from free-agency each week. The highest bidder for each player wins the claim! **The budget will be \$140.** Bids are blind, so other managers cannot see how much your bid is. The highest bid at the end of the waiver period wins the player. You can view all your pending claims. Here, you can press the settings icon to edit the bid or cancel it. The waiver priorities are based on the bid amount. You can only update the waiver order for bids with the same amount. Once your waiver period clears, you will see the results appear in your league's transaction history and in your league chat. You can then press the dollar amount to the right of the players to see a more detailed view of all the bids that were submitted. If two or more teams bid the same amount, the tiebreaker comes down to waiver wire priority, which acts as rolling waivers. The waiver priority starts based on the draft order. For dynasty leagues, it is based on your most recent draft order. So, the team with the 1st overall pick would have the worst priority, and the team that drafted last would have the best. If you successfully claim a player through waivers at any time, you go to the end of the list, while everybody else moves up by one. If you make any free agent acquisitions, it will not affect this priority order. You can trade FAAB at any time. Keep in mind that the FAAB budget you create at the beginning serves as a maximum. So, if a team acquires more than that initial limit, it will revert, as well as if you overbid without a balance to cover it. **Minimum bid is \$1 dollar.**

**Last Place**

### **"THE USUAL PUNISHMENT"**

*The Bobby Buchanan (Mr. Texas Tech) Award*

I wanted to use another five-letter word, that started with B, but we will keep it classy in this article. The loser of all losers is to be dressed in the pig outfit and other attire from the moment they receive them, for the entire day/night of the draft. This includes The Butt Dartathon, The Draft, & The After Party. While wearing this outfit at the draft, the B\*\*\*h is responsible for catering to other owner's needs during the entire draft (such as drinks and food), as well as putting all first-round picks on the board (owners will come up to give him the pick to announce). They are also responsible for making sure the draft goes smoothly & helping the Commissioner with all draft day needs. The suits and other items stay on the entire day, there is no taking off or shedding. The loser is also responsible for making sure the suit is returned before next season in one piece, if ruined or lost. They will replace it at their own expense. If last place leaves the league, The next man up who sucks as bad assumes the duties! This goes for all owners who receive hardware, clothing, or anything else related that involves some sort of commitment. All must be returned for next season's draft, not ruined or lost. If so, they will replace it.

\*IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR IF I HAVE MISSED SOMETHING, MESSAGE ME!

\*THERE WILL BE NO SCORING CHANGES DURING THE SEASON.

\*NO LEAGUE RULES WILL BE CHANGED MID SEASON, UNLESS ABSOLUTLY NECESSARY.

