

Fantasy League Constitution Template

1. League Overview

- **League Name**
 - **Format** (Redraft / Keeper / Dynasty / Guillotine / Vampire / IDP / Superflex, etc.)
 - **Platform Used** (Sleeper, ESPN, Yahoo, CBS, MFL, etc.)
 - **Number of Teams**
 - **Commissioner(s) & Co-Commissioners**
 - **League Origin Story** (*Optional but adds depth and tradition*)
 - **Notable Traditions, Inside Jokes, or Annual Rituals**
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2. League Calendar

Important dates and deadlines for the season:

- Draft Date & Time
- Trade Deadline
- Waiver Close
- Playoff Start
- Award Show or Year-End Event
- Rule Proposal Window

- Keeper Declaration Deadline (if applicable)
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3. League Structure & Settings

- **Roster Positions & Bench Spots**
 - **IR Slots / Taxi Squads (if applicable)**
 - **Scoring Format** (PPR, Half-PPR, Bonuses, IDP, etc.)
 - **Playoff Format** (Weeks used, number of teams, byes)
 - **Tiebreaker Policies** (Points For, Head-to-Head, Bench Points, etc.)
 - **Matchup Scheduling & Duration**
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4. Financials

- **Entry Fee**
 - **Payment Deadline & Method**
 - **Who Handles the Pot**
 - **Payout Breakdown** (1st, 2nd, 3rd, Weekly Prizes, etc.)
 - **Refund Policy**
 - **Fines / Bonus Incentives** (Optional)
 - **Charity Contributions** (*If applicable*)
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5. Governance & Voting

- **Commissioner Duties**
 - **League Council / Oversight Committee (if applicable)**
 - **Voting Procedure** (Majority, Supermajority, Unanimous)
 - **Offseason Rule Proposal & Voting Process**
 - **Midseason Rule Change Policy**
 - **Commissioner Impeachment Procedure**
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6. Member Expectations

- **Lineup Submission Rules**
 - **Activity Requirements**
 - **Communication Guidelines**
 - **Responsiveness to Trades / Polls / League Business**
 - **Vacation / Emergency Protocols**
 - **Neglect Penalties** (Warnings, Fines, Replacement Procedures)
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7. Draft Rules

- **Draft Type** (Snake / Auction / Slow / Live / Online)
- **Draft Order Determination Method**

- **Keeper/Franchise Player Rules (if applicable)**
 - **Trade Rules on Draft Day**
 - **Draft Pick Timer**
 - **Missed Pick / Autopick Policy**
 - **Draft Day Etiquette / Themes / Traditions**
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8. Waivers & Free Agency

- **Waiver Type (FAAB / Rolling / Reverse Standings)**
 - **Processing Days / Time**
 - **FAAB Budget / Reset Rules**
 - **Trading FAAB (Allowed / Not Allowed)**
 - **Free Agent Access After Waivers**
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9. Trades

- **Trade Deadline**
- **Trade Review Process (Commish / League Vote / Trade Committee)**
- **Veto Threshold**
- **Offseason Trading Rules**
- **Draft Pick Trading Rules**

- **Collusion Policy & Penalties**
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10. Playoffs

- **Number of Playoff Teams**
 - **Bye Week Policy**
 - **Playoff Seeding Rules**
 - **Tiebreaker Policy**
 - **Toilet Bowl Rules / Consolation Bracket**
 - **Roster Lock Rules for Eliminated Teams**
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11. Last-Place Penalties

- **What They Are**
 - **How They're Decided** (Voted / Random Draw / Set in Constitution)
 - **Enforcement Process**
 - **Buyout Clause or Appeal Process (Optional)**
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12. Keeper & Dynasty Rules *(If applicable)*

- **Keeper Limits / Duration**
- **Draft Cost / Round Rules**

- **Eligibility Requirements**
 - **Rookie Draft Procedures**
 - **Trading During Offseason**
 - **Orphan Team Adoption Rules**
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13. Ethics and Fair Play

- **Tanking Policy & Monitoring**
 - **Start Your Starters Clause**
 - **Trade Integrity / Lopsided Deals Protocol**
 - **Commissioner Conflict Resolution Guidelines**
 - **Sportsmanship Code**
 - **Manual Stat Corrections Policy**
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14. Conflict Resolution Examples

- *Examples of what counts as tanking vs. fair strategy*
 - *Clear collusion red flags vs. smart trades gone wrong*
 - *Situations where the commissioner **will not intervene***
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15. Rule Amendments

- **When Rules Can Be Proposed**
 - **How Proposals Are Voted On**
 - **Voting Threshold**
 - **When Rules Go Into Effect** (Immediate or Next Season)
 - **Past Amendments Archive** (*Optional for tracking changes*)
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16. Contingency Planning

- **Platform Crash Protocol**
 - **NFL Season Delay / Suspension Plan**
 - **Replacement Manager Protocol**
 - **Ghost Teams / Abandoned Rosters**
 - **Commissioner Succession Plan**
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17. League Technology & Tools

- **Gameplay Platform:** e.g., Sleeper, Yahoo
- **Communication Platform:** e.g., GroupMe, Discord
- **League Website or Archive:** e.g., League Legacy
- **Shared Documents:** e.g., Google Drive for bylaws, votes, FAAB tracking
- **Newsletter / Podcast Links (if applicable)**

18. Legacy & Hall of Fame

- **All-Time Champion List**
- **Hall of Fame Inductees / Criteria**
- **Worst Trades / Best Moments**
- **Retired Teams / Notable Exits**
- **League Yearbook / Recaps** (Optional for storytelling)