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News on 1951/52 FRBA Expansion



Boston Red Sox, Chicago White Sox, Minnesota Twins, San Francisco Giants

Leagues/Divisions Realignment (Bold = Expansion, *Italic* = Division moved ## = Old Az Dbacks)

Atlantic North East

Baltimore Orioles
Brooklyn Dodgers
***Boston Red Sox**
New York Giants ##
New York Yankees

Atlantic South East

Cincinnati Reds
Chicago Cubs
Philadelphia Phillies
Cleveland Naps
Washington Senators

Pacific North West

Colorado Rockies
Kansas City Athletics
Milwaukee Brewers
***Minnesota Twins**
Seattle Pilots

Pacific South West

***Chicago White Sox**
Houston Colt 45s
Los Angeles Angels
San Diego Padres
***San Francisco Giants**

New Schedule (162 Games)

Total FRBA Teams 20 — File = ILY_BGN_G162_SL1_D1_T5_D2_T5_SL2_D1_T5_D2_T5_C_b2_gmo.zip

Two Sub Leagues (Atlantic and Pacific) with 2 Divisions each

4 total Divisions with 5 teams each (ALNE, ALSE, PLNW, PLSW)

Inter-Division (4 teams * 18 Games) [72]

League other Division (5 teams * 10 Games) [50]

Other League (10 teams * 4 games) [40]

Custom Expansion Draft (tested and checked)

The Expansion Draft that would be used has been tested, and here is how it will work. The Four Expansion teams will be the only teams in both drafts. The draft would be performed in early November 1951 and before Free Agents File. The four teams draft order will be chosen via 'Dicebot' in Slack. Draft will be 100 rounds (serpentine) by 4 teams (400 total draftees). A draft pool of 500 players will be produced in-game, the top 35 draftee's by potential in the pool will be removed/deleted (that leaves 465 players). Each of the current 16 teams will be required to provide one player's# with a '48' and one with a '46' or over potential rating by the OSA Scout. (These players will be placed in a separate draft pool and run in S+ first 8 total rounds)... The 465 players from above will be loaded into StatsPlus where the draft will take place (Timeframe TBD). Draftee's are loaded (no negotiations in this draft) and league will continue. During the 1952 Amateur Draft, expansion teams will pick in positions 17-20 (reverse order of round 1 from expansion draft.)

- The two GM's taking on expansion teams my carry 1 player OSA '48' rated or under to their new team, this counts as one of the players of the two required by each team.

NOTE— No players on the 'upcoming free agent list' maybe selected by GM's as players for the draft.

New Playoff Format

The 4 team expansion will create a new playoff format. Currently the Divisional Winners (4 teams) make the playoffs. With the expansion, we will be adding two new teams from each league. These will be wild card teams and will be chosen based upon the next two best records. So yes three teams from a division could in theory make the playoffs.

The Wildcard Playoff Series will be 5 games with the Best Record team hosting the lowest wild card team record, and the other Divisional winner hosting the best wild card team record.

The League Championship Series will expand from best of 5 to best of 7 games. Best winning percentage will have home field advantage.

The FRBA World Series will still be best of 7 games with alternating leagues having homefield advantage.

Expansion Team's Organizational Structure

Organization Name	AAA Team	AA Team	A Team	SA Team	R Team	DUD Team
San Francisco Giants	Fresno Grizzlies	Norwich Navigators	San Jose Giants	Salem-Keizer Volcanos	Great Falls Voyagers	TBD
Boston Red Sox	Pawtucket Red Sox	Trenton Thunder	Augusta Greenjackets	Sarasota Red Sox	Lowell Spinners	TBD
Chicago White Sox	Charlotte Knights	Birmingham Barons	Kannapolis Intimidators	Winston-Salem Warthogs	Bristol White Sox	TBD
Minnesota Twins	Edmond Trappers	New Britain Rock Cats	Fort Myers Miracle	Quad Cities River Bandits	Elizabethton Twins	TBD

Timeline for Expansion

- ◆ When league hits July/August of 1951 Season—Advertising for the four new GM will take place.
- ◆ Conclusion of Minor League Playoffs—Expansion Minor league teams will be added (Unaffiliated). No DUD Representation till 1953.
- ◆ Once 1951 Off-Season takes place there will be a pause as the Expansion Teams are added, re-alignment of divisions, setup future playoffs, check expansion team financials. GM's will provide a list of the 2 players going to the draft.
- ◆ The Expansion Draft is setup and executed (probably 1 or 2 days after off-season but before arbitration) in StatsPlus, upon conclusion the draftee's will be incorporated in-game and we will proceed to awards gala, arbitration, and free agency.
- ◆ The Rule 5 draft will be run with the Expansion Teams picking in positions 1 thru 4 (reverse order of expansion draft).
- ◆ In the 1952 Amateur Draft, expansion teams will pick in positions 17-20 (reverse order of round 1 from expansion draft.)

Ownership Transfer Layout

Available Teams:

San Francisco Giants — Dizzy Don
Boston Red Sox — John S.
Milwaukee Brewers — Dave D
Cincinnati Reds — Steve

Teams under new Management:

Chicago White Sox — Larry Link*
Minnesota Twins — Bill Benson*

*Larry and Bill had previous commitments from the commissioner as part of a package for joining the FRBA league.

The *Arizona Diamondbacks* will retain the same ownership but the team is moving to New York to become the Giants.



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Expansion drafts orders:

Final 100 round order

1. *Minnesota*
2. *San Francisco*
3. *Chicago*
4. *Boston*

8 round Draft Order

1. *Minnesota*
2. *Boston*
3. *San Francisco*
4. *Chicago*

Serpentine drafts