



# BIG LIGHTS BIG STARS

## Interested in Playing in the Florida League?

The Florida Collegiate Summer League (Florida League) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that operates six teams in Central Florida. Founded in November, 2003, the Florida League provides a place in the Sunshine State for top college players to play pure wood bat baseball against top-level competition in a festive community atmosphere. The Florida League is one of ten leagues supported and partially funded by Major League Baseball and is one of ten leagues affiliated with the NACSB - an alliance of college summer wooden bat leagues that follow NCAA rules. The Florida League has been named one of the top leagues in the country by Baseball America.

With over 1,000 player inquiries each season, the Florida League has spots for just 162 top college baseball players. With limited roster opportunities, it is a privilege to play in the league. The Florida League has had over 180 players drafted and four players currently playing Major League Baseball.

Much like the college recruiting process, it is completely up to our coaches and GM's as to who plays on each team. With Major League Baseball's support, it is also each team's responsibility to make sure the players they sign are potential future pro prospects. The Florida League's role in player recruitment is to help get our teams information about players and ensure they are eligible by managing the necessary paperwork.

The Florida League takes requests to play leading up to the summer season. To be considered as a potential player in the Florida League, follow these steps:

- 1) Have your college coach email [interestedplayer@floridaleague.com](mailto:interestedplayer@floridaleague.com), and ask him to include information about your playing ability. Please have him include recent stats, 60 times, pop-time, arm-strength etc...
- 2) If a coach/GM is interested and has a roster spot available, they will contact you.
- 3) If you don't hear from one of the teams relatively soon, they likely do not have a roster spot available. You have two more options.

### FLORIDA LEAGUE TRY-OUT

Each year, there are several players that have signed a contract with a team but come May, they might not be able to play for a variety of reasons. As a result, sometimes roster spots become available at the last minute. Saturday June 1, 2013, the Florida League hosts a "try-out" at Sanford Memorial Stadium. There have been anywhere from 3-6 players signed each year from the try-out. The cost of the tryout is \$50 (or free to players signed up for the Futures League). To sign up for the tryout, please visit <http://floridaleague.com/Events/2013Tryout.aspx> for more information.

### FUTURES LEAGUE

If you would like to guarantee a playing spot in Central Florida for the summer, another option for players is to participate in our Futures Wood-bat League (FWL). The FWL consists of current college players (must be on college roster, not club team) as well as graduated high school seniors who have signed a national letter of intent to play baseball in the fall. The FWL plays a 25-game season and offers smaller roster sizes so players receive quality repetitions. FWL players who are eligible to play in the Florida League may be "called-up" during the season. Registered FWL players are invited to attend the Florida League tryout for no charge and if picked up by a team, the player fee is transferable. For more information on the Futures League, please visit <http://floridaleague.com/FuturesLeague.aspx> or contact League Vice-President Stefano Foggi ([sfoggi@floridaleague.com](mailto:sfoggi@floridaleague.com)).

Thank you for your interest in the Florida League!

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