

# Rotisserie Baseball

Daniel Okrent, a magazine writer and editor, is credited with inventing Rotisserie League Baseball – a part of Fantasy Baseball – named after the New York City restaurant, La Rotisserie Francaise, where its founders met for lunch and first played the game in 1980. The pastime has exploded with millions of people involved every year.

The basic idea of rotisserie baseball is that participants act like owners and general managers of a baseball team. Each spring, they “draft” players from Major League Baseball for their rotisserie team. The player’s actual Major League statistics – such as a batter’s hits or a pitcher’s wins – are used in the Rotisserie League to determine which team has the best record.

During the season, rotisserie owners continue to make team moves, trading players and adjusting their lineups to see who can have players with the best statistics.

Most rotisserie owners say they spend between 5 and 15 hours a week on the game, watching ball games and sports reports and reading newspapers. Some rotisserie owners get carried away. In March 1993, when Cleveland Indians relief ace Steve Olin was killed in a boating accident during spring training, fanatic rotisserie players called the Cleveland Indians to ask who would replace him in the lineup.



One San Diego doctor called in his player move while in surgery.

Rotisserie inventor Okrent said he once received a letter from a Maryland woman who blamed her divorce on her husband’s love affair with the game. Some have dubbed the wives of the game’s fanatics “rotisserie widows.”

Much consideration should be given to our priorities in life – Jesus Christ, families, church, occupations – the objects of our devotion, what our interests are or should be, and how we spend our time.

Whether it is rotisserie baseball, bowling, bridge, golf, movies or the things of God, where your interest is, there will your time and thoughts be.

– Beecher Hunter