

Cascadia Wave 2026 PCL



2026 Instructions



Out of Mexico and back up to the States this year, and the beautiful northwest. Missed the playoffs last year by one game, lost Mookie and George Kirby to graduation, as well as 5 other pitchers to season erasing injuries. Net result, it is ..."rebuilding" time. This team will not make the playoffs, will not even have a winning season. But they hope to have made some strategic draft choices to get them back in the hunt in '27.

Hitting Starting Line-ups

#1 v Lefties		#2 v Righties		#3 v Righties		#4 v Righties	
6	Tovar			4	Stott*		
5	Chapman			3	Harper*		
3	Harper*			2	Goodman		
2	Goodman			DH	Canzone*		
DH	Adames			5	Chapman		
7	Sheets*			7	Sheets*		
9	Starling Marte			8	Noelvi Marte		
8	Noelvi Marte			9	Starling Marte		
4	Stott*			6	Tovar		
All lefties				All righties			

Guidelines on Positions

- **C: Hunter Goodman** (540ab) plays all day every day and does not come out. **Adrian del Castillo** (120ab) is the only injury sub and occasional PH versus righties.
- **1B: Bryce Harper** (501ab) plays all day every day again and does not come out. Sheets, Schmidt or Raley are the sub options if he is injured (“compare”).
- **2B: Bryson Stott** (499ab) plays all day every day again, and he only comes out for a late PH if we really need it and we are tied or losing by a little (and “compare” shows a better option).
- **SS:** 7th round draft pick **Willie Adames** (591ab), and WWW pick up **Ezequiel Tovar** (360ab) will share duties and battle it out for a full-time role next year. Both can sub in for the other if you cross over pitchers, but only if we are losing or it is late. If it is late and I need a bat I would rather have Adames versus a lefty than Tovar versus a righty. Fielding is identical, so no substitutions for that reason.
- **3B: Matt Chapman** (454ab) starts every game again and does not come out. If injured, Schmitt.
- **Util/PH: Casey Schmitt** (312ab) is an infield sub and PH again this year.
- **OF/DH in general:** With apologies, *I have two “Martes”*, so keep an eye on which does which. I need to supply 50’ish ABs for Starling Marte, 100’ish ABs for Canzone, plus possibly more for injuries. If, at the moment you play your series, any of the OFs/DHs are over 110%, kick in one of these answers (I will monitor at home as well). Answers: 1) (most common) have Adames play at DH leaving Tovar to play SS by himself even versus righty pitchers; 2) Raley playing in the corner OF positions if Noelvi Marte doesn’t get hurt; or 3) Schmidt plays DH to free up Canzone at a corner OF position.
- **LF: Gavin Sheets** (492ab) plays LF all day every day and does not come out.
- **CF: Noelvi Marte** (339ab) plays all day every day, except for the occasions where he gets injured; then **Luke Raley** (180ab) is the injury sub, and a sub for when we are getting trounced (“trounced” generally means we are losing by more runs than there are innings left). If both get hurt, then I am stuck with a “5” fielding replacement.
- **RF: Starling Marte** (293ab) plays all day every day and does not come out, except in case of “trounces”
- **DH: Domonic Canzone** (243ab) plays 75% of the time, and comes out of all “trounces”. If you should bat righthanded, then another hitter starts and/or PHs later after his 3rd AB. This will usually be Adames.
- **Usage Limitations:** Everybody plays all day every day except RF and DH as described above.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Pitcher hitting / Pinch hitting / Pinch running

- Pinch Hit Guidelines: Generally, use "compare".
- Pinch Run: N/A unless it's Sheets or Canzone, and Raley is available, and it is the tying or leading run.

Game Strategies

- Late defense: Nope.
- Typical stealing decisions: Steal 2nd at **75%**; 65% if the batter has a combined DP risk of 30 or more. Steal to 3rd at 75% (but don't make 1st or 3rd out trying for 3B). Don't try for the lead with any of the "3, 6 or 8%ers", and don't run anyone where the pickoff risk is 10% or more. I don't like the steal when I am way down.
- Who to H&R and when: I will do it with no outs and the hitter is or becomes a "B" or better, and the DP risk is 10% or better, particularly if the pitcher has a lot of K's on his card.
- Sacrifice: I will do it when it involves the tying or winning run late: a) with 72% or better with two runners on and no outs; or b) if there is a runner on and the batter is a big double play risk.
- Squeeze Plays: I will try when the odds are 40+% and the situation is to tie or take the lead. Tovar and Raley are the only ones.
- Scoring: Same as your team. Run home at 65%, 60% if tying or leading run, 50% with two outs, 40% if weak hitter or pitcher coming up. If I am down 4 or more, hold the runner.
- Advancing to 3B: always try to tag up to go to 3B on a flyout unless the "out" percentage is more than 10%. Advance to 3B on singles at 65% unless it would be the 1st or 3rd out.
- Trailers: To second 50% and above, but to third at 65%. Send the trailer only when we are down by a run or tied, from the 7th inning on.
- Throwing Guidelines: Cut the throw off from the outfield early in the game unless runner is heading home with a safe chance at 60% or. Let the throw through even if the runner is as high as 65% with two outs and the 8th or 9th hitter is due up.
- Defense: Always get the sure out on Defense Option plays, unless runner represents the go-ahead run and his safe chance is 40% or less. Same with the trailing runners.
- Intentional Walks: Use your best judgment. I will do it with 2 outs to avoid a clutch hitter (compare) and/or with the big boppers this year (I see that as being **at or over "16" combined between HRs and diamonds**). This includes the Doesn't help to walk someone if you have two in a row.

Pitching:

Starting Pitcher Rotation

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ROAD GAMES YOU PLAY				Home Games – I Play				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3		
BAG	Peralta	Nelson	Soriano	Peralta	Nelson	Soriano		
PBC	Nelson	Soriano	Burnes	Gilbert	Soriano	Burnes		
SBM	Peralta	Gilbert	Burnes	Peralta	Gilbert	Burnes		
SCT	Peralta	Nelson	Soriano	Peralta	Nelson	Soriano		
LVB	Peralta	Gilbert	Burnes	Peralta	Gilbert	Burnes		
HAW	Peralta	Nelson	Soriano	Peralta	Nelson	Soriano		
OBB	Peralta	Gilbert	Nelson	Peralta	Nelson	Gilbert		
CAS	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX		
CHI	Peralta	Gilbert	Soriano	Gilbert	Nelson	Soriano		
AGN	Peralta	Nelson	Soriano	Gilbert	Nelson	Soriano		
STL	Gilbert	Nelson	Soriano	Gilbert	Nelson	Soriano		
VBS	Gilbert	Nelson	Burnes	Gilbert	Nelson	Burnes		
Divisional Games – ROAD GAMES				Divisional Games – Home Games				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4
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HAW	Peralta	Nelson	Soriano	Gilbert	Peralta	Nelson	Soriano	Gilbert
OBB	Peralta	Gilbert	Soriano	Nelson	Peralta	Nelson	Soriano	Gilbert

Starts: Peralta (20), Gilbert (20), Nelson (20), Soriano (20), Burnes (10)

Starters Summary

All 5 starters are righthanded and all 5 are better against lefty hitters. Usually “dots” dictates when a pitcher comes out, but I also get tired of him before that if he has yielded 5+ runs.

Freddie Peralta 177 IP	#1 starter this year up from #4 last year. Long and hard. Out if dots or 5+ runs, or 7 th or later where you have righty hitters coming up in tight games where your ballpark Ry diamonds are 9 or more. 9 th inning in which he will be in dots: out for a closer if tied or we are up 1, stays in if I am up 2 but yank after 1 st batter gets on. If I am up 3+ can be more patient.
Logan Gilbert 131 IP	#2 starter takes the place of graduating Kirby. Also long and hard, and also out only if dots, but 7 inning max (I will monitor usage at home to make sure there are enough 6-inning or less outings). Same other instruction as Peralta.
Ryne Nelson 154 IP	#3 starter and same instructions as Peralta.
Jose Soriano 169 IP	#4 starter and same instructions as Peralta.
Corbin Burnes 64 IP	#5 starter with 10 starts and 6-inning max. Quick hook in 5 th or 6 th if game is close and you have righty boppers coming up and your diamond HR for righties are 9 or more. Out if dots or 5+ runs.

Bullpen

This 7-man pen has 387 innings. With the strong bend toward strength versus lefthand batters in my starters, the hardest use of the pen will be against right batters where the pen is generally way better against righty hitters. I would like to try to switch back and forth from Ry to Ly, and back later, with each switch when it makes sense.

Setup and closer	Anthony Bender (50 IP) from the right side and better against righty hitters, and Morejon (see below) is better against lefty hitters. These are the “go-to’s” for the 8 th and 9 th innings for the few times I am actually winning. Where possible, use the “2 of 3” rule.
Early and middle innings	Victor Vodnik (51 IP) is much better against a majority of righty hitters, and often the 1 st in for a departing starter. Ryan Walker (61 IP) is the 2 nd choice for middle inning relief, and unfortunately not even remotely as good as last year, but more balanced than the other choices. A lefty middle relief option is Strahm (see below).
Righty long/mop	Andrew Kittridge (53 IP) usually pitches any time for brief stints when there are a majority lefty batters coming up. Prefer to avoid in ballparks where diamond HRs are 9+, or against a string of righties. That said, he can mop if I’m getting crushed. Roki Sasaki (36 IP) is the last man on the team and a mop.
Lefties	Matt Strahm (62 IP) is usually the first lefty (of the 2) to go to in the 7 th or earlier (or any time Morejon is not available). Can go 1-2 innings and is often the 1 st one in for a departing starter. Adrian Morejon (74 IP) is the workhorse lefty in later innings. Can go 2 innings if needed in setup or closing roles in the 8 th 9 th . Strahm is better versus righties and Morejon is better against lefties.

Have fun! We’ll be better next year