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2003-2006 BASIC AGREEMENT

This Agreement, effective September 30, 2002, is between the 30 Major League Clubs and the Major League Baseball Players Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Players Association" or the "Association").

In making this Agreement the Association represents that it contracts for and on behalf of the Major League Baseball Players and individuals who may become Major League Baseball Players during the term of this Agreement, and the Clubs represent that they contract for and on behalf of themselves, any additional Clubs which may become members of the Major Leagues and the successors thereof.

ARTICLE I—Intent and Purpose

The intent and purpose of the Clubs and the Association (hereinafter "the Parties") in entering into this Agreement is to set forth their agreement on certain terms and conditions of employment of all Major League Baseball Players for the duration of this Agreement. Each of the Parties acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of the other Party and agrees to discharge its responsibilities under this Agreement.

ARTICLE II—Recognition

The Clubs recognize the Association as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for all Major League Players, and individuals who may become Major League Players during the term of this Agreement, with regard to all terms and conditions of employment, provided that an individual Player shall be entitled to negotiate in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Agreement (1) an individual salary over and above the minimum requirements established by this Agreement and (2) Special Covenants to be included in an individual Uniform Player's Contract, which actually or potentially provide additional benefits to the Player.

ARTICLE III—Uniform Player's Contract

The form of the Uniform Player's Contract between a Club and a Player is attached hereto as Schedule A which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

During the term of this Agreement, no other form of Uniform Player's Contract will be utilized. Should the provisions of any Contract between any individual Player and any of the Clubs be inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall govern. Subject to the limitations set forth in Article IV below, nothing herein contained shall limit the right of any Club and Player to enter into Special Covenants in the space provided in a manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement. The termination of this Agreement shall not impair, limit or terminate the rights and duties of any Club or Player under any Contract between any individual Player and any of the Clubs.

ARTICLE IV—Negotiation and Approval of Contracts

A Player, if he so desires, may designate an agent to conduct on his behalf, or to assist him in, the negotiation of an individual salary and/or Special Covenants to be included in his Uniform Player's Contract with any Club, provided such agent has been certified to the Clubs by the Association as authorized to act as a Player Agent for such purposes.

The Association shall provide the Office of the Commissioner with a comprehensive list of the certified Player Agent(s) whom each Player has designated to act on his behalf for the purposes described in this Article IV. Further, the Association shall provide the Office of the Commissioner with any changes to such Player Agent designations, including the Player Agent designations of Players who have been added to a Major League roster, on a weekly basis.

If the Association has notified the Office of the Commissioner that a Player has designated a certified Player Agent or Agents to act on his behalf for the purposes described in this Article IV, no Club may negotiate or attempt to negotiate an individual salary and/or Special Covenants to be included in a Uniform Player's Contract with any Player Agent(s) other than such Player Agent(s).

A Club may require a Player's physical presence only once during contract negotiations. This limitation shall not apply to telephone conference calls, at reasonable times, with a Player and his certified Player Agent. A Player required to be physically present during negotiations

shall be entitled to be paid by the Club for round-trip first-class transportation and first-class hotel costs.

Upon execution of a Uniform Player's Contract by the Club and Player, the Club promptly shall submit the Contract, in duplicate, to the Commissioner for approval. Within 20 days of receipt, the Commissioner shall approve or disapprove the Contract (with notice to the Association), or provide the Association with a written explanation of why the Contract has not been approved. This period is extended to 30 days if a Contract is received by the Commissioner between February 15 and April 15. Within ten days after the Commissioner is to provide an explanation of why a Contract has not been approved, the Commissioner shall approve or disapprove the Contract. (See Attachment I.) Any Grievance challenging the Commissioner's conduct under this Article shall be handled by the Parties on an expedited basis with documents being exchanged within 10 days of the filing of the Grievance, a hearing commencing within 15 days of the filing of the Grievance and the Panel issuing an Award (with an opinion to follow, if necessary) no later than 15 days following the commencement of the hearing.

ARTICLE V-Scheduling

A. Length of Season

During the term of this Agreement, each Club shall be scheduled to play 162 games during each championship season. A championship season will not be scheduled over a period of less than 178 days or more than 183 days. If, however, any Club's championship season is scheduled to open with a game played outside of the United States and Canada, and the scheduling of such a game causes the championship season for those Clubs to be scheduled over a period of more than 183 days (an "International Opener"), then the championship season for all other Clubs shall commence on the date of the first regularly scheduled championship season game within the 183 days preceding the regularly scheduled end of the championship season. (See Article VI(C) and Article XV(J)(6), below.)

Following completion of each championship season, eight Clubs shall engage in best of five (seven if the Division Series is expanded) Division Series. (See Attachment 25.) The winners of the Division Series

in each League shall then engage in a best of seven League Championship Series, and the winners of the two League Championship Series shall engage in a best of seven World Series. If during the term of this Agreement the format of the Division Series, the League Championship Series or the World Series is proposed to be changed, the Clubs shall give the Association notice thereof and shall negotiate the proposed change with the Association; provided, however, that if during the term of this Agreement the Division Series is proposed to be changed to the best of seven games, the Clubs shall give the Association notice thereof and shall negotiate with the Association but the Clubs shall not be required to negotiate with the Association over contributions to the Players' pool beyond those specified in Article X. Any failure to play the Division Series, the League Championship Series or the World Series, in whole or in part, by reason of causes beyond the control of the Clubs, shall not constitute a change in the format of such Series or a breach of this Agreement.

During any negotiations between the Parties on the subject of a renewal of or successor to this Agreement, the Clubs agree that any proposal made by the Association to reduce the number of championship season games shall not be resisted on the ground of commitments made by the Clubs in local television and radio contracts. However, nothing herein shall interfere with or limit the right of the Clubs to resist such proposal on any other ground or the right of either Party to take any other position in future negotiations on this or any other proper subject for collective bargaining.

B. Championship Schedules

On or before July 1st of each year, copies of the tentative championship schedules of the Major Leagues for the next ensuing season shall be submitted to the Association for review. The Association shall complete its review not later than October 15th.

C. Additional Scheduling Agreements

(1) Split doubleheaders shall not be scheduled in the original schedule. Provided that neither of the Clubs involved in the proposed rescheduled game already has played or has been rescheduled to play a total of two split doubleheaders in that championship season:

- (a) each Club shall have the right to reschedule any postponed game as a split doubleheader when ticket sales for the game at the time of postponement exceed, in any respect, the number of comparable tickets available to be exchanged by the Club for the balance of the championship season, and both the postponed and rescheduled game occur in the last regularly scheduled series between the two Clubs at the Club's park; and
- (b) when there is no practical alternative to doing so, the Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs shall have the right to reschedule a postponed game as a split doubleheader to be played in, respectively, Fenway Park and Wrigley Field, even if the criteria set out in subparagraph (a) above are not met. Scheduling a postponed game as part of a conventional doubleheader will not be considered a practical alternative.

The Association shall have the exclusive right to approve the additional rescheduling of postponed games as split doubleheaders in circumstances that are not automatically permitted by subparagraph (a) or (b) above.

- (2) One-day stands will not be scheduled except as "openers" or doubleheaders to be followed by an open day. A game will not be rescheduled as a one-game stand except as required to complete the championship schedule.
- (3) During the championship season, no Club shall be scheduled to play an exhibition game other than the Hall of Fame Game. No Club shall be scheduled to play in more than one Hall of Fame Game during the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this paragraph (3), a spring training exhibition game that is scheduled to commence at least three hours before the start of the first championship season game shall not be considered played "during the championship season."
- (4) The following shall apply to the scheduling or rescheduling of games prior to day doubleheaders:
 - (a) a game will not be scheduled to start after 5 P.M. if either Club is scheduled to play a day doubleheader the next day;

- (b) a game will not be rescheduled to start after 5 P.M. if either Club is scheduled to play a day doubleheader the next day unless such rescheduling is necessary to complete the championship schedule.
- (5) Day games shall not be scheduled or (unless necessary to complete the championship schedule) rescheduled to start before 1 P.M., except as provided in paragraph (6) below, and except that such games may be scheduled or rescheduled to start between Noon and 1 P.M., if each Club meets one of the following two conditions:
 - (a) if an off-day occurred the previous day; or
 - (b) if a game were played in the same city within the previous 24 hours.

Day games may be scheduled or rescheduled to start between Noon and 1 P.M. on holidays if each Club meets one of the above conditions or if an afternoon game starting not later than 5 P.M. or a doubleheader starting not later than 1:30 P.M. was played in another city the previous day and the travel time required in-flight is 1½ hours or less.

- (6) With the approval of the Commissioner, not more than 4 games per League per year may be scheduled or rescheduled to start between 10:30 A.M. and Noon, if, with respect to both Clubs, the conditions stated in paragraph (5) above with respect to scheduling and rescheduling of day games between Noon and I.P.M. are met.
- (7) No Club shall be scheduled to play a game starting after 5 P.M. if such game is a road game and is followed by a home off-day, unless:
 - (a) a later game is required to be scheduled pursuant to a national television agreement; or
 - (b) the road Club is playing at Texas or Florida on or after June 1.

Other getaway games shall not be scheduled or rescheduled to start later than 5 P.M. if either Club is required to travel for a day game, scheduled the next day, between cities in which the in-flight time is more than 1½ hours. Each championship season the Clubs may utilize six exceptions to the rule in the immediately preceding sentence

provided that the exceptions must be utilized by a Club traveling to Chicago to play the Cubs and the in-flight time cannot exceed 2% hours.

- (8) To the extent reasonably practicable, open days shall be non-travel days, except as permitted in paragraph (9), below.
- (9) An open day shall be scheduled for or following travel from cities in the Pacific time zone to cities in the Eastern time zone except that the Commissioner may schedule not more than seven (7) games per championship season in each League with a starting time after 7 P.M. in the Eastern time zone which include a Club that the day before played a game scheduled to start prior to 5 P.M. in the Pacific time zone. In any championship season, however, no Club may be scheduled to play more than one (1) game in the Eastern time zone the day after it has played a game in the Pacific time zone.
- (10) No Club shall be scheduled, or rescheduled if practicable, to play more than 20 consecutive dates without an open day, or 21 consecutive dates if necessary to accommodate the Hall of Fame Game. A rained-out game may be rescheduled to an open date in the same series, or to an open date at the end of the same series, if (a) the open date is a road off-day for the visiting Club, and (b) the rescheduling does not result in the home team playing more than 24 consecutive dates without an open day, or 25 consecutive dates if necessary to accommodate the Hall of Fame Game.
- (11) Commencing with its second scheduled championship season game, a Club shall not be scheduled for more than two open days in any seven-day period.
- (12) Home games which are scheduled or rescheduled away from the park of the home Club shall be considered road games for the purposes of Players' meal and tip allowances, hotel accommodations and transportation.
- (13) Doubleheaders shall not be scheduled on consecutive dates in the original schedule.
- (14) Twi-night doubleheaders will be limited in the original schedule to three per home Club per season. A twi-night doubleheader will not be scheduled on a getaway day.

- (15) Only postponed, suspended and tied games shall be rescheduled, except as may be required to accommodate network television commitments or to comply with stadium leases, in any of which events the rescheduling rules set forth in this Article V shall apply; provided, however, that any game may be rescheduled for any reason if as rescheduled it conforms to the rules governing the original schedule.
- (16) Club championship season games shall not be played during the All-Star break. Further, any workout scheduled by a Club for the day following the All-Star Game shall be voluntary.
- (17) With respect to the rescheduling of any game, except for games rescheduled as split doubleheaders as set forth in Section C(1), any scheduling or rescheduling rule set forth in this Article V may be waived by the secret ballot vote of a majority of the Players on the Club(s) that would be in violation of the rule. Separate votes shall be required with regard to each game for which a waiver is sought. A waiver granted pursuant to this provision, as well as a waiver granted by the Association pursuant to Section C(1), shall not constitute a precedent with regard to future waiver requests. With respect to the rescheduling of any such game, and all games rescheduled pursuant to Section C(1), the Club(s) shall consult with the Association concerning the actual date and time of such rescheduled game. The Club(s) shall use best efforts to notify the Association in advance of notifying the Players on the Club(s) affected.

D. Interleague Play

Each Club may be scheduled to play up to 18 Interleague games during each championship season. In each Interleague game at an American League park, the Designated Hitter shall be used; at each Interleague game at a National League park, the Designated Hitter shall not be used.

ARTICLE VI—Salaries

Individual Player salaries shall be those as agreed upon between a Player and a Club, as evidenced by the execution of a Uniform Player's Contract, subject to the following:

A. Definition of Salary

The term "salary" for the purposes of interpretation and application of the maximum salary cut, contract tender, signing and renewal rules shall be determined by applying the following principles:

- (1) Multi-year contract providing for current salary only (no upfront payment or deferred compensation)
 - (a) If the annual salary payment schedule satisfies the maximum salary cut rule, the salary specified for the last year of the contract shall be the base for applying the maximum salary cut rule to the year following the expiration of the contract.
 - (b) If the annual salary payment schedule does not satisfy the maximum salary cut rule, that rule shall not be applicable during the term of the contract and the aggregate salary payment provided by the contract shall be averaged and the average annual salary shall be the base for applying the maximum salary cut rule to the year following the contract's expiration.
- (2) Multi-year contract including up-front payments and/or deferred compensation which are specifically allocated to one or more years of the contract

Treat as in (1) above with the allocated up-front or deferred amounts included as specified as part of the salary for each year.

(3) Multi-year contract including up-front payments and/or deferred compensation which are not specifically allocated to certain years of the contract

Average the aggregate of such payments, include the annual average as part of the salary for each year, and then treat as in (1) above.

(4) Deferred Compensation

If any deferred compensation is included in the base determined as described above, it may be payable as deferred on the same terms, or the Club and Player may elect to substitute the discounted present value of such deferred amount.

(5) Performance Bonuses

Regardless of whether or not any portion of a performance bonus is earned, the Club has the option of either: (a) including the entire bonus (both earned and unearned portions) in the salary base or (b) excluding it from the base but repeating the performance bonus on the same terms.

(6) Other Forms of Additional Compensation

All other forms of compensation, including but not limited to the following, are not addressed herein and are to be determined according to the facts in each situation:

- (a) payments for performing services for a Club in addition to skilled services as a baseball player;
- (b) cash, lump sum, payments made in accordance with agreed upon special covenants to compensate for trading a Player, releasing a Player, etc.;
- (c) the value of individual property rights granted to a Player by a Club;
- (d) any compensation for post-active Major League Baseball playing career employment;
- (e) other payments not specifically made for performance as a Major League Baseball Player;

provided that any amounts payable upon the occurrence of a specific event or events shall not be included in the definition of "salary" if such event or events fail to occur within the specified period.

(7) Disputes

In the event of a dispute regarding a contract tender, signing or renewal with respect to any form of additional compensation referred to in paragraph (6) above, either the Player or Club may file a Grievance in order to obtain a determination with respect thereto as the exclusive means of resolving such dispute, and both parties shall be bound by the resulting decision. The contract tender, signing or renewal shall be altered as necessary to conform

to the decision, and such tender, signing or renewal shall remain valid.

B. Minimum Salary

(1) The minimum rate of payment to a Player for each day of service on a Major League Club shall be as follows:

2003-at the rate per season of \$300,000;

2004—at the rate per season of \$300,000;

2005—at the rate per season of \$300,000 plus a cost of living adjustment, rounded to the nearest \$500, provided that the cost of living adjustment shall not reduce the minimum salary below \$300,000:

2006—at the 2005 rate per season plus a cost of living adjustment, rounded to the nearest \$500, provided that the cost of living adjustment shall not reduce the minimum salary below the 2005 rate per season.

- (2) For all Players (a) signing a second Major League contract (not covering the same season as any such Player's initial Major League contract) or a subsequent Major League contract, or (b) having at least one day of Major League service, the minimum salary shall be as follows:
 - (i) for Major League service—at a rate not less than the Major League minimum salary;
 - (ii) for Minor League service—at a rate not less than the following:

2003—at the rate per season of \$50,000;

2004—at the rate per season of \$50,000;

2005—at the rate per season of \$50,000 plus a cost of living adjustment, rounded to the nearest \$100, provided that the cost of living adjustment shall not reduce the minimum salary below \$50,000;

2006—at the 2005 rate per season plus a cost of living adjustment, rounded to the nearest \$100, provided that the cost

of living adjustment shall not reduce the minimum salary below the 2005 rate per season.

- (3) (a) Cost of living adjustments for the Major League minimum salary described above in paragraph (1) shall be computed as follows:
 - (i) to determine the 2005 salary rate, \$300,000 shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (CPIW) for November 2004 and the denominator of which is the CPIW for November 2002:
 - (ii) to determine the 2006 salary rate, the adjusted salary rate for 2005 shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the CPIW for November 2005 and the denominator of which is the CPIW for November 2004.
- (b) Cost of fiving adjustments for the split minimum salary for Minor League service described above in paragraph (2) shall be computed as follows:
 - (i) to determine the 2005 salary rate, \$50,000 shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the CPIW for November 2004 and the denominator of which is the CPIW for November 2002:
 - (ii) to determine the 2006 salary rate, the adjusted salary rate for 2005 shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the CPIW for November 2005 and the denominator of which is the CPIW for November 2004.

C. Standard Length of Season

For the purpose of calculating a Player's daily rate of pay, a championship season shall be deemed to commence on the date of the first regularly scheduled championship season game and to conclude on the date of the last regularly scheduled championship season game. This rule shall apply uniformly to all Players and all Clubs, notwithstanding differences in a particular Club's schedule, except as provided otherwise by Article V(A) and Article XV(J)(6).

D. Maximum Salary Reduction

- (1) No Player's contract shall be renewed pursuant to paragraph 10(a) of the Uniform Player's Contract in any year for a salary which constitutes a reduction in excess of 20% of his previous year's salary or in excess of 30% of his salary two years previous. For the purposes of this section, the "salary" of a Player with a salary stipulated in paragraph 2 of his Major League contract of less than the then applicable Major League minimum salary shall be deemed to be the greater of either (a) the total amount of his actual baseball salary earnings from Major League Clubs (and from Minor League clubs if any) in that season or (b) the amount stipulated in paragraph 2 of his Major League contract for that season.
- (2) The term "salary" shall include any salary amounts which were not paid to a Player for the season by reason of any fine or suspension which may have been imposed on the Player, or by reason of any other deduction from salary.
- (3) In tendering a contract to a Player pursuant to paragraph 10(a) of the Uniform Player's Contract, no Major League Club shall offer a salary which constitutes a reduction in excess of 20% of the Player's previous year's salary or in excess of 30% of his salary two years previous.

E. Salary Continuation-Military Encampment

Payment of Player salaries shall be continued throughout any period in which a Player is required to attend a regularly scheduled military encampment of the Reserve of the Armed Forces or of the National Guard during the Club's playing season.

F. Salary Arbitration

The following salary arbitration procedure shall be applicable:

(1) Eligibility. The issue of a Player's salary may be submitted to final and binding arbitration by any Player or his Club, provided the other party to the arbitration consents thereto. Any Club, or any Player with a total of three or more years of Major League service, however accumulated, but with less than six years of Major League

service, may submit the issue of the Player's salary to final and binding arbitration without the consent of the other party, subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) below.

In addition, a Player with at least two but less than three years of Major League service shall be eligible for salary arbitration if: (a) he has accumulated at least 86 days of service during the immediately preceding season; and (b) he ranks in the top seventeen percent (17%) (rounded to the nearest whole number) in total service in the class of Players who have at least two but less than three years of Major League service, however accumulated, but with at least 86 days of service accumulated during the immediately preceding season. If two or more Players are tied in ranking, ties shall be broken consecutively based on the number of days of service accumulated in each of the immediately preceding seasons. If the Players remain tied, the final tie breaker will be by lot.

(2) Trade Demand-Club Consent to Arbitration. Any Player whose Club has offered to proceed to salary arbitration pursuant to Article XX(C)(5) may elect salary arbitration in the same manner and at the same time as other Players.

(3) Notice of Submission

(a) <u>Player Submission</u>. Election of submission shall be communicated by telephone or any other method of communication by the Player to the Association. Written notice of submission shall then be given, within the specified time limits, by the Association on behalf of the Player to the designated representative of the Major League Baseball Labor Relations Department ("LRD").

Within three days after the notice of submission has been given, the Association and the LRD shall exchange salary figures. It shall be the responsibility of the Association during this three-day period to obtain the salary figure from the Player, and the LRD shall have a similar responsibility to obtain the Club's figure.

(b) <u>Club Submission</u>. Written notice of submission by the Club shall be communicated to the Player by registered letter mailed between January 2 and January 12 (both inclusive) to the

last address the Player has supplied to the Club, with copies to the Association and the LRD. The submission shall be deemed to be made on the third day following the date of mailing by the Club. Salary figures shall be exchanged by the Association and the LRD as soon as practicable thereafter.

(c) Special Exceptions to Maximum Salary Reduction Rules

- (i) A Club may submit a salary figure for salary arbitration that is at least 80% of the Player's previous year's salary and earned performance bonuses (and at least 70% of his salary and earned performance bonuses two years previous), the provisions of Section A(5) above notwithstanding. This exception shall not be used by any party, or considered by any salary arbitrator, in support of, or in opposition to, any argument regarding the evaluation of Player contracts.
- (ii) A Club may submit a salary arbitration figure without regard to the provisions of Section D above if the figure submitted is with respect to a Player who, in the immediately preceding year, won a salary arbitration which increased the Player's prior year's salary by in excess of 50%.

The above exceptions to the maximum salary reduction rules do not alter the obligations of the Clubs to comply with Articles VI(D) and XX(A) of this Agreement and paragraph 10(a) of the Uniform Player's Contract for the purposes of contract tender and renewal.

(4) Withdrawal from Arbitration. In the event the Club submits the matter to arbitration, the Player may within 7 days after receipt of the Club's salary arbitration figure notify the Club that he does not wish to arbitrate and the matter shall be deemed withdrawn from arbitration. In such event, or in the event that neither the Club nor the Player submits to arbitration, the rights and obligations of the Club and Player shall be as they would have been had the salary arbitration procedure never been invoked. In the event the Club and Player reach agreement on salary before the arbitration panel reaches a decision, the matter shall be deemed withdrawn from arbitration.

- (5) Timetable and Decision. Submission may be made at any time between January 5 and January 15. In the event the offer of the Club is reduced on or subsequent to January 15, the Player's right to submit to arbitration shall be reinstated for a period of 7 days. Arbitration hearings shall be held as soon as possible after submission and, to the extent practicable, shall be scheduled to be held from February 1 to February 20. The arbitration panel may render the decision on the day of the hearing, and shall make every effort to do so not later than 24 hours following the close of the hearing. The arbitration panel shall be limited to awarding only one or the other of the two figures submitted. There shall be no opinion. There shall be no release of the arbitration award by the arbitration panel except to the Club, the Player, the Association and the LRD. The panel chair shall initially inform the Association and the LRD of the award only and not how the panel members voted. The panel chair shall disclose to the Association and the LRD the individual votes of the panel members on each March 15 following the February hearings. The panel chair shall insert the figure awarded in paragraph 2 of the duplicate Uniform Player's Contracts delivered at the hearing and shall forward both copies to the Office of the Commissioner.
- (6) Form of Submission. The Player and the Club shall exchange with each other in advance of the hearing single salary figures for the coming season (which need not be figures offered during the prior negotiations) and then shall submit such figures to the arbitration panel. At the hearing, the Player and Club shall deliver to the arbitration panel a Uniform Player's Contract executed in duplicate, complete except for the salary figure to be inserted in paragraph 2. Upon submission of the salary issue to arbitration by either Player or Club, the Player shall be regarded as a signed Player (unless the Player withdraws from arbitration as provided in paragraph (4) above).
- (7) Selection of Arbitrators. The Association and the LRD shall annually select the arbitrators. In the event they are unable to agree by January 1 in any year, they jointly shall request that the American Arbitration Association furnish them lists of prominent, professional arbitrators. Upon receipt of such lists, the arbitrators shall be selected by alternately striking names from the lists. All cases shall

be assigned to three-arbitrator panels. The Association and the LRD shall designate one arbitrator to serve as the panel chair.

- (8) Location of Hearings. The single hearing site for each year will be agreed upon by the parties with preference being given to either Los Angeles, Tampa/Orlando, or Phoenix.
- (9) Conduct of Hearings. The hearings shall be conducted on a private and confidential basis. Each of the parties to a case shall be limited to one hour for initial presentation and one-half hour for rebuttal and summation. The aforesaid time limitations may be extended by the arbitration panel in the event of lengthy cross-examination of witnesses, or for other good cause.
- (10) Continuances, Adjournments or Postponements. There shall be no continuances or adjournments of a hearing, but the commencement of a hearing may be postponed by the arbitration panel upon the application of either the Player or Club based upon a showing of substantial cause. Any request for the postponement of a scheduled hearing shall be made to the panel chair in writing, with copies to the Association and the LRD. Disclosure of individual votes by panel members shall be in accordance with paragraph (5) above.
- (11) Hearing Costs. The Player and Club shall divide equally the costs of the hearing, and each shall be responsible for his own expenses and those of his counsel or other representatives.

(12) Criteria

(a) The criteria will be the quality of the Player's contribution to his Club during the past season (including but not limited to his overall performance, special qualities of leadership and public appeal), the length and consistency of his career contribution, the record of the Player's past compensation, comparative baseball salaries (see paragraph (13) below for confidential salary data), the existence of any physical or mental defects on the part of the Player, and the recent performance record of the Club including but not limited to its League standing and attendance as an indication of public acceptance (subject to the exclusion stated in

subparagraph (b)(i) below). Any evidence may be submitted which is relevant to the above criteria, and the arbitration panel shall assign such weight to the evidence as shall appear appropriate under the circumstances. The arbitration panel shall, except for a Player with five or more years of Major League service, give particular attention, for comparative salary purposes, to the contracts of Players with Major League service not exceeding one annual service group above the Player's annual service group. This shall not limit the ability of a Player or his representative, because of special accomplishment, to argue the equal relevance of salaries of Players without regard to service, and the arbitration panel shall give whatever weight to such argument as is deemed appropriate.

- (b) Evidence of the following shall not be admissible:
 - (i) The financial position of the Player and the Club;
- (ii) Press comments, testimonials or similar material bearing on the performance of either the Player or the Club, except that recognized annual Player awards for playing excellence shall not be excluded;
- (iii) Offers made by either Player or Club prior to arbitration:
- (iv) The cost to the parties of their representatives, attorneys, etc.;
 - (v) Salaries in other sports or occupations.
- (13) Confidential Major League Salary Data. For its confidential use, as background information, the arbitration panel will be given a tabulation showing the minimum salary in the Major Leagues and salaries for the preceding season of all players on Major League rosters as of August 3!, broken down by years of Major League service. The names and Clubs of the Players concerned will appear on the tabulation. In utilizing the salary tabulation, the arbitration panel shall consider the salaries of all comparable Players and not merely the salary of a single Player or group of Players.

(14) Prohibition Regarding Competitive Balance Tax. No participant in a salary arbitration shall refer in any fashion, either orally or in writing, to any of the provisions in Article XXIII (Competitive Balance Tax). No salary arbitration panel shall consider in any fashion any of the provisions in Article XXIII (Competitive Balance Tax).

ARTICLE VII—Expenses And Expense Allowances

A. Transportation and Travel Expenses

Each Club shall pay the following expenses of Players:

(1) All proper and necessary traveling expenses of Players while "abroad," or traveling with the Club in other cities, including board, and first-class jet air and hotel accommodations, if practicable.

Each Club shall give written notice to the team's Player Representative and the Association, prior to December 1 of each year, of the in-season hotels the Club intends to utilize during the next succeeding season.

On regularly scheduled commercial flights, when first-class accommodations cannot practicably be provided and Players travel in the coach section, the Club shall provide three seats for each two Players and first-class meals.

During the championship season, including travel to the first game of such season, no Club, absent extraordinary circumstances that make travel by plane impossible, may travel by bus between games if the distance between the two cities is, by the most direct highway route, more than 200 miles (one way).

(2) First-class jet air fare and meals en route, of Players to their homes at the end of the season, regardless of where the Club finished its season. If the Club finishes its season "abroad" and appropriate transportation is not provided back to the Club's home city, any Player who elects to return home via the Club's home city shall be paid an amount equal to the first-class jet air fare and meals en route back to the Club's home city plus the first-class jet air fare and meals en route from the Club's home city to the Player's home. A Player who has more than one home shall receive payment based on the home to which he actually travels.

- (3) All necessary traveling expenses, including first-class jet air fare and meals en route, of Players from their homes to the spring training place of the Club, whether they are ordered to go there directly or by way of the home city of the Club. A Player who has more than one home shall receive payment based on the home from which he actually travels.
- (4) In the case of assignment of a Player's contract during the championship season or during spring training, all traveling expenses, including first-class jet air fare and meals en route, of the Player as may be necessary to enable him to report to the assignee Club. The Club shall also reimburse the Player for all travel expenses, including first-class jet air fare and meals en route, for the Player's wife for one assignment during the championship season. Such expenses may not be claimed by the Player as part of his moving expenses under Article VIII(C), unless not paid under this provision. A Club may offset such expenses against any moving allowance provided pursuant to Article VIII(A).
- (5) In the case of termination by the Club of a Player's contract during the championship season or during spring training, reasonable traveling expenses, including first-class jet air fare and meals en route, to the Player's home city.
- (6) In the event a Player is required to attend a regularly scheduled military encampment of the Reserve of the Armed Forces or of the National Guard during the championship season or during spring training, the Player's air fare to and from the encampment.

B. In-Season Meal and Tip Allowance

- (1) During the championship season, each Player shall receive a daily meal and tip allowance for each date a Club is on the road and for each traveling day. No deductions will be made for meals served on an airplane.
- (2) If, when a Club departs from the home city, departure is scheduled prior to Noon, Players will receive the full daily allowance for that date; if departure is after Noon, Players will receive one-half of the daily allowance for that date. Returning to the home city, if arrival is later than 6 P.M., Players will receive the

full daily allowance; if arrival is prior to 6 P.M., Players will receive one-half of the daily allowance. The Club may require the Player to sign checks for meals at a hotel in lieu of the cash meal allowance.

- (3) During the 2003 championship season, the daily allowance shall be \$76.50. During the 2004, 2005 and 2006 championship seasons, the daily allowance shall be a base of \$76.50 plus a cost of living adjustment rounded to the nearest \$.50, provided, however, that the cost of living adjustment shall not reduce the daily allowance below \$76.50.
 - (4) Cost of living adjustments shall be computed as follows.
 - (a) To determine the allowance figure effective for the 2004 season, the 2003 base allowance figure provided by this Agreement shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPIW) published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for November 2003 and the denominator of which is the CPIW for November 2002.
 - (b) To determine the allowance figure effective for the 2005 season, the allowance figure for the 2004 season, as adjusted, shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the CPIW for November 2004 and the denominator of which is the CPIW for November 2003.
 - (c) To determine the allowance figure effective for the 2006 season, the allowance figure for the 2005 season, as adjusted, shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the CPIW for November 2005 and the denominator of which is the CPIW for November 2004.
- (5) A disabled Player who is not traveling with his Club on the road shall receive:
 - (a) the full allowance if he is residing at a hotel or motel in either the metropolitan area of the Club, or one to which the Player has gone at the request of the Club;
 - (b) no allowance if he is residing at his in-season residence or permanent residence in the metropolitan area of the Club, which residence is not a hotel or motel; and

- (c) no allowance if he is in a hospital or is residing at his permanent residence located outside the metropolitan area of the Club.
- (6) To the maximum extent possible, each Club shall provide the daily allowance pursuant to an accountable plan whereby to the maximum extent possible the daily allowance will be excluded from a Player's gross income.

C. Spring Training Allowances

- (1) During the 2003 spring training season, the weekly allowance shall be \$240.50 and the supplemental weekly allowance shall be \$43.00. In 2004, 2005 and 2006 there shall be added to both allowances a cost of living adjustment rounded to the nearest \$.50, provided, however, that the cost of living adjustment shall not reduce the weekly allowances below \$240.50 and \$43.00, respectively.
- (2) A Player living away from the Club's spring training head-quarters shall receive the following daily meal and tip allowance (except that Players who make an overnight trip shall receive for the day following the night on the road the daily championship season meal and tip allowance in lieu of the daily allowance provided in this paragraph). No deduction shall be made for lunch or sandwiches served at the ballpark. In 2003, the daily allowance shall be \$68.00. In 2004, 2005 and 2006, there shall be added to the daily allowance a cost of living adjustment rounded to the nearest \$.50, provided, however, that the cost of living adjustment shall not reduce the daily allowance below \$68.00.

Players living at the Club's spring training headquarters also shall receive the daily meal and tip allowance if the Club does not otherwise provide meals. Except where the Club owns facilities (such as Los Angeles), no Player shall be required to sign meal checks or take his meals in lieu of receiving the daily meal and tip allowance.

A Player whose Major League Uniform Player's Contract has been optionally assigned but who is in uniform for a Major League spring training game shall receive the daily allowance for each such game.

- (3) A Player living away from the Club's spring training headquarters shall receive a room allowance of \$25.00 per day. Where the Club owns facilities which are considered the equivalent of firstclass hotel accommodations (such as Los Angeles), the Club shall pay a daily room allowance of \$15.00.
- (4) Cost of living adjustments shall be computed as set forth in Section B(4) above.
- (5) To the maximum extent possible, each Club shall provide spring training allowances pursuant to an accountable plan whereby to the maximum extent possible such allowances will be excluded from a Player's gross income.

D. Single Rooms on the Road

Each Player on a Club's Active List (including disabled Players who travel with the Club) shall have single rooms in the Club's hotels on all road trips during the Club's championship season and post-season. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Clubs from making or continuing agreements with individual Players which provide more favorable arrangements for such Players.

E. All-Star Game

A Player who is a member of his League's All-Star team shall, in addition to being reimbursed in accordance with past practice, be reimbursed by the Office of the Commissioner for the first-class jet air fare to and from the site of the All-Star Game for one guest from the guest's place of residence, and for hotel accommodations for a maximum of three days for such guest.

F. In-Season Supplemental Allowances

- (1) A Player shall be entitled to receive the "in-season supplemental allowance" provided by this Section F if:
 - (a) his contract is assigned by a Minor League club to a Major League Club,

- (b) he had no Major League service (or his entire Major League service is only after the preceding August 31) and is on a Major League Club's opening day roster, or
- (c) his contract is assigned by a Major League Club to another Major League Club during the championship season or after the sixteenth day prior to the start of the championship season.
- (2) A Player entitled to receive the in-season supplemental allowance shall be treated by the assignee Club as if he were on the road for each of the first seven days of the assignment in the assignee Club's home city, to include the assignee Club providing the Player with first-class hotel accommodations and the full daily meal and tip allowance described in paragraphs (3) and (4) of Section B for this period. If this entitlement arises under paragraph (1)(a) or (b) above, first-class hotel accommodations shall be provided at the Club's expense or an allowance for housing expenses, not to exceed the first-class hotel accommodations rate, shall be provided to the Player in advance on a daily basis, as long as the Player incurs actual housing expenses.
- (3) This in-season supplemental allowance shall be provided automatically to such a Player in advance (a) at the time of the assignment for assignments between Major League Clubs; and (b) on a daily basis if the entitlement arises under paragraph 1(a) or (b) above.
- (4) This Section F shall apply to each such assignment made during a championship season. For a covered assignment from a Minor League club to a Major League Club made during the off-season, the Player shall be entitled to the benefits provided by this Section F only for the days he serves on a Major League Club's active roster before his contract is reassigned to a Minor League club.

ARTICLE VIII—Moving Allowances

A. If a Player's contract is assigned by a Major League Club to another Major League Club during the championship season, the assignee Club shall pay the Player, for all moving and other expenses resulting from such assignment, the sum of \$850 if the distance between the

home ballparks of the assignor and assignee Clubs is 1,000 air miles or less; the sum of \$1,150 if the distance between the home ballparks of the assignor and assignee Clubs is greater than 1,000 but less than 2,000 air miles; and the sum of \$1,450 if the distance between the home ballparks of the assignor and assignee Clubs is equal to or greater than 2,000 air miles.

This allowance will be paid to the Player automatically at the time of the assignment.

This advance payment will be credited against the reimbursement for reasonable and actual moving expenses should the Player elect to claim such expenses in accordance with the provisions of Section C below.

- **B.** If a Player is assigned to another Major League Club located within 50 miles of the assignor Club's home city, the Player shall not receive any moving allowance under Section A above, subject to the following exception. If a Player is assigned to another Major League Club and moves from a residence located further than 25 miles from the assignee Club's home ballpark to a residence located closer to, and within 50 miles of, such ballpark, the Player shall receive the moving allowance in accordance with Section A above.
- C. A Player may elect, within two years after the date of the assignment of his contract, regardless of when his contract is assigned or whether the assignment is between Major League Clubs or a Major League Club and a Minor League club, to be reimbursed for (1) the reasonable and actual moving expenses of the Player and his immediate family resulting therefrom, including first-class jet air transportation for the Player and his immediate family, provided that, if the Player relocates more than one year from the date of the assignment, the Player must relocate in the assignee Club's home city and the Player must still be playing for the assignee Club at the time he incurs such expenses and (2) all rental payments for living quarters in the city from which he is transferred (and/or spring training location, if applicable), for which he is legally obligated after the date of assignment and for which he is not otherwise reimbursed. Such rental payments shall not include any period beyond the end of a season or prior to the start of spring training. The Club paying reimbursement for rent shall have use and/or the right to rent such living quarters for the period covered by the rental reimbursement.

In the event a Player is required to report to a Major League Club from a Minor League club in any year on or after September 1, the foregoing paragraph shall not apply.

Reimbursement shall be made by the assignee Club, except, should a Player's Contract be assigned from a Major League Club to a Minor League club, reimbursement shall be made by the assignor Major League Club.

ARTICLE IX—Termination Pay

A. Off-Season

A Player who is tendered a Uniform Player's Contract which is subsequently terminated by a Club during the period between the end of the championship season and the beginning of the next succeeding spring training under paragraph 7(b)(2) of the Uniform Player's Contract for failure to exhibit sufficient skill or competitive ability shall be entitled to receive termination pay from the Club in an amount equal to thirty (30) days' payment at the rate stipulated in paragraph 2 of (1) his Contract for the next succeeding championship season, or (2) if he has no contract for the next succeeding championship season, in an amount equal to thirty (30) days' payment at the rate stipulated in paragraph 2 of the Contract tendered to him by his Club for the next succeeding championship season.

B. Spring Training

A Player whose Contract is terminated by a Club under paragraph 7(b)(2) of the Uniform Player's Contract for failure to exhibit sufficient skill or competitive ability shall be entitled to receive termination pay from the Club in an amount equal to thirty (30) days' payment at the rate stipulated in paragraph 2 of his Contract, if the termination occurs during spring training but on or before the 16th day prior to the start of the championship season. If the termination occurs during spring training, but subsequent to the 16th day prior to the start of the championship season, the Player's termination pay shall be in an amount equal to forty-five (45) days' payment at the rate stipulated in paragraph 2 of his Contract.

C. In-Season

A Player whose Contract is terminated by a Club during the championship season under paragraph 7(b)(2) of the Uniform Player's Contract for failure to exhibit sufficient skill or competitive ability shall be entitled to receive termination pay from the Club in an amount equal to the unpaid balance of the full salary stipulated in paragraph 2 of his Contract for that season.

D. Split Contracts

In the case of a Player who signs a Major League Contract which sets forth a separate rate of pay for Minor League service, the rate of pay to be utilized in calculating termination pay under the preceding Sections A, B and C shall be:

- (1) The Minor League rate, if the termination occurs in the offseason:
- (2) The Minor League rate, if the termination occurs during spring training, but on or before the 16th day prior to the start of the championship season;
- (3) The Major League rate, if the termination occurs during spring training, but subsequent to the 16th day prior to the start of the championship season;
- (4) The Minor League rate, if the termination occurs during the season and the Player is, at the time of termination, in the Minor Leagues; and the Major League rate, if the termination occurs during the season and the Player is, at the time of termination, in the Major Leagues. In the application of this paragraph (4), a Player's Contract may not be assigned to the Minor Leagues for the purpose of reducing the Player's termination pay.

Notwithstanding the above, a Player whose Contract is not assignable to the Minor Leagues without his consent, or a Player selected by a Major League Club in the immediately preceding Rule 5 draft, shall be entitled to receive termination pay at the Major League rate unless terminated during the championship season at a time when his Contract is under assignment to the Minor Leagues.

E. Injury

If a Player's Contract is terminated by a Club by reason of the Player's failure to render his services due to a disability resulting directly from injury sustained in the course and within the scope of his employment under the Contract, and notice is received by the Club in accordance with Regulation 2 of the Uniform Player's Contract, the Player shall be entitled to receive from the Club the unpaid balance of the full salary for the year in which the injury was sustained, less all workers' compensation payments received by the Player as compensation for loss of income for the specific period for which the Club is compensating him in full.

F. Non-Duplication

The foregoing provisions of this Article IX shall be applied regardless of the number of times a Player may be released during a year, subject to the following limitations:

- (1) The maximum amount of termination pay which a Player shall be entitled to receive for any year shall not exceed the amount by which:
 - (a) the salary stipulated in the Player's original Contract for such year exceeds
 - (b) the aggregate amount which the Player earns during that year from any Club or Clubs, including any amounts deferred to later years, calculated at present value, and bonuses.
- (2) In the event a released Player refuses to accept a reasonable Major League Contract offered by a Club other than the Club which released him, such Player shall forfeit that portion of the termination pay which would not have been payable if such Contract had been accepted.

ARTICLE X—World Series, League Championship Series and Division Series Players' Pool

A. Creation of Pool

One Players' pool shall be created from the World Series, the two League Championship Series and the four Division Series. Contributions shall be made into the pool as follows:

- (1) 60% of the total gate receipts from the first 4 World Series games;
- (2) 60% of the total gate receipts from the first 4 games of each League Championship Series; and
- (3) 60% of the total gate receipts from the first 3 games (4 if the Division Series is expanded to the best of 7 games) of each Division Series.

B. Distribution of Pool

The Players' pool shall be distributed to the Players, by Club, as follows:

World Series Winner	36%
World Series Loser	24%
League Championship Series Losers (2)	24%
Division Series Losers (4)	12%
Non-Wild Card Second Place Teams (4)	.4%

Distribution of the Players' pool shall be made to the Players within 30 days after the completion of the World Series, unless for good cause the Parties agree to extend the period.

C. Division of Players' Pool

The division of the Players' pool shall be made by a vote of the Players, in a meeting chaired by the Player Representative, at which attendance shall be limited to Players, except that the field manager, prior to being excused from such meeting, shall be given first the opportunity to express his views as to the division of the pool. At the invitation

of the Player Representative, the field manager may be present during the remainder of the meeting, or any part thereof. The vote of the Players shall not be subject to alteration, except as may be required to conform to the Major League Rules.

Non-uniformed personnel of a Club shall not be eligible to receive a percentage share of the Players' pool, but shall be eligible to receive cash awards of defined dollar value, provided that no cash award may exceed the value of a full share.

D. Guarantee of Pool

- (1) To the extent, if any, that the Players' pool provides a total of less than \$2,416,450 for the World Series winner, the amount to be distributed to such winner shall be increased to \$2,416,450. To the extent, if any, that the Players' pool provides a total of less than \$1,611,000 for the World Series loser, the amount to be distributed to such loser shall be increased to \$1,611,000.
- (2) To the extent, if any, that the Players' pool provides a total of less than \$1,611,000 for both League Championship Series losers (\$850,500 each), the amount to be distributed to such losers shall be increased to \$1,611,000 (\$850,500 each).
- (3) To the extent, if any, that the Players' pool provides a total of less than \$644,400 for the Division Series losers, the total amount to be distributed to such Division Series losers shall be increased to \$644,400.
- (4) To the extent, if any, that the Players' pool provides a total of less than \$161,100 for the non-Wild Card second place teams in each division, the total amount to be distributed to such non-Wild Card second place teams shall be increased to \$161,100.
- (5) If, during the term of this Agreement, the Clubs raise World Series ticket prices, the guarantees set forth in the above paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) shall be increased a pro rata amount, such amount established by averaging the percentage increase of a box seat ticket and the percentage increase of a reserved seat ticket and increasing each guarantee by such percentage.

ARTICLE XI—Grievance Procedure

For the purpose of providing an orderly and expeditious procedure for the handling and resolving of certain grievances and complaints, as hereinafter provided, the following shall apply as the exclusive remedy of the Parties.

A. Definitions

As used herein, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- (1) (a) "Grievance" shall mean a complaint which involves the existence or interpretation of, or compliance with, any agreement, or any provision of any agreement, between the Association and the Clubs or any of them, or between a Player and a Club, except that disputes relating to the following agreements between the Association and the Clubs shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure set forth herein:
 - (i) The Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan;
 - (ii) The Agreement Re Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan;
 - (iii) The Agreement regarding dues check-off.

Any procedures or remedies available to the Parties for the resolution of disputes arising under said agreements which were available as of their respective execution dates shall continue to be available and not be altered or abridged in any way as a result of this Basic Agreement between the Association and the Clubs.

(b) Notwithstanding the definition of "Grievance" set forth in subparagraph (a) above, "Grievance" shall not mean a complaint which involves action taken with respect to a Player or Players by the Commissioner involving the preservation of the integrity of, or the maintenance of public confidence in, the game of baseball. Within 30 days of the date of the action taken, such complaint shall be presented to the Commissioner who promptly shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the Rules of Procedure attached hereto as Appendix A. The Commissioner shall render a written decision as soon as practicable following the conclusion of such hearing. The Commissioner's decision shall constitute

full, final and complete disposition of such complaint, and shall have the same effect as a Grievance decision of the Arbitration Panel. In the event a matter filed as a Grievance in accordance with the procedure hereinafter provided in Section B gives rise to issues involving the integrity of, or public confidence in, the game of baseball, the Commissioner may, at any stage of its processing, order that the matter be withdrawn from such procedure and thereafter be processed in accordance with the procedure provided above in this subparagraph (b). The order of the Commissioner withdrawing such matter shall constitute a final determination of the procedure to be followed for the exclusive and complete disposition of such matter, and such order shall have the same effect as a Grievance decision of the Arbitration Panel. (See also Attachment 2.)

The Association may reopen this Agreement, with reference solely to Section A(1)(b) and Section C of this Article, upon the giving of 10 days' written notice at any time, based upon experience under the aforesaid Sections which, in its opinion, is unsatisfactory.

Any reopening notice served by the Association, in accordance with the foregoing, will be based only on actual experience with the operation of such Sections in the processing of grievances or complaints and such reopening cannot occur unless there is actual experience under such Sections.

Also, in the event that the incumbent Vice President, On-Field Operations or the incumbent President and Chief Operating Officer leaves that Office, the Association may reopen this Agreement, with reference solely to Section C of this Article as it affects the role of the Vice President, On-Field Operations or the President and Chief Operating Officer, upon the giving of 10 days' written notice.

(c) Notwithstanding the definition of "Grievance" set forth in subparagraph (a) above, "Grievance" shall not mean a complaint or dispute which involves the interpretation or application of, or compliance with the provisions of the first sentence of paragraph 3(c) of the Uniform Player's Contract. However, nothing herein shall alter or abridge the rights of the Parties, or any of them, to

resort to a court of law for the resolution of such complaint or dispute.

Anything in the Grievance Procedure provided for in the Basic Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, complaints or disputes as to any rights of the Players or the Clubs with respect to the sale or proceeds of sale of radio or television broadcasting rights in any baseball games by any kind or method of transmission, dissemination or reception shall not be subject to said Grievance Procedure. However, nothing herein or in the Grievance Procedure shall alter or abridge the rights of the Parties, or any of them, to resort to a court of law for the resolution of such complaint or dispute.

The reference herein to the above types of complaints or disputes shall not be deemed to define exclusively the types of complaints or disputes which are not subject to said Grievance Procedure.

- (2) "League" shall mean The American League of Professional Baseball Clubs or The National League of Professional Baseball Clubs.
- (3) "Commissioner" shall mean the person holding the office of Commissioner of Baseball as defined in the Major League Constitution.
- (4) "Player" or "Players" shall mean a Player or Players on the active roster of a Major League Club or on a disabled, restricted, disqualified, ineligible, suspended or military list of a Major League Club. The term "Player" shall also include a former Player or Players who have a grievance or complaint arising by reason of their former status as a Player as defined in the preceding sentence.
- (5) "Club" or "Clubs" shall mean a Club or Clubs with membership in a League,
- (6) "Association" shall mean the Major League Baseball Players Association.
- (7) "Labor Relations Department" or "LRD" shall mean the Major League Baseball Labor Relations Department established by the Clubs or any department of the Commissioner's Office which assumes on behalf of the Commissioner the responsibilities formerly held by the Major League Baseball Player Relations Committee.

- (8) "Grievant" shall mean a party who initiates or appeals a Grievance.
- (9) "Arbitration Panel" shall mean the impartial arbitrator or, where either Party so elects, a tripartite panel so empowered and composed of the impartial arbitrator and two party arbitrators, one appointed by the Association, the other appointed by the LRD. The impartial arbitrator, who shall in all instances be designated as the Panel Chairman, shall be appointed by agreement of the Association and the LRD are unable to agree upon the appointment of the impartial arbitrator, they jointly shall request that the American Arbitration Association furnish them a list of prominent, professional arbitrators. Upon receipt of said list, they shall alternate in striking names from the list until only one remains. The arbitrator whose name remains shall be deemed appointed as the impartial arbitrator.

At any time during the term of this Agreement either the Association or the LRD may terminate the appointment of the impartial arbitrator by serving written notice upon him and the other Party; provided that no such termination shall in any way impair the authority of the impartial arbitrator to render awards with respect to matters fully submitted to him. Within 30 days of any such termination, the Association and LRD shall either agree upon a successor impartial arbitrator or select a successor from an American Arbitration Association list, as set forth above.

Decisions of the Arbitration Panel shall be made by the impartial arbitrator or, where the panel is tripartite, by majority vote.

B. Procedure

Step 1. Any Player who believes that he has a justifiable Grievance shall first discuss the matter with a representative of his Club designated to handle such matters, in an attempt to settle it. If the matter is not resolved as a result of such discussions, a written notice of the Grievance shall be presented to the Club's designated representative, provided, however, that for a Grievance to be considered beyond Step 1, such written notice shall be presented within (a) 45 days from the date of the occurrence upon which the Grievance is based, or (b) 45 days from the date on which the facts of the matter became known or

reasonably should have become known to the Player, whichever is later. Within 10 days following receipt of such written notice (within 2 days if disciplinary suspension or a grievance involving Player safety and health), the Club's designated representative shall advise the Player in writing of his decision and shall furnish a copy to the Association. If the decision of the Club is not appealed further within 15 days of its receipt, the Grievance shall be considered settled on the basis of that decision and shall not be eligible for further appeal.

Step 2. A Grievance, to be considered in Step 2, shall be appealed in writing by the Grievant or by the Association to a designated representative of the LRD within 15 days following receipt of the Club's written decision. The Grievance shall be discussed within 10 days thereafter (within 2 days if disciplinary suspension or a grievance involving Player safety and health) between representatives of the LRD and representatives of the Association in an attempt to settle it. Within 10 days following such discussion (within 2 days if disciplinary suspension or a grievance involving Player safety and health), the designated representative of the LRD shall advise the Grievant in writing of his decision and shall furnish a copy to the Association. If the decision of the LRD representative is not appealed further within 15 days of its receipt, the Grievance shall be considered settled on the basis of that decision and shall not be eligible for further appeal.

Grievances which involve (a) more than one Club, or (b) a Player who is not under contract to a Club which is party to the Grievance, may be filed initially in Step 2, provided that written notice of the Grievance shall be presented to the designated representative of the LRD within (a) 30 days from the date of the occurrence upon which the Grievance is based, or (b) 30 days from the date on which the facts of the matter became known or reasonably should have become known to the Player, whichever is later.

In a Grievance alleging that the assignment of a Player to a Minor League club was in violation of Article XIX(C)(1), any party to the Grievance may request the appointment of a "Medical Expert," according to the following procedures.

Within 20 days of receipt of the Notice of Grievance, the Office of the Commissioner shall provide to the Association all medical records related to the Grievance (and not previously provided to the Associa-

tion) and any other documents properly requested by the Association. Within 10 days after receipt of those records, the Grievant may request appointment of a Medical Expert. (If the Grievance was filed at Step 1, that date shall be the deadline for an appeal to Step 2.) If the Grievant does not so request, the Club may request appointment of a Medical Expert within 15 days after supplying the medical records.

If neither party requests appointment of a Medical Expert, the parties shall proceed under normal procedures to the Step 2 meeting.

In the event of a proper request, within 10 days the parties shall appoint a Medical Expert, either by agreement or by randomly (and blindly) selecting seven specialists in the area of the Player's alleged injury from the second medical opinion list contemplated by Article XIII(D), and then alternately striking names from the list until only one name remains. As a condition of his appointment, the selected Medical Expert must agree to testify at the arbitration of the Grievance if called by a party. Should that physician decline to serve as Medical Expert, the appointment process shall be repeated from the beginning, with the declining physician's name being removed from the pool of specialists from which the list of seven is selected.

Within 10 days of the appointment of a Medical Expert, the parties shall arrange to submit to that physician (i) a list of medical questions for the physician to attempt to answer and (ii) all pertinent medical records and any other documents that either party believes are relevant to the submitted questions. The Medical Expert may request additional documentary information and/or a physical examination (but not an interview) of the Grievant. Within 30 days from receipt of the parties' final submission (including the physical examination of the Grievant, if requested), the Medical Expert shall issue a written report to the parties. The Medical Expert may inform the parties, if no other finding is appropriate, that he is unable to provide an answer to a question(s) before him with a reasonable degree of medical certainty. The Medical Expert, in his discretion, may request a meeting with the parties, by teleconference or in-person, either before issuance of the Medical Expert's written report or within 10 days thereof.

Within 10 days of receipt of the report (or of the meeting with the Medical Expert, if later), the parties shall hold a Step 2 meeting.

If the Grievance proceeds to arbitration, the Medical Expert's written report shall be admissible in the arbitration; provided, however, that the Arbitration Panel shall give the report such weight as it deems appropriate and in no event shall the Medical Expert's opinion be deemed dispositive of the Grievance.

All costs associated with retention of a Medical Expert, including fees and expenses, shall be borne equally by the Association and the Office of the Commissioner.

Arbitration. Within 15 days following receipt of the Step 2 decision, the Grievant or the Association may appeal the Grievance in writing to the Panel Chairman for impartial arbitration. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the Chairman of the Arbitration Panel shall set a time, date and place for hearing the appeal, which hearing shall be commenced as soon as practicable but no later than 20 days following receipt of the notice of appeal (5 days if disciplinary suspension or a grievance involving Player safety and health). Such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure attached hereto as Appendix A. The Arbitration Panel shall render a written decision as soon as practicable following the conclusion of such hearing (within 5 days if disciplinary suspension or a grievance involving Player safety and health), and may affirm, modify or reverse the decision from which the appeal is taken. The decision of the Arbitration Panel shall constitute full, final and complete disposition of the Grievance appealed to it.

With regard to the arbitration of Grievances, the Arbitration Panel shall have jurisdiction and authority only to determine the existence of or compliance with, or to interpret or apply agreements or provisions of agreements between the Association and the Clubs or any of them, or between individual Players and Clubs. The Arbitration Panel shall not have jurisdiction or authority to add to, detract from, or alter in any way the provisions of such agreements.

All costs of arbitration, including the fees and expenses of the impartial arbitrator, shall be borne equally by the parties, provided that each of the parties shall bear the cost of its own party arbitrator, witnesses, counsel and the like.

C. Special Procedure with Regard to Certain Disciplinary Action

Complaints involving a fine or suspension imposed upon a Player by the Vice President, On-Field Operations or the Commissioner for conduct on the playing field or in the ballpark shall be subject exclusively to this Section C as follows:

- (1) Any Player who believes that he has a justifiable complaint regarding such discipline may, within 7 days of his receipt of written notification of the discipline, appeal in writing to the President and Chief Operating Officer, if the discipline was imposed by the Vice President, On-Field Operations, or to the Commissioner, if the discipline was imposed by him, for a hearing. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the President and Chief Operating Officer or the Commissioner, as the case may be, shall designate a time and place for hearing the appeal, which hearing shall be commenced within 10 days from the date of receipt of the appeal. If the disputed discipline involves a fine equal to or less than \$1,000 and does not involve a suspension, the hearing shall be held by conference call; provided, however, that, if the Player elects, the hearing shall be held in person and in New York if the Player's Club is scheduled to be in New York within thirty days from the date of the appeal, or if the Player makes himself available in New York during that 30-day period. Such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure attached hereto as Appendix A. The President and Chief Operating Officer or the Commissioner, as the case may be, shall render a written decision as soon as practicable following the conclusion of such hearing, and may affirm, modify, or revoke the disciplinary action originally imposed. The decision by the President and Chief Operating Officer or the Commissioner, as the case may be, shall constitute full, final and complete disposition of the complaint and shall have the same effect as a Grievance decision of the Arbitration Panel.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) above, if any such discipline imposed upon a Player by the Vice President, On-Field Operations involves a fine in an amount which exceeds \$5,000 or a suspension exceeding 10 days, any complaint relating thereto shall be appealable from the decision of the President and

Chief Operating Officer to the Commissioner for determination in the same manner and with the same effect as provided in paragraph 1(b) of Section A hercof.

D. Grievances Initiated or Appealed by a Club

Step 1. Any Club which believes it has a justifiable Grievance shall present a written notice of the Grievance to the Player with a copy to the Association, provided, however, that for a Grievance to be considered beyond Step 1, such written notice shall be presented within (a) 45 days from the date of the occurrence upon which the Grievance is based, or (b) 45 days from the date on which the facts of the matter became known or reasonably should have become known to the Club, whichever is later. Within 10 days following receipt of such written notice, the Player shall advise the Club in writing of his decision and shall furnish a copy to the LRD. If the decision of the Player is not appealed further within 15 days of its receipt, the Grievance shall be considered settled on the basis of that decision and shall not be eligible for further appeal.

Step 2. A Grievance, to be considered in Step 2, shall be appealed in writing by the Club or the LRD to the Association within 15 days following receipt of the Player's written decision. The Grievance shall be discussed within 10 days thereafter between representatives of the LRD and representatives of the Association in an attempt to settle it. Within 10 days following such discussion, the Association shall advise the LRD in writing of its decision. If the decision of the Association is not appealed further within 15 days of its receipt, the Grievance shall be considered settled on the basis of that decision and shall not be eligible for further appeal.

Grievances which involve (a) more than one Club, (b) more than one Player, or (c) a Player who is not under contract to a Club which is party to the Grievance, may be filed initially in Step 2, provided that written notice of the Grievance shall be presented to the Association within (a) 30 days from the date of the occurrence upon which the Grievance is based, or (b) 30 days from the date on which the facts of the matter became known or reasonably should have become known to the Club, whichever is later.

Arbitration. Within 15 days following receipt of the Step 2 decision of the Association, the LRD may appeal the Grievance in writing to the Panel Chairman for impartial arbitration. The procedures to be followed in arbitration and the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Panel shall be as set forth in Section B above.

Nothing contained in this Section D shall be deemed to limit or impair the right of any Club to impose discipline upon a Player or Players or to take any other action not inconsistent with the Uniform Player's Contract or any agreement with the Association to which the Club is a Party. Any complaint or dispute which may be a subject for discipline shall not constitute a proper basis for a Club Grievance under this Section D.

E. Grievances Initiated or Appealed by the Association

- (1) The Association may on its own motion appeal Grievances or complaints on behalf of a Player or Players as provided in this Grievance Procedure, except that the Association will not appeal a Grievance or complaint involving player discipline without the approval of the Player or Players concerned.
- (2) The Association may on its own motion initiate Grievances or complaints on behalf of a Player or Players on all matters not involving player discipline. Nothing herein shall interfere with the right of a Player who initiates a disciplinary Grievance or complaint to be represented by the Association at any Step of the Grievance Procedure.

F. Miscellaneous

- (1) Each of the time limits set forth herein may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties involved.
- (2) If any Grievance is not processed in accordance with the prescribed time limits in any Step, unless an extension of time has been mutually agreed upon, either party, after notifying the other party of its intent in writing, may appeal to the next Step.
- (3) Any decision which is appealable under this Grievance Procedure but which is not appealed within the time allowed or within

any time mutually agreed upon by the parties shall constitute a full, final and complete disposition of the Grievance involved.

(4) In any discussion or hearing provided for in the Grievance Procedure, a Player may be accompanied by a representative of the Association who may participate in such discussion or hearing and represent the Player. In any such discussion or hearing, any other party may be accompanied by a representative who may participate in such discussion or hearing and represent such party.

G. Survival Following Termination of Basic Agreement

Unless eliminated or modified following an impasse in bargaining, Article XI shall remain in full force and effect after termination of this Agreement; provided, however, that disputes arising after the termination of this Agreement related to the legality or validity of unilateral changes of terms and conditions of employment following an impasse in bargaining and any other self-help conduct of the Parties, including but not limited to, unilateral changes in nonmandatory subjects of bargaining, shall not be subject to Article XI.

ARTICLE XII—Discipline

A. Just Cause

The Parties recognize that a Player may be subjected to disciplinary action for just cause by his Club, the Vice President, On-Field Operations or the Commissioner. Therefore, in Grievances regarding discipline, the issue to be resolved shall be whether there has been just cause for the penalty imposed.

If discipline imposed upon a Player is determined to be improper by reason of a final decision under this Grievance Procedure, the Player shall promptly be made whole.

The term "make whole" means:

- (1) if a fine is found to have been imposed improperly, the fine will be promptly repaid;
- (2) any salary loss as a result of an improper suspension will be promptly paid;

- (3) in the application of items (1) and (2) above, interest will also be paid at the rate per annum set forth in Article XV(K) below; and
- (4) crediting the Player with performance statistics for the purpose of determining whether a performance level contained in any special covenant to his Uniform Player's Contract has been met. Such credit shall be determined by multiplying the Player's relevant average per game statistic while he was on a Club's Active List for the current championship season by the number of games for which the Arbitration Panel determines the Player was improperly suspended and adding that product to the Player's year-end total. Such credit shall not be awarded to a Player for such time that his suspension covers time the Player is on the Disabled List.

B. Notice

Written notice of discipline of a Player (a.fine, or suspension, or both) imposed by the Commissioner of Baseball, the Vice President, On-Field Operations, or a Club (except for actions arising from participation in the Winter Leagues) and the reason therefore shall in every case be given to the Player and the Association.

With respect to discipline imposed upon a Player by the Vice President, On-Field Operations or the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall immediately give to the Association notice by mail of fines, and facsimile notice of suspension and of an appeal for a hearing.

C. Discovery

A Player who is disciplined shall have the right to discover, in timely fashion, all documents and evidence adduced during any investigation of the charges involved.

D. Compliance

(1) Nothing contained in this Grievance Procedure shall excuse a Player from prompt compliance with any discipline imposed upon him.

(2) Payment of Fines

- (a) <u>Club Fines</u>. A fine imposed by a Club pursuant to Regulation 5 of the Uniform Player's Contract in excess of \$1,000 may not be deducted from the Player's salary until such fine is finally upheld in the Grievance Procedure or the time in which to file a Grievance has expired.
- (b) Fines Imposed by the Vice President, On-Field Operations or Commissioner. A fine imposed by the Vice President, On-Field Operations or the Commissioner in an amount of \$2,000 or less shall continue to be payable when imposed. Fines in an amount greater than \$2,000 shall be payable only when such fine becomes final. When a fine imposed by the Vice President, On-Field Operations or the Commissioner becomes final, the Player's employing Club is authorized, at the request of the Vice President, On-Field Operations, or the Commissioner in the case of a fine imposed by the Commissioner, to deduct the amount of the fine from the Player's salary and transmit such sum to the Commissioner.

E. Investigations

Except where circumstances require expeditious handling, the Player and the Association shall receive reasonable advance notice of any investigatory interview with a Player. Where circumstances requiring expeditious handling are present, the Player and the Association shall receive as much advance notice as is possible, but in no event shall the Association receive less notice than the Player. All parties recognize the right of the Player to be represented at such interview by the Association and counsel of his choice.

F. Major League Rules 15 and 16

The following time limit provisions set forth in Major League Rules 15 and 16 shall be inapplicable in disciplinary matters:

(1) the prohibition in Rule 16(a) against reinstatement of a Player on the Restricted, Disqualified and Ineligible Lists in the period August 1 to October 31, inclusive;

- (2) the prohibition in Rules 15(c)(1) and 16(c) against application for reinstatement from the Ineligible List until after the lapse of one year from the date of placement on such list; and
- (3) the requirement of Rule 16(a) that the Player's Club shall be entitled to 30 days' written notice prior to his reinstatement from the Disqualified or Ineligible Lists, if application for such reinstatement is filed after February 1 of any year.

ARTICLE XIII—Safety and Health

A. Safety and Health Advisory Committee

(1) Safety and Health Advisory Committee

The Parties shall establish and maintain a bipartisan Safety and Health Advisory Committee which shall be comprised of an equal number of members representing the Association and representing the Clubs. The purpose of the Committee shall be

- (a) to deal with emergency safety and health problems as they arise, and attempt to find solutions, and
- (b) to engage in review of, planning for and maintenance of safe and healthful working conditions for Players.

(2) Committee Meetings

A meeting of the Safety and Health Advisory Committee may be called by any member thereof who believes that an emergency safety and health problem exists and requires immediate attention, and a meeting shall be held as soon as practicable thereafter. In addition, the Committee shall hold at least one regular meeting annually for purposes of review and planning.

(3) Power and Authority of Committee

The Safety and Health Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the Parties as to the solution of problems and the establishment of policies. The Committee shall use its best efforts to persuade the Parties to adopt the Committee's recommendations. The Committee, however, shall only have advisory authority and it shall not have the power to impose its views or recommendations upon the Parties.

(4) Other Rights and Remedies

Nothing herein shall diminish or interfere with any other rights and remedies the Players or the Association may pursue under the Grievance Procedure of this Agreement or under the procedures established pursuant to the Occupational Safety and Health Act. It is not a necessary prerequisite to utilization of the Grievance Procedure that the Safety and Health Advisory Committee procedures be instituted or exhausted. (See Attachment 4.)

B. Safety Complaints-Responsibility of the Commissioner

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section A, when a safety complaint is made by the Association to the Office of the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall promptly designate a representative to investigate and to attempt to resolve the problem. The Commissioner shall promptly notify the Association of the results of the investigation and of all attempts to resolve the problem.

C. Disabled List

Application by a Club to the Commissioner to place a Player on the Disabled List shall be accompanied by a Standard Form of Diagnosis. (See Attachment 5.) This Standard Form of Diagnosis shall be completed by the Club physician and shall include, as a separate item, an estimated time period for recovery. A copy of the completed Standard Form will be given to the Player and the Association. The Club physician will also complete and submit the Standard Form of Diagnosis for recertification of a Player on the Disabled List at the date when he first becomes eligible for reinstatement to active status and then every fifteen days following the date upon which the Player first became eligible for reinstatement (except for Players placed upon the Emergency Disabled List).

D. Second Medical Opinion

Within 20 days following the execution of this Agreement, the Clubs shall provide an updated, accepted listing of medical specialists, by specialty and by geographic regions, to whom Players may upon their request go for diagnosis and a second medical evaluation of an

employment related illness or injury being treated by the Club physician. At least two physicians shall be designated for each specialty in each region. Further, the Association and the Clubs shall promptly agree on appropriate procedures by which this listing of medical specialists shall be updated annually. A Player may seek a "second evaluation" from a medical specialist on the accepted listing who is located outside of the geographic region within which the Player's Club is located, provided that the Player is not absent from the Club for an unreasonable period of time.

If a Player uses the services of a medical specialist who is on the accepted listing, then the Club shall pay the cost of the "second evaluation," including transportation and hotel costs.

Expenses for "second evaluations" by medical specialists who are not on the accepted listing shall be authorized and paid only by prior mutual agreement between the Player and the Club.

E. Trainers

Each Club shall employ two trainers on a full-time basis. Both trainers will travel with the Club on the road; provided, that one trainer may remain in the Club's home city if necessary for the Club to fulfill its obligations to disabled players who do not travel with the Club.

Individuals newly appointed as trainers shall be certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) or the Canadian Athletic Therapists Association (CATA), or shall be physical therapists licensed by an appropriate state authority.

F. Locker Room Equipment

Each visiting locker room shall be equipped with the following equipment, all in good working order, and of a size and capacity adequate for the treatment of professional baseball players: whirlpool, hydroculator, ultrasound machine and examining table.

G. Medical Records

If a Player on a visiting Club receives medical treatment from the home Club's doctor, a copy of any written medical evaluation prepared by the home Club's doctor shall, when authorized by the Player, be provided to the Player and his Club doctor.

H. Location of Rehabilitation Facilities

A Club may direct a disabled Player to perform prescribed rehabilitation work for an injury at a rehabilitation facility at one of the following three sites: (a) in the Club's home city; (b) on the road with the Club; or (c) if the Player has less than five years of Major League service, at the Club's spring training facility; provided, however, that a Club may not direct that a Player perform prescribed rehabilitation work for an injury at its spring training facility for a period of more than 20 days without the Player's written consent. If such a direction to perform rehabilitation work for an injury at the Club's spring training facility is for more than ten days, then days 11 through 20, if applicable, shall reduce by each day the maximum period of a rehabilitation assignment to a Minor League club for that injury pursuant to Article XIX(C)(1). Regardless of the site of the rehabilitation facility, each Club shall provide first-class rehabilitation facilities and care to all disabled players.

I. Medical History Questionnaire

Each Club shall utilize the Medical History Questionnaire developed by the Club physicians in connection with the Club's initial physical examination of the Player. The current Medical History Questionnaire is attached hereto as Attachment 6.

ARTICLE XIV—Spring Training Conditions

A. Reporting

No Player shall be required to report for spring training workouts more than thirty-three (33) days prior to the start of the championship season, provided that:

(1) injured Players, pitchers and catchers may be invited to attend spring training workouts no earlier than forty-five (45) days prior to the start of the championship season; and

(2) all other Players may be invited to attend spring training workouts no earlier than forty (40) days prior to the start of the championship season.

B. Living Away from Club Headquarters

Any Major League Player may live away from the Club's spring training headquarters, unless the Club can demonstrate good cause for not permitting him to do so.

C. Meetings with Players

The Association shall have the right to hold one team meeting during the Players' normal working hours, with the Players on each Club in the Club's spring training clubhouse, provided the Association gives the Club involved as much advance notice as possible, but in no event less than 10 days; such meeting to be approximately 60 minutes but not more than 90 minutes in duration starting with the normal reporting time of Players on each Club but not earlier than 9:30 A.M. No "B" games shall be scheduled to conflict with such meetings.

ARTICLE XV—Miscellaneous

A. No Discrimination

The Clubs will not interfere with, restrain or coerce Players because of membership in or lawful activity on behalf of the Association, nor will they discriminate because of Association activity in regard to hire, tenure or employment or any term or condition of employment.

The provisions of this Agreement shall be applied to all Players covered by this Agreement without regard to race, color, religion or national origin.

B. Parking Facilities

Each Club shall provide or arrange for appropriate automobile parking spaces for Players and, to the extent practicable, van and small truck parking spaces for Players, at its home ballpark on game or practice days, without cost to the Players.

C. Winter League Play

No Major League Player shall be required to play in the Winter Leagues, provided that this provision shall not bar a Club from recommending the advisability of such activity to any Player.

D. College Scholarship Plan

A Major League Player for whom there is in effect on or after January 1, 1973 a valid and unexpired scholarship under the College Scholarship Plan may commence or resume his studies under the Plan at any time within two years after his last day of Major League service. If his college studies have not commenced under the Plan within two years after his last day of Major League service, his scholarship shall terminate.

Otherwise, his scholarship shall continue unless he shall fail to attend college for more than two consecutive years after his last day of Major League service, without proper reason as set forth in Major League Rule 3(c)(4)(D). Participation by a Player in Winter League or Instructional League play shall constitute proper reason for tolling the time limitation in the preceding sentence.

E. Active Player Limit

- (1) The active Player limit set forth in Major League Rule 2(c) for the period beginning with opening day of the championship season and ending at Midnight, August 31, shall be 25, provided that the minimum number of active Players maintained by each Club throughout the championship season shall be 24. However, if a reduction below 24 occurs as a result of unforeseen circumstances, the Club shall, within 48 hours (plus time necessary for the Player to report), bring its active roster back to a minimum of 24 Players. The utilization or non-utilization of rights under this paragraph (1) is an individual matter to be determined solely by each Club for its own benefit. Clubs shall not act in concert with other Clubs.
- (2) The active Player limit set forth in Major League Rule 2(c) for the period beginning with September 1 and ending with the close of the championship season shall be 40 for the duration of this Agreement.

F. Spanish Translations and ESL Courses

This Agreement and the notices listed in Attachment 7 shall be translated and printed in Spanish and shall be made available to all Spanish-speaking Players. The costs for the translation and printing shall be borne equally by the Association and the Clubs. In the event of any dispute involving the interpretation of, or compliance with, the provisions of this Agreement or these notices, the English version shall govern. Further, during each championship season covered by this Agreement, each Club will make available an English-as-a-second-language course, at its expense, provided that at least one Player on that Club requests such a course.

G. Future Expansion

During the term of this Agreement, the Clubs have the right to expand the number of Major League Clubs by adding up to two (2) new Expansion Clubs. Notice of a decision to expand by two Clubs shall promptly be given to the Association and the Association may reopen this Agreement with reference solely to the effect upon the Players of such expansion, upon the giving of 10 days' written notice.

H. Future Contraction

The Office of the Commissioner and/or the Clubs shall not undertake any centralized effort to reduce the number of Major League Clubs effective for a season covered by this Agreement. The Clubs shall, however, have the right, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Article XV(H), to reduce by as many as two (2) the number of Major League Clubs effective for the 2007 championship season.

(1) Procedure

(a) The Clubs may not take a vote relating to contraction effective for the 2007 season prior to April 1, 2006. The Clubs shall notify the Association of any decision to contract effective for the 2007 championship season no later than July 1, 2006 and, on or before that date, shall supply to the Association a tentative championship schedule for the 2007 championship season reflecting such decision.

(b) Any decision to contract effective for the 2007 championship season shall be subject to effects bargaining and such bargaining shall commence no later than July 15, 2006.

(2) Covenants of the Clubs and the Association

In the event the Clubs vote to contract effective for the 2007 championship season:

- (a) The Association, on behalf of itself and the Major League Players, shall not bring in any forum any contractual or NLRA challenge to the decision to contract (but not the effects thereof). Moreover, the Association shall not pursue, encourage, finance or assist any antitrust challenge to such decision to contract; and
- (b) The Clubs shall not contend, in any litigation related to a decision to contract effective for the 2007 championship season, that the decision to contract is a mandatory subject of bargaining under the NLRA. Notwithstanding subparagraph (a) above, the Association may intervene in any such litigation to enforce the covenant set out in this subparagraph (b).

(3) Exclusion

This Article XV(H) shall not preclude the owner or owners of an individual Club from taking action (e.g., bankruptcy) that would result in the elimination of such Club.

(4) Survival of the Basic Agreement

The Clubs and the Association expressly acknowledge and agree that this Article XV(H) shall, in all events, survive the expiration of the Basic Agreement. (See Attachment 8.)

I. Default Notice

During the term of this Agreement, the right of a Player to terminate his Uniform Player's Contract pursuant to the provisions of the first sentence of paragraph 7(a) of such Contract shall be limited to defaults or failures to perform which are material in nature; and any notice of alleged default filed by a Player under paragraph 7(a) of the Uniform Player's Contract must be filed with the Club (with a copy to the LRD)

by the Association, in writing, plainly labeled as a default notice. Should such a material breach on the part of a Club be alleged, the Club, the Player involved, the LRD and the Association will cooperate in scheduling the handling of any Grievance brought with respect to such alleged breach so that such Grievance may be submitted to arbitration on an expedited basis.

J. International Play

(1) Definition

International play is defined as any game or series of games played by a Club or Clubs (or a group or groups of Players, such as All-Star squads)

- (a) outside the United States and Canada; or
- (b) within or without the United States or Canada against a foreign club or clubs.

Championship season, All-Star, Division Series, League Championship Series and World Series games played in the United States and/or Canada shall not be considered international play.

(2) Possible. Expansion

Notwithstanding the foregoing definition of international play, if a Major League franchise is awarded to a city outside the United States and Canada, then championship season, All-Star, Division Series, League Championship Series and World Series games played in that city by such franchise shall not be considered international play.

(3) Prior Agreement Required

The Clubs agree that there will be no international play conducted anywhere in the world at any time without the prior consent of the Association, except for exhibition games during spring training and the championship season against any non-Major League club if such games are played in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico and are not part of a national or international tour by a foreign club.

(4) All International Activities Subject to Joint Cooperation

The Association and the Clubs shall cooperate with each other regarding all international activities, including but not limited to, international play, international events for which Player participation is sought by or on behalf of a Club or Clubs (such as clinics or skill competitions), international competition among nations, such as the Olympic Games, and the exploitation of international rights, such as media and sponsorship contracts. In this regard, the Association and the Clubs shall keep each other informed of contemplated or planned international activities. Further, the Association and the Clubs agree to honor reasonable requests of each other to be present when international activities are discussed with third parties. Moreover, the Association and the Clubs agree that in discussions with third parties regarding international play or international events for which Player participation is sought by or on behalf of a Club or Clubs, third parties will be advised that the Clubs cannot enter into agreements that bind the Players or the Association, and that the Association cannot enter into agreements that bind the Clubs.

(5) International Play Committee

In furtherance of joint efforts to develop the sport internationally, the Association and the LRD, on behalf of the Clubs, will designate representatives to constitute an International Play Committee within 30 days from the date of execution of this Agreement. The Executive Director of the Association and the Executive Vice President of Labor and Human Resources of the Office of the Commissioner shall serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee.

The Committee shall be kept informed by the Parties regarding all contemplated or planned international activities. The Committee shall meet at least once every calendar quarter (and more frequently, if circumstances warrant) to discuss efforts in furtherance of the international development of the sport. At each such meeting, the Association and the Clubs shall report to each other about their respective efforts regarding international activities. Further, no later than September 1 of each calendar year, the Committee shall discuss and decide upon a plan of international activities, if any, that will be jointly executed by Players and Clubs during the following year. In this regard, each of the Co-Chairs of the Committee shall designate

a Co-Operating Officer who shall be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the Committee.

(6) International Play and Events

The terms and conditions of the participation of Players in any game or games considered to be international play pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) above, or in any other international event (such as a clinic or skills competition) for which Player participation is sought by or on behalf of a Club or Clubs, shall be negotiated by the Association and the Office of the Commissioner in advance; provided that the Office of the Commissioner and the Association shall negotiate separate dates and rules to govern those Clubs and Players participating in an International Opener (see Articles V(A) and VI(C)) with the goal being to replicate as closely as possible the rights and obligations that otherwise would have existed. For each such project, all direct expenses, including, but not limited to, Player and/or Club compensation, travel costs, fees and/or prizes, shall be funded, to the extent practicable, by revenues or rights fees from third parties. The Association and the LRD shall negotiate and agree upon the budget for direct expenses on a project-by-project basis. For each such project, the Association and the LRD, on behalf of the Clubs, shall each be entitled to direct the distribution of one-half of any of the remaining revenues or rights fees from third parties after payment of direct expenses. This paragraph (6) does not address any licensing issues.

K. Interest Rate

A uniform annual interest rate, equal to the total of the prime interest rate in effect at The J.P. Morgan Chase Bank on the immediately preceding November 1, plus one percent, rounded to the nearest full percentage point, shall be applied with respect to the following matters:

- (1) the calculation of the "discounted present value" referred to in Article VI(A)(4) above, unless the Club and Player mutually agree otherwise;
- (2) the calculation of the "present value" referred to in Article IX(F)(1)(b) above;

- (3) the calculation of the interest referred to in Article XII(A)(3) above;
- (4) the calculation of the "present value" referred to in Article XVI below.

L. Players Association Tickets

The Association shall have the right to purchase 12 tickets for the All-Star Game, the Division Series, the League Championship Series and the World Series which tickets shall not be used for commercial purposes. Such tickets will be for seats located between first base and home plate or home plate and third base on field level or the first level above field level, except the Clubs will not require the holders of full regular season ticket plans to be relocated.

M. Family and Medical Leave Act

The Clubs will comply with the requirements of the Family and Medical Leave Act (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.).

ARTICLE XVI—Deferred Compensation

There shall be no limitations on either the amount of deferred compensation or the percentage of total compensation attributable to deferred compensation for which a Uniform Player's Contract may provide.

Deferred compensation obligations incurred in a Contract executed after December 31, 1985 but before September 30, 2002 must be fully funded, in an amount equal to the present value of the total deferred compensation obligation, on or before the third January 1 following the championship season in which the deferred compensation is earned. Deferred compensation obligations incurred in a Contract executed on or after September 30, 2002 must be fully funded, in an amount equal to the present value of the total deferred compensation obligation, on or before the second July 1 following the championship season in which the deferred compensation is earned.

Notwithstanding the above funding requirement, each Club shall be entitled to a deductible amount of deferred compensation which need

not be funded. Such amount, for the term of this Agreement, shall be \$2,000,000 of the present value of the aggregate deferred compensation obligations owed by a Club pursuant to Uniform Player's Contracts executed after September 30, 2002. Unless the Uniform Player's Contract provides otherwise, a Club may fund deferred compensation obligations in such manner as it elects; provided that in all events the funding method used by the Club must be such that the amount(s) funded are exclusively for the uses and purposes of satisfying the deferred compensation obligation(s) being funded; provided further that such amount(s) funded are subject to the claims of the Club's general creditors; and provided further that each Club shall certify to the Office of the Commissioner by July 31 of each year (and the Office of the Commissioner shall provide such certifications to the Association by September 1 of such year) the manner in which its deferred compensation obligations that were required to be funded by July 1 of that year have been funded. In addition, by each July 31, each Club shall provide to the Office of the Commissioner all records relating to its deferred compensation funding arrangements, and the Office of the Commissioner shall supply any such records to the Association upon request.

ARTICLE XVII—Existing Agreements

The Parties recognize that there are existing agreements between a Major League Club or Clubs and the Players or the Association, and between either of the Major Leagues separately and the Players or the Association. The Parties reaffirm such agreements and incorporate them as part of this Agreement insofar as they are not inconsistent with this Agreement. Such agreements shall be considered agreements between the Association and the Clubs or any of them for the purpose of the Grievance Procedure provided for in Article XI hereof.

The following three agreements between the Clubs and the Association shall not be incorporated as part of this Agreement and shall not be affected by the adoption of this Agreement:

- (a) The Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan;
- (b) The Agreement Re Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan; and
 - (c) The Agreement regarding dues check-off.

ARTICLE XVIII—Rule Changes

If during the term of this Agreement any Major League Rule, or other rule or regulation is proposed to be changed, the Clubs agree that they shall give the Association notice thereof, and shall negotiate the proposed change with the Association, provided that the obligation to negotiate with the Association provided by this Article XVIII shall apply only to (a) a change in a Player benefit under an existing rule or regulation and (b) the adoption of a rule or regulation which would change a Player benefit under an existing rule or regulation or impose an obligation upon the Players which had not previously existed. Except as specifically provided in this Article XVIII, the right of the Clubs to make any rule change whatsoever shall not be impaired or limited in any way, provided that the Clubs shall not make any change which is inconsistent with the provisions of any then existing agreement between the Clubs and the Association.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, if during the term of this Agreement any playing or scoring rule is proposed to be changed, the Clubs agree that they shall give the Association notice thereof, and shall negotiate the proposed change with the Association, provided that the obligation to negotiate with the Association shall apply only to changes which significantly affect terms and conditions of employment. Such proposals to change playing or scoring rules shall normally be made only during the off-season. If the Clubs and the Association fail to reach agreement on a proposed change which is subject to negotiation, the proposed change shall not be put into effect until the completion of the next complete succeeding season (including the Division Series, League Championship Series and World Series) following the date the change was proposed.

ARTICLE XIX—Assignment of Player Contracts

A. Consent to Assignment

(1) The contract of a Player with ten or more years of Major League service, the last five of which have been with one Club, shall not be assignable to another Major League Club without the Player's written consent. No consent from a Player shall be considered effective until twenty-four hours from the Club's request to the

Player for such consent. At his sole election, however, a Player may, at the time he signs a multi-year contract with a Club, waive the right to prevent an assignment of his contract under this Section A(1), provided that the multi-year contract (a) is signed before the Player has attained ten or more years of Major League service, the last five of which have been with one Club, and (b) contains a notrade provision that, at a minimum, limits the Club's right to assign the Player's contract, during each of its years, to no more than sixteen (16) Clubs designated or subsequently to be designated by the Player.

- (2) (a) The contract of a Player with five or more years of Major League service, not including service while on the Military List (or seven or more years of Major League service, including service while on the Military List), shall not be assigned otherwise than to another Major League Club, without the Player's written consent.
- (b) Not earlier than 4 days prior to the contemplated date of an assignment requiring the Player's consent under subparagraph (a) above, or 8 days, if the Player has no options remaining or if the assignment is during the period from the close of the championship season to the opening of spring training, the Club shall give written notice to the Player, with a copy to the Association, which shall advise the Player that he may (i) consent to the assignment, (ii) refuse the assignment or (iii) elect to become a free agent. Additionally, the notice shall advise that in the event that the Player consents to the assignment, he may elect free agency between the end of the then current Major League season and the next following October 15, unless he is returned to a Major League roster prior to making such election.

The Player shall also be informed in the notice that, within the 3 days after the date of the notice, or 8 days, if during the period from the close of the championship season to the opening of spring training, he must advise the Club in writing as to his decision to consent to the assignment or to elect to become a free agent. A failure on the part of the Player to respond to the notice shall constitute a refusal of the assignment. No response from the

Player shall be considered effective until twenty-four hours from his receipt of the Club's notice.

- (c) A Player who elects to become a free agent under this paragraph (2) shall immediately be eligible to negotiate and contract with any Club without any restrictions or qualifications. Such Player shall not be entitled to receive termination pay. Such a free agent shall receive transportation and travel expenses in the same manner as he would if he had been unconditionally released except that he shall be limited to receiving travel expenses to his new club if he reports to it directly, provided such expenses are less than to his home city.
- (3) Any Player who has a right to refuse the assignment of his contract under paragraph 2(a) above may grant consent to an assignment of his contract in advance of any specific contemplated assignment if such consent (a) is granted not more than ten (10) days prior to the start of the championship season for which the consent is given, (b) is in writing, (c) designates the assignee Club and (d) requires that the assignment take place within 45 days from the start of the championship season or the date on which the consent is granted, whichever is later. The Club shall provide a copy of the Player's consent to the Association contemporaneously upon the Club's receipt of such consent. No Club shall attempt to secure, by any Major League terms included in a Minor League Uniform Player Contract, an advance consent to an assignment to a Minor League Club, and any consent so secured shall have no force or effect.

B. Assignment to Minor League club

When a Player's contract is assigned from a Major League Club to a Minor League club, the rights and benefits of such Player that do, and do not, follow him to the Minor Leagues shall be in accordance with past practices. Additionally, such a Player shall retain the right, if any, to become a free agent, or to require the assignment of his contract, which he possessed under his then current Major League contract as provided in Article XX hereof, which right shall not be diminished or interfered with as a result of such assignment or the signing by the Player of a Minor League contract, provided that such right shall terminate if and when such Player signs a Minor League contract following the time when his free agency rights arise under Article XX.

C. Disabled List-Assignment to Minor League club

(1) There shall be no assignment of a Player by a Major League Club to a Minor League club while such Player is on a Major League Disabled List; provided, however, that with the Player's written consent, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Association, and with the approval of the Commissioner, a Player on the Disabled List may be assigned to a Minor League club for up to a maximum of twenty days (thirty days for pitchers) for each injury, or reoccurrence of an injury, for the purpose of rehabilitation, subject to the limits contained in Article XIII(H). Separate consent shall be required for a rehabilitation assignment for a new injury or a reoccurrence of an injury. No consent shall be effective for longer than twenty days (thirty days for pitchers).

Players may not be reinstated from the Disabled List for purposes of assignment to a Minor League club until they are ready to play. Players who are injured and not able to play may not be assigned to a Minor League club in lieu of placement on the Disabled List.

- (2) Notwithstanding Section C(1) above, a Player who is injured and not able to play may be assigned to a Minor League club:
 - (a) During the period immediately following the close of the championship season and before the filing of Major League Reserve Lists under Major League Rule 2(a), if:
 - (i) the Player's Major League Uniform Player's Contract does not cover the next succeeding season; and
 - (ii) the Player, if he otherwise would have been eligible for salary arbitration as a "Super Two" Player (see Article VI(F)(1)), may elect free agency under the procedures contained in Article XX(D) in lieu of accepting the assignment; provided, however, that a Player who accepts the assignment shall not have a right, by virtue of such acceptance, to elect free agency between the end of the then next succeeding championship season and the next following October 15; and
 - (iii) the Major League Club offers the player a Minor League salary for the following season which does not constitute a reduction in excess of 20% of the player's previous

year's salary or in excess of 30% of his salary two years previous. (See Article VI(D)(1).)

A player who would become a Minor League free agent as a result of the assignment shall have a period of three business days following the date of the assignment in which to accept the Club's offer before he becomes a Minor League free agent. (See Major League Rule 55.) If the player does not accept the offer within this period, he shall automatically become a Minor League free agent and the Club's offer shall automatically be deemed withdrawn.

- (b) During the period immediately following the close of the championship season and before the 15th day prior to the start of the next championship season, if:
 - (i) the Player has less than three years of Major League service:
 - (ii) the contemplated assignment would not be the Player's second (or subsequent) career outright assignment since March 19, 1990;
 - (iii) the Player had no Major League service the prior championship season; and
 - (iv) the Player was not selected by the assignor Major League Club in the immediately preceding Rule 5 Draft.
- (3) Any service with a Minor League club while on rehabilitation assignment shall be deemed to be Major League service as defined in Article XXI. A Player so assigned shall continue to receive his Major League salary and the other rights and benefits of such Player shall be in accordance with past practices relating to assignments to Minor League clubs; provided, however, that all such players shall be treated as if they were Major League Players on the road for purposes of hotel accommodations and the daily meal and tip allowance. Such assignment shall not be counted as an optional assignment under Major League Rule 11 or for any other purpose, and waivers shall not be required.

D. Foreign Assignments

Except for the return of conditional assignments from outside the United States and Canada, the contract of a Player shall not be assigned otherwise than within the United States and Canada, without the Player's written consent.

E. Optional Assignments

If a Player is optionally assigned for a total of less than 20 days in one championship season, such optional assignment(s) shall not count as an optional assignment in connection with the limitation upon optional assignments provided for in Major League Rule 11(c). (See Article XXI(B).)

For purposes of counting days on option, the date of the optional assignment shall be counted and the date of recall shall not be counted, provided that the date of recall shall be counted if the recall takes place after the start of any Minor League game in which the Player was eligible to play.

F. Waivers

Any assignment of a Player contract must conform to the rules regarding waivers contained in Major League Rule 10.

In addition, each Friday, not later than 3 P.M. E.D.T., the Office of the Commissioner shall notify the Association, by facsimile transmission, of all waiver requests and their disposition. Notification shall include:

- (1) the date on which the waiver request was made;
- (2) the date of expiration of the waiver period;
- (3) if the waiver period has expired, whether or not claims were filed;
- (4) if claims are not filed, the period for which waivers have been granted; and
- (5) if claims were filed, whether or not the Club requesting waivers has withdrawn its request. In the event claims were filed and the Club requesting waivers has withdrawn its request, the Office of the Commissioner need not identify the claiming Club or Clubs.

G. Designated Player

A Player who is in the status of a "designated player" under Major League Rule 2(k) shall, during the period he is in such status, be

- (1) paid at the rate of his Major League salary and
- (2) credited with Major League service.

A Club that desires to unconditionally release a Player who is in the status of a "designated player" under Major League Rule 2(k) shall request the necessary waivers by 2 P.M. on the eighth day following such designation; provided, however, that if the eighth day falls on a non-business day, the Club shall request such waivers not later than 2 P.M. on the next business day.

H. Unconditional Release

Notwithstanding the provisions of Major League Rule 8 and paragraph 7(d) of the Uniform Player's Contract, the following procedure may be used to give notice to a Player in connection with his unconditional release.

At the same time the Club advises a Player in writing that the Club has requested waivers for the purpose of unconditional release, and the date on which the waiver request will expire, the Player shall advise the Club in writing of the address and telephone number to which the Club should telephone or telegraph notice of termination to the Player upon the expiration of the waiver period. If the Player fails to supply a telephone number or address, the Club may use the most recent address or telephone number the Player has supplied the Club.

Upon the expiration of the waiver period, the Club shall either give notice to the Player by telephone or by sending a telegraph notice of termination to the Player. In addition, the Player may make a collect telephone call to the Club to determine whether his contract has been claimed.

I. Forms

In any case in which a Player's consent must be secured prior to the assignment of his contract (see Article XIX(A)(1), Article XIX(A)(2)(a),

Article XIX(A)(3) and Article XIX(C)(1)) or in which a Player may elect free agency in lieu of accepting the outright assignment of his contract (see Article XX(D)(1) and (2)), the form given to the Player must include the Player's name in typewritten form.

ARTICLE XX—Reserve System

A. Reservation Rights Of Clubs

Subject to the rights of Players as set forth in this Agreement, each Club may have title to and reserve up to 40 Player contracts. A Club shall retain title to a contract and reservation rights until one of the following occurs:

- (1) The Player becomes a free agent, as set forth in this Agreement;
 - (2) The Player becomes a free agent as a result of
 - (a) termination of the contract by the Club pursuant to paragraph 7(b) thereof,
 - (b) termination of the contract by the Player pursuant to paragraph 7(a) thereof,
 - (c) failure by the Office of the Commissioner to convey to the Player, by Central Tender Letter submitted to the Association, the Club's tender of a new contract within the time period specified in paragraph 10(a) of the contract (see Attachment 9), or
 - (d) failure by the Club to exercise its right to renew the contract within the time period specified in paragraph 10(a) thereof; or
 - (3) The contract is assigned outright by the Club.

On or before December 20 (or if a Sunday, then on or before December 18) the Office of the Commissioner shall satisfy the Clubs' tender obligations pursuant to paragraph 10(a) of the Uniform Player's Contract by submitting to the Association a letter listing, by Club, the Players to whom each Club is tendering a contract for the term of the next year ("Central Tender Letter"). The Central Tender Letter shall, consistent with Article VI(B) and Article VI(D), include for each Player so

tendered the salary or salaries, performance bonuses and/or other terms, if any, offered by the Club. The Central Tender Letter also shall separately list, also by Club, those players who have not been tendered a contract for the term of the next year.

With the exception of an untimely tender or renewal, any inadvertent error in the tendering or renewal of a contract shall result in free agency under paragraph (2)(c) or (2)(d) above, whichever is applicable, only if the Player has first given the Club written notice that the tendered or renewed Contract does not conform to the requirements of Article VI of this Agreement and the Club has not retendered or reexercised a renewal in conformance with all applicable rules within seven (7) days after receipt by the Club of written notice of such defect. In the event of an untimely tender or renewal, the Player shall immediately become a free agent under paragraph (2)(c) or (2)(d) above, whichever is applicable, and the Club shall have no right to cure such a tender or renewal. (But see Article VI(A)(7).)

A Club may also reserve, under separate headings on a Reserve List, Players who properly have been placed on the Voluntarily Retired List, the Military List, the Suspended List, the Restricted List, the Disqualified List or the Ineligible List. (See Attachments 10, 11 and 12.)

B. Free Agency

(1) Eligibility

Following the completion of the term of his Uniform Player's Contract, any Player with 6 or more years of Major League service who has not executed a contract for the next succeeding season shall be eligible to become a free agent, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Section B.

(2) Procedure

The procedure set forth in this paragraph (2) shall apply to Players eligible to become free agents pursuant to paragraph (1) above. Players who otherwise become free agents under this Agreement shall be eligible to negotiate and contract with any Club without any restrictions or qualifications and the Clubs signing such free

agents shall do so without regard to the quota provision of this Section B.

- (a) A Player eligible to become a free agent under paragraph (1) above may give notice of his election of free agency within the 15 day period beginning on October 15 (or the day following the last game of the World Series, whichever is later). Election of free agency shall be communicated by telephone or any other method of communication by the Player to the Association. Written notice of such election shall then be given within the specified time limits by the Association, on behalf of the Player, to a designated representative of the LRD and, effective upon receipt, the Player shall become a free agent.
- (b) During the period beginning on the day the Player becomes a free agent and ending on the expiration of the free agency election period as defined above in subparagraph (a), any Club representative and any free agent or his representative may talk with each other and discuss the merits of the free agent contracting, when eligible therefor, with the Club, provided, however, that the Club and the free agent shall not negotiate terms or contract with each other. The following subjects are among those which may properly be discussed between any Club and such Player:
 - (i) the Player's interest in playing for the Club, and the Club's interest in having the Player play for it;
 - (ii) the Club's plans about how it intends to utilize the Player's services (as a starting pitcher or reliever, as a designated hitter or not, platooning, etc.);
 - (iii) the advantages and disadvantages of playing for the Club including the nature of the organization, the climate of the city, availability of suitable housing, etc.;
 - (iv) length of contract;
 - (v) guarantee provisions;
 - (vi) no-trade or limited no-trade provisions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the free agent and his former Club may engage in negotiations and enter into a contract during said period. Should they enter into a contract during said period, the Club shall be deemed not to have signed a free agent for purposes of paragraph (5) of this Section B.

(c) Players who become free agents pursuant to this Section B shall, upon compliance with the notice provisions of the above subparagraph (a) and the expiration of the free agency election period, be eligible to negotiate and contract with any Club, subject to the provisions of this Section B.

(3) Rights of Former Club to Sign Free Agent

The following provision shall apply only to those Players who become free agents under this Section B.

The former Club of a free agent, no later than by the December 7 following the free agency election period, may offer to proceed with the Player to salary arbitration under Article VI of this Agreement, for the next following season. The Club's offer shall be communicated to the LRD, which shall notify the Association in writing. Said offer shall be effective upon receipt by the Association and the Club will not be permitted to retract the offer. If the former Club of the free agent does not so offer, it shall not be entitled and shall lose all rights to negotiate with, and sign, the free agent, until the succeeding May 1.

On or before December 19, the Player may accept the Club's offer to arbitrate. The Player's acceptance shall be communicated to the Association, which shall notify the LRD. The Player's failure to accept the Club's offer on or before December 19 shall be deemed to constitute rejection of the offer.

If the Player accepts the offer to arbitrate, he shall be a signed player for the next season and the parties will conduct a salary arbitration proceeding under Article VI, provided, however, that the rules concerning maximum salary reduction set forth in Article VI shall be inapplicable and the parties shall be required to exchange figures on the last day established for the exchange of salary arbitration figures under Article VI. The Club shall be deemed not to have signed a free agent for purposes of paragraph (5) of this Sec-

tion B when a Player accepts salary arbitration pursuant to this paragraph (3).

If the Player does not accept the former Club's offer to proceed to salary arbitration as provided above, the former Club, after the succeeding January 8, shall not be entitled and shall lose all rights to negotiate with or sign the Player, until the succeeding May 1.

(4) Compensation

- (a) The former Club of a Player who: (i) became a free agent under this Section B; and (ii) ranks as a Type A, B or C Player as defined below, shall be entitled to receive compensation subject to the provisions of subparagraph (c) below. Such compensation shall consist solely of the amateur draft choices described in subparagraph (c) below and shall be awarded in the Major League Rule 4 Draft succeeding the Player's election of free agency.
- (b) A Type A, B or C Player shall be a Player who became a free agent under this Section and who ranks as a Type A, B or C Player under the statistical system of ranking Players set forth in the document entitled "A Statistical System for the Ranking of Players," using statistics based on a two-year average for each respective position group.

Type A Players: A Type A Player shall be a Player who ranks in the upper thirty percent (30%) of his respective position group.

Type B Players: A Type B Player shall be a Player who ranks in the upper fifty percent (50%) but not in the upper thirty percent (30%) of his respective position group.

Type C Players: A Type C Player shall be a Player who ranks in the upper sixty percent (60%) but not in the upper fifty percent (50%) of his respective position group.

(c) A Type A, B or C Player shall be subject to compensation only if (i) he is offered salary arbitration by his former Club on or before December 7 pursuant to Section B(3) of this Article XX and signs a contract with another Club; or (ii) he signs a contract with another Club prior to December 7. Further, a Type C Player shall not be subject to compensation if he (iii) has not signed a Uniform Player's Contract or reached agreement on terms as of the March 1 suc-

ceeding his election of free agency; or (iv) has previously elected free agency under this Section B (or under Article XVII(B)(2) of the 1976 Basic Agreement, or under Article XVIII(B)(2) of the 1980 Basic Agreement as amended, or under Article XX(B)(2) of the 1990 Basic Agreement or under Article XX(B)(2) of the 1997 Basic Agreement); or (v) has 12 or more years of credited Major League service.

For such Type A Players, compensation to the Player's former Club shall be an amateur draft choice ("Regular Draft Choice") of the signing Club and an added amateur draft choice ("Special Draft Choice") in the Major League Rule 4 Draft. For such Type B Players, compensation to the Player's former Club shall be a Regular Draft Choice of the signing Club in the Major League Rule 4 Draft. For such Type C Players, compensation to the Player's former Club shall be a Special Draft Choice in the Major League Rule 4 Draft.

(d) The Regular Draft Choice of the signing Club described in subparagraph (c) above shall be assigned as follows. If the signing Club is among the first half of selecting Clubs, then the choice to be assigned for the highest ranking free agent Player signed by such Club shall be its second choice, with choices in the next following rounds to be assigned as compensation for the signing of the other Players in descending order of ranking. If the signing Club is among the second half of selecting Clubs, then such compensation shall begin with the Club's first choice.

The Special Draft Choices described in subparagraph (c) above to be awarded to the former Club shall be made as follows. If the Club has lost a Type A Player, it shall be awarded an additional draft choice to be made immediately following the first complete round of the draft and preceding the commencement of the second round. Clubs which have lost Type A Players shall make their choices in the reverse order of their won-lost percentage in the preceding season. Ties shall be broken by lot. If the Club has lost a Type C Player, it shall be awarded a draft choice to be made immediately following the second complete round of the draft and preceding the commencement of the third round. Clubs which have lost Type C Players shall make their choices in the reverse order of their won-lost percentage in the preceding season. Ties shall be broken by lot.

(5) Quota

- (a) Clubs shall be limited in the number of Type A and B Players, as defined below, they may subsequently sign to contracts. The number of signings permitted shall be related to the number of Players electing free agency under this Section B. If there are 14 or less such Players, no Club may sign more than one Type A or B Player. If there are from 15 to 38 such Players, no Club may sign more than two Type A or B Players. If there are from 39 to 62 such Players, no Club may sign more than three Type A or B Players. If there are more than 62 such Players, the Club quotas shall be increased accordingly. There shall be no restrictions on the number of unranked Players which a Club may sign to contracts.
- (b) Irrespective of the provisions of subparagraph (a) above, a Club shall be eligible to sign at least as many Type A and B Players as it may have lost through Players having become free agents under this Section at the close of the season just concluded.

(6) Miscellaneous

- (a) Any Club signing a contract after the expiration of the election period with a Player under this Section B may not assign his contract until after the next June 15. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, such contract may be assigned for other Player contracts and/or cash consideration of \$50,000 or less prior to the next June 16 if the Player gives written consent to such transaction.
- (b) There shall be no restriction or interference with the right of a free agent to negotiate or contract with any baseball club outside the structure of organized baseball, nor shall there be any compensation paid for the loss of a free agent except as provided for in this Section B.

C. Right to Require Assignment of Contract

(1) Eligibility

Any Player who has 5 or more years of Major League service at the time of the assignment of his contract and whose contract covers the next succeeding season, may elect, at the conclusion of the season following the assignment, to require that his contract be assigned to another Club. If the Player, however, subsequently signs a contract with the assignee Club, the Player shall not be eligible to require that Club to assign his contract if the contract executed with the assignee Club covers the next succeeding season. A Player who requires the assignment of his contract pursuant to this Section C shall not be entitled to receive a Moving Allowance.

(2) Procedure

- (a) Notice. A Player may exercise his right to require the assignment of his contract by giving notice as hereinafter provided within the 15 day period beginning on October 15 (or the day following the last game of the World Series, whichever is later). Election to require the assignment of his contract shall be communicated by telephone or any other method of communication by the Player to the Association. Written notice thereof shall then be given within the specified time limits by the Association, on behalf of the Player, to a designated representative of the LRD, and shall become effective upon receipt.
- (b) <u>Player Veto Rights</u>. At the time notice is given as provided in subparagraph (a) above, the Player may also designate not more than 6 Clubs which he will not accept as assignee of his contract, and the Player's Club shall be bound to assign his contract thereafter to a Club not on such list.
- (c) Free Agency if Assignment Not Made. If the Player's Club fails to assign his contract, as set forth in this Section C, on or before March 15, the Player shall become a free agent immediately eligible to negotiate a contract with any Club without any restrictions or qualifications. The Player shall not be deemed to have exercised his right to demand a trade, for purposes of paragraph (5) below, and the Club signing such a free agent shall do so without regard to the compensation and quota provisions of Section B. A Player who becomes a free agent pursuant to this subparagraph shall not be entitled to receive termination pay. Such a free agent shall receive transportation and travel expenses in the same manner as he would have if he had been unconditionally released except he shall be limited to receiving travel expenses to his new Club if he reports to it directly, provided such expenses are less than to his home city.

(3) Retraction by Player

A Player who has elected to exercise his right to require an assignment of his contract may retract such election on or before March 15, by providing, by hand or by facsimile transmission, written notice to his Club, provided that such written notice must be provided prior to the time written notice is provided, by hand or by facsimile transmission, to him (or to his certified agent and to the Association in the event facsimile transmission is used) by his Club notifying him that his contract has been assigned. If such a Player has 10 or more years of Major League service, the last 5 of which have been with one Club, he shall, upon such retraction, be deemed to relinquish his right to approve any assignment of his contract to another Major League Club which is completed within 60 days after such retraction or until March 15, whichever is later. A Player who retracts his election shall be deemed not to have exercised his right to require an assignment for purposes of paragraph (5) below.

(4) Waiver by Player

At his sole election, a Player may, at the time he signs a multiyear contract with a Club, waive the right to require the assignment of his contract under this Section C, provided that the Player's contract with the signing Club contains a no-trade provision which limits the signing Club's right to assign the Player's contract to no more than sixteen (16) Clubs designated or subsequently to be designated by the Player.

(5) Repeater Rights

Any Player whose contract is assigned as a result of a trade required pursuant to this Section C, until he has completed an additional 3 years of Major League service, shall not subsequently be eligible to exercise his right to (i) require the assignment of his contract or (ii) become a free agent, subject to subparagraphs (a) through (c) below.

(a) Any Club that retains reservation rights to a Player for a succeeding championship season by virtue of the provisions of this paragraph (5) shall notify such Player, at any time within the first five (5) days of the free agency election period described in

Section B(2) of this Article XX, whether the Club offers to proceed with the Player to salary arbitration for the succeeding season. The Club's offer shall be communicated to the LRD, which shall notify the Association in writing. Said offer shall be effective upon receipt by the Association and the Club will not be permitted to retract the offer.

- (b) In the event the Club notifies the Player of such a salary arbitration offer, the Club shall be required to tender a contract to the Player for the succeeding season and the Player may elect salary arbitration in the same manner and at the same time as other Players, as provided in Article VI(F). If a Player who is offered salary arbitration is released pursuant to paragraph 7(b)(2) of the Uniform Player's Contract prior to the date he is actually tendered a Contract, he shall receive termination pay in accordance with the provisions of Article IX(A), computed at a rate not less than his previous year's salary.
- (c) In the event the Club fails to notify the Player in writing of a salary arbitration offer within the first five (5) days of the free agency election period described in Section B(2) of this Article XX, the Player thereafter may elect free agency pursuant to Section B of this Article XX without any restrictions or qualifications. The Club signing the Player shall do so without regard to the compensation and quota provisions of Section B of this Article XX.

D. Outright Assignment to Minor League club

(1) Election of Free Agency-3-Year Player

Any Player who has at least 3 years of Major League service and whose contract is assigned outright to a Minor League club may elect, in lieu of accepting such assignment, to become a free agent. In the event that such Player does not elect free agency in lieu of accepting such assignment, he may elect free agency between the end of the then current Major League season and the next following October 15, unless such Player is returned to a Major League roster prior to making such election.

(2) Election of Free Agency-Second Outright Assignment

Any Player whose contract is assigned outright to a Minor League club for the second time or any subsequent time in his career may elect, in lieu of accepting such assignment, to become a free agent. In the event that such Player does not elect free agency in lieu of accepting such assignment, he may elect free agency between the end of the then current Major League season and the next following October 15, unless such Player is returned to a Major League roster prior to making such election.

(3) Effect of Free Agency Election

A Player who becomes a free agent under this Section D shall immediately be eligible to negotiate and contract with any Club without any restrictions or qualifications. Such Player shall not be entitled to receive termination pay. Such a free agent shall receive transportation and travel expenses in the same manner as he would if he had been unconditionally released except he shall be limited to receiving travel expenses to his new club if he reports to it directly, provided such expenses are less than to his home city.

(4) Procedure

Not earlier than 4 days prior to the contemplated date of an outright assignment, or 8 days, if the Player has no options remaining or if the assignment is during the period from the close of the championship season to the opening of spring training, the Club shall give written notice to the Player, with a copy to the Association, which shall advise the Player that he may either (a) accept the assignment or (b) elect to become a free agent, and that in the event he accepts the assignment, he may elect free agency between the end of the then current Major League season and the next following October 15, unless he is returned to a Major League roster prior to making such election. The Player shall also be informed in the notice that, within 3 days after the date of the notice, or 8 days, if during the period from the close of the championship season to the opening of spring training, he must advise the Club in writing as to his decision whether to accept the assignment. No such decision from a Player shall be considered effective until twenty-four hours from his receipt of the Club's notice.

If the Club fails to give written notice, as set forth herein, to the Player prior to the date of such assignment, the Player may, at any time, elect to become a free agent pursuant to this Section D, provided, however, that if the Club subsequently gives such written notice to the Player, he shall, within 3 days thereafter, or 10 days, if during the period from the close of the championship season to the opening of spring training, advise the Club in writing as to his decision. No such decision from a Player shall be considered effective until twenty-four hours from his receipt of the Club's notice.

E. Individual Nature of Rights

- (1) The utilization or non-utilization of rights under Article XIX(A)(2) and Article XX is an individual matter to be determined solely by each Player and each Club for his or its own benefit. Players shall not act in concert with other Players and Clubs shall not act in concert with other Clubs.
- (2) Upon any finding of a violation of Section E(1) of this Article XX by two or more Clubs, any injured Player (or Players) shall be entitled to recover in monetary damages three (3) times the lost baseball income, he (or they) would have had but for the violation. Such lost baseball income shall be limited to lost salary and other lost contractual terms, including lost additional contract years, lost signing bonuses, lost trade restriction provisions, lost option buyout provisions, and lost incentive bonuses (e.g., performance, awards, attendance and weight bonuses). Damages (and fees and interest) may be recovered only from the Clubs found to have violated Section E(1) of this Article XX.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Basic Agreement, the Arbitration Panel shall further order payment by the Clubs found to have violated Section E(1) of this Article XX of all reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, expert witness fees and expenses and prejudgment interest on the single damage calculation of the lost baseball income pursuant to paragraph (2).
- (4) Any injured Player (or Players or the Association) shall not be entitled to recover any monetary damages pursuant to this Article XX(E) other than those enumerated in paragraphs (2) and (3).

However, nothing in paragraphs (2) and (3) is intended to reflect any agreement between the parties on mitigation issues.

- (5) In addition, upon any finding by the Arbitration Panel of a violation by five (5) Clubs or more of Section E(1) of this Article XX, the Association shall have the right to reopen this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to the LRD.
- (6) Upon any finding by the Arbitration Panel of a violation of Section E(1) of this Article XX by two (2) or more Clubs, any injured free agent Player will have the right to terminate his existing contract (or reserve status) at his option immediately following the issuance of the finding by the Arbitration Panel. However, no such termination shall take effect during the period beginning on February 15 and ending with the conclusion of the World Series. If the finding of the Arbitration Panel is issued at any time on or after January 15, but before February 15, the Player shall have the right to terminate his existing contract (or reserve status) at his option either (a) immediately: or (b) within the fifteen (15) day period following the conclusion of the next succeeding World Series. At the time any contract (or reserve status) is terminated pursuant to this paragraph (6), such free agent Player shall immediately have the right to negotiate with and enter into a contract with any Club, without any restrictions or qualifications. If the contract (or reserve status) is terminated, the free agent Player may choose to reinstate his contract (or reserve status) at any time up until the March 15 succeeding such termination.
- (7) If a Player does not exercise his right pursuant to paragraph (6) to reinstate his contract (or reserve status), all obligations of the Player and of the Club under said contract (or reserve status) shall cease as of the end of the period in which the Player has the right to reinstate his contract (or reserve status), except the obligation of the Club to pay the Player's compensation to that date. If at the end of the period the Player has not signed a new contract and has not exercised his right to reinstate his existing contract (or reserve status), at that point, the Player shall be considered an unrestricted free agent.
- (8) Utilization or non-utilization of the procedures set forth in paragraph (6) above shall be without prejudice to any injured free agent Player. However, the experience of each Player who utilizes

such procedures shall be considered by the Arbitration Panel in determining such further relief, if any, to which he may be entitled.

(9) It is understood that in the event of a violation of Section E(1) of this Article XX, the Arbitration Panel shall have the authority to order such other and further non-monetary (e.g., injunctive) relief as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the purposes of and to the rights and benefits afforded to Players under this Article XX.

ARTICLE XXI—Credited Major League Service

A. Definition

Those Player rights expressly set forth in the Basic Agreement for which a Player's eligibility is dependent upon credited Major League service will be determined as follows:

- (1) One full day of Major League service will be credited for each day of the championship season a Player is on a Major League Club's Active List. A total of 172 days of Major League credited service will constitute one full year of credited service. A Player may not be credited with more than one year of credited service, 172 days, in one championship season. Major League service will be computed commencing with the date of the first regularly scheduled championship season game, through and including the date of the last regularly scheduled championship season game. This rule shall apply uniformly to all Players and all Clubs notwithstanding differences in a particular Club's schedule.
- (2) For purposes of calculating credited service, a Player will be considered to be on a Club's Active List if:
 - (a) placed on a disciplinary suspension by a Club, the Vice President, On-Field Operations or the Commissioner, or on the Disabled List:
 - (b) called to active military duty for up to two years or if called to emergency duty by the National Guard for a period of up to thirty days.

B. Optional Assignments

If a Player is optionally assigned for a total of less than 20 days in one championship season, the Player shall be credited with Major League service during the period of such optional assignment(s). (See Article XIX(E).)

For purposes of counting days on option, the date of the optional assignment shall be counted and the date of recall shall not be counted, provided that the date of recall shall be counted if the recall takes place after the start of any Minor League game in which the Player was eligible to play.

ARTICLE XXII—Management Rights

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to restrict the rights of the Clubs to manage and direct their operations in any manner whatsoever except as specifically limited by the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXIII—Competitive Balance Tax

A. General Definitions

The following definitions shall apply only to this Article XXIII, unless expressly adopted for use in another Article of this Agreement.

- (1) "Contract Year" shall mean the period from December 20 of one year through and including December 19 of the following year, or such other one-year period to which the Office of the Commissioner and the Association may agree. To the extent that a Contract Year is referenced by a number in connection with a particular calculation, the reference shall be to the calendar year of the championship season that falls in that Contract Year.
- (2) "Uniform Player's Contract" shall mean a Major League Uniform Player's Contract. (See Schedule A.)
- (3) "Split Contract" shall mean a Uniform Player's Contract which sets out separate rates of pay for service with a Minor League club and service with a Major League Club.
- (4) "Imputed Loan Interest Rate" for each Contract Year shall mean the annual "Federal mid-term rate" as defined in Section

- 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code for the October preceding that Contract Year.
- (5) "Performance Bonus" shall mean a payment to a Player conditioned upon the Player having achieved certain specified levels of activity, provided that such bonuses must be consistent with Major League Rule 3(b).
- (6) "Award Bonus" shall mean a payment to a Player conditioned upon the Player having achieved a particular status in connection with a recognized or agreed-upon award or honor.
- (7) "Base Salary" shall mean the amount set out in paragraph 2 of a Uniform Player's Contract for a given championship season or any amount included in a Special Covenant in lieu of inclusion in paragraph 2.
- (8) "Guaranteed Year" shall mean any championship season included in a Uniform Player's Contract for which more than 50% of the Player's Base Salary is guaranteed by the Contract in the event of termination under paragraph 7(b)(2).
- (9) "Tax Threshold" shall be defined as provided in Section B below.
- (10) "Actual Club Payroll" shall be defined as provided in Section C below. Each Club's final Actual Club Payroll for a Contract Year in which the Competitive Balance Tax is applicable shall be calculated on the December 20 following that Contract Year and shall be the exclusive figure used for the purpose of determining whether a Club has exceeded the Tax Threshold.
- (11) "Salary" shall be defined as provided in Section E below and shall be attributable to Contract Years as provided in Sections C and E below.
- (12) "Benefits" or "Player Benefit Costs" shall be defined as provided in Section D below.

B. Determination of Competitive Balance Tax

(1) Calculation of Tax

Except as specifically provided in Section B(3) below, a Club with a final Actual Club Payroll that exceeds the Tax Threshold applicable in that Contract Year ("Tax Threshold") shall be assessed a Competitive Balance Tax on the difference between its final Actual Club Payroll and the Tax Threshold. A Club with a final Actual Club Payroll at or below the Tax Threshold shall incur no Competitive Balance Tax for that Contract Year.

(2) Tax Thresholds

The Tax Threshold shall be \$117 Million in the 2003 Contract Year, \$120.5 Million in the 2004 Contract Year, \$128 Million in the 2005 Contract Year and \$136.5 million in the 2006 Contract Year.

(3) Tax Rates

The Competitive Balance Tax rate applicable to a Club shall depend on the number of Contract Years during this Agreement in which the Club's Actual Club Payroll was above the Tax Threshold.

- (a) The Competitive Balance Tax rate applicable in the 2003 Contract Year to a Club with an Actual Club Payroll above the Tax Threshold shall be 17.5%.
- (b) The Competitive Balance Tax rate applicable in the 2004 or 2005 Contract Year to a Club with an Actual Club Payroll above the Tax Threshold for the first time during the Agreement shall be 22.5%. A Club with an Actual Club Payroll above the Tax Threshold in the 2006 Contact Year, and for the first time during the Agreement, shall be assessed no tax.
- (c) The Competitive Balance Tax rate applicable to a Club with an Actual Club Payroll above the Tax Threshold for a second time during the Agreement shall be 30%. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Club with an Actual Club Payroll above the Tax Threshold in the 2006 Contract Year for the second time but with an Actual Club Payroll in the 2005 Contract Year that was not above the Tax Threshold shall be assessed no tax.

(d) The Competitive Balance Tax rate applicable to a Club with an Actual Club Payroll above the Tax Threshold for a third or fourth consecutive time during the Agreement shall be 40%. The Competitive Balance Tax rate applicable in the 2006 Contract Year to a Club with an Actual Club Payroll that was above the Tax Threshold in the 2003 and 2005 Contract Years (but not in the 2004 Contract Year) shall be 30%. A Club with an Actual Club Payroll above the Tax Threshold in the 2006 Contract Year but with an Actual Club Payroll in the 2005 Contract Year that was not above the Tax Threshold shall be assessed no tax, even if the Club's Actual Club Payroll was above the Tax Threshold in the 2003 and 2004 Contract Years.

(4) Collection of Competitive Balance Tax Proceeds

- (a) On the December 20 following each Contract Year, the Commissioner's Office shall notify the Association and all Clubs of any amounts owed by any Clubs under the Competitive Balance Tax. Clubs shall make Competitive Balance Tax payments to the Commissioner's Office on or before January 31 of the next calendar year.
- (b) Any Club that does not remit the full amount of the Competitive Balance Tax due by that date shall have its next Major League Central Fund ("Central Fund") distribution and subsequent distributions, each net of any debt service obligation to Fleet Bank, reduced by up to 50% until such obligation is satisfied. For purposes of this subparagraph (b) only, royalty payments from Major League Baseball Properties shall not be considered part of a Club's Central Fund distribution. Beginning with the day following the payment date specified in subparagraph (a) above, interest shall be charged on any unpaid Competitive Balance Tax amounts at the Imputed Loan Interest Rate for the then current Contract Year. Any interest collected pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be for the benefit of and made available to the Industry Growth Fund and used for the purposes set out in Article XXV.

C. Determination of Actual Club Payroll

(1) Definition of Actual Club Payroll

"Actual Club Payroll" of a Club in a Contract Year shall be the sum of:

- (a) a 1/30th share of Player Benefit Costs (and a similar pro rata share if the number of Major League Clubs changes), as determined in Section D below;
- (b) the sum of the yearly Salaries (as determined in accordance with Section E below and as allocated among Clubs in accordance with this Section C) attributable to that Contract Year of all Players under a Uniform Player's Contract with the Club for that Contract Year (including optionally assigned contracts); and
- (c) any other amount includible in or deductible from Actual Club Payroll as a result of the operation of Section C(2)(g) below or as a result of any Club, any Player and/or either of the Parties hereto having engaged in a transaction contrary to Section G(1) below or as a result of an award by the Arbitration Panel under Article XI and/or Section F below.

(2) Rules for Allocation of Salary

(a) General Rule

If a Player remains on a Major League Club's Active List (as defined in Article XXI) for an entire championship season, then all of the Salary attributable to the Contract Year in which that championship season falls shall be allocated to the Club's Actual Club Payroll in that Contract Year.

(b) Assignment of Contract

If a Uniform Player's Contract is assigned by any means to another Major League Club, the assignor Club shall be allocated Salary through the date of the assignment and Salary shall begin being allocated to the assignee Club on the following day, regardless of the Player's reporting date. Beginning with Player assignments after September 30, 2002, an assignor Club that pays cash consideration to defray all or part of the salary obligation of the

assignee Club for an assigned Player shall include such cash consideration in its Actual Club Payroll in the Contract Year in which the cash consideration is paid; provided, however, that any such cash consideration included as part of a Player assignment made during the 2006 Contract Year but not payable until the 2007 Contract Year shall be included in the assignor Club's 2006 Actual Club Payroll to the extent that the assignee Club does not have equivalent salary obligations under Player contracts obtained in the assignment in the 2007 championship season or beyond. Any cash consideration that is, pursuant to the preceding sentence, included in the Actual Club Payroll of the payor Club shall be subtracted from the Actual Club Payroll of the payor Club in the same Contract Year in which it is added to the payor Club's Actual Club Payroll.

(c) Salary Increase Upon Assignment

If a Uniform Player's Contract provides for an increase in Salary upon its assignment to another Major League Club, such increase shall be included in a Player's Salary upon assignment and attributed to the Contract Year (or Years) in which it is to be paid. Any such increase in Salary attributable to the Contract Year during which the assignment occurred shall be allocated to the Actual Club Payrolls of the assignor and assignee Clubs pursuant to Section C(2)(b) above. Any such increase in Salary attributable to a later Contract Year shall be allocated exclusively to the assignee Club.

(d) Contract Signed After Opening Day

If a Player first enters into a Uniform Player's Contract with a Club after opening day of the championship season with a Base Salary payable over a full championship season, the Club shall include in Actual Club Payroll such pro rata portion of the Base Salary attributable to that Contract Year as the number of days that the Player was on the Club's Active List (as defined in Article XXI) bears to the number of days in the championship season. If such a Player has a Base Salary expressly payable only over the portion of the championship season that the Player is on the Club's Active List, the Club shall include in Actual Club Payroll the entire Base Salary attributable to that Contract Year.

(e) Termination of Contract

- (i) If a Club terminates a Uniform Player's Contract that covers a single championship season, the Club shall include in its Actual Club Payroll for the Contract Year in which that season falls any Salary paid to that Player, either under this Agreement or a Special Covenant to the Contract (subject to any offset called for by this Agreement or a Special Covenant).
- (ii) If a Club terminates a multi-year Uniform Player's Contract while it remains obligated to pay Salary under either this Agreement or a Special Covenant to the Contract, Salary shall be allocated to that Club for each Contract Year during which its obligation continues. Salary shall be attributed to each such Contract Year pursuant to this Article XXIII (subject to any offset called for by this Agreement or a Special Covenant). This attribution shall apply even if the Club pays the Salary in advance.

(f) Split Contracts

The earnings of a Player signatory to a Split Contract shall be included in Actual Club Payroll at the total amount of the Player's actual baseball earnings under that Contract from Major League Clubs (and from Minor League clubs, if any) for that Contract Year, subject to subparagraph (g) below.

(g) Outright Assignment to a Minor League Club

If a Uniform Player's Contract is assigned outright to a Minor League club, the Club shall exclude from its Actual Club Payroll such pro rata portion of the Salary attributable to that Contract Year as the number of days during the championship season that the Player was off the Major League Club's 40-man roster bears to the number of days in the championship season; provided, however, that the above exclusion shall not apply to the Salary of any Player whose Contract has been assigned outright to a Minor League club for the purpose of defeating or circumventing the intention of the Parties as reflected by this Article XXIII.

D. Benefits or Player Benefit Costs

(1) Definition

The Clubs' Benefits or Player Benefit Costs for a particular Contract Year shall include the sums paid (or to be paid on a proper accrual basis for that Contract Year) by or on behalf of the Clubs for, to, or on behalf of present Players (and former Players when expressly noted) for:

- (a) Contributions to the Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan, in the full amounts called for by paragraph 5 of the Agreement Re: Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan (including contributions made on behalf of former Players and others);
- (b) Workers' compensation premiums, payroll, unemployment compensation and social security taxes (including payments made on behalf of a Player released from a Contract that covers that Contract Year, provided that the Player's Salary is included in a Club's final Actual Club Payroll for that Contract Year);
- (c) Spring training allowances (as described in Article VII(C)), championship season meal and tip allowances (as described in Article VII(B)), All-Star Game expenses (as described in Article VII(E)) and "in-season supplemental allowances" (as described in Article VII(F));
- (d) Moving and traveling expenses (as described in Article VIII), including payments made to former Players in connection with relocations resulting from assignments while they were active Players;
- (e) Contributions (in their entirety) to the post-season Players' pool as described in Article X;
- (f) The College Scholarship Plan (including payments made on behalf of former players); and
- (g) Player medical costs (i.e., fees to doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers, and the drugs and other medical supplies for the treatment of Player injuries), but not including salaries of trainers or other Club personnel, or the costs of Club medical or training equipment, or any costs reimbursed or paid

for through workers' compensation or any other medical insurance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount of Player medical costs included in "Benefits" may not increase by more than ten percent (10%) each Contract Year beginning with the increase from the 2002 to the 2003 Contract Year.

(2) Limitation on Annual Increase

Notwithstanding the foregoing, beginning with the increase from the 2002 to the 2003 Contract Year, the annual rate of increase for Player Benefit Costs in any Contract Year may not exceed the annual rate of increase over that year in the combined "sum of the year-ly Salaries" (described in Section C(1)(b) above) for all Clubs.

E. Determination of Salary

The determination of a Player's Salary for a particular Contract Year for the purposes of interpretation and application of this Article XXIII only shall be in accordance with the following rules.

(1) General Rule

"Salary" shall mean the value of the total compensation (cash or otherwise) paid to a Player pursuant to the terms of a Uniform Player's Contract, including any guarantee by the Club of payments by third parties, for a particular championship season. Consistent with the rules set out below, all compensation paid to a Player pursuant to the terms of a Uniform Player's Contract shall be attributable to the Contract Year(s) in which the Player is required under the Contract to render services to a Club as a baseball player, regardless of how the compensation is characterized under the Contract.

(2) Average Annual Value of Guaranteed Multi-Year Contracts

A Uniform Player's Contract with a term of more than one (1) championship season ("Multi-Year Contract") shall be deemed to have a Salary in each Guaranteed Year equal to the "Average Annual Value" of the Contract (plus any bonuses subsequently included by operation of Section E(4) below). "Average Annual Value" shall be calculated as follows: the sum of (a) the Base Salary in each Guaranteed Year plus (b) any portion of a Signing Bonus (or any

other payment that this Article deems to be a Signing Bonus) attributed to a Guaranteed Year in accordance with Section E(3) below plus (c) any deferred compensation or annuity compensation costs attributed to a Guaranteed Year in accordance with Section E(6) below shall be divided by the number of Guaranteed Years.

(3) Signing Bonuses

Any Signing Bonus in a Uniform Player's Contract (and any other payment this Article deems to be a Signing Bonus) shall be attributed, pro rata, over the Guaranteed Years of the Contract. If a Contract contains no Guaranteed Years, the Signing Bonus shall be attributed in full to the first year of the Contract.

(4) Performance, Award and Other Bonuses

- (a) Any amounts that are actually earned by a Player as Performance Bonuses, Award Bonuses or any other bonuses properly included in a Uniform Player's Contract shall be included as part of the Player's Salary in the Contract Year in which the service or performance giving rise to the Bonus was provided. Potential bonuses shall not be included in the Average Annual Value calculation made pursuant to Section E(2) above.
- (b) A Special Covenant in a Uniform Player's Contract that provides that Player performance or achievement in one year of the Contract will increase the Base Salary in other year(s) of the Contract shall not be considered in the determination of Salary until the triggering event occurs (other than, if applicable, as a "potential bonus"), unless it is determined by the Arbitration Panel that the Special Covenant was designed to defeat or circumvent the intention of the Parties as reflected in this Article XXIII. As long as such a finding is not made, the additional Base Salary triggered by the Special Covenant shall count as part of the Player's Salary in the Contract Year(s) to which it is attributed by the Contract once the triggering event has occurred. Multi-Year Contracts shall not be recalculated on an Average Annual Value basis once the triggering event has occurred; the additional Base Salary shall be added to the Salary as originally calculated for the Contract Year in question.

(5) Option Contracts

(a) Definitions

- (i) A "Club Option Year" shall mean a championship season covered by a Uniform Player's Contract in which the amount payable pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Contract becomes due or guaranteed at the election of the Club or by reason of specified performance by a Player. Club Option Years shall not be considered "Guaranteed Years." In addition, any other championship season included in a Multi-Year Contract that is not a Guaranteed Year shall be treated as a Club Option Year.
- (ii) A "Player Option Year" shall mean a championship season covered by a Uniform Player's Contract: (A) in which the amount payable pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Contract becomes due or guaranteed at the election of the Player; or (B) that can be nullified by a Player for a reason other than those set forth in paragraph 7 of the Contract. A Player Option Year shall be considered a "Guaranteed Year" if, pursuant to the Player's right to elect or subject to his right to nullify, the terms of that year are guaranteed within the definition in Section A(8); provided, however, that a Player Option Year shall not be considered a Guaranteed Year if the payment the Player is to receive if he declines to exercise his option or nullifies the championship season is more than 50% of the Base Salary payable for that championship season.
- (iii) The parties recognize that Uniform Player's Contracts have covered and may cover championship seasons that could be characterized under the above definitions as both "Club Option Years" and "Player Option Years" (hereinafter referred to as a "Mutual Option Year"). Salaries under any such Contract that cannot extend beyond the 2006 Contract Year shall be calculated as if the Mutual Option Year is a Player Option Year. Salaries under any such Contract that can extend beyond the 2006 Contract Year shall be calculated as if the Mutual Option Year is a Player Option Year unless, pursuant to subparagraph (c)(ii) below, the "Club Option Year Value" exceeds 122.5% of the "Highest Guaranteed Year Value" prior to the Mutual Option Year, or its substitute. In the latter event, Salaries under the Contract shall be calculated as if the Mutual Option Year is a Club

Option Year and the calculation called for in subparagraph (c)(ii)(B) below shall be made and the entire Signing Bonus shall be allocated over the Guaranteed Years prior to the Mutual Option Year.

(b) Option Buyouts

(i) General Rule

- (A) If a Uniform Player's Contract contains a Club Option Year or a Player Option Year that is not deemed a Guaranteed Year pursuant to subparagraph (a)(ii) above and the Player is to receive consideration upon the non-exercise of that option or the nullification of a championship season ("Option Buyout"), then such Option Buyout shall be deemed a Signing Bonus. If a Uniform Player's Contract contains an Option Buyout for a Club decision not to exercise a Club Option Year and an Option Buyout for a Player decision not to exercise a Player Option Year (or to nullify a championship season) that is deemed a Signing Bonus pursuant to this subparagraph (b)(i), then the higher Option Buyout payment shall be deemed the Signing Bonus.
- (B) If a Contract contains an Option Buyout relating to more than one Option Year, then only the Option Buyout that relates to the earliest Option Year in the Contract shall be deemed a Signing Bonus. If, however, the Player ultimately receives an Option Buyout that relates to an Option Year other than the earliest Option Year, that Option Buyout shall be included in Salary in the Contract Year covered by the option that was not exercised.

(ii) Potential Adjustment to Payroll or Tax Refund

Notwithstanding subparagraph (b)(i) above, if the Player ultimately does not receive the Option Buyout, then for the Contract Year covered by that option, no portion of the Buyout shall be included in any Club's final Actual Club Payroll. In addition, any Club whose final Actual Club Payroll in a previous Contract Year had included that Buyout (or a portion thereof) may elect to:

- (A) receive a deduction (in the full amount of the Buyout included in previous Contract Years) in its final Actual Club Payroll in the Contract Year covered by that option; or
- (B) receive a distribution from the Competitive Balance Tax proceeds described in Section H(1) below in the amount of any Competitive Balance Tax paid by that Club for any Contract Year as a result of the previous inclusion of the Buyout in the Club's final Actual Club Payroll.

(c) Club Option Years

- (i) General Rule. If a Uniform Player's Contract covers one or more seasons that are Club Option Years, the Player's Salary for the championship seasons that are Club Option Years, if exercised, shall be the total of the Base Salary and any bonuses included by operation of Section E(4) above.
- (ii) Contracts Extending Into 2007 or Beyond. This subparagraph (ii) shall apply only to a Uniform Player's Contract agreed to after September 30, 2002 that includes one or more Club Option Years that fall in the 2007 Contract Year or later.
 - (A) <u>Special Definitions</u>. For the purposes of this subparagraph (ii) only, the following definitions shall apply:

"Club Option Year Value" shall be the Salary attributed to a Club Option Year under subparagraph (i) above, plus any potential bonuses (other than Award Bonuses) attributable to that Year, minus any Option Buyout that relates to that Club Option Year.

"Highest Guaranteed Year Value" shall be the sum of the Base Salary plus any attributed Signing Bonus, deferred compensation or annuity costs, plus any potential bonuses (other than Award Bonuses) in the Guaranteed Year of the Contract with the highest such sum; provided, however, that if the Highest Guaranteed Year Value is itself greater than 127.5% of the Average Annual Value of the Contract, then 127.5% of the Average Annual Value of the Contract shall be substituted for the Highest Guaranteed Year Value in the calculation called for by subparagraph (ii)(B) below.

- (B) <u>Rule</u>. If the Club Option Year Value exceeds 122.5% of the Highest Guaranteed Year Value, then the difference between the Club Option Year Value and 122.5% of the Highest Guaranteed Year Value shall be treated as a Signing Bonus in the calculation of the Contract's Average Annual Value.
- (C) <u>Potential Tax Refund</u>. If a Club Option Year in a Uniform Player's Contract subject to this subparagraph (ii) is not exercised, any Club (including a Club to which the Contract was assigned) that paid Competitive Balance Tax in a Contract Year in which that Club's final Actual Club Payroll included an amount attributed under subparagraph (ii) shall receive a distribution from the Competitive Balance Tax proceeds described in Section H(1) below in the amount of any Competitive Balance Tax paid as a result of that attribution.

(d) Player Option Years

- (i) If a Player fails to exercise or chooses to nullify a Player Option Year that is deemed a Guaranteed Year pursuant to Section E(5)(a)(ii) above, the difference between the amount paid to the Player under his Contract (including any Option Buyout payment) and the amount that has been attributed to Actual Club Payroll of a Club under that Contract shall be added to (or subtracted from) Actual Club Payroll in the Contract Year in which the Player Option Year falls. If the Contract has been assigned. the adjustment called for in the preceding sentence shall be made to the Actual Club Payroll(s) of the Club(s) to which Salary under that Contract had been attributed in any Contract Year. If a Player exercises or fails to nullify a Player Option Year that was not deemed a Guaranteed Year, the Player's Salary in the Player Option Year shall be the difference between the Salary provided in the Player Option Year (including any earned bonuses) and the Option Buyout that had been attributed, in all previous Contract Years, to a Club pursuant to Section E(5)(b)(i) above.
- (ii) If a Player Option Year falls in the 2007 Contract Year or later, and the Base Salary (plus any attributed Signing Bonus, deferred compensation or annuity costs) in the Player Option Year ("Player Option Year Value") is less than 80% of the Base Salary (plus any attributed Signing Bonus, deferred compensa-

tion or annuity costs) in the Guaranteed Year with the smallest such figure before the first such Player Option Year (80% Figure), then the difference between the 80% Figure and the Player Option Year Value shall be allocated pro rata across the Guaranteed Years preceding the first such Player Option Year; provided, however, that if the 80% Figure is itself less than 75% of the Average Annual Value of the Contract (calculated as if the Player Option Year was not a Guaranteed Year), then the 80% Figure shall instead be 75% of the Average Annual Value calculation set out immediately above.

(iii) Potential Tax Refund. If a Player exercises or chooses not to nullify a Player Option Year subject to subparagraph (d)(ii) above, any Club (including a Club to which the Contract was assigned) that paid Competitive Balance Tax in any Contract Year in which that Club's final Actual Club Payroll included an amount attributed under subparagraph (ii) above shall receive a distribution from the Competitive Balance Tax proceeds described in Section H(1) below in the amount of any Competitive Balance Tax paid as a result of that attribution.

(6) Deferred Compensation

(a) Definition

"Deferred Compensation" shall mean any Salary payable to a Player pursuant to a Uniform Player's Contract in a Contract Year after the last championship season for which the Contract requires services as a baseball player to be rendered.

(b) Attribution

- (i) Deferred Compensation shall be included in a Player's Salary as if paid in the championship season to which it is attributed under a Uniform Player's Contract. If a Contract does not attribute Deferred Compensation, the Contract shall be treated as if the Deferred Compensation was attributed equally to each of the Guaranteed Years in the Contract.
- (ii) If the Deferred Compensation is to be paid with interest at an effective rate that is within one and one-half percentage points of the Imputed Loan Interest Rate for the first Contract Year cov-

ered by the Contract, then the Deferred Compensation shall be included at its stated value. Otherwise, the Deferred Compensation shall be included at its present value in the season to which it is attributed, said present value to be calculated by increasing any such payments by the Contract's stated interest rate, if any, and then reducing such payments back to their present value by applying as a discount rate the Imputed Loan Interest Rate for the first Contract Year covered by the Contract. If the terms of a Contract are confirmed by the Association and the Office of the Commissioner before the Imputed Loan Interest Rate for the first Contract Year covered by the contract is available, the Imputed Loan Interest Rate shall be the annual "Federal mid-term rate" as defined in section 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code for the month preceding the month in which terms are confirmed. If a Uniform Player's Contract uses the date or year in which a Player retires as a triggering event for the commencement of payment of the Deferred Compensation, it will be assumed for purposes of calculating Salary under this Article only that the Player retires on the day that he reaches age 40 or at the end of the Contract, whichever is later.

- (c) An "Annuity Compensation Arrangement" is an agreement in a Uniform Player's Contract whereby the Club promises to purchase an annuity to pay the Player after he is no longer required to render services as a baseball player under such Uniform Player's Contract.
 - (i) The portion of the cost of the annuity to be paid by the Club while the Player is required to render services as a baseball player under the Contract shall be included as Salary for the Contract Year in which such cost is to be paid.
 - (ii) The portion of the cost of the annuity instrument to be paid by the Club after the Player is no longer required to render services as a baseball player under such Contract, if any, shall be treated as Deferred Compensation attributable pro rata over the Guaranteed Years of the Contract at its present value as calculated pursuant to paragraph (6)(b) above. Any compensation that the Player is scheduled to receive pursuant to such Annuity Compensation Arrangement shall not be considered Salary or Deferred Compensation.

(7) Loans to Players

For purposes of this Article XXIII, the following rules shall apply to any loans made by a Club to or at the direction of a Player.

- (a) If any such loan bears no interest rate or an effective interest rate more than one and one-half percentage points below the Imputed Loan Interest Rate, then an amount of "Imputed Income" as calculated pursuant to subparagraph (b) below shall be included in the Player's Salary for each Contract Year that the loan remains unpaid. For any other loan, there shall be no "Imputed Income" (as defined in subparagraph (b) below) included in the Player's Salary.
- (b) "Imputed Income" for each Contract Year covered by a Uniform Player's Contract shall be calculated by multiplying the difference between the Imputed Loan. Interest Rate and the stated rate, if any, by the outstanding balance of the loan.
- (c) If a Club has made a loan to a Player and forgives part or all of the loan, the forgiven loan amount shall be counted as Salary in the Contract Year in which the loan is forgiven; provided, however, that if a loan that is made after September 30, 2002 is forgiven in a Contract Year in which there is no Competitive Balance Tax, and if the Club forgiving the loan would have been assessed a Competitive Balance Tax for any Contract Year had the loan, by itself or in combination with other loans, been considered Salary from the outset, then the forgiveness of the loan shall be presumed to be an action designed to defeat or circumvent the Competitive Balance Tax. Unless the Club that forgave such a loan can rebut the foregoing presumption, the Club shall be required to pay into the Central Fund an amount equal to the Competitive Balance Tax(es) that the Club would have paid (based on the Tax Thresholds that were in effect when final Actual Club Payrolls were calculated for the Contract Year(s) in which a Competitive Balance Tax would have been paid) had the forgiven loan (or portion thereof) originally been considered Salary.

F. Association's Rights

(1) Actual Club Payroll Information

- (a) On or before opening day of the 2003 championship season, the Office of the Commissioner shall provide the Association with a list for the 2002 Contract Year of each Club's final Actual Club Payroll, broken down by Player, and 2002 Player Benefit Costs.
- (b) In each Contract Year in which the Competitive Balance Tax is operational, the Office of the Commissioner shall provide the Association with two "Preliminary Actual Club Payroll Compilations," the first of which shall be provided within 14 days following opening day of that championship season and the second of which shall be provided within 14 days following that season's All-Star Game. Each Preliminary Actual Club Payroll Compilation shall consist of a list of each Club's Actual Club Payroll, broken down by Player, and an estimate of Player Benefit Costs for that Contract Year, as of opening day and the All-Star game, respectively. In addition to the above, the Association may, from time to time, request the Office of the Commissioner to produce a Preliminary Actual Club Payroll Compilation or any portion thereof (including the Office of the Commissioner evaluation of any Uniform Player's Contract, the terms of which have been confirmed by the Association and the Office of the Commissioner) and the Office of the Commissioner shall provide such information within 14 days of each such request, provided that the Association will not make an unreasonable number of requests in any Contract Year.
- (c) Upon the presentation of any evidence that a Player and a Club are prepared to agree to a Uniform Player's Contract, either Party to this Agreement (i.e., the Association or Office of the Commissioner) may initiate a process whereby the Parties prepare and exchange evaluations of that prospective Contract for Competitive Balance Tax purposes. The evaluations shall be exchanged within 48 hours of the initiation of the process by either Party.
- (d) The Office of the Commissioner shall provide the Association with a list of the final Actual Club Payrolls, broken down by Player, and Player Benefit Costs for that Contract Year and the Competitive Balance Tax assessed against each Club ("final Actual Club Payroll Compilation"), if any, for the just completed championship

season on or before the December 21 following each championship season covered by this Agreement in which the Competitive Balance Tax is applicable.

(2) Association's Rights to Challenge

(a) Information Provided Pursuant to Section F(1)(b)

The Association shall have the right to question any calculation included in any information provided pursuant to Section F(1)(b) above and the Office of the Commissioner shall provide an answer to any such question within 10 days. If thereafter the Association disagrees with any calculation, it may file a challenge in the Grievance Procedure in Article XI at any time before the next November 30. At the request of either Party, any such Grievance shall be handled on an expedited basis, with documents being exchanged within 10 days of the filing of the Grievance, a hearing commencing within 15 days of the filing of the Grievance and the Panel issuing an Award (with opinion to follow, if necessary) no later than 15 days after the commencement of the hearing. Failure by the Association to challenge any such calculation shall not preclude the Association from challenging that calculation if contained in a final Actual Club Payroll Compilation nor shall such failure be of any relevance in such a challenge.

(b) Information Provided Pursuant to Section F(1)(c)

The Association shall have the right to question any calculation included in any information exchanged pursuant to Section F(1)(c) above and the Office of the Commissioner shall provide an answer to any such question within 24 hours. If thereafter the Association disagrees with the calculation put forward by the Office of the Commissioner, it may file a challenge in the Grievance Procedure in Article XI within three business days. Any such Grievance shall be handled on an expedited basis, with documents being exchanged as soon as possible, a hearing commencing within three business days of the filing of the Grievance (or as soon thereafter as is practicable) and the Panel issuing an Award (with opinion to follow, if necessary) no later than three business days after the commencement of the hearing. Failure by the Association to challenge any such calculation shall not preclude the Association from challenging that cal-

culation if contained in a final Actual Club Payroll Compilation, nor shall such failure be of any relevance in such a challenge. Failure by the Office of the Commissioner to raise or pursue with the Arbitration Panel any disagreement with the Association concerning information exchanged pursuant to Section F(1)(c) above shall be irrelevant to any challenge by the Association to any calculation.

(c) Information Provided Pursuant to Section F(1)(d)

The Association may challenge any calculation included in information provided pursuant to Section F(1)(d) (the final Actual Club Payroll Compilation) by filing a Grievance pursuant to Article XI. If the Association disagrees with any calculation that affects the Competitive Balance Taxes assessed for that Contract Year, it shall file a Grievance within 45 days after it has received that Year's final Actual Club Payroll Compilation and the notice of assessed Competitive Balance Taxes (see Section B(4)(a)). Failure by the Association to challenge any calculation included in a final Actual Club Payroll Compilation shall not preclude the Association from challenging that calculation if contained in a final Actual Club Payroll Compilation for a later Contract Year, nor shall such failure be of any relevance in such a challenge. Such a challenge, however, will not result in changes to Competitive Balance Tax amounts assessed for prior Contract Years.

Any Grievance challenging a final Actual Club Payroll Compilation shall be handled by the Parties on an expedited basis with documents being exchanged within 10 days of the filing of the Grievance, a hearing commencing within 15 days of the filing of the Grievance and the Panel issuing an Award (with opinion to follow, if necessary) no later than 15 days after the commencement of the hearing. The filing of a Grievance by the Association shall not preclude the Office of the Commissioner from assessing and collecting the Competitive Balance Tax in accordance with Section B and using Competitive Balance Tax proceeds in accordance with Section H, unless the Chairman of the Arbitration Panel, upon application by the Association, provides otherwise. Unless the Chairman provides otherwise, any adjustments to the Competitive Balance Tax assessments and distributions made pursuant to Section F above necessitated by the resolution of an Association Grievance shall be

made by the Office of the Commissioner once the Grievance is finally resolved.

(d) Relationship to Grievance Procedure

- (i) Nothing in this Section F is intended to affect the application of the Grievance Procedure to any other complaint involving the existence or interpretation of, or compliance with, this Article XXIII or any provision therein. Moreover, unless specifically modified by this Section F, it is intended that the provisions of Article XI will govern the resolution of disputes under this Article XXIII.
- (ii) It is agreed that the existence of the expedited procedures in this Section F will not prohibit either Party from arguing that another dispute subject to Article XI should be heard prior to any dispute related to this Article XXIII.

G. Other Undertakings

- (1) Neither the Parties hereto nor any Club or any Player shall enter into any agreement, Uniform Player's Contract or other transaction, that includes any terms designed to defeat or circumvent the intention of the Parties as reflected by this Article XXIII.
- (2) At the time a Club and a Player enter into any Uniform Player's Contract, or at the time of the assignment of any Uniform Player's Contract, there shall be no unreported understandings or agreements of any kind between the Player and the Club. No other understandings or agreements, whether made before or after the signing of the Uniform Player's Contract or its assignment, shall be valid, recognizable or of any effect whatsoever, unless expressly set forth in a new or supplemental Uniform Player's Contract executed by the Player and the Club and complying with this Agreement and the Major League Rules. (See "Supplemental Agreements" paragraph of the Uniform Player's Contract.)
- (3) If a Club and a Player currently signatory to a Uniform Player's Contract desire to modify or amend their contractual relationship, they must enter into a new Uniform Player's Contract that covers the then current championship season or, if signed after the championship season has started, the next immediate championship

season. The Average Annual Value of such new Contract shall be increased or decreased, whichever is applicable, by the figure arrived at by subtracting the amount of Salary that has been attributed under the rules of this Article XXIII to a Club in previous Contract Years under the Contract that is being replaced from the amount that was actually paid to the Player by a Club in those Contract Years. If a new Contract is signed during a championship season to commence with the next championship season, the calculation called for in this paragraph (3) shall be performed at the end of the then current championship season. Except for the limited circumstances described in this paragraph (3), no Player may be signatory to more than one unexpired Uniform Player's Contract at any time.

H. Uses Of Competitive Balance Tax Proceeds

Competitive Balance Tax proceeds collected pursuant to Section B(4) above shall be used as follows.

- (1) The first \$5 million of the proceeds (collected for any Contract Year) shall be held in reserve for the purposes described in paragraphs (5)(b)(ii), (5)(c)(ii)(C) and (5)(d)(iii) of Section E and, if the Parties agree based on experience under such Salary attribution rules, another \$5 million, or such other figure to which the Parties agree, of proceeds (collected for any Contract Year) shall be held in reserve for such purposes. Any amount held in reserve pursuant to this paragraph (1), with accrued interest, shall be contributed to the Industry Growth Fund and used for the purposes set out in Article XXV if and when the Parties agree that there is no longer any need for such reserve.
- (2) Fifty percent (50%) of the remaining proceeds collected for each Contract Year, with accrued interest, shall be used, as the Office of the Commissioner and the Association shall agree, to fund benefits to Players active during the term of this Agreement.
- (3) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the remaining proceeds collected for each Contract Year, with accrued interest, shall be used, as the Office of the Commissioner and the Association shall agree, to fund projects and other efforts to develop baseball players in countries where organized high school baseball is not played.

(4) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the remaining proceeds collected for each Contract Year shall be contributed to the Industry Growth Fund and, with accrued interest, used for the purposes set out in Article XXV.

I. Sunset

There shall be no Competitive Balance Tax in place following the 2006 championship season, and the parties expressly acknowledge and agree that the provisions of this Article XXIII (except those concerning the collection and distribution of the Competitive Balance Tax proceeds for the 2006 Contract Year) shall not survive the expiration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXIV—The Revenue Sharing Plan

A. Definitions

- (l) "Financial Information Questionnaire," or "FIQ," shall mean the questionnaire completed by each of the Major League Clubs and submitted, together with audited financial statements, on an annual basis for each revenue sharing year to the Office of the Commissioner. A revenue sharing year is defined as the fiscal year of the championship season that falls in that year (and shall be referred to, for any specific revenue sharing year under this Article, as "2003," "2004," "2005," etc., or the "2003 revenue sharing year," the "2004 revenue sharing year," etc.). From time to time, Clubs are also required by the Office of the Commissioner to supplement the FIQ by submitting additional information in a "Supplementary Information Questionnaire" ("SIQ").
- (2) "Defined Gross Revenue" shall mean the aggregate operating revenues from baseball operations received, or to be received on an accrual basis, as reported by each Club on an annual basis in the Club's FIQ. "Baseball Operations" shall mean all activities of a Club that generate revenue, except those wholly unrelated to the business of Major League Baseball. Baseball Operations shall include (by way of example, but not by way of limitation):
 - (a) an activity that could be conducted by a non-Club entity but which is conducted by a Club because its affiliation or con-

nection with Major League Baseball increases the activity's appeal; and

- (b) an activity from which revenue or value is received as a result of a decision or agreement to forego what otherwise would be Defined Gross Revenue.
- (3) "Central Revenue" shall mean all of the centrally-generated operating revenues of the Major League Clubs that are administered by the Office of the Commissioner or central baseball including, but not limited to, revenues from national and international broadcasting agreements (television, cable, radio and Internet), Major League Baseball Properties, Inc., Baseball Television, Inc., Major League Baseball Enterprises, Major League Baseball Advanced Media, Inc., the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel, superstation agreements between the Commissioner's Office and the Clubs whose games are transmitted on a distant signal ("Superstation Agreements"), the All-Star Game and national marketing and licensing.
- (4) "Local Revenue" shall mean a Club's Defined Gross Revenue less its share of Central Revenue.
- (5) "Actual Stadium Expenses" shall mean the "Stadium Operations Expenses" of each Club, as reported on an annual basis in the Club's FIQ.
- (6) "Net Local Revenue" shall mean a Club's Local Revenue less its Actual Stadium Expenses.
- (7) The "Base Plan" shall be a 34% straight pool plan. The amount of net payment or net receipt under the Base Plan for each Major League Club shall be determined as follows: Each Club contributes 34% of its Net Local Revenue to a putative pool; that pool is then divided equally among all Clubs, with the difference between each Club's payment into the putative pool and its receipt therefrom producing the net payment or net receipt for that Club.
- (8) Those Clubs that receive net receipts in a given revenue sharing year under the Base Plan shall be referred to for that year as "Payee Clubs." Those Clubs that make net payments in a given revenue sharing year under the Base Plan shall be referred to for that year as "Payor Clubs."

- (9) The revenue sharing plan shall also have a "Central Fund Component" under which a portion of Major League Central Fund money will be reallocated from Payor Clubs to Payee Clubs. The amount of net payment or net receipt under the Central Fund Component for each Club shall be determined as follows:
 - (a) Net Transfer Value. At 100% implementation, the net transfer value of the Central Fund Component, in each revenue sharing year, shall be 41,066% of the net transfer value of the Base Plan in that revenue sharing year. "Net transfer value" shall mean the sum of the amounts transferred from Payor Clubs to Payee Clubs.
 - (b) Contributors and Recipients. During each revenue sharing year, Major League Central Fund money shall be reallocated from Clubs that are Payor Clubs for that revenue sharing year ("Contributors"). Distributions under the Central Fund Component for each revenue sharing year shall be made only to Clubs that: (i) are Payee Clubs for that revenue sharing year, and (ii) have a mean Net Local Revenue for the preceding three revenue sharing years that is below the industry's mean Net Local Revenue for that three-year period ("Recipients").

(c) Calculation

- (i) <u>Contributors</u>. To determine the amount of Major League Central Fund money to be reallocated from each Contributor (at 100% implementation), multiply the Contributor's mean Net Local Revenue for the preceding three revenue sharing years by a fraction, the numerator of which is the net transfer value of the Central Fund Component in that revenue sharing year and the denominator of which is the sum of the means of each Contributor's Net Local Revenue for the preceding three revenue sharing years.
- (ii) <u>Recipients</u>. To determine the amount of Major League Central Fund money to be distributed to each Recipient (at 100% implementation), multiply the net transfer value of the Central Fund Component in that revenue sharing year by a fraction, the numerator of which is the difference between the industry's mean Net Local Revenue for the preceding three revenue sharing years and the Recipient's mean Net Local

Revenue for that period, and the denominator of which is the sum of all such differences for each of the Recipients.

- (d) <u>Distribution</u>. The Administrator, with each set of estimated payments under the Base Plan (see Section D(2)(a), below), shall disseminate to the Clubs an estimate of the reallocations and distributions to be made under the Central Fund Component for that revenue sharing year. Reallocations from the Contributors will be made by reducing the post-season distributions of the Major League Central Fund money those Clubs would have received during that revenue sharing year but for the operation of the Central Fund Component. Recipients shall receive their distributions of the Central Fund Component on December 1 of each revenue sharing year. Adjustments to these reallocations and distributions caused by changes in any Net Local Revenue figures shall be made at the time of the next distribution under the Base Plan.
- (10) The "Commissioner's Discretionary Fund" shall consist of no more than \$10 million in Major League Central Fund money that is raised equally from all Clubs for each revenue sharing year. The Commissioner may make distributions from the Commissioner's Discretionary Fund to a Club or Clubs, in amounts and at times to be determined at the Commissioner's discretion, subject to the following guidelines and procedures.
 - (a) <u>Guidelines</u>. The Commissioner, in exercising this discretion, shall take no action that is inconsistent with the agreement of the Parties as reflected in this Agreement. By way of example, but not limitation, the Commissioner may not consider; (i) positions that a Club has taken with respect to any matter before the Clubs, the Executive Council or the Office of the Commissioner; (ii) a Club's contracting decisions with respect to or contemplated offers to free agents or free agent eligible players; or (iii) whether a Club's payroll is or has been above the Competitive Balance Tax threshold established in Article XXIII, above.

(b) Procedures

(i) Written Requests. Any Club seeking a distribution from the Commissioner's Discretionary Fund shall submit a request in writing to the Commissioner. The written request

must include, but need not be limited to: (A) the amount requested; (B) the use(s) to which the Club intends to put the requested distribution; and (C) an explanation of how, in the Club's view, the requested distribution should improve the Club's performance on the field. The Commissioner shall respond in writing to each request for a distribution from the Commissioner's Discretionary Fund.

- (ii) Consultation with the Association. The Commissioner shall, within 30 days of receiving a request pursuant to subparagraph (b)(i) above, provide to the Association a copy of the written request and his preliminary position on the request (e.g., inclined to grant, might consider if modified, or not inclined to grant). The Commissioner shall, at the Association's request, consult with the Association prior to making any distribution. At the Association's request, the Commissioner shall also consult with the Association regarding a request that he is not inclined to grant in its current form. The Commissioner shall give notice to the Association at least 15 days prior to making any distribution, unless such notice is not possible under the circumstances. In such case, the Commissioner shall provide as much notice to the Association as is possible under these circumstances, but, in no event, shall any distribution be made without at least five (5) days' written notice to the Association. As part of any such consultation process, the Commissioner shall provide the Association with the documents required to be produced pursuant to Section E(2)(k) of this Article and any document reasonably requested by the Association pursuant to Section E(2).
- (iii) <u>Timing of Distributions</u>. The Commissioner shall attempt to make distributions for a given revenue sharing year no later than December 1. If the Commissioner does not distribute the entirety of the Commissioner's Discretionary Fund in any given revenue sharing year, the Commissioner shall distribute the remainder of the Commissioner's Discretionary Fund to the Clubs on a pro rata basis before the close of the revenue sharing year. In no event may the Commissioner carry over any remaining funds in the Commissioner's Discretionary Fund to a subsequent revenue sharing year.

(11) The "Administrator" shall be the representative (or representatives) responsible, in consultation with the Association, for administration of the revenue sharing plan under this Article. (See Section D. Administration, below.)

B. General Principles

(1) Intent of the Plan

The intent of the revenue sharing plan is to effect in each revenue sharing year the equivalent net transfer of revenue among the Clubs of \$248.014 million at 100% implementation, based on 2001 "Payment 5" local revenue data, plus such net transfer as may result from distributions of the Commissioner's Discretionary Fund.

(2) Other Sharing

- (a) <u>Gate Receipts</u>. The functions formerly handled by the <u>League Offices</u> shall be funded in a substantially equivalent fashion as they have been in the past.
- (b) Central Revenue. Except as expressly provided in Sections A(9) and A(10) above, nothing in this Article is intended to alter current agreements among the Clubs pertaining to Central Revenue, including but not limited to, the Major League Central Fund, the Office of the Commissioner, Major League Baseball Properties, Inc., Baseball Television, Inc., Major League Baseball Enterprises, Major League Baseball Advanced Media, Inc., the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel, Superstation Agreements, the All-Star Game and national marketing and licensing. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence and except as expressly provided in Sections A(9) and A(10) above, the Office of the Commissioner shall take no action regarding the allocation or distribution of Central Revenue that is (i) in response to the operation of the revenue sharing plan or (ii) inconsistent with the manner in which the Commissioner has allocated or distributed Central Revenue in the past.

(3) Accounting Rules

In calculating net payments and net receipts, the Administrator, on behalf of the Clubs, shall use the definitions contained in the 2002 FIQ, subject to the provisions of Section D below. The inten-

tion is to continue to follow Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("the GAAP rules") in the adoption and application of revenue and expense definitions contained in the FIQ and to use GAAP or, in designated situations, federal tax principles, as the "default" standards in the accounting conventions, policies and practices reflected in the FIQ (and in any changes to any of the foregoing). It is acknowledged, however, that specific exceptions to the GAAP rules have been and will be warranted to ensure uniformity, consistency and fair treatment among the Clubs, subject to the provisions of Section D, below.

(4) Interests of the Association

The revenue sharing plan may have a significant impact on the industry globally as well as on individual Clubs. Accordingly, the Parties acknowledge that the Association has a significant interest in any aspect of any of the components of the revenue sharing plan or its operation materially affecting either: (a) the overall industry-wide transfer of revenue among Clubs; or (b) the amounts of payments made by individual Clubs and the amounts of receipts received by individual Clubs. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit the Association's right to assert that it has other legitimate interests in the operation of the plan.

(5) Other Undertakings

- (a) A principal objective of the revenue sharing plan is to promote the growth of the Game and the industry on an individual Club and on an aggregate basis. Accordingly, each Club shall use its revenue sharing receipts (from the Base Plan, the Central Fund Component and the Commissioner's Discretionary Fund) in an effort to improve its performance on the field. The Commissioner shall enforce this obligation by requiring, among other things, each Payee Club, no later than April 1, to report on the performance-related uses to which it put its revenue sharing receipts in the preceding revenue sharing year. Consistent with his authority under the Major League Constitution, the Commissioner may impose penalties on any Club that violates this obligation.
- (b) The Clubs and the Association recognize that the participation of two Clubs is necessary for the production of the on-field

competition that the Clubs sell to the public. The net payments and net receipts required by this Article XXIV reflect a continuation of the amounts paid directly to the visiting Clubs and are in recognition of the principle that visiting Clubs should share, and in fact traditionally have shared, in the economic benefits jointly generated by the Game at another Club's home field.

(c) None of the Parties hereto shall enter into any agreement, or engage in any transaction or other conduct, designed to defeat or circumvent the intentions of the Parties as reflected in this Article XXIV.

C. Implementation

(1) Base Plan

The Base Plan shall be fully implemented in each year of this Agreement.

(2) Central Fund Component

Under the Central Fund Component, in 2003, the amounts real-located from the Contributors and the amounts distributed to the Recipients shall be 60% of those produced at full (100%) implementation. In 2004, the reallocations and distributions, respectively, shall be 80% of those produced at full implementation. The Central Fund Component shall be fully implemented in 2005 and 2006.

(3) Commissioner's Discretionary Fund

The Commissioner's Discretionary Fund shall be fully implemented in each year of this Agreement.

D. Administration

(1) Responsibility

The administration of the revenue sharing plan under this Article XXIV shall be the responsibility of the Administrator in consultation with the Association. The Administrator shall be a Committee of Clubs and/or representatives designated by the Major League

Baseball Executive Council. The Administrator shall be designated within 30 days following the execution of this Agreement.

(2) Duties of Administrator

The Administrator shall have the following duties and responsibilities, to be performed in consultation with the Association:

(a) <u>Calculations and Determination of Payment Schedule</u>. The Administrator shall calculate and determine the timing of payment and distribution of net payments and net receipts by (or to) Clubs. In this regard, the Administrator is authorized to require estimated partial payments and distributions during the course of a revenue sharing year and to assess reasonable penalties for intentionally inaccurate estimates by Clubs. Unless altered by the Administrator in consultation with the Association, the Clubs shall make payments under the Base Plan to the Administrator in each year of the revenue sharing plan under the following schedule:

	Reporting Date	Payment Dale	L Distribution Date	Amount of Payment
Payment 1	May 15	May 25	June 1	33% of Estimated Annual Net Payment
Payment 2	July 15	July 25	August I	65% of Estimated Annual Net Payment Less: Payment 1
Payment 3	September 25	September 30	October I	100% of Estimated Annual Net Payment Less: Payments 1 and 2
Payment 4	November 15	November 25	December I	Post-Season True-Up, Unaudited
Payment 5	March 31	June 7	June 15	Final Determination of Annual Net Payment Based on Audited Results

- (i) The "Reporting Date" shall be the date on which the Clubs submit their most recent estimate of Net Local Revenues.
- (ii) The "Payment Date" shall be the date on which the Payor Clubs pay estimated amounts to the Administrator based on an updated revenue sharing calculation provided to the Clubs.

(iii) The "Distribution Date" shall be the date on which the Administrator distributes estimated amounts to Payee Clubs based on the updated revenue sharing calculation.

In determining whether to alter the foregoing schedule, the Administrator shall accord substantial weight to the cash flow needs under this Agreement of the industry as a whole, as opposed to any specific Club. The Administrator shall also provide the Association with notice of any inter-Club disputes relating to the payment and distribution of net payments and receipts and the resolution of such disputes.

The Central Fund Component shall operate as provided in Section A(9), above. The Commissioner's Discretionary Fund shall operate as provided in Section A(10), above.

- (b) Review of Accounting and Reporting Practices. The Administrator shall review the accounting and reporting practices of the Clubs, as reflected in Club financial information submitted in connection with the FIOs, audited financial statements, and any SIQs or supplemental information required by the Administrator to be submitted by Clubs. The Administrator shall also conduct regular full independent audits of the Clubs and of particular significant transactions (e.g., related party transactions). The Administrator will continue to conduct full compliance audits of each Club in each year of this Agreement. The Administrator is also authorized to make appropriate changes, in furtherance of the objectives described below in Section D(2)(c), in the definitions, accounting conventions, policies or practices reflected in the FIO, subject to prior notice to, and consultation with, the Association. The Administrator is also authorized to require a more detailed Club submission of line items as set out in the FIO.
- (c) <u>Objectives</u>. In performing functions under this paragraph (2), the objectives of the Administrator are:
 - (i) to achieve uniformity and consistency in reporting among Clubs;
 - (ii) to achieve uniformity and consistency in reporting from revenue sharing year to revenue sharing year;

- (iii) to accord fair treatment in the calculation of net payments and net receipts:
- (iv) to be fair, impartial and objective in assessing and evaluating new issues that arise in the operation of the plan; and
- (v) to remain faithful to the agreement of the Parties reflected in this Article XXIV.

(3) Specific Prohibition

In performing duties and responsibilities in the administration of the revenue sharing plan, the Administrator shall not materially affect the agreement of the Parties as reflected in this Article, including, but not limited to:

- (a) the industry-wide net transfer of Net Local Revenue among Clubs;
- (b) the amounts of contributions made by individual Payor Clubs and the amounts of payments received by individual Payee Clubs:
- (c) the amounts contributed and distributed by Clubs under the Central Fund Component; or
- (d) the amounts contributed and distributed under the Commissioner's Discretionary Fund.

E. Participation of the Association

(1) Consultation

(a) Within 30 days following execution of this Agreement, the Administrator shall promptly notify and consult with the Association in advance with regard to any proposed action the Administrator intends to take pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2)(a) and (2)(b) of Section D above in connection with the administration of the revenue sharing plan. The Administrator and the Association shall thereafter meet regularly on a monthly basis to facilitate administration of the plan. Further, the Administrator shall regularly notify and consult with the Association with respect to any proposed changes described in Section D(2)(b), or any other proposed

changes in the administration of the plan, preliminary and final estimated partial payment calculations and preliminary and final calculations regarding net payments or net receipts due under any component of the plan.

- (b) Failure by the Association to challenge at the consultation stage with the Administrator or under the Grievance Procedure in Article XI any such proposed actions, changes, or preliminary estimated partial payment calculations or preliminary calculations regarding net payments or net receipts described above in Section E(1)(a) shall not preclude the Association from challenging under the Grievance Procedure in Article XI any action taken, changes made, or final estimated partial payment calculations or final calculations regarding net payments or net receipts made by the Administrator in connection with the administration of the revenue sharing plan. Further, nothing in this Article, including, but not limited to, the consultation rights accorded the Association, is intended to limit either the substantive rights of the Association under this Article or the application of the Grievance Procedure in Article XI as to any complaint involving the existence or interpretation of, or compliance with, this Article or any provision herein.
- (c) The filing of a Grievance under Article XI by the Association shall not preclude the Administrator from calculating, collecting or redistributing estimated partial payments or receipts or final net payments or receipts in accordance with this Article, unless the Chairman of the Arbitration Panel, upon application by the Association, provides otherwise. Unless the Chairman provides otherwise, any adjustments to the calculation, collection or redistribution of estimated partial payments or receipts or of final net payments or receipts pursuant to this Article necessitated by the resolution of an Association Grievance shall be made by the Administrator once the Grievance is finally resolved.

(2) Right to Information

The Administrator shall provide to the Association, upon request, any relevant information necessary to the Association's performance of its functions under this Article as collective bargaining representative. More specifically, and not by way of limitation, the Administrator shall promptly provide to the Association on a regular basis

for each revenue sharing year of this Agreement, copies of the following documents (in hard copy and/or computer readable form, whichever is available) within 10 days following preparation by or receipt by the Administrator of such data, except that (i) copies of documents responsive to subparagraph (k) shall be provided with the notice provided pursuant to Section A(10)(b)(ii) of this Article; (ii) copies of documents responsive to subparagraphs (e), (n) and (p) shall be provided within 30 days following preparation of such data by the Clubs (or the Administrator); and, if requested, (iii) copies of documents responsive to subparagraph (m) shall be provided within 10 days following the Association's request, as the case may be:

- (a) the form FIQ to be submitted by Clubs, together with any form SIQ or other forms requiring the submission of supplemental information to the Administrator by Clubs;
- (b) any proposed changes in the form FIQ, SIQ or other forms to be submitted to the Administrator by the Clubs, together with explanatory reports, if any, regarding such proposed changes;
- (c) completed FIQs, SIQs or other supplemental information forms submitted to the Administrator by each Club;
 - (d) audited financial statements submitted by each Club;
- (e) summaries of local media contracts (and/or of any other individual Club contracts) submitted by each Club to, or maintained under the supervision of, the Office of the Commissioner (or the Administrator);
- (f) any industry-wide compilation of revenue and expense data, whether broken out by individual Club or groups of Clubs;
- (g) any completed forms submitted by the Clubs to the Administrator in connection with the preparation of estimates of net payments or net receipts under any component of the plan;
- (h) any preliminary estimated partial payment calculations or preliminary calculations by the Administrator of net payments and net receipts due under any component of the plan;
- (i) any document reflecting a distribution to a Club under any component of the plan;

- (j) any document prepared by or on behalf of the Administrator in connection with a full or partial independent audit of any Club conducted by or on behalf of the Administrator as described in Section D(2)(b) and Section E(3)(a) of this Article;
- (k) any correspondence to or from the Administrator or the Office of the Commissioner regarding a contemplated distribution, noticed pursuant to Section A(10)(b)(ii) of this Article, including but not limited to the written request submitted pursuant to subparagraph (b)(i) of that Section and any documents considered by the Commissioner during his review of the request;
- (1) reports filed with the Commissioner pursuant to Section B(5)(a) of this Article and any correspondence from or to the Commissioner relating to his enforcement of Section B(5)(a) of this Article;
- (m) upon specific request by the Association, any unsuccessful request made pursuant to Section A(10)(b)(i) of this Article, any correspondence responsive to such submission and any document that the Commissioner considered in connection with his rejection of such request;
- (n) upon specific request by the Association, any Club document(s) examined or required to be examined by or on behalf of the Administrator in connection with a full or partial independent audit of any Club conducted by or on behalf of the Administrator as described in Section D(2)(b) and Section E(3)(a) of this Article:
- (o) any final calculations by the Administrator of estimated partial payments, net payments and net receipts due under the plan; and
- (p) upon specific request by the Association, a description of the methodologies, assumptions and procedures used by the Administrator to calculate and/or reconcile items reported in Club FIQs and Club audited financial statements.

(3) Right to Audit

(a) The Association shall have the right, at any time during this Agreement, to require the Administrator to conduct a full or partial

independent audit of any Club for a given revenue sharing year or of any particular transaction, regardless of whether such an audit would have been required by the Administrator under the procedures referred to in Section D(2)(b) above. Further, should the Association require such an audit, the Association shall also have the right to require the Administrator to examine specified transactions, revenue and/or expense items, and/or to require reconciliation of the Club's FIO and audited financial statements in specified areas. The Association also shall have the right to require the Administrator to examine specified Club document(s). The Administrator shall conduct the audit within a reasonable period of time from the date of a written demand therefor by the Association. To the extent practicable, such audit will be conducted under the same procedures and under the same time schedule as other audits conducted by the Administrator in accordance with Section D(2)(b) above. All expenses for such audits shall be borne solely by the Administrator.

- (b) Upon a showing of good cause, the Association shall have the right to conduct its own full or partial independent audit of any such Club or transaction, upon written notice to the Administrator. The Administrator shall promptly arrange the date for the Association's audit, to be conducted within a reasonable period of time from the date of the Association's notice pursuant to this subparagraph.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section D(2)(b), Section E(3)(a) and Section E(3)(b) above, and without regard to whether the Administrator has conducted an audit pursuant to Section D(2)(b) or Section E(3)(a) of any Club (or Clubs), the Association, upon written notice to the Administrator, shall have the right to conduct its own full or partial independent audit of six (6) Clubs per year for each revenue sharing year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon a showing of good cause, the Association shall have the right to conduct its own full or partial independent audit of more than six (6) Clubs for each revenue sharing year. The Administrator shall promptly arrange the date for the Association's audit, to be conducted within a reasonable period of time from the date of the Association's notice pursuant to this subparagraph.
- (d) Any audits conducted by the Association pursuant to subparagraphs (b) or (c) above, may be conducted by representatives of

the Association's choice, including accountant(s) employed on the Association's staff, so long as such representatives are working under the supervision of Certified Public Accountant(s) of the Association's choice.

(e) The Association shall utilize the rights set forth in this paragraph (3) in good faith and only in furtherance of its interest in ensuring compliance with this Agreement. In no event will the Association conduct an unreasonable number of its own audits for any revenue sharing year.

(4) Confidentiality

Any financial information obtained by the Association from the Clubs (or the Administrator) pursuant to this Article shall be subject to the Confidentiality Agreement appended hereto in Attachment 14.

ARTICLE XXV—The Industry Growth Fund

A. Objective and Purposes

The Parties shall maintain the Industry Growth Fund ("IGF") established under the 1997 Basic Agreement. The objective of IGF is to promote the growth of baseball in the United States and Canada, as well as throughout the world. To this end, IGF will be operated jointly by Players and Clubs in furtherance of the following purposes:

- (1) to enhance fan interest in the game;
- (2) to increase baseball's popularity; and
- (3) to ensure industry growth into the 21st Century.

B. Joint Activities

In furtherance of the purposes described above in Section A, the Parties shall make funds available to IGF for joint activities supervised by the Association and the Clubs in the following areas:

- (1) licensing, promotional, advertising and marketing projects;
- (2) international development, including Player tours, licensing, media relations and support for baseball federations throughout the world;

- (3) development and use of new media technology;
- (4) community service activities;
- (5) enhancement in popularity and revenue growth among those Clubs that are or have been Payee Clubs under Article XXIV during the term of this Agreement, with particular attention to the interests of cities and communities in the retention of Major League Clubs (provided that funds are distributed based on investment criteria and not as automatic supplements to revenue sharing pursuant to Article XXIV); and
- (6) any other joint activities deemed by the Parties to be in furtherance of the purposes of IGF.

C. Administration

(1) Board of Directors

- (a) The Parties shall maintain a Board of Directors of IGF ("the IGF Board"), consisting of seven members. The Executive Director of the Association and the Executive Vice President, Labor and Human Resources of the Office of the Commissioner, or their designees, shall serve as Co-Chairs of the IGF Board. The Association and the LRD, on behalf of the Clubs, shall each appoint two additional members ("Association Members" and "Club Members," respectively). One additional member ("Independent Member") shall be appointed jointly by the LRD, on behalf of the Clubs, and the Association. The Independent Member shall not be a current employee, vendor, contractor, partner, member of, or consultant to, any Club, the LRD, the Association or any other centrally-operated Baseball entity. The IGF Board shall consist of the two Co-Chairs, the two Association Members, the two Club Members and the one Independent Member.
- (b) It shall be the responsibility of the IGF Board to oversee the operation and activities of IGF. The IGF Board shall meet in person at least three times each year. The IGF Board may also hold conference calls and receive reports and other information about the activities and operation of IGF.

(2) Co-Operating Officers

The Association and the LRD, on behalf of the Clubs, shall each appoint one Co-Operating Officer for IGF. The responsibilities of the Co-Operating Officers shall be:

- (a) to work together in the operation and administration of IGF on a day-to-day basis;
- (b) to formulate, plan and agree upon joint activities (including budgets, contractors and/or vendors therefor) as described in Section B above;
- (c) to consult with the IGF Board regarding joint activities (including budgets, contractors and/or vendors therefor) as described in Section B above and as agreed upon by the Co-Operating Officers; and
- (d) to otherwise make regular reports to the IGF Board about current and future IGF activities.

D. Dispute Resolution

(1) Disputes Concerning Joint Activities

Any dispute concerning a decision whether or not to participate in a joint activity, including disputes over budgets, the selection of contractors and/or vendors therefor, shall be resolved by the Co-Chairs of the IGF Board and, absent resolution by them, such joint activity shall not be undertaken. Decisions by the Co-Chairs with respect to this type of dispute shall be final and binding upon the Parties.

(2) Disputes Subject to Resolution by the Independent Member

Any dispute regarding the day-to-day operations of IGF (other than the disputes described in paragraph (1) above) shall be subject to resolution by the Independent Member. Either of the Co-Operating Officers shall have the right to bring such a dispute to the attention of the Independent Member by written notice within seven (7) business days from the date such dispute arises, with a copy simultaneously to the other Co-Operating Officer. The Independent Member, within five (5) business days from receipt of such written

notice, shall render a decision resolving the dispute. In reaching the decision, the Independent Member shall accord paramount consideration to the objective and purposes of IGF, as described in Section A above, as well as to the funding available to IGF, as described in Section E below. The Independent Member's decision resolving the dispute shall be in writing with a brief explanation of the reasons therefor. The decision of the Independent Member shall be final and binding upon the Parties.

(3) Other Disputes

Except for disputes subject to paragraph (1) or (2) above, nothing in this Article XXV is intended to affect either the substantive rights of the Parties under this Article XXV or the application of the Grievance Procedure in Article XI to any other complaint involving the existence or interpretation of, or compliance with this Article or any provision herein.

E. Funding

(1) Competitive Balance Tax Proceeds

Competitive Balance Tax proceeds shall be contributed to IGF as provided in Article XXIII(H)(1) and (4).

(2) Additional Voluntary Contributions

In addition, either the Association, in its discretion, or the Clubs, in their discretion, may contribute additional amounts to IGF.

F. Continuation of IGF After the Termination of the Basic Agreement

If, as of the termination of this Agreement, there are funds available for use by IGF as a result of the operation of Section E above, for activities described in Section B above, then notwithstanding termination of this Agreement and any rights of the Clubs under the National Labor Relations Act, IGF shall remain in existence and in operation as if this Agreement had not terminated, until such funds are exhausted through use in activities described in Section B above, or until the Association and the LRD agree to terminate operation of IGF, whichever is earlier.

ARTICLE XXVI—Term

This Agreement shall terminate on December 19, 2006.

ARTICLE XXVII—Comprehensive Agreement

This Agreement represents a complete, full and final understanding on all bargainable subjects covering Players during the term of this Agreement, except such matters as may become bargainable pursuant to the reopener provisions of this Agreement or under the terms of the following agreements:

- (a) the Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan;
- (b) the Agreement Re Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan; and
 - (c) the Agreement regarding dues check-off.

All rights to bargain with one another concerning any subject whatsoever regarding Players for the duration of this Agreement are expressly waived by the Parties, except to the extent permitted in said Agreements and in the reopener provisions of this Agreement. Should this Agreement be reopened pursuant to the provisions hereof, each of the Parties shall have the right to take concerted action in support of its position.

It is further agreed by the Parties that during the term of this Agreement they will use their best efforts to ensure that all terms and conditions of all Uniform Player's Contracts signed by individual Players will be carried out in full.

ARTICLE XXVIII—Execution of this Agreement

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and such counterparts shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

This Agreement is executed by the undersigned acting solely in their respective representative capacities and not in their individual capacities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto subscribed their names as of the day and year first above written.

CLUBS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

ATLANTA NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB, INC.

CHICAGO NATIONAL LEAGUE

BALL CLUB

CINCINNATI REDS, L.L.C.

COLORADO ROCKIES BASEBALL

CLUB, LTD.

STERLING DOUBLEDAY

ENTERPRISES, L.P.

HOUSTON MCLANE COMPANY, INC.

DBA HOUSTON ASTROS BASEBALL CLUB

Los Angeles Dodgers, Inc.

FLORIDA MARLINS BASEBALL

CLUB, L.L.C.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS BASEBALL
CLUB, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

BASEBALL EXPOS. L.P.

THE PHILLIES

PITTSBURGH ASSOCIATES

St. Louis Cardinals, L.P.

PADRES L.P.

SAN FRANCISCO BASEBALL

Associates, L.P.

AZPB LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

BALTIMORE ORIOLES LIMITED

PARTNERSHIP

THE BOSTON RED SOX

BASEBALL CLUB

ANAHEIM ANGELS L.P.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX, LTD.

CLEVELAND INDIANS BASEBALL

COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

DETROIT TIGERS, INC.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS BASEBALL

CORPORATION

MINNESOTA TWINS

Paul Abbott Rich Aurilia Aaron Boone Tony Clark Craig Counsell Johnny Damon Ryan Drese Damion Easley John Flaherty Joe Girardi

Doug Glanville Tom Glavine Jason Grimsley

Rick Helling Denny Hocking Kevin Jarvis

Charles Johnson Jason Johnson

Ray King Steve Kline Al Leiter Jeff Liefer

Paul LoDuca Mark Loretta

Mike Myers Russ Ortiz

Mike Remlinger Brian Schneider

Scott Schoeneweis

Mike Stanton Blake Stein

B.J. Surhoff Vernon Wells

Kevin Young Gregg Zaun

Todd Zeile Jeff Zimmerman

Barry Zito

New York Yankees Limited
Partnership
Athletics Investment
Group, LLC dba Oakland
Athletics Baseball Company
The Baseball Club of
Seattle, L.P.
Texas Rangers Baseball
Partners
Rogers Blue Jays Baseball
Club Partnership
Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Ltd.

By

Major League Baseball
Office of the Commissioner
Robert D. Manfred, Jr.,
Executive Vice President
Labor and Human Resources
and Labor Counsel

By

Donald M. Fehr, Executive Director and General Counsel

ATTACHMENT I

Delivery and Availability of Player Contracts

The Office of the Commissioner will provide copies of all newly signed and approved Uniform Player's Contracts to the Association on a quarterly basis. Contracts not yet approved or disapproved by the Commissioner will be made available to the Association upon its request.

ATTACHMENT 2

Donald M. Fehr, Esquire Executive Director and General Counsel Major League Baseball Players Association 12 East 49th Street New York, New York 10017

Dear Don:

I understand that the Players Association has expressed concern that the Commissioner might take some action pursuant to Article XI(A)(1)(b) of the Basic Agreement which could negate rights of Players under the new Basic Agreement. While I have difficulty seeing that this is a real problem, I am quite willing to assure the Association that the Commissioner will take no such action.

Sincerely,

Allan H. Selig Commissioner of Baseball

ATTACHMENT 3

Robert D. Manfred, Jr.
Executive Vice President of
Labor and Human Resources
Labor Counsel
245 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10167

Dear Rob:

As we have agreed, in cases in which the Arbitration Panel decides that an award including interest is appropriate, the interest rate to be applied shall be as calculated under Article XV(K) of the Basic Agreement.

This letter shall not be admissible in an arbitration hearing for any purpose other than the calculation of an appropriate interest rate.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Fehr
Executive Director and
General Counsel
Major League Baseball Players
Association

ATTACHMENT 4

Safe and Healthful Working Conditions

This will set forth the understanding of the Parties that the Players Association may properly file and pursue through arbitration a grievance concerning safety and health.

It is further understood that the Parties will attempt to avoid grievances on this subject by making every reasonable effort to utilize the Safety and Health Advisory Committee provided for in Article XIII(A) of the Basic Agreement.

ATTACHMENT 5

Standard Form of Diagnosis (ebis System Generated From Choices)

To: Office of the Commissioner (Baseball Operations)
Player's Name
Club
Position
15-Day DL 60-Day DL Transfer to 60-Day DL
Date of Injury Last Game Appearance
Initial Placement Date Recertification Date
Date of Examination
Earliest Reinstatement Date
Nature of Injury
Body Side Drop Down Choice Right or Left" Part of Body Injured Drop Down Choice See Attached List"
Body Part Detail Drop Down Choice "See Attached List"
Diagnosis Description Drop Down Choice "See Attached List"
Estimate Time for Recovery
Physician Name Physician Signature
Date
Club Official Name
Date
Club Official Signature
cc: Player Players Association

Nature of Injury Data Table

The following table represents the drop down menu items in the Nature of Injury data section of the Disabled List Placement screen. The three columns of the table (Body Part, Body Part Detail, and Diagnosis Description) reflect the data elements available in the respective drop down lists provided in the interface. Depending on the user's selection of Body Part, the Body Part Detail and Diagnosis Description fields are populated. The second chart represents the associated drop down data elements available in the Ailment drop down list. Body Part Detail and Diagnosis Description for each Body Part will be sorted alphabetically in all drop-down lists that correspond to the data in the two following tables.

Body Part 👙 👙	Body Part Detail	Diagnosis Description
Head	Skull	Concussion
	Cheekbone	Infection
	Eye	Laceration
	Nose	Contusion
	Ears	Fracture
	Jaw	TMJ
	Other	Post-concussion Syndrome
		Other
Shoulder	Shoulder	Fracture
	Labrum	Separation
	Rotator Cuff	Dislocation
	A/C Joint	Subluxation
	Acromioclavicular	Теаг
	Other	Tendinitis
···		Impingement Syndrome
		Bursitis
		Nerve Injury
		Surgery
		Blood Clot
		Other

Body Part	Body Part Detail	Diagnosis Description
Arm/Elbow	Elbow	Fracture
	Forearm	Dislocation
	Triceps	Bone Spurs
	Biceps	Loose Bodies
	Other	Inflammation
		Radial Nerve Injury
		Ulnar Nerve Injury
		Ulnar Collateral Lig. Injury
		Muscle Injury
		Tendon Injury
. <u>.</u>		Contusion
		Surgery
		Other
Wrist/Hand/Fingers	Wrist	Fracture
	Hand	Navicular Fracture
	Thumb	Hamate Fracture
	Digit 2	Dislocation
	Digit 3	Ligament Injury
	Digit 4	TFCC Injury
	Digit 5	Carpal Tunnel Synd.
	Other	Muscle Injury
		Tendon Injury
		Nerve Injury
		Contusion
		Laceration
		Infection
		Surgery
		Other

Body Part	Body Part Detail	Diagnosis Description
Chest/Back/Spine	Back	Inflammation
	Cervical Spine	Fracture
	Thoracic Spine	Facet Joint Problem
	Chest	Contusion
	Ribcage	Stenosis
	Oblique Muscle	Disk Injury/Disease
	Lumbar Spine	Nerve Injury
	Sacrum	Sciatic Nerve Irritation
<u> </u>	Other	Ligament Sprain
		Muscle Strain
		Muscle Spasm
	_	Surgery
	<u> </u>	Other
Pelvis/Hips	Pelvis	Fracture
	Groin	Dislocation
	Hip	Strain
	Hernia	Bursitis
	Thigh	S1 Joint Injury
<u></u>		Contusion
	Abdomen	Nerve Injury
	Buttocks	Surgery
	Other	Other
Upper Leg/Thighs	Thigh	Fracture
	Quadriceps	Dislocation
	Hamstring	Contusion
		Nerve Injury
	Femur	Strain
	Other	Surgery
		Tendinitis
		Torn
 		Other

		Diagnosis Description
Lower Leg/Knee	Knee	Fracture
	Calf	Dislocation
· ·	Shin	Patella Disease
		Patella Dislocation
	Patella	Ligament Injury
	Other	Medial Collateral
		Lateral Collateral
		Anterior. Cruciate
<u></u> ,		Posterior. Cruciate
		Medial Meniscus Injury
		Lateral Meniscus Injury
		Bursitis
		Plica
		Degenerative OA
·		Compartment Syndrome
		Contusion
		Laceration
		Nerve Injury
		Surgery
		Chondromalacia
<u> </u>		Tendinitis
		Other
Ankle/Foot/Toes	Ankle	Fracture
	Great Toe	Multiple Fractures
	Digit 2	Dislocation
	Digit 3	Nerve Injury
	Digit 4	Sprain
	Digit 5	Heel Pain
	Heel	Planter Fasciitis
	Foot	Turf Toe
<u> </u>	Achilles Tendon	Contusion
	Other	Bursitis
		Laceration
		Infection
		Surgery
		Other

Body Part	Body Part Detail	Diagnosis Description
Internal Organs	Heart	Inflammation
	Kidney	Aneurysm
	Stomach	Disease
	Lungs	Irregular Heartbeat
	Other	Stones
		Hernia
		Other

Ailment
Cancer
Glaucoma
Pneumonia
Appendectomy
Mumps
Chicken Pox
Measles
German Measles
Bell's Palsy
Other

ATTACHMENT 6



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYER MEDICAL HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE Bétipol da las Grandes Ligas Cuestionario de Historial Médico del Jagedor

	8/17 0 ombre			Date Fecha						
SS#			DOB		Age					
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					t-				()	0 3000
			,	ha sido pociente en un hospital?)	•)	()	()
2,	Have you	wer had surgery? (inligo	ne vez ha terido una operaci	in?)	()	()	()
Ιd	lentify <i>(Identil</i>	car):		Date (Fecha):						
3.	Are you ta ¿Está toman	king medicine or pills? (to aiguna medicina o pastilla	Prescription or over-the	-counter)	()	ζ)	()
īd	entify (Identil	(W):								
4.	Does your	family have a history of	? (¿Tiene un historial familia	de?):						
		Heart disease (Enferme	edad dei corazdn)		()	()	()
		Diabetes (Dabetes)	### manable community 1		- 5	?	()	9)
		High blood pressure (a Cancer (cancer)	via preson sangumea)		·	-{	}	3	7	3
			age 50 <i>(Muerte rependra a</i> r	ntes de los 50 años)	ì	í	ì	ń	ì	í
		Mental Illness (Enforme	dades mentales)	•	Ċ	j	Ċ	Ď	Ò	í
		Stroke (Dename cerebra) Other (Ovos)	 -		<u> </u>)	()	()
5.	Do you hav	e any allergles? (¿Tiene)	ι)	()
	}				=					
6.	Have you e	 ver passed out? (خالوس	a vez se ha desmayado?))	(}	()
7.	Have you o	ver passed out with ex-	ercise? <i>(iAlguna vez sa ha i</i>	lesmayado después del ejerciclo?)	()	()	()
8.	Have you o	ver been dizzy during e	xerdse? (¿Alguna ver na a	entido mareos durante el ejercicio?)	()	Ċ	j	Ĺ)
9,	Have you e	ver been dizzy after ex	ercise? (Chipura vez ha sen	tido mareos despuás del ejercicio?)	()	(}	(}
10	. Do you tire	more quickly than you	friends with exercise?		()	()	()

	YES		NO		Don't Know (% See	
11. Do you ever have any chest pain with exercise? ¿Alguna us ha tenido dater en el pecho durante el alercido?	()	()	()
 Do you ever have any chest pain after exercise? Aliguna vez ha tentito doior en el pecho después del ejercicio? 	()	()	()
 Have you ever had high blood pressure? Alguna ver ha parido alla presión sanguinea? 	(}	()	(}
14. Have you ever been told you have a heart murmur? ¿Alguna vez le han dicho que tiene un soplo en el corardo?	(ŀ	()	()
15. Have you had racing of your heart? ¿Algune vez ha térido aceleración del los latidos del corazón?	(ı	()	()
Has your heart skipped beats? Albuna var ha tendfo latitios del corazión imagulares?	()	1	()	()
16. Have you ever had a head injury? Alguna ver tenklo una herida en la cabeza?	())	()	{	}
Have you ever had a concussion? (Alguna vez ha pendo una concusión?	())	()	ſ)
Have you been knocked out? ¿Alguna vez ha pentido el sentido?	(} ()	(}
17. Have you ever had a seizure? ¿Nguna ver ha apido un ataque o comulaido?	()) ()	()
18. Do you have frequent or severe headaches? ¿These delones de cobeas frequentes o fuertes?	()	۱ (•)	ſ)
19. Have you ever had a stinger or burner? Olipina ver ha terikb una punzada o ardor?	()) ()	Ţ)
Have you ever had a pinched nerve? ¿Alguna vez ha terido un nervio pinchado?	()	۱ (}	()
20. Have you had frequent heat cramps or muscle cramps? ¿Ha tenido frequentes rigideces por color o colombres musculares?	()		()	()
21. Do you have any trouble breathing during or after exercise? (Trans problems para respirar durante o después del ejerciclo?	()	()	()
Do you have any coughing during or after exercise? (Tiene problems por las durante o después del ejercico?	()	• ()	()
Do you have any wheezing during or after exercise? ¿Tiene problems con tables durante a después del ejercicio?	()	(}	(1
Oo you have or have used in the past an inhaler? 2Time o alguma ver ha usedo un inhaledor?	()	١ ()	()
22. Do you or have you had any problems with vision? ¿Ha benicio, a tiene problemas con la visita?	()	()	()
23. Do you wear glasses? (Usa experience?	()	()	(1
Do you wear contacts? ¿Lisa lentes de contacto?	()	(}	()
Do you wear eye protection?	()	(}	()

			YES (SI)		NO		ion't Inow Io Sabel
24.	Do you have hearing difficulties? Tiene official pay on?	()	()	()
	Do you have hearing aides? ¿Tiene aparatos de auxiliono?	()	(}	()
25.	Do you have or have ever had any other medical problems? ZTiene above a his tenioù alphr and problems medica?						
	Diabetes (Diabetes)	()	()	()
	Heart (Corazon)	- ()	(-)	()
	Pneumonia (Pulmonia)	-(-)	(•	()
	Tuberculosis(Tuberculosis)	()	(-)	- ()
	Thyroid disease (Entermedades de la troides)	•	•	(-)	- ()
	Stomach ailments (Dolencies del estámago)	()	(-)	- ()
	Kidney problems (Enfermedades de los ritignes)	9)	Ç	- ?	- ()
	Appendicitis (Apendicitis)	- 5	?	(- ?	- {	,
	Lumps or cysts (Proziderancias a guistes)	5	- 5	Ģ	Ų	- 5	?
	Frequent sinus infections (Infectiones sinusales frequentes)	,	•	ļ	Ų	- 5	- }
	Frequent sore throats (Dolons frequents de gargants)	,	,	ļ	- {	- 5	?
	Rectal bleeding (Hemorragias por el recto) Rheumatic fevet (Hebre reunstica)	,	?	ļ	- {	- 5	- (
	Asthma (Asna)	- 5	- {	١,	- {	- }	Į.
	Other (Oro)		,	ł	,	•	,
20,	Have you ever had a broken bone or dislocation? Adjuna ver se in a quebrado o dislocado un hueso? Identify (identificar): Identify (identificar): Date (Fecha): Date (Fecha):)	_	,
	Do you have any skin problems? These problems de la plai?	(}	()	()
	() Itching (comezin)						
	() Rashes (ronches)						
	() Changing moles (lunares que combien de color)						
	() Other (otn)						
28.	Have you had any compilications from anesthesia (being put to sleep for surgery)? (Alguna ver ha terrido alguna compilicación bejo anesteale (quando lo han puesto a domir para alguna operación).	, ()	()	()
20	Are you missing any paired organs?	(,	(ı.	()
27.	Alle you massing any pairou organis; CHa partido algún organo de los que vienen en pares?	•	,	١.	,	•	,
	() Eyes (005)						
	() Kidneys (nitones)						
	() Testicles (testiculos)						
	() Other (sure)	-					
30.	Have you ever had a hernia or hernia repair?	()	()	ſ)
	Ekliguna vez terikio hemia o le han reparado una hemia?						
11.	Have you ever had a sexually transmitted disease? Alguna vez to tendo alguna enfermedad transmitida sexualmenta?	()	()	(}

		YES (S)		S NO		Don't Know (% Sice	
32.	Do you use tobacco products? (1000ss productos del tabaco?) () Cigarettes (caparities) () Cigars (national puras) () Chew smokeless tobacco or dip (mastros tabaco)	()	()	()
33.	Do you drink alcohol? <u>/Tome alcohol?</u>	{	}	()	()
34.	Do you have or have you ever had? ¿Tiene o alpuns vez ha tendo? Cancer (Cincer) Skin Cancer (cincer de la piel) Chicken pox (vances) Hepâtitis (hepartis) Measles (Navets) Mumps (Paperas) Monorrucleosis (Monorucleosis)))	000000)
35.	When was your last? (¿Cuándo fue au última?): Tetamus shot (immunización contre el ateano) Measles shot (finamización contre el sarempión) MMR shot (immunización contre las peperas, sarampión y rubecte) Chicken Pox vaccine (magnitación contra las vaicale) Hepatitis A vaccine (le vacune pare la hepatitis A) Hepatitis B vaccine (le vacune pare la hepatitis A) Polio vaccine (le vacune pare la hepatitis B) Date (fecha) Date (fecha) Date (fecha)	-				((((()
De	ntal:						
36.	Have you visited a dentist in the last year? Why the con at dentists durante at ultimo afte?	()	()	()
37.	Do you have problems chewing your food? ¿Tiene problems pers masticer sus simunios?	()	()	()
36.	Have you been told or do you feel you have gum (periodontal) problems? ¿Alguna vez le han dicho o siente usted que bene problemas de las encies (periodondo)?	(}	()	()
39.	Do your gums bleed easily? ite sangran las enclas con facilidad?	()	()	()
40.	Do you have pain or clicking in your jaw joint when chewing? ¿Tiene dolor o nido en la articipación de la mandibula al masticar?	()	()	()
41.	Do you grind your teeth? Rechins to dientes?	()	()	()
Ext	olain "yes" answers here (Expènse aquí las responstas "a"):	<u> </u>	<u> </u>				

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Player represents that all information provided by him in this report is correct to the best of his knowledge.

El jugador afirma que toda la información que proporcionó en este reporte es correcta hasta donde él sabe.

Player's signature (Firma del jugador):		
Date (Fecha):		

Initial Orthopedic Ilistory Examination <u>Examen Inicial de Historial Ortopédico</u>

S: Date of exam:
Hospital / City Physician
Hospital / City Physician (Hospital / Citaket) (Bioloce)
length of time from surgery until you reached your unscharts desde el momento de la operación hasta que valvió a sean or arthrogram? Yes (Si)No magnética, tomografia, escance de los huesos o autrograma?
Reason (Bazon)
have ever caused you to miss playing time: que le hayan causada perder tiempo de juego:
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5.	List any treatments (therapy, injections, chiropractic care, medications, etc.) that you have had for any injuries, symptoms or illnesses: Enumere todas los tratamientos (ucrepia, invecciones, atención quiropráctica, medicamentos, etc.) que haya tenta a causa de lestones, sinomus o enfermedades:
	
б.	Are you presently free of all symptoms, injury, illness or discomfort? ¿End totalmente fibre en este momeno de cualquier síntuma, testón, enfermedad o molestia?
	Ycs (Si) No
	If "no," please explain: De ser "no," favor de explicar:
7.	Are you currently physically able to perform all of the duties required in Professional Baseball? ¿Es capas fisicamente en este momento de desempeñar todos los deberes que se requieren en el beisbal profesional? Yes (Sir No
W	AIVER SECTION .
bes	Player represents that all Information provided by him in this report is correct to the st of his knowledge.
do	El jugador afirma que toda la información que proporcionó en este reporte es correcta hasta nde él sabe.
Pla	nyer's signature (firma del jugador):
Da	to (Fecha):

Have you ever had any of the following? ¿Alguna vez ha tenido alguna de las siguientes dolencias?

Select alt that apply (Seleccione todas las que se apliquen):	Ves (Si)	No.	Currently (Abora)	Past Year (Úldmo Ado)	Past 5 Years (UR. 5 nñes)	Pre-Puberty (Pre-Pubertad)	
NECK — Cervical Spine (CUELLO — Espina cervical) Fracture (Fractura) Fract Joint Problem (Probl. en la articulación de la carilla) Stenosis (Estenosis) Disk injury / Disease (Lesión/ Enferm. del disco) Nerve Injury (Lesión del nervio) Muscle Strain (Distensión muscular) Muscle Spasm (Espasmo muscula) Undiagnosed Pain (Dolor sin diagnóstico) Identify Symptoms (Identifique los sintomas):	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	
Other (Otro): Identify (Identifique):	0	0	o	0	0	0	
UPPER BACK - Thoracic Spine (Espaida Alta - Espina toráxica) Fracture (Fractura) Facet Joint Problem (Probl. en la articulación de la carilla) Stenosis (Estenosis) Disk injury / Disease (Lesión/ Enferm. del disco) Nerve Injury (Lesión del nervio) Muscle Strain (Distensión muscular) Muscle Spasm (Espasmo muscular) Epidural Injection (Inyección epidural) Undiagnosed Pain (Dolor sin diagnóstico) Identify Symptoms (Identifique los sintomas):	000000000	000000000	000000000	000000000	000000000	000000000	
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LOWER BACK - Lumbar Spine (Espina Dorsal Bala - Area Lumbar	1						_
Fracture (Fractura) Facet Joint Problem (Probl. en la articulación de la carilla) Stenosis (Estenosis) Spinal Fusion (Fusión de la espina) Scoliosis (Escoliosis) Disk injury / Disease (Lesión/ Enferm. del disco) Nerve Injury (Lesión del nervio) Sciatic Nerve Injury (Lesión del nervio ciático) Muscle Strain (Distensión muscular) Muscle Spasm (Espasmo muscular) Epidural Injection (Inyección epidural) Undiagnosed Pain (Dolor sin diagnóstico) Identify Symptoms (Identifique los sintomas):	000000000000	000000000000	000000000000	00000000000	00000000000	000000000000	
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Contusion (Contusión)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other (Otra): Identify (Identifique);	0	0	0	0	0	0	

SHOULDER (Hombre) Dominance (Dominancia) Fracture (Practura) Separation (Separación) Dislocation (Dislocación) Subluxation (Subluxación) Labrum lejury (Lesión del borde) Bicep Tendon Injury (Lesión del tendón del biceps) Rotator Cuff Tendonitis (Tendonitis del manguillo rotadox) Rotator Cuff Tear (Desgatte del manguillo rotadox) Rotator Cuff Tear (Desgatte del manguillo rotadox) Inpingement Syndrome (Sindrome de compresión) Burstis (Sorsitis) Nerve Injury (Lesión del cervio) Injection (Inyección) Surgery (Cirugia) Undiagnosed Pain (Dolor sin diagnóstico) (dentify Symptoms (Identifique los sintotnas):	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	DOCOCOOOOOOOOOOO	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	
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ELBOW (Codo) Fracture (Fractura) Dislocation (Dislocación) Bone Spurs (Protuberancias óseas) Loose Bodies (Fragmentos sueltos) Inflammation (Inflamación) Radial Nerve Injury (Lesión del nervio radial) Ulnar Nerve (Lesión del nervio whar) Ulnar Coll. Lig. Jajury (Lesión del ligamento coll. Ulnar) Musele Injury (Lesión muscular) Flexion Contracture (Contracción de flexión)	0000000000	0000000000	0000000000	0000000000	0000000000	0000000000	0000000000	0000000000	

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Ligament Injury-Sprain (Lesion-Distension del figamento)	ŏ	ŏ	ă	0	õ	ŏ	00000	ŏ
Muscle Injury-Sprain (Lesión-Distensión del músculo)	0	0	O	0	Q	Ö	Õ	0
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (Sindrome del túnel carpiano)	Q	0	000	0	0	Ö	Ö	0
Ganglions (Crangilos)	0	0	0	О	0	0	0	0
Injection (Inyección)	0	0	0	0	Q	0	0	0
Surgery (Cinigla)	O	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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TFCC Injury (Lesión TFCC)	0	0	O	o	0	0	О	0
Hamate Fracture (Fractura de hueso en ganeho)	0	00	0	0	000	0	0	0
Other (Otco):	Q	0	0	0	0	O	O	0
Identify (Identifique):								
ELVIS & HIPS (Pelvis y caderas)								
Fracture (Fractura)	0	0	0	0	٥	¢	00	0
Pubis Inflammation (Inflamación del pubis)	O	0	0	0	000000	000000	0	0
Hip Pointers (Huesos en punta de las caderas)	00	O	O	0	0	0	o	0
Groin Muscle Strain (Distensión muscular de la ingle)	Ō	0	0000	000	ŏ	0	0000	Ŏ
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Injections (Injecciones)	_			0	Ö	Ö	2	0000000
Surgery (Cirugia)	ò	0	0	00	00	00	00	ä
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Quadriceps Strain (Distensión del cuadríceps)	0	o	0	0	O	0	0	0	
Multiple Quadricep Strain (Distension multiple del cuadriceps)	0	0	Ö	Ó	0	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	
Multiple Hamstring Strain (Distensión múlt, del tendón de corva) Ruptured Hamstring (Rotura del tendón de la corva)	ŏ	ö	0000	00	00	0000	00	0000	
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Precture (Fractura)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Patella Disease (Enfermedad de la rotula)	0	ō	0	0	Ō	Ŏ	ŏ	0	
Patella Dislocation (Dislocación de la rótuta)	0	õ	Ò	ò	0000	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	
Ligament Injury (Lesión del ligamento) Medical Collateral (Collatera) médico)	00	00	0	00	×	00000000000	Ö	Ö	
Laterial Collateral (Colateral lateral)	ŏ	ŏ	0	ŏ	0	ŏ	ă	ň	
Anterior Cruciate (Cruciforme anterior)	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	
Posterior Cruciate (Cruciforme posterior)	ŏ	õ	õ	ō	0	ō	ō	ō	
Medial Meniscus Injury (Lesión media de los meniscos)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lateral Meniscus Injury (Lesión lateral de los meniscos)	Ģ	0	0	0	0	Ó	0	0	
Plica (Plica)	0	0	Ō	Ō	Ō	Ó	000000000000	000000000000000	
Bone Spurs (Protuberancias óseas)	0	ō	0	Ö	0	ŏ	Ö	Ö	
Unexplained Swelling (Inflamación sin explicación)	0	0	õ	0	ŏ	Š	×	Ö	
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Surgery (Cirugia):	ŏ	0	0	õ	0	8	Ö	0	
Anterior Cruciate Ligament (Ligamento anterior eruciforme) Meniscus (Meniscos)	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	000	ŏ	ŏ	0	ŏ	
Patellofemoral (Patelofemoral)	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ō	ō	ŏ	ŏ	
Multiple Surgeries (Cirugias múltiples)	0	0	Ō	0	0	Ō	ō	ō	
Other (Otro):	Ó	Ó	Ó	Ó	Ó	0	0	0	
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Robert D. Manfred, Jr.
Executive Vice President
Labor and Human Resources
Labor Counsel
245 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10167

Dear Rob:

This will confirm that, pursuant to Article XV(F), the Parties will translate and print in Spanish the following notices and/or forms:

- (1) Notice of Assignment of a Player's Contract (MLR 9)
- (2) Notice of Election of Free Agency—3-Year Player (Article XX(D)(1))
- (3) Notice of Election of Free Agency—Second Outright Assignment (Article XX(D)(2))
- (4) Request for Consent to Assignment ("Ten and Five," Article XIX(A)(1))
- (5) Request for Consent to Assignment (5-Year Player, Article XIX(A)(2)(a))
- (6) Request for Consent to Assignment (Article XIX(A)(3))
- (7) Request for Consent to Rehabilitation Assignment (Article XIX(C)(1))
- (8) Invitation to Attend Spring Training (Article XIV(A))
- (9) Notice of Club Request for Unconditional Release Waivers (MLR 8(d))

Sincerely,

Donald M. Fehr
Executive Director and
General Counsel
Major League Baseball Players
Association

Eugene D. Orza, Esquire Associate General Counsel Major League Baseball Players Association 12 East 49th Street New York, NY 10017

Dear Gene:

The Players Association has consistently maintained that a centralized effort by the Office of the Commissioner and/or the Clubs to reduce the number of Major League Clubs is a mandatory subject of bargaining under the National Labor Relations Act ("NLRA"). The Clubs, on the other hand, have consistently taken the position that such action is a permissive subject of bargaining under the NLRA. Without resolving this difference of opinion, the Parties have reached certain agreements on this topic during the negotiations over a successor Basic Agreement. Those agreements are reflected in Article XV(H) (Future Contraction) of the new Basic Agreement. The Parties agree, by this letter, that their agreement on this topic and the bargaining that preceded it shall not be used by either party as evidence that the topic is or is not a mandatory subject of bargaining in any subsequent litigation, including any grievance or NLRB proceeding.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Manfred, Jr.

AGREED:	Major League Baseball Players Association								
	By:								
	Eugene D. Orza	Date							

Michael S. Weiner, Esquire Associate General Counsel Major League Baseball Players Association 12 East 49th Street New York, NY 10017

Re: Central Tender Letter

Dear Michael:

Pursuant to Article XX(A) of the Basic Agreement and paragraph 10(a) of the Uniform Player's Contract ("UPC"), the Clubs hereby tender contracts to the following players for the term of the next year as follows:

CLUB

Player Name Salary For Major Performance Salary For Minor Other League Service Bonuses League Service

Accordingly, the following players have not been tendered contracts for the term of the next year:

CLUB

Player Name

Sincerely,

Francis X. Coonelly General Labor Counsel

This will set forth the understanding of the Parties regarding the last paragraph of Article XX(A) of the Basic Agreement and, specifically, the exercise of free agency rights by Players on Restricted, Suspended, Disqualified, Ineligible, Voluntarily Retired or Military Lists:

- 1. A Player who properly has been placed on a Restricted List for either failing to report to his Club or failing to contract with it, or who properly has been placed on a Disqualified List for failure to render his services to his Club, shall be eligible to become a free agent as provided in Article XX, if otherwise qualified as set forth therein. Upon becoming a free agent, such Player shall automatically be removed from the Restricted or Disqualified List and reinstated to active status.
- 2. A Player who properly has been placed on a Disqualified List for a reason other than that stated in paragraph 1 above, or who properly has been placed on a Suspended, Ineligible, Voluntarily Retired or Military List, shall also be eligible to become a free agent as provided in Article XX, but he shall not be eligible to sign or play with a new Club until removed from such List and reinstated to active status.

ATTACHMENT 11

This will set forth the understanding of the Parties regarding Article XX(A) of the Basic Agreement and, specifically, the obligations of Clubs to tender Contracts to and renew Major League Contracts of Players on Restricted, Suspended, Disqualified, Ineligible, Voluntarily Retired or Military Lists:

1. The Clubs' obligations to tender and renew Contracts, as set forth in paragraph 10(a) of the Uniform Player's Contract, shall apply with regard to any Player who, at the applicable time, is on a Restricted List for either failing to report to his Club or failing to contract with it, or is on a Disqualified List for failure to render his services to his Club. Should a Club fail to so tender or renew a Contract, the Player shall become a free agent without any restrictions or qualifications, and he automatically shall be removed from the Restricted or Disqualified List.

2. With regard to any Player who is on a Disqualified List for a reason other than that stated in paragraph I above, or is on a Suspended, Ineligible, Voluntarily Retired or Military List, the Clubs shall not be obligated to tender or renew a Contract until the Player is removed from such List and reinstated to active status. If a Player is removed from such List during a period beginning on December 10 and extending through the next championship season, the Club shall tender a Contract to him within 10 days following such removal. Thereafter, should the Club and the Player fail to agree upon the terms of a new Contract within 10 days after the Player's receipt of the tendered contract, the Club shall be obligated, within the next 5 days, to renew the Player's prior Major League Contract. provided, however, that if the tender is made during the period beginning on December 10 and ending on the next March 1, the renewal period shall be as set forth in paragraph 10(a) of the Uniform Player's Contract. Should a Club fail to tender or renew a Contract as provided in this paragraph, the Player shall become a free agent without any restrictions or qualifications.

ATTACHMENT 12

This will set forth the understanding of the Parties regarding Article XX(A), of the Basic Agreement:

With respect to a Minor League Player with no existing Major League Contract, whose Minor League contract has been assigned to a Major League Club, it is understood that the placing of such a Player on the Major League Club's Active Reserve List (40-man Roster) and the tendering to such a Player of a Major League Contract without the necessity of renewing the Minor League contract will provide the Major League Club with reservation rights to such a Player. Thus, such a Player will not become a free agent under Article XX(A)(2)(d), which provides that a Player will become a free agent if his Club fails to exercise its contract renewal rights, there being no prior Major League Contract to renew.

Donald M. Fehr, Esquire Executive Director and General Counsel Major League Baseball Players Association 12 East 49th Street New York, New York 10017

Re: Information Bank

Dear Don:

This is to confirm our understanding that during the term of this Agreement the Clubs will not operate an Information Bank with respect to free agents.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Manfred, Jr.
Executive Vice President
Labor and Human Resources
Labor Counsel

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Major League Baseball Players Association ("the Association") and the 30 Major League Clubs ("the Clubs") have agreed that certain financial information in the possession of the Clubs is relevant to compliance with the Basic Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Association and the Clubs have previously been parties to Confidentiality Agreements under which the Association has generally restricted access to Documents (as defined below in paragraph 1) only to individuals involved in particular projects (such as the litigation of the collusion cases and the 1985, 1990, 1994-1997 and 2002 collective bargaining negotiations);

Now, THEREFORE, the Clubs and the Association hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Any documents pertaining to Club finances provided by the Clubs in whatever form (including computer diskettes) to the Association pursuant to the new Basic Agreement, including actual and projected revenue and expense data for individual Clubs, Club financial questionnaires and individual Club financial statements, industry consolidations of data (including Combined Summary of Operations and Other Financial Information reports), copies of the new national network, cable and radio agreements, and estimated interim or final revenue sharing net payments and net receipts, will be referred to as "Documents" or "the Documents." All notes, studies, analyses and other internal work product prepared by or for the Association, based in whole or in part on the Documents, will be referred to as "the Work Product."
- 2. The Association acknowledges that the Clubs consider the Work Product to have elements of confidentiality about it. Accordingly, the Association will act reasonably and responsibly and with due regard for the privacy interests of the Clubs in making reports or communicating with its membership and the public regarding the Work Product.
- 3. The Documents will be deemed to be confidential subject to the provisions of this Agreement, and the Association shall take steps to protect the Documents in the same manner as the docu-

ments received under prior Confidentiality Agreements or stipulations between the parties.

- 4. The Documents will be used solely for the purpose of determining compliance with Article XXIV of the new Basic Agreement and not for any other purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to any individual Player contract negotiations and in connection with any grievance not involving compliance with Article XXIV of the new Basic Agreement.
- 5. The Documents may be disclosed only to the following persons:
 - (a) outside attorneys retained in connection with determining compliance with Article XXIV of the new Basic Agreement and their associated lawyers, legal assistants, secretarial and clerical personnel who are engaged in assisting them;
 - (b) the Association staff;
 - (c) outside experts, including economists, statisticians, accountants and their clerical assistants who are engaged in assisting the Association in connection with determining compliance with Article XXIV of the new Basic Agreement; and
 - (d) individual Players and their agents, to the extent deemed necessary by the Association, in connection with its role as the collective bargaining representative.
- 6. The Association will establish appropriate procedures to maintain orderly control over the Documents when in use by the Association staff, outside attorneys, outside experts and individual Players and their agents. The Association will only give photocopies of the Documents to those described in paragraph 5 above to the extent necessary for the purpose of determining compliance with Article XXIV of the new Basic Agreement and will maintain a record of any such photocopies. Any person described in paragraph 5 above who receives from the Association photocopies of any of the Documents will execute an Acknowledgment, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1.
- 7. The Documents and all photocopies thereof shall be returned to the Clubs within 30 days after a successor Basic Agreement to the

new Basic Agreement is executed by the Clubs and the Association, along with a written representation that no copies have been retained. The Association shall be entitled to retain all Work Product.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION	OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
By:Donald M. Fehr	By:Robert D. Manfred, Jr.
Date:	Date:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Major League Baseball Players Association and the Major League Clubs have agreed that information such as that enclosed herewith is to be considered confidential, consistent with the Confidentiality Agreement executed by them, and shall be used solely for the purpose of determining compliance with Article XXIV of the new Basic Agreement and not for any other purpose whatsoever. A copy of the Confidentiality Agreement is also enclosed herewith.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has read the Confidentiality Agreement and agrees to be bound by these confidentiality provisions.

Date:	
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ATTACHMENT 15

Sale of Club

In all instances of the sale, trade, exchange or other change or transfer in the ownership of a franchise, all obligations owed to present or former Players arising under a Uniform Player's Contract shall be the obligation of the new ownership of such franchise.

Robert D. Manfred, Jr. Executive Vice President Labor and Human Resources Labor Counsel 245 Park Avenue New York, New York 10167

Dear Rob:

With respect to the scheduling of games, we have agreed as follows:

- (1) Copies of the tentative championship schedules are to be submitted to the Association for its review under Article V(B) of the Basic Agreement and the Office of the Commissioner will use best efforts to include the times of games;
- (2) The Office of the Commissioner will promptly notify the Association of proposed schedulings of the Hall of Fame Game and proposed changes in the tentative championship schedules submitted to the Association for its review under Article V(B) of the Basic Agreement.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Fehr
Executive Director and
General Counsel
Major League Baseball Players
Association

Donald M. Fehr, Esquire Executive Director and General Counsel Major League Baseball Players Association 12 East 49th Street New York, New York 10017

Dear Don:

This letter is to confirm our understanding that Kevin Hallinan, Major League Baseball's Director of Security, will make available Baseball's resident agents to meet with a designated player representative and a Club representative for each of the Clubs to discuss certain issues related to family security at the ballparks, including but not limited to, player and family parking, family seating and security and family rooms.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Manfred, Jr.
Executive Vice President
Labor and Human Resources
Labor Counsel

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S JOINT DRUG PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAM

The Major League Baseball Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program (the "Program") is established by agreement of the Office of the Commissioner and the Major League Baseball Players Association (the "Commissioner's Office," the "Association" and, jointly, the "Parties") (1) to educate Players on the Major League Clubs' 40-man rosters ("Players") on the risks associated with using Prohibited Substances (defined in Section 2 below); (2) to deter and end the use by Players of Prohibited Substances; and (3) to provide for, in keeping with the overall purposes of the Program, an orderly, systematic, and cooperative resolution of any disputes that may arise concerning the existence, interpretation, or application of this agreement. Except as otherwise provided herein, any dispute arising under this Program shall be subject to resolution through the Grievance Procedures of the Basic Agreement.

1. HEALTH POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Health Policy Advisory Committee Members

The Health Policy Advisory Committee ("HPAC") is responsible for administering and overseeing the Program, HPAC shall be composed of one medical representative ("Medical Representative") from each of the Parties (both of whom shall be licensed physicians expert in the diagnosis and treatment of chemical use and abuse problems), and one other representative each from the Office of the Commissioner and the Association (both of whom shall be licensed attorneys).

B. Appointment and Removal of HPAC Members

The respective representatives shall be appointed and removed by the Office of the Commissioner or the Association at will and shall not serve a minimum term.

C. Voting Procedures

HPAC shall endeavor to reach a unanimous decision with respect to the matters committed to it. In the absence of a unanimous decision, and subject to Sections 2.C.1 and 3.B below, a majority decision shall govern. When a majority decision cannot be reached, the Medical Representatives shall jointly appoint, on an *ad hoc* basis, a fifth member of HPAC (the "Fifth Member") who shall cast the decisive vote with respect to the matter at issue. The Fifth Member shall be a licensed physician expert in the diagnosis and treatment of chemical use and abuse problems. Except as provided in Section 3.D.2, HPAC shall use its best efforts to appoint the Fifth Member within 48 hours after being unable to reach a majority decision.

D. Duties and Responsibilities of HPAC

- 1. HPAC shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - (a) to establish advisory groups as it deems necessary to the effective administration of the Program, provided that no such advisory group may incur any extraordinary expenses without the approval of the Office of the Commissioner and the Association;
 - (b) to prepare and undertake educational presentations supporting the objectives of the Program;
 - (c) to administer the Program's testing requirements;
 - (d) to establish, monitor, maintain and supervise the collection procedures and testing protocols set forth in Addendum A hereto;
 - (e) to establish uniform guidelines or requirements for Clubs' Employee Assistance Programs ("EAPs") as they relate to Major League Players and monitor the performance of all such EAPs as they relate to Major League Players;
 - (f) to determine a Player's placement on either the Clinical or Administrative Track as set forth herein;
 - (g) to create, or participate in creating, individualized programs for Players on the Clinical or Administrative Track ("Treatment Programs");
 - (h) to monitor and supervise the progress of Players on Treatment Programs;

- to review periodically the operation of the Program and, upon majority agreement of the HPAC members, make recommendations to the Office of the Commissioner and the Association for appropriate amendments; and
- (j) to take any and all other reasonable actions necessary to ensure the proper administration of the Program.
- 2. HPAC may make recommendations to the Office of the Commissioner with respect to any contemplated discipline of Players for violations of this Program. Notwithstanding the foregoing, other than with respect to its responsibility to determine the appropriate placement of Players on the Clinical or Administrative Track, HPAC shall have no authority to discipline players for violations of this Program and no authority to investigate or make findings with respect to possible violations of this Program. All such authority shall repose in the Office of the Commissioner.

2. DRUGS OF ABUSE AND STEROIDS

All Players shall be prohibited from using, possessing, selling, facilitating the sale of, distributing, or facilitating the distribution of any Drug of Abuse and/or Steroid (collectively referred to as "Prohibited Substances").

A. Drugs of Abuse

Any and all drugs or substances included on Schedule II of the Code of Federal Regulations' Schedule of Controlled Substances ("Schedule II"), as amended from time to time, and all Schedule I drugs listed on Addendum C attached hereto, as amended from time to time, shall be considered Drugs of Abuse covered by the Program. The following substances and their analogs are covered by the Program, their Schedule classification notwithstanding:

- 1. Cocaine
- 2. LSD
- 3. Marijuana
- 4. Opiates (e.g., Heroin, Codeine, Morphine)
- 5. MDMA ("Ecstasy")
- 6. GHB
- 7. Phencyclidine ("PCP")

B. Steroids

Any and all anabolic androgenic steroids covered by Schedule III of the Code of Federal Regulations' Schedule of Controlled Substances ("Schedule III"), as amended from time to time, shall be considered Steroids covered by the Program. Anabolic androgenic steroids that are not covered by Schedule III but that may not be lawfully obtained shall also be considered Steroids covered by the Program. The following is a non-exhaustive list of Steroids covered by the Program:

- 1. Boldenone
- 2. Chlorotestosterone (4-chlorotestosterone)
- Clostebol
- 4. Dehydrochlormethyltestosterone
- 5. Dihydrotestosterone (4-dihydrotestosterone)
- 6. Drostanolone
- 7. Ethylestrenol
- 8. Fluxymesterone
- 9. Formebulone (formebolone)
- Mesterolone.
- 11. Methandienone
- 12. Methandranone
- 13. Methandriol
- 14. Methandrostenolone
- Methenolone
- 16. Methyltestosterone
- 17. Mibolerone
- 18. Nandrolone
- 19. Norethandrolone
- 20. Oxandrolone
- 21. Oxymesterone
- 22. Oxymethelone
- 23. Stanolone
- Stanozolol
- 25. Testolactone
- 26. Testosterone
- 27. Trenbolone

C. Adding Prohibited Substances to the Program

- 1. During the term of the Basic Agreement, Prohibited Substances may be added to this Section 2 only by the unanimous vote of HPAC, provided that the addition by the federal government of a substance to Schedule I (of the type of substance listed on Addendum C), II or III shall automatically result in that substance being added to this Section 2.
- 2. The parties further agree that they will encourage Congress to revisit the question whether androstenedione should be categorized as a Schedule III substance.

3. TESTING

A. Steroids

- 1. During the 2003 season (which shall include spring training but not include the post-season), all Players will be subject to two tests (one initial test and one follow-up test conducted not less than five and not more than seven days following the initial test) at unannounced times for the presence of Schedule III steroids ("Survey Testing"). In addition, the Office of the Commissioner shall have the right to conduct additional Survey Testing in 2003 in which up to 240 players, selected at random, may be tested.
- 2. If the results of the Survey Testing conducted in 2003 show that more than 5% of Players tested test positive for Steroids, all Players will be subject to two unannounced tests (an initial test and a follow-up test five to seven days later) for Steroids during the 2004 season ("Program Testing"). If a Player tests positive in the Program Testing, he shall immediately be placed on the Clinical Track and shall be subject to discipline for further violations. The Program Testing shall continue for each season until less than 2.5% of Players tested test positive for Steroids for two consecutive seasons combined.
- 3. If the results of the Survey Testing conducted in 2003 show that 5% or fewer of the Players tested test positive for Steroids, all Players will be subject to two unannounced Survey Tests (one initial test and one follow-up test conducted not less than five and not more than seven days following the initial test) for Steroids during the 2004 season. In

addition, the Office of the Commissioner shall have the right to conduct additional Survey Testing in 2004 in which up to 240 players, selected at random, may be tested. This Survey Testing shall continue in each season until more than 5% of the Players tested test positive for Steroids, in which case all Players will be subject to the Program Testing provided for in Section 3.A.2 above.

- 4. At the time the collector takes the initial sample, he shall inform the Player that the player should cease using any over-the-counter supplements for at least seven days. If the Player tests positive for a Steroid in the follow-up test, such test result may not be disputed on the ground that its result was based on the consumption of an over-the-counter supplement.
- 5. If, in either the Survey Testing or the Program Testing, a Player tests positive in the initial test for a Steroid and such positive test cannot be a result of the Player taking an over-the-counter supplement, the initial test shall be considered a positive result regardless of the outcome of the follow-up test.
- 6. In all seasons covered by the Basic Agreement, there will be a minimum of Survey Testing.
- 7. The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that the provisions of Section 3.A.1-3 shall, in all events, not survive the expiration of the Basic Agreement.

B. Over-The-Counter Supplements

If during any year of Survey Testing or Program Testing, more than 10% of Players tested test positive during the initial test but negative during the follow-up test, HPAC shall make a recommendation to the Office of the Commissioner and the Association regarding the actions to be taken, if any, to address the use by Players of over-the-counter supplements; provided, however, that the recommendation shall be made only if it is unanimous. HPAC may, in its sole discretion, add designated over-the-counter supplements to the list of Prohibited Substances for which testing is conducted pursuant to Section 3.A.2 and 3.A.3 above.

C. Drugs of Abuse

Except as set forth in Section 3.D, Players shall not be subject to either Survey or Program Testing for the use of any Drug of Abuse.

D. Reasonable Cause Testing

- 1. In the event that any HPAC member has information that gives him/her reasonable cause to believe that a Player has, in the previous 12-month period, engaged in the use, possession, sale or distribution of a Prohibited Substance, such member shall immediately request a meeting (or conference call) to present such information to the other HPAC members. If HPAC agrees by a majority vote that such reasonable cause exists, the Player will be subject to immediate testing, to take place no later than 48 hours after such vote, in accordance with the Collection Procedures and Testing Protocols set forth in Addendum A hereto.
- 2. If HPAC's vote is evenly split as to whether reasonable cause exists, the Medical Representatives shall, within 24 hours of such vote, use their best efforts to appoint the Fifth Member to cast the deciding vote. The name of the Player involved shall not be disclosed to the Fifth Member.

E. Collection Procedures and Testing Protocols

All testing conducted pursuant to this Program shall be conducted in compliance with the Collection Procedures and Testing Protocols set forth in Addendum A hereto.

F. Positive Test Results

Any test conducted under the Program will be considered "positive" under the following circumstances:

- 1. If any substance identified in the test results meets the levels set forth in the Testing Protocols section of Addendum A hereto.
- 2. A Player refuses or, without good cause, fails to take a test pursuant to Section 3.A or 3.D, or refuses to cooperate with the testing process.

3. A Player attempts to substitute, dilute, mask or adulterate a specimen sample or in any other manner alter a test.

The determination of whether a test is "positive" under Section 3.F.2 and 3.F.3 shall be made by HPAC.

G. Notification

HPAC shall immediately notify the Player and the Club's Employee Assistance Professional of a Player's positive result from a test conducted pursuant to Section 3.A.2.

4. CLINICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRACKS

A. Clinical Track

- 1. Except as set forth in Section 4.B below, all Players who enter the Program shall be automatically placed on the Clinical Track.
- 2. A Player shall automatically be moved to the Administrative Track if he fails to comply with his Treatment Program by testing positive for a Steroid while on a Treatment Program.
- 3. A Player shall automatically be moved to the Administrative Track if he is convicted or pleads guilty (including a plea of nolo contendre or a similar plea, but not including an adjournment contemplating dismissal or a similar disposition) to the sale or use of (including a criminal charge of conspiracy or attempt to possess, use or distribute) any Prohibited Substance. Such Player shall also be subject to immediate discipline.
- 4. In all other events, HPAC shall have the discretion to transfer a Player from the Clinical Track to the Administrative Track. The parties agree, however, that HPAC shall not move a Player to the Administrative Track solely on the basis that the Player is in an in-patient treatment program.
- 5. The parties agree that the act of transferring a Player from the Clinical to the Administrative Track shall not be considered discipline. The parties further agree that a Player may be subject to immediate discipline at the time he is transferred from the Clinical to the Administrative Track.

B. Administrative Track

A Player shall be automatically placed on the Administrative Track if:

- 1. HPAC determines that Player has failed to cooperate in his Initial Evaluation (as defined in Section 6.A.I below). If HPAC fails to reach a majority vote on whether a Player has failed to cooperate, the Fifth Member shall cast the deciding vote and shall base his/her determination on a "reasonable cause" standard and shall not be permitted to consider or rely upon past practice. If HPAC concludes that Player has failed to cooperate in his Initial Evaluation, Player shall be subject to immediate discipline; or
- 2. HPAC determines that Player has failed to cooperate in his Treatment Program (as defined in Section 6.B.1 below). If HPAC fails to reach a majority vote on whether a Player has failed to cooperate, the Fifth Member shall cast the deciding vote and shall base his/her determination on a "reasonable cause" standard and shall not be permitted to consider or rely upon past practice; or
- 3. Player is convicted or pleads guilty (including a plea of nolo contendere or a similar plea but not including an adjournment contemplating dismissal or a similar disposition) to the sale or use (including a criminal charge of conspiracy or attempt to possess, use or distribute) of any Prohibited Substance; or
- 4. Player participates in the sale or distribution of any Prohibited Substance.

HPAC shall notify the Club's General Manager when a Player is moved to the Administrative Track.

C. Release

A Player shall be required to sign a release of Treatment Program history, attached hereto as Addendum B, when he is placed on the Administrative Track.

5. SALARY RETENTION

A player shall be entitled to salary retention, over the course of his career, for the first 30 days he is required, under a Treatment Program,

to be in inpatient treatment, or outpatient treatment necessitating his absence from the Club. A Player shall be entitled to ½ salary retention, over the course of his career, for the 31st through 60th days he is required, under a Treatment Program, to be in inpatient treatment, or outpatient treatment necessitating his absence from the Club. A Player shall not be entitled to salary retention, over the course of his career, for any period beyond the 60th day in the event he is required, under a Treatment Program or otherwise, to be in inpatient treatment or outpatient treatment necessitating his absence from the Club.

6. PLAYER EVALUATION

A. Initial Evaluation

- 1. A Player who is referred to HPAC shall receive an evaluation from HPAC's Medical Representatives (the "Initial Evaluation"). The purpose of the Initial Evaluation is to ascertain the type of Treatment Program that, in the opinion of the Medical Representatives, would be most effective for the Player involved. The Initial Evaluation shall include at least one meeting between the Player and one or both of the Medical Representative(s). After the first meeting, the Medical Representative(s) may determine that additional meetings and/or a medical examination, including a toxicology examination, is necessary to complete the Initial Evaluation.
- 2. A Player who is on the Administrative Track shall be required to sign a release (in the form attached hereto as Addendum B).

B. Treatment Program

After concluding the Initial Evaluation and consulting with the other HPAC members, the Medical Representatives shall prescribe a Treatment Program for the Player. In devising the Treatment Program, the Medical Representatives may consult with other treating physicians or experts in the field and, unless HPAC decides otherwise, may not divulge the Player's name. The Treatment Program may include any or all of the following: counseling, inpatient treatment, outpatient treatment and follow-up testing. The Medical Representatives must inform the Player of the initial duration of the Treatment Program. During the course of the Player's Treatment Program, the Medical Representatives

may change the duration (either longer or shorter) and the scope of the Treatment Program, depending on the Player's progress. The Treatment Program may, upon determination by the Medical Representatives, be administered by someone other than the Medical Representatives (including a Club's EAP and/or physician), but the Medical Representatives shall maintain overall supervision of the Program and receive regular updates on the Player's progress from the treating professionals to whom administration of the Treatment Program may have been delegated.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY OF EVALUATIONS AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS

The confidentiality of the Player's participation in the Program is essential to the Program's success. Except as provided in Section 8, the Office of the Commissioner, the Association, HPAC, Club personnel, and all of their members, affiliates, agents, consultants and employees, are prohibited from publicly disclosing information about the Player's test results, Initial Evaluation, diagnosis, Treatment Program (including whether a Player is on either the Clinical or Administrative Track), prognosis or compliance with the Program.

8. DISCLOSURE OF PLAYER INFORMATION

A. Disclosure of Information

- 1. A Club whose Player is on the Clinical Track is prohibited from disclosing any information regarding a Player's participation in the Program to either the public, the media or other Clubs. Notwithstanding this prohibition, a Club is permitted to discuss a Player's Treatment Program progress with another Club that is interested in acquiring such Player's contract if the Club receives the Player's prior written consent and release of Treatment Program history (in the form attached hereto as Addendum B).
- 2. Any and all information relating to an Administrative Track Player's involvement in a Treatment Program, including but not limited to the fact or the results of any Prohibited Substance testing to which the Player may be subject, the details of his Treatment Program and his progress thereunder, and any disciplinary fines imposed upon

the Player by the Commissioner shall remain strictly confidential. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Player is suspended by the Commissioner, pursuant to Section 9 below, the suspension shall be entered in the Baseball Information System as a suspension for a specified number of days for a violation of this Program, and the only public comment from the Club or the Office of the Commissioner shall be that the Player was suspended for a specified number of days for a violation of this Program. In addition, HPAC may, without the suspended Player's consent, disclose the Player's status on the Administrative Track and the reason for any discipline imposed on the Player to the General Manager of the Player's Club, who shall keep such information confidential, except that the General Manager, and only he, may disclose such information to the General Manager of a Club that has expressed an interest in acquiring such Player's contract via assignment.

B. Method of Providing Information

Any information authorized to be provided to General Managers pursuant to this Section 8 shall be provided either in person or by conference call, provided that at least one HPAC member representing each Party is in attendance or on the call.

9. DISCIPLINE

A. Player Fails to Comply with Treatment Program

- 1. If HPAC determines by majority vote (or by a Fifth Member vote, if necessary) that a Player has failed to comply with his Treatment Program, and if the Player is either already on the Administrative Track or, as a result of such failure to comply, is placed on the Administrative Track, that information shall be disclosed to the Commissioner and the Player shall be subject to the following discipline by the Commissioner:
 - (a) First failure to comply (including failure to comply resulting in placement on Administrative Track): at least a 15-day, but no more than a 25-day, suspension or up to a \$10,000 fine;

- (b) Second failure to comply: at least a 25-day, but no more than a 50-day, suspension or up to a \$25,000 fine;
- (c) Third failure to comply: at least a 50-day, but not more than a 75-day, suspension or up to a \$50,000 fine;
- (d) Fourth failure to comply: at least a one-year suspension or up to a \$100,000 fine.
- (e) Any subsequent failure to comply by a Player shall result in the Commissioner imposing further discipline on the Player. The level of the discipline will be determined consistent with the concept of progressive discipline.
- 2. All suspensions shall be without pay.
- 3. The parties agree that any disputes regarding the fact of a Player's failure to comply with his Treatment Program and/or the level of discipline within the above-stated ranges for such failure to comply shall be subject to the Basic Agreement's Article XI.B grievance procedures.

B. Player Tests Positive for Steroid

- 1. First Positive Test Result: Player placed on the Clinical Track;
- 2. Second Positive Test Result: a 15-day suspension or up to a \$10,000 fine;
- 3. Third Positive Test Result: a 25-day suspension or up to a \$25,000 fine;
- 4. Fourth Positive Test Result: a 50-day suspension or up to a \$50,000 fine;
- 5. Fifth Positive Test Result: a one-year suspension or up to a \$100,000 fine.
 - 6. All suspensions shall be without pay.

C. Conviction for the Use of Prohibited Substance

A player who is convicted or pleads guilty (including a plea of noto contendere or similar plea but not including an adjournment contemplating dismissal or a similar disposition) to the use of any Prohibited Substance (including a criminal charge of conspiracy or attempt to possess or use) shall be subject to the following discipline:

- 1. For a first offense: a 15-day, but no more than a 30-day, suspension or up to a \$10,000 fine;
- 2. For a second offense: a 30-day, but not more than a 90-day, suspension or up to a \$50,000 fine;
- 3. For a third offense: a one-year suspension or up to a \$100,000 fine:
 - 4. For a fourth offense: a two-year suspension; and
- 5. Any subsequent offense by a Player shall result in the Commissioner imposing further discipline on the Player. The level of the discipline will be determined consistent with the concept of progressive discipline.

D. Participation in the Sale or Distribution of a Prohibited Substance

A Player who participates in the sale or distribution of a Prohibited Substance shall be subject to the following discipline:

- 1. For a first offense: at least a 60-day, but no more than a 90-day, suspension and up to a \$100,000 fine; and
 - 2. For a second offense: a two-year suspension.

Any subsequent offense by a Player shall result in the Commissioner imposing further discipline on the Player. The level of the discipline will be determined consistent with the concept of progressive discipline.

E. Marijuana

A Player on the Administrative Track for the use or possession of marijuana shall not be subject to suspension. The Player will be subject to fines, which shall be progressive and which shall not exceed \$15,000. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Player who participates in the sale or distribution (as those terms are used in the criminal code) of marijuana will be subject to the discipline set forth in Sections 9.C or 9.D above.

10. COSTS OF THE PROGRAM

Any costs for the treatment and testing of Players on either the Clinical Track or the Administrative Track, which are not covered by the Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan ("Plan"), shall be borne by the Club then holding title to the Player's contract. A Club that has unconditionally released a Player who is on a Treatment Program shall be responsible for any costs of such Program that are not covered by the Plan through the season in which the Player was released. The costs of the Survey Testing and any Program Testing shall be borne by the Office of the Commissioner. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is expressly agreed that the Testing Facility utilized in the Program shall be jointly selected by the Parties and, upon selection, shall be equally responsible to each of the Parties in the conduct of its affairs. All other costs relating to HPAC shall be shared by the Office of the Commissioner and the Association in proportion to each Party's exercise of HPAC responsibilities.

ADDENDUM A

COLLECTION PROCEDURES

All Collectors must adhere to the following collection procedures:

- 1. The Collector, who will be male, will be provided with a master list of all Players to be tested, along with an identifying number. The Player will provide photo identification to the Collector. If the Player does not have photo ID, Collector will indicate this on the Group Collection Log and have a Club representative (e.g., a trainer, or coach) positively identify Player.
- 2. After identification, if the collection is for Survey Testing, the Collector will invite the Player to affix the assigned identifying number to the specimen vial. Prior to observing the Player provide the urine specimen, the Collector will explain to the Player why the number is being affixed, as follows:
 - The test is being taken as part of a survey only, and is without any disciplinary consequences;
 - (ii) The survey requires two tests of the same Player, in order to rule out positives attributable to legal nutritional substances only, and this is the first of those two tests; the second will be administered in 5 to 7 days;
 - (iii) The collector must tell the donor the following: "You must refrain from taking any nutritional supplements until after the second test is conducted";
 - (iv) At the conclusion of any Survey Test, and after the results of all tests have been calculated, all test results, including any identifying characteristics, will be destroyed in a process jointly supervised by the Office of the Commissioner and the Association.

After identification, if the collection is not for Survey Testing, the Player must sign the Group Collection Log. The Collector will enter Player's social security number in the Donor Information box on the Chain of Custody.

- 3. The Player will then provide a urine specimen. The Player, not the Collector, must carry the sample to the processing table. The Collector must not handle the specimen at all until required to pour it into the "A" and "B" bottles. A minimum of 60 ml of urine must be collected. If 60 ml urine is not collected, the Collector should call the testing facility for further instructions but after the Player has been given a reasonable time to provide an additional specimen. The Player may not leave the place of testing without giving a specimen unless authorized to do so by the Collector, after consultation with the testing facility.
- 4. The Collector should measure the temperature of the urine within four minutes of collection, and determine if it is within the normal range (90° to 100° F).
 - A. If the temperature is normal, the Collector should check the "Yes" box.
 - B. If the temperature is not within normal range, the "NO" box should be checked and the temperature should be entered in the adjacent space. Process the sample as you would a normal specimen. Note: Problem Collection Log must be completed.
- 5. Collector pours sample from disposable specimen cup into specimen bottles. Collector must tell the donor the following:

"Reserve a Small Amount in the Cup."

Collector shall split this specimen as follows: 45 ml in "A" bottle and 15 ml in "B" bottle. Note: If less than 60 ml is collected, discard the entire specimen in the donor's presence. Begin again with another sealed kit in order to collect the 60 ml. Note: Problem Collection Log must be completed.

Collector must tell the donor the following:

- "You must watch me as I pour the sample into the bottles and seal them."
- 6. Place bottle caps on specimen bottles. Ensure that caps are on tight to prevent leakage.

7. Complete the bottle custody seals for the "A" and "B" samples as follows:

Ask the donor to verify that the specimen ID numbers on the top right side of the chain-of-custody form match those on the security seals.

- 8. Peel the back off the bottle custody seals and place over the bottle caps and down the sides of the bottles.
 - 9. Have donor initial and date the security seal.
- 10. Check the specific gravity of the urine remaining in the cup, and record the findings on the chain of custody. Specific Gravity must be 1.010 or higher.
- 11. If the specimen does not meet these standards, it will be processed anyway and the donor shall be required to provide additional specimens until these requirements are met. ONLY THE SAMPLE MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SENT FOR TESTING ALONG WITH THE FIRST SAMPLE. Collector shall make a notation on Problem Collection Log.
- 12. Read the Donor Certification statement <u>aloud</u> to the donor, in the DONOR AFFIDAVIT section of the Chain-of-Custody form:

"I certify that the specimen(s) sealed with the above specimen ID number was provided by me on this date and the specimen(s) has not been altered."

- 13. After Collector has read this statement to the donor, player must sign and date form.
- 14. Collector shall read and sign the COLLECTOR AFFIDAVIT (bottom of page). Collector shall print his name, date of collection and time of collection.
- 15. Collector shall ask the donor if he has taken any medications or prescriptions within the last 30 days and, if so, will enter such information in the "MEDICATIONS" section. The donor will be informed that he is not required to provide this information.
- 16. Place specimen bottles in the front pocket and copy 2 of the Chain-of-Custody form inside the rear pocket of the specimen bag.

- 17. Initial and date the bag custody seal.
- 18. Place the seal over the sealed "flap" of the bag.
- 19. Give copy to the donor.
- 20. Store specimen in locked or secure storage until pickup. In the event of a weekend collection and the sample cannot be sent until Monday, the specimen should be stored in a refrigerated, locked area.

TESTING PROTOCOLS

Drugs of Abuse

Drugs	Initial Test Level (ng/mL)	Confirmation Test Level
Ethanol (Alcohol)	0.02%	0.02%
Cocaine Metabolites	300	150
Opiates/Metabolites	2000	2000
Phencyclidine (PCP)	25	25
Cannabinoids	50	15

Steroids

A test will be considered positive if any Steroid as defined in Section 2.B of the Program is present.

ADDENDUM B

ADMINISTRATIVE TRACK

(Clinical Track where player has given prior written authorization (see attached copy))

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF TREATMENT HISTORY

	Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and
Treatment Program (the "Pr	ogram"), I,,
hereby authorize	, the Employee Assistance
Professional ("EAP") or physic	cian of the[Club],
	tatives of the Health Policy Advisory
Committee to furnish all relev	ant medical information relating to or
stemming from my tenure on t	he Administrative Track, as that term is
defined in the Program, only to	the EAP Director, physician and Gen-
eral Manager of my Club and	the General Manager of any Club that
has expressed an interest in a	equiring my contract (the "Acquiring
Club").	
mentation that is provided to the er of an Acquiring Club pursua	any and all information and/or docu- ne EAP, physician and General Manag- ant to this release will not be discussed lual, including any individual employed
	[Acquiring Club].
Signature of Witness Printed Name of Witness	Signature of Player Printed Name of Player
Date of Signature	Date of Signature

CLINICAL TRACK

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF TREATMENT HISTORY

Pursuant to Major League	Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and
Treatment Program (the "Prog	ram"), l,, here-
by authorize	, the Employee Assistance Pro-
fessional ("EAP") or physici	an of the(the
	presentatives of the Health Policy Advi-
sory Committee to furnish all	relevant medical information relating to
or stemming from my tenure	on the Clinical Track, as that term is
defined in the Program, to the	EAP or physician of
the Major League Club that has a professional baseball play	as acquired or may acquire my services
mentation that is provided to	t any and all information and/or docu- the EAP of the Acquiring Club will not by other individual employed by or asso-
ciated with	[Acquiring Club].
Signature of Witness	Signature of Player
Printed Name of Witness	Printed Name of Player
Date of Signature	Date of Signature

Addendum C

Substance Name	DEA <u>lumber</u>
Acetyl-alpha-methylfentanyl (N-{1-(1- methyl 1-2-phenethyl) -4- piperidinyl -N-J phenylacetamide)	9815
Acetylmethadol	9601
Allylprodine	9602
Alphacetylmethadol (except levo-alphacetylmethadol also known as levo-alpha-acetylmethadol, levomethadyl acetate, or LAAM)	9603
Alphameprodine	9604
Alphamethadol	9605
Alpha-methylfentanyl (N-[1-(alpha -methyl-beta-phenyl)	9814
ethyl-4-piperidyl] propionanilide; 1-(1-methyl-2-phenylethy -4-(N-propanilido) piperidine)	l)
Alpha-methylthiofentanyl (N-[1-methyl-2-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl-N-] phenylpropanamide)	9832
Benzethidine	9606
Betacetylmethadol	9607
Beta-hydroxyfentanyl (N-[1-(2-hydroxy-2-phenethyl)-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenylpropanamide)	9830
Beta-hydroxy-3-methylfentanyl (other name: N-[1-	9831
(2-hydroxy-2-phenethyl)-3-methyl-4-piperidinyl]-N-phenyl-propanamide	
Betameprodine	9608
Betamethadol	9609
Betaprodine	9611
Clonitazene	9612
Dextromoramide	9613
Diampromide	9615
Diethylthiambutene	9616
Difenoxin	9168
Dimenoxadol	9617
Dimepheptanol	9618
Dimethylthiambutene	9619
Dioxaphetyl butyrate	9621
Dipipanone	9622
Ethylmethylthiambutene	9623

Etonitazene	9624
Etoxeridine	9625
Furethidine	9626
Hydroxypethidine	9627
Ketobemidone	9628
Levomoramide	9629
Levophenacylmorphan	9631
3-Methylfentanyl (N-[3-methyl-1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidyl]	9813
-N-phenylpropanamide)	
3-methylthiofentanyl (N-[(3-methyl-1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-	9833
piperidinyl] -N-phenylpropanamide)	
Morpheridine	9632
MPPP (1-methyl-4-phenyl-4-propionoxypiperidine)	9661
Noracymethadol	9633
Norlevorphanol	9634
Normethadone	9635
Norpipanone	9636
Para-fluorofentanyl (N-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-[1-(2-phenethyl)-4-	9812
piperidinyl] propanamide	
PEPAP (1-(-2-phenethyl)-4-phenyl-4-acetoxypiperidine	9663
Phenadoxone	9637
Phenampromide	9638
Phenomorphan	9647
Phenoperidine	9641
Piritramide	9642
Proheptazine	9643
Properidine	9644
Propiram	9649
Racemoramide	9645
Thiofentanyl (N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-thienyl)ethyl-4-piperidinyl] - propanamide	9835
Tilidine	9750
Trimeperidine	9646
Acetorphine	9319
Acetyldihydrocodeine	9051
Benzylmorphine	9052
Codeine methylbromide	9070
Codeine-N-Oxide	9053

Cyprenorphine	9054
Desomorphine	9055
Dihydromorphine	9145
Drotebanol	9335
Etorphine (except hydrochloride salt)	9056
Heroin	9200
Hydromorphinol	9301
Methyldesorphine	9302
Methyldihydromorphine	9304
Morphine methylbromide	9305
Morphine methylsulfonate	9306
Morphine-N-Oxide	9307
Myrophine	9308
Nicocodeine	9309
Nicomorphine	9312
Normorphine	9313
Pholodine	9314
Thebacon	9315
Alpha-ethyltryptamine	7249
Some trade or other names: etryptamine; Monase;	
[alpha]-ethyl-1H-indole-3-ethanamine;	
3-(2-aminobutyl) indole; [alpha]-ET; and AET.	
4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-amphetamine	7391
Some trade or other names: 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-	
[alpha]-methylphenethylamine; 4-bromo-2,5-DMA	
4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxphenethylamine	7392
Some trade or other names: 2-[4-bromo-2,	
5-dimethoxyphenyl]-1-aminoethane; alpha-desmethyl DOB;	
2C-B, Nexus.	
2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine	7396
Some trade or other names: 2,5-dimethoxy-[alpha]-	
methylphenethylamine; 2,5-DMA	
2,5-dimethoxy-4-ethylamphetamine	7399
Some trade or other names: DOET	
4-methoxyamphetamine	7411
Some trade or other names: 4-methoxy-[alpha]	
-methylphenethylamine: paramethoxyamphetamine. PMA	

5-methoxy-3,4-mdthylenedioxy-amphetamine	7401
4-methyl-2,5-dimethoxy-amphetamine	7395
Some trade and other names: 4-methyl-2,5-dimethoxy-	
[alpha]-methylphenethylamine; "DOM"; and "STP"	
3,4-methylenedioxy amphetamine	7400
3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)	7405
3,4-methylenedioxy-N-ethylamphetamine (also known as	7404
N-ethyl-alpha-methyl-3,4(methylenedioxy)phenethylamine,	
N-ethyl MDA, MDE, MDEA	
N-hydroxy-3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (also known as	7402
N-hydroxy-alpha-methyl-3,4(methylenedioxy)	
phenethylamine, and N-hydroxy MDA	
3,4,5-trimethoxy amphetamine	7390
Bufotenine	7433
Some trade and other names: 3-([beta]-	
Dimethylaminoethyl)-5-hydroxyindole;	
3-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)-5-indolol; N,N-dimethylserotonin;	
5-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyltryptamine; mappine	
Diethyltryptamine	7434
Some trade and other names: N,N-Diethyltryptamine; DET	
Dimethyltryptamine	7435
Some trade or other names: DMT	
Ibogaine	7260
Some trade and other names: 7-Ethyl-6,6 [beta],	
7,8,9,10,12,13-octahydro-2-methoxy-6,9-methano-	
5H-pyrido [1', 2':1,2] azepino 5,4-b indole;	
Tabernanthe iboga	
Lysergic acid diethylamide	7315
Marihuana	7360
Mescaline	7381
Parahexyl 7374; some trade or other names: 3-Hexyl-1-	,,,,,
hydroxy- 7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6,6,9-trimethyl-6H-dibenzo	
[b,d] pyran; Synhexyl.	
Peyote	7415
Meaning all parts of the plant presently classified botanically	
as Lophophora williamsii Lemaire, whether growing or not,	
the seeds thereof, any extract from any part of such plant.	

extracts (Interprets 21 USC 812 (c), Schedule I(c) (12)) N-ethyl-3-piperidyl benzilate 7482 N-methyl-3-piperidyl benzilate 7484 **Psilocybin** 7437 Psilocyn 7438 7370 **Tetrahydrocannabinols** Meaning tetrahydrocannabinols naturally contained in a plant of the genus Cannabis (cannabis plant), as well as synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the cannabis plant, or in the resinous extractives of such plant and/or synthetic substances, derivatives, and their isomers with similar chemical structure and pharmacological activity to those substances contained in the plant, such as the following: 1 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol, and their optical isomers 6 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol, and their optical isomers 3,4 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol, and its optical isomers (Since nomenclature of these substances is not internationally standardized, compounds of these structures, regardless of numerical designation of atomic positions covered.) Ethylamine analog of phencyclidine 7455 Some trade or other names: N-ethyl-1-phenylcyclohexylamine,(1-phenylcyclohexyl)ethylamine, N-(1-phenylcyclohexyl) ethylamine, cyclohexamine, PCE Pyrrolidine analog of phencyclidine 7458 Some trade or other names: 1-(1-phenylcyclohexyl)pyrrolidine, PCPy, PHP Thiophene analog of phencyclidine 7470 Some trade or other names: 1-[1-(2-thienyl)-cyclohexyl] -piperidine, 2-thienylanalog of phencyclidine, TPCP, TCP 1-[1-(2-thienyl)cyclohexyl] pyrrolidine 7473

and every compound, manufacture, salts, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds or

Some other names: TCPy

gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (some other names include GHB; gamma-hydroxybutyrate; 4-hydroxybutyrate; 4-hydroxybutanoic acid; sodium oxybate; sodium oxybutyrate)	2010
Mecloquatone	2572
Methaqualone	2565
N-[1-benzyl-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (benzylfentanyl), its optical isomers, salts and salts of isomers	9818
N-[1-(2-thienyl)methyl-4-piperidyl]-N-phenylpropanamide (thenylfentanyl), its optical isolers, salts and salts of isomers	9834
N-benzylpiperazine (some other names: BZP; 1-benzylpiperazine), its optical isomers, salts and salts of isomers	7493
1-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)piperazine (other name: TFMPP), its optical isomers, salts and salts of isomers	7494
2,5-dimethoxy-4-(n)-propylthiophenethylamine (2C-T-7), its optical isomers, salts and salts of isomers	7348

UNIFORM REGULATIONS

A. Uniform Dress Policy

These Regulations are intended to supplement the provisions of Official Baseball Rule 1.11. In accordance therewith, all players are required to be in uniform and to wear only Club-issued apparel, outerwear, and equipment during games (on the field, in the dugout, and in the bullpen). All players are required to wear only Club-issued apparel, outerwear, and equipment during batting practice and in any interview room up to 30 minutes following games. No alterations, writing or illustrations, other than as authorized herein, are to be made to any part of the uniform. In furtherance of these policies, the following regulations shall apply.

B. Pants

- 1. Straps may not be attached to the bottom of the pants.
- 2. Shoes may not be laced through the pants.
- 3. The elastic string may not be completely removed from the bottom of the pants.
- 4. Pants may not extend below the top of the heel of spikes.
- 5. Pants may not be so baggy as to, or otherwise sized in a manner which may, interfere with umpires' ability to make calls.
- 6. Pants pockets may not intentionally be untucked.
- 7. Every effort will be made to replace, in a timely fashion, pants torn during the game.

C. Jerseys

- 1. Jerseys, including sleeves, may not be so baggy as to, or otherwise sized in a manner which may, interfere with umpires' ability to make calls.
- 2. Sleeve length may not extend below the elbow.

- Sleeves may not be cut.
- 4. Jerseys may not intentionally be untucked.
- 5. Under no circumstances may a jersey be ordered at or altered to a length where it cannot properly be tucked in.

D. Undershirts

- 1. When any portion of a Player's undershirt is visible, the Player may only wear an undershirt that is in the Club's primary color or the heather gray color supplied by the Club.
- 2. No corporate identification or other logos of any kind are to be visible on any part of the undershirt, except for any Club logo or Major League Baseball silhouetted batter logo.

E. Outerwear

Players may not cut or in any way alter the Club-supplied outerwear.

F. Footwear

- 1. At least 51% of each Player's shoes must be the Club's designated primary shoe color.
- 2. Individual Clubs shall determine the Club's shoe design and color schemes. Players must wear shoes that are compatible with their Club's design and color scheme.
- 3. Shoes with pointed spikes similar to golf or track shoes shall not be worn.
- 4. Excessive and distracting flaps on shoes, particularly those on pitchers, are not permitted.
- 5. Players will not be allowed to change shoes while running bases during any Major League game.
- 6. The addition of tape that is a color different than that of the shoe is not permitted and, if used, will mean the player, coach or manager is out of uniform.

G. Adornments and Markings

No field personnel may wear distracting jewelry of any kind. Distracting jewelry includes any item worn by a player which, in the opinion of the umpire, could interfere with the play of the game or umpires' ability to make calls, or endanger the health or safety of a player, including the player wearing the jewelry. In addition, no pins or other items may be attached to any portion of the uniform (including the cap) or playing equipment.

H. Permissible Alterations

- 1. Pant length alterations consistent with past practice and Section B. above.
- 2. Sleeve length alterations consistent with past practice and Section C. above.
- 3. Tapering of pants and jerseys.
- 4. In the event of the death, or life threatening injury or disease, of a current or former member of a Club, such player's number, initials, or nickname, may be affixed to the sleeve of the uniform jersey, or to the back of the cap or helmet, provided that (a) the permission of the Club or Office of the Commissioner is secured, (b) the commemorative patch, decal, or marking is uniform to all players who choose to wear it, and (c) the patch, decal, or marking is of professional quality and manufacture.

I. Wristbands

No player is permitted to wear white wristbands or bandages, because of the possible difficulty in distinguishing the baseball from the wristband or bandage. This prohibition extends to white wristbands with a stripe insufficient to permit the distinction.

J. Gloves

- 1. Any pitcher starting or entering a game wearing a colored glove must wear a glove of the same color for the pitcher's entire participation in the game.
- 2. The pitcher's glove shall be uniform in color, including any stitching, lacing and webbing (but excluding piping). Pitchers'

gloves may not be white or gray. See Official Baseball Rule 1.15(a).

3. Any player wearing a golf glove underneath a playing glove may not rub up balls for use by the pitcher.

K. Helmets

- 1. Each catcher shall wear a catcher's protective helmet while fielding the position. Provided that such protective helmet has been approved by the Official Playing Rules Committee, a catcher may wear any protective helmet that conforms with past practice. See Official Baseball Rule 1.17 (NOTE).
- All batting helmets must have the Major League Baseball silhouetted batter logo on the back of the helmet and may not include any corporate logos.
- 3. Each bat/ball boy or girl shall wear a protective helmet while performing his or her duties.

L. Other

A catcher entering the on-deck circle as the next batter shall have removed his shin guards before entering the on-deck circle.

M. Enforcement

Where appropriate, the requirements of Sections B through L of these Regulations shall, consistent with the provisions of Official Playing Rule 1.16 (Casebook), be enforced by umpires. Baseball Operations personnel shall enforce the requirements of Section A of these Regulations and, where appropriate, the requirements of Sections B through K of these Regulations that are not, under Official Playing Rule 1.16, the traditional domain of umpires.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL Uniform and Equipment Logo/ID Specifications (For 2001 Implementation)

Product	Proposed Manufacturer's ID	Number of Placements
Batting Glove	One mark - 3 sq. in. (with no dimension less than 1 1/4 inches) Second mark - 1 1/2 sq. in.	two
Wrist Band	2 sq. in.	one
Catcher's Chest Protector	Front mark - 6.5 sq. in. (with no dimension less than 1.75 inches) Back mark - 2 1/2 sq. in.	two
Catcher's Face Mask	I sq. in.	two (one front, one back)
Catcher's Helmet	1 sq. in.	two (one front, one back)
Catcher's Shin Guard	1 1/2 sq. in.	one
Elbow Protector	l sq. in.	one
Shin/Ankle Protector	l sq. ín.	one
Sunglasses	1/2 sq. in.	Either one on bridge of nose or one on each "temple" of glasses
Sunglass Strap	1/2 sq. in.	one
Catcher's Knee Support	1 1/2 sq. in.	One

ATTACHMENT 20

Robert D. Manfred, Jr.
Executive Vice President
Labor and Human Resources
Labor Counsel
Major League Baseball
Office of the Commissioner
245 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10167

Dear Rob:

The Clubs, throughout this round of negotiations, have consistently maintained that the Commissioner's effort to regulate industry debt is not a mandatory subject of bargaining under the National Labor Relations Act. We, on the other hand, have consistently taken the position that it is.

In furtherance of the negotiations on an overall Basic Agreement, you will today be proposing debt regulations, contingent upon a prior acknowledgment by the Association that the proposal and any discussion that it may generate, including any subsequent counterproposals, are without prejudice to the Clubs' legal position on bargainability. The Association, by this letter, provides that acknowledgement. It agrees that the proposal and discussions shall not be used as evidence by the Association that the topic of debt regulation is a mandatory subject of bargaining in any subsequent litigation, including any grievance or NLRB proceeding.

This acknowledgment and agreement is, of course, without prejudice to the Association's position that the topic is a mandatory one.

Sincerely,

Eugene D. Orza

ATTACHMENT 21

Michael S. Weiner, Esquire Associate General Counsel Major League Baseball Players Association 12 East 49th Street New York, NY 10017

Re: Debt Regulation

Dear Michael:

This letter will memorialize our additional understandings on debt regulation, and shall be considered an agreement between the Association and the Clubs within the meaning of Article XI (A)(1)(a) of the Basic Agreement.

First, the parties agree that the Panel cannot resolve disputes concerning the meaning, interpretation or application of the Debt Service Rule without resort to its bargaining history, which reflects understandings that significantly inform the meaning of the Rule as intended by the parties.

Second, our negotiations over and agreement to the Debt Service Rule, which we agree will become an attachment to the new Basic Agreement, are both subject to the agreement reflected in Attachment 20. Moreover, the parties reserve their legal positions regarding the bargaining status of any action taken by the Commissioner pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Debt Service Rule.

Third, during the three-year Automatic Grace Period set out in Section 3.2 of the Debt Service Rule, the Commissioner will continue to enforce the 60/40 Rule as he has done in the past. In particular, the Commissioner will continue during the Automatic Grace Period to enforce the 60/40 Rule in a manner that does not affect any Club's Major League Player contracting decisions.

Fourth, following the 2005 fiscal year, and no later than May 15, 2006, the Commissioner shall determine whether he desires to retain the Debt Service Rule. If the Commissioner elects to retain the Debt Service Rule, the Commissioner shall immediately rescind the 60/40 Rule and inform the Clubs and the Association that the 60/40 Rule is no longer in effect. If the Commissioner decides not to retain the Debt

Service Rule, he shall immediately inform the Clubs and the Association that the Debt Service Rule is no longer in effect.

Fifth, it was the parties' intention, in agreeing to the Debt Service Rule, to ensure that each individual Club has or would have sufficient resources to support its level of debt or proposed debt, as opposed to an intention to limit or reduce the amount that the Clubs or a particular Club could spend on Player salaries.

Sixth, during the term of this Agreement, and subject to Paragraph 7.1 of the Debt Service Rule, the Commissioner shall adopt no other form of debt regulation.

Sincerely,

	Office of the Commissioner
	By:Francis X. Coonelly
Agreed:	Major League Baseball Players Association
	By: Date

DEBT SERVICE RULE

- Section 1. The Rule. Subject to the transition rules set out below, no Club may maintain more Total Club Debt than can reasonably be supported by its EBITDA. A Club's Total Club Debt cannot reasonably be supported by its EBITDA if Total Club Debt exceeds the product of the average of that Club's EBITDA over the most recent three years multiplied by the Cash Flow Multiplier applicable to that Club.
- Section 2. <u>Definitions.</u> Subject to the amendment procedures set out in Section 7.1 below, the following definitions shall be utilized in the administration of the Debt Service Rule:
 - (a) EBITDA, "EBITDA" means a Club's earnings for its fiscal year, before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, as calculated and reported in accordance with Part IV(B), Line 5 of the annual Financial Information Questionnaire ("FIQ"), which each Club must submit to the Office of the Commissioner after the close of each fiscal year. For the purposes of this Debt Service Rule, each Club shall calculate its annual EBITDA net of the Club's net receipts or net payments under any revenue sharing arrangements then in effect among the Major League Clubs.
 - (b) Total Club Debt, "Total Club Debt" means a Club's total outstanding debt, calculated as an average over the course of each fiscal year, including without limitation all long-term and short-term obligations and all indebtedness resulting from: (1) funding from Major League Baseball's industry credit facility; (2) other third-party debt; (3) deferred compensation (other than deferred compensation payable to Major League Players (see clause (8) below)); (4) stadium-related debt incurred for or in connection with ballpark construction or improvements; (5) loans or advances from related parties, but only if those loans or advances are collateralized by the assets of the Club; and

- (6) any other debt that is properly classified as an indebtedness of the Club under generally accepted accounting principles, but excluding (7) the Excludable Debt and (8) any compensation payable to Major League Players, including deferred compensation or any other commitment under a Uniform Player's Contract, or any obligation to the Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan or the Industry Growth Fund. In 2003, "Excludable Debt" shall be the first twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in outstanding debt from any of the sources described in clauses (1)-(6) above and shall grow in each succeeding year by the percentage growth in the industry's Net Defined Local Revenue plus the Clubs' net Central Fund distribution in that fiscal year.
- (c) <u>Cash Flow Multiplier</u>. "Cash Flow Multiplier" means the number to be multiplied by the average of a Club's EBITDA over the most recent three years in order to determine the maximum Total Club Debt that reasonably can be supported by that Club's EBITDA. The Cash Flow Multiplier shall be ten (10), except that any Club which incurs (or has incurred within the last ten years) stadium-related debt to finance construction of a new ballpark or the major renovation of its existing ballpark may use a Cash Flow Multiplier of fifteen (15) for the first ten (10) fiscal years after that ballpark's opening or re-opening.
- (d) Accounting Rules. Each Club's reporting and accounting practices relevant to an evaluation of its compliance with the Debt Service Rule shall be subject to the Commissioner's review and approval. Unless otherwise provided in this Rule, when accounting for and reporting on Total Club Debt and EBITDA for purposes of the Debt Service Rule, the Clubs shall comply with the revenue and expense definitions and the accounting conventions, policies and practices reflected in the then-current version of the FIQ. The Commissioner reserves the right to modify the FIQ reporting requirements as they relate to the Debt Service Rule.

Section 3. Transition.

- 3.1 Effective Date. Subject to the forgoing Automatic Grace Period, the Debt Service Rule shall take effect immediately.
- 3.2. Automatic Grace Period. Any Club not in compliance with the Debt Service Rule as of its adoption shall automatically have until the close of that Club's 2005 fiscal year within which to comply ("Automatic Grace Period"). However, such Clubs shall be subject to the Corrective Measures set out in Section 5 below and, when submitting its FIQ for the 2002 fiscal year, must provide the Commissioner with a detailed outline of the Club's plans for achieving compliance with the Debt Service Rule by the close of the Club's 2005 fiscal year. Further, when submitting its FIQ for the 2003 and 2004 fiscal years, each Club not in compliance with the Debt Service Rule at the end of such fiscal year shall provide the Commissioner with an update on its status under its detailed compliance plan and any modifications made to the plan to achieve compliance.

Section 4. Annual Compliance Certification: Commissioner Enforcement.

- 4.1 <u>Annual Compliance Certifications</u>. By the date each Club must provide its final FIQ and audited financial statements for each fiscal year, each Club shall also submit to the Office of the Commissioner, as an attachment to its final FIQ, a written certification from its chief executive officer that either:
- (a) the Club complied with the Debt Service Rule during the fiscal year reported in the accompanying FIQ;
- (b) the Club did not comply with the Debt Service Rule during the fiscal year reported in the accompanying FIQ; or
- (c) the Club did not comply with the Debt Service Rule during the fiscal year reported in the accompanying FIQ, but the Club is operating during the Automatic Grace Period and is operating consistent with a Transition Plan

approved by the Commissioner. A Club operating under an approved Transition Plan shall submit, as an attachment to the Club's annual FIQ, a written status report detailing the Club's progress to date in implementing its Transition Plan, as defined in Section 5(a) below.

- 4.2 Ongoing Enforcement by Commissioner. If any Club fails for any reason to comply with the Debt Service Rule in a fiscal year prior to the expiration of the Automatic Grace Period, the Commissioner shall have the authority to require the Club to undertake any or all of the Corrective Measures set out in Section 5 below. The failure of a Club to comply with the Debt Service Rule in a fiscal year following the Automatic Grace Period shall subject, in addition to any Corrective Measures, the Club and/or any owner of the Club to any or all of the remedial measures ("Remedial Measures") set out in Section 6 below until the Club achieves compliance with the Debt Service Rule.
- Section 5. Corrective Measures. At any time following submission by the Clubs of their FIQs for the 2002 fiscal year, the Commissioner may require a Club that is not in compliance with the Debt Service Rule to undertake any or all of the following corrective measures ("Corrective Measures"):
 - (a) Submit, for the Commissioner's review and approval, a written plan for achieving compliance with the Debt Service Rule by the end of the Automatic Grace Period (the "Transition Plan"). Each Transition Plan shall identify the fiscal year during which the Club proposes to achieve compliance and the specific steps the Club intends to take to bring the Club into compliance with the Debt Service Rule:
 - (b) Submit, for the Commissioner's review and approval, a comprehensive marketing program for bringing the Club into compliance with the Debt Service Rule;

- (c) Consultation with the Commissioner prior to incurring any additional Total Club Debt (as defined in this Rule); and/or
- (d) Consultation with the Commissioner prior to entering into any contract with a term of more than five (5) years (except that this Section 5(d) shall not apply to any Uniform Player's Contract with a Major League Player).
- Section 6. Remedial Measures for Non-Compliance. Subject to Section 4.2 above, the Commissioner may impose any or all of the following remedial measures ("Remedial Measures") on any Club and/or any owner of a Club for a Club's failure to comply with the Debt Service Rule:
 - (a) Prohibit the Club from incurring any additional Club Debt (as defined in this Rule) without the approval of the Commissioner;
 - (b) Require the Club to reduce some or all of its outstanding debt by raising additional equity on whatever terms the Commissioner deems appropriate;
 - (c) Prohibit the Club from making any capital expenditures without the approval of the Commissioner;
 - (d) Require the Club to perform or refrain from any other action that the Commissioner deems necessary in order to ensure that the Club brings its Total Club Debt into compliance with the Debt Service Rule;
 - (e) Retention by the Commissioner of all or any portion of the Club's share of: (i) the Central Fund, and/or (ii) gate receipts from the League Championship Series and World Series, so that such retained funds may be held in escrow and used as directed by the Commissioner to reduce the Club's outstanding debt, subject to the Club's existing obligations to players and subject to contractual obligations to third parties made by the Club in good faith before the Club had notice of the proposed adoption of the Debt Service Rule:

- (f) Reservation by the Commissioner of the power to approve a Club's general and administrative expenditures, including, without limitation, the power to approve and/or limit individual line items in a Club's annual budget;
- (g) Limitation on, or suspension of, the Club's ability to obtain additional financing under the Major League Baseball industry credit facility and/or any other line of credit or financing arrangement obtained on behalf of that Club or on behalf of all Clubs by the Office of the Commissioner;
- (h) Suspension of the benefit of the Major League Rules, such as selection rights available to the Club under Major League Rule 5, except that any suspension of the Club's rights under Major League Rule 4 shall not affect the assignment of the selection rights that the Club would lose or gain in connection with a player signing as provided in any collectively bargained agreement then in effect between the Clubs and the Major League Baseball Players Association ("Players Association");
- (i) Denial of the Club's right to be represented at Major League meetings and/or denial of representation on Major League Committees;
- (j) Suspension of individual executive or ownership personnel of the Club;
- (k) Monetary sanctions imposed against individual executive or ownership personnel of the Club;
- Any other measures or sanctions which the Commissioner has the power to impose on a Club or Club owner pursuant to the Major League Constitution; and/or
- (m) Any sanction which the Major League Clubs may impose upon another Club or Club owner under the Major League Constitution, if the imposition of such a sanction is duly authorized by the vote of the Major League Clubs in the manner required by the Major League Constitution.

Section 7. Miscellaneous

- 7.1 Further Regulations: Amendments. The Commissioner shall issue further regulations and policies concerning the implementation, interpretation, administration and enforcement of this Debt Service Rule as he deems appropriate. In addition, the Commissioner may amend or otherwise modify the rules, definitions and policies set out in this Debt Service Rule as he deems appropriate. Prior to taking any action pursuant to this Section 7.1, the Office of the Commissioner shall provide the Players Association with notice of such contemplated action pursuant to Article XVIII of the Basic Agreement.
- 7.2 Notice to Third Parties. Following the adoption of the Debt Service Rule, all Clubs shall give appropriate written notice to affected third parties of the requirements of the Debt Service Rule before entering into any contract with such parties that reasonably might be affected, as to either execution or performance, by the Commissioner's exercise of his powers under this Debt Service Rule.
- 7.3 Prohibited Corrective and Remedial Measures. The Commissioner shall not, in exercising his authority under Section 5 or 6 above, attempt to influence or interfere with any Club decision regarding a Major League Player's contract, reserve status or roster status. Moreover, the Commissioner shall take no action directed at preventing a Club from establishing its Major League Player payroll budget at a level that the Club deems appropriate.
- 7.4 <u>Players Association's Right To Information.</u> The Office of the Commissioner shall provide the Players Association with the following information:
- (a) EBITDA, Total Club Debt and total allowable debt (three-year average EBITDA multiplied by the applicable Cash Flow Multiplier) calculations for each Club, at the time the Office of the Commissioner provides FIQs to the Players Association pursuant to Article XXIV(E)(2) of the Basic Agreement and at any time as such calculations may

be provided to the Commissioner on an interim or forecast basis prior to the Clubs' FIQ submissions;

- (b) Transition Plans or other compliance plans submitted to the Commissioner pursuant to this Rule, within seven days of receipt by the Office of the Commissioner; and
- (c) Correspondence from the Office of the Commissioner or a Club in connection with the operation of Sections 5 and 6 above, within seven days of the Office of the Commissioner's transmittal or receipt of such correspondence.
- (d) Any documents and/or other information provided to the Players Association pursuant to this Section 7.4 shall be covered by the parties Confidentiality Agreement. (See Attachment 14.)

ATTACHMENT 23

Donald M. Fehr, Esq.
Executive Director and General Counsel
Major League Baseball
Players Association
12 E. 49th Street
New York, NY 10017

Re: <u>Licensing</u>

Dear Don:

During the course of the negotiations for a new Basic Agreement, the Major League Baseball Players Association ("MLBPA") and the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball ("the Office of the Commissioner") at times discussed a number of matters relating to the parties' respective licensing and sponsorship businesses. Among the matters discussed were the potential resolution of certain disputes, areas for potential cooperative endeavors between the parties (including the area of memorabilia and game used merchandise) and the possibility of the Office of the Commissioner purchasing certain portions of the MLBPA's licensing and sponsorship businesses unrelated to trading cards. Those discussions have yielded some agreements that will be included as part of the Basic Agreement but other areas remain open. Accordingly, we have agreed as follows:

- (1) No later than October 8, 2002, the parties shall exchange lists of subjects for further discussion relating to their licensing and sponsorship businesses.
- (2) No later than October 31, 2002, the parties shall exchange relevant financial information and a full description of the rights each party controls in this area.
- (3) No later than November 15, 2002, a committee of representatives from the MLBPA and the Office of the Commissioner ("the Licensing Subcommittee") shall meet to discuss the subjects identified by the parties pursuant to paragraph 1 above.
- (4) The Licensing Subcommittee shall be composed of at least two, but no more than four, representatives of the MLBPA and at least two, but no more than four, representatives of the Office of the

Commissioner. One representative of the MLBPA shall be an Associate General Counsel of that organization and one representative of the Office of the Commissioner shall be a senior representative from the Labor Relations Department.

- (5) The Licensing Subcommittee shall meet with appropriate frequency during the period between November 15, 2002 and Opening Day 2003 in a good faith effort to reach an agreement.
- (6) If no agreement is reached by Opening Day 2003, the Licensing Subcommittee may continue to meet by mutual consent. Absent such mutual consent, the parties' obligations under this agreement shall be deemed discharged as of Opening Day 2003.

I would ask that you sign a copy of the letter below to indicate your agreement with these terms.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Manfred, Jr.

AGREED:	Major League Baseball	Players Association
	By:	
	Donald M. Fehr	Date

ATTACHMENT 24

Donald M. Fehr, Esquire
Executive Director and General Counsel
Major League Baseball
Players Association
12 East 49th Street
New York, New York 10017

Re: World-Wide Draft

Dear Don:

During the negotiations for a new Basic Agreement, the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball ("Office of the Commissioner") and the Major League Baseball Players Association ("Players Association") agreed that the First-Year Player Draft should be expanded to cover all players who are first entering Major League or Minor League baseball, regardless of a player's residence. In the course of those discussions, however, it became apparent that there was insufficient time for the type of deliberation and negotiation necessary to reach agreement on the many issues posed by such a significant change in the First-Year Player Draft.

The parties agreed, therefore, that the matters which were left unresolved in bargaining would, within the time frame established below, be addressed by a committee of representatives of the Players Association and the Office of the Commissioner in an attempt to forge a comprehensive agreement on a world-wide draft. The parties further agreed that if, despite their good faith efforts, the committee process did not result in such a comprehensive world-wide draft agreement, the existing draft rules and procedures, including those Major League Rules changes made pursuant to the new Basic Agreement, would remain in effect for the balance of the new Basic Agreement, unless later modified by the agreement of the parties.

More specifically, we have agreed that:

1. No later than October 15, 2002, a committee of representatives from the Players Association and the Office of the Commissioner ("World-Wide Draft Subcommittee") will begin discussions related to the implementation of a world-wide draft.

- 2. The World-Wide Draft Subcommittee shall be composed of an equal number of representatives of the Players Association and the Office of the Commissioner, and shall include at least one Associate General Counsel of the Players Association and at least one senior representative of the Labor Relations Department of the Office of the Commissioner.
- 3. In its deliberations, the World-Wide Draft Subcommittee shall consider all issues relating to the acquisition of players through a world-wide draft system, including but not limited to:
 - (a) the number of rounds of the world-wide draft, which number shall be at least 20 and not more than 38;
 - (b) the appropriate eligibility age for players residing in countries that do not play organized high school baseball;
 - (c) a structure to ensure or provide for the development of players who reside in countries that do not play organized high school baseball prior to their eligibility for the draft, including but not limited to the issue of maintaining and/or developing baseball academies;
 - (d) the benefits to be provided to some or all players signed following selection in a world-wide draft;
 - (e) the procedures governing whether and, if so, how players opt in and out of the world-wide draft;
 - (f) the date on which the world-wide draft shall be held each year;
 - (g) the disproportionate allocation of selection rights designed to improve competitive balance;
 - (h) the assignability of selection rights, negotiation rights and/or the contracts of First-Year Players, including any restrictions on such assignment rights;
 - (i) the compensation that is awarded when a Club does not sign a player selected in the First-Year Player Draft;
 - (j) the compensation that is awarded pursuant to Article XX(B)(4) of the Basic Agreement;

- (k) a fixed signing deadline for selected players, particularly as such a deadline relates to the "draft and follow" concept;
- (l) special draft rules regarding players from countries with which United States residents and institutions are prohibited or restricted from doing business;
- (m) the operation of player protocols between the Office of the Commissioner and other professional baseball leagues;
- (n) whether the world-wide draft should be implemented commencing with the June 2003 or the June 2004 First-Year Player Draft; and
- (o) any other matters that the parties agree are appropriately discussed in the World-Wide Draft Subcommittee process.

This will also confirm that certain matters will not be revisited by the World-Wide Draft Subcommittee. Specifically, the parties agreed that there should be a world-wide draft, leaving only the many issues relating to the implementation and operation of such a draft to the Subcommittee. Further, the parties agreed that the draft would be not less than 20 and not more than 38 rounds.

I ask that you sign a copy of the letter below to indicate your agreement with these terms.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Manfred, Jr.

AGREED:	Major League Baseball Player	rs Association
	By:	_
	Donald M. Fehr	Date

ATTACHMENT 25

Donald M. Fehr, Esquire
Executive Director and General Counsel
Major League Baseball
Players Association
12 East 49th Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Don:

This letter will confirm certain agreements between the Parties. These agreements are subject to the Parties' respective rights and obligations under Article V(A) of the Basic Agreement.

The rules and procedures regarding qualification for the post-season, post-season matchups and post-season scheduling shall be as set forth in Major League Rules 33, 34 and 37. (We acknowledge that the Commissioner's determination of procedures to break any ties that are not otherwise provided for, as stated in Major League Rule 33(c), is subject to the agreement of the Major League Baseball Players Association on such procedures.)

Sincerely,

Robert D. Manfred, Jr.
Executive Vice President of
Labor and Human Resources
Labor Counsel

SCHEDULE A

MAJOR LEAGUE

UNIFORM PLAYER'S CONTRACT

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Betweenand	
of	, herein called the Player.
Recital	
The Club is, along with other Major Major League Constitution and has Rules.	
Agreement	
In consideration of the facts above re to the other, the parties agree as follo	<u>-</u>
Employment	
1. The Club hereby employs the fagrees to render, skilled services as a including	•
Club's exhibition games, the Club Series, the League Championship Se other official series in which the C receipts of which the Player may be	eries and the World Series (or any Club may participate and in any
Payment	
2. For performance of the Player's the Club will pay the Player the sum of semi-monthly installments after the onship season(s) covered by this copayments may be modified by a spended on the day the amount become	of \$ in commencement of the champi- intract except as the schedule of ecial covenant. Payment shall be

Club is "home" or "abroad." If a monthly rate of payment is stipulated above, it shall begin with the commencement of the championship season (or such subsequent date as the Player's services may commence) and end with the termination of the championship season and shall be payable in semi-monthly installments as above provided.

Nothing herein shall interfere with the right of the Club and the Player by special covenant herein to mutually agree upon a method of payment whereby part of the Player's salary for the above year can be deferred to subsequent years.

If the Player is in the service of the Club for part of the championship season only, he shall receive such proportion of the sum above mentioned, as the number of days of his actual employment in the championship season bears to the number of days in the championship season. Notwithstanding the rate of payment stipulated above, the minimum rate of payment to the Player for each day of service on a Major League Club shall be at the applicable rate set forth in Article VI(B)(1) of the Basic Agreement between the Thirty Major League Clubs and the Major League Baseball Players Association, effective September 30, 2002 ("Basic Agreement"). The minimum rate of payment for Minor League service for all Players (a) signing a second Major League contract (not covering the same season as any such Player's initial Major League contract) or a subsequent Major League contract, or (b) having at least one day of Major League service, shall be at the applicable rate set forth in Article VI(B)(2) of the Basic Agreement.

Payment to the Player at the rate stipulated above shall be continued throughout any period in which a Player is required to attend a regularly scheduled military encampment of the Reserve of the Armed Forces or of the National Guard during the championship season.

Loyalty

3.(a) The Player agrees to perform his services hereunder diligently and faithfully, to keep himself in first-class physical condition and to obey the Club's training rules, and pledges himself to the American public and to the Club to conform to high standards of personal conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.

Baseball Promotion

3.(b) In addition to his services in connection with the actual playing of baseball, the Player agrees to cooperate with the Club and participate in any and all reasonable promotional activities of the Club and Major League Baseball, which, in the opinion of the Club, will promote the welfare of the Club or professional baseball, and to observe and comply with all reasonable requirements of the Club respecting conduct and service of its team and its players, at all times whether on or off the field.

Pictures and Public Appearances

3.(c) The Player agrees that his picture may be taken for still photographs, motion pictures or television at such times as the Club may designate and agrees that all rights in such pictures shall belong to the Club and may be used by the Club for publicity purposes in any manner it desires. The Player further agrees that during the playing season he will not make public appearances, participate in radio or television programs or permit his picture to be taken or write or sponsor newspaper or magazine articles or sponsor commercial products without the written consent of the Club, which shall not be withheld except in the reasonable interests of the Club or professional baseball.

PLAYER REPRESENTATIONS

Ability

4.(a) The Player represents and agrees that he has exceptional and unique skill and ability as a baseball player; that his services to be rendered hereunder are of a special, unusual and extraordinary character which gives them peculiar value which cannot be reasonably or adequately compensated for in damages at law, and that the Player's breach of this contract will cause the Club great and irreparable injury and damage. The Player agrees that, in addition to other remedies, the Club shall be entitled to injunctive and other equitable relief to prevent a breach of this contract by the Player, including, among others, the right to enjoin the Player from playing baseball for any other person or organization during the term of his contract.

Condition

4.(b) The Player represents that he has no physical or mental defects known to him and unknown to the appropriate representative of the Club which would prevent or impair performance of his services.

Interest in Club

4.(c) The Player represents that he does not, directly or indirectly, own stock or have any financial interest in the ownership or earnings of any Major League Club, except as hereinafter expressly set forth, and covenants that he will not hereafter, while connected with any Major League Club, acquire or hold any such stock or interest except in accordance with Major League Rule 20(e).

Service

5.(a) The Player agrees that, while under contract, and prior to expiration of the Club's right to renew this contract, he will not play baseball otherwise than for the Club, except that the Player may participate in post-season games under the conditions prescribed in the Major League Rules. Major League Rule 18(b) is set forth herein.

Other Sports

5.(b) The Player and the Club recognize and agree that the Player's participation in certain other sports may impair or destroy his ability and skill as a baseball player. Accordingly, the Player agrees that he will not engage in professional boxing or wrestling; and that, except with the written consent of the Club, he will not engage in skiing, auto racing, motorcycle racing, sky diving, or in any game or exhibition of football, soccer, professional league basketball, ice hockey or other sport involving a substantial risk of personal injury.

Assignment

6.(a) The Player agrees that his contract may be assigned by the Club (and reassigned by any assignee Club) to any other Club in accordance with the Major League Rules. The Club and the Player may, without

obtaining special approval, agree by special covenant to limit or eliminate the right of the Club to assign this contract.

Medical Information

- 6.(b) The Player agrees:
 - (1) that the Club's physician and any other physician consulted by the Player pursuant to Regulation 2 of this contract or Article XIII(D) of the Basic Agreement may furnish to the Club all relevant medical information relating to the Player; and
 - (2) that, should the Club contemplate an assignment of this contract to another Club or Clubs, the Club's physician may furnish to the physicians and officials of such other Club or Clubs all relevant medical information relating to the Player.

No Salary Reduction

6.(c) The amount stated in paragraph 2 and in special covenants hereof which is payable to the Player for the period stated in paragraph 1 hereof shall not be diminished by any such assignment, except for failure to report as provided in the next subparagraph (d).

Reporting

6.(d) The Player shall report to the assignee Club promptly (as provided in the Regulations) upon receipt of written notice from the Club of the assignment of this contract. If the Player fails to so report, he shall not be entitled to any payment for the period from the date he receives written notice of assignment until he reports to the assignee Club.

Obligations of Assignor and Assignee Clubs

- 6.(e) Upon and after such assignment, all rights and obligations of the assignor Club hereunder shall become the rights and obligations of the assignee Club; provided, however, that
 - (1) The assignee Club shall be liable to the Player for payments accruing only from the date of assignment and shall not be liable

(but the assignor Club shall remain liable) for payments accrued prior to that date.

- (2) If at any time the assignee is a Major League Club, it shall be liable to pay the Player at the full rate stipulated in paragraph 2 hereof for the remainder of the period stated in paragraph 1 hereof and all prior assignors and assignees shall be relieved of liability for any payment for such period.
- (3) Unless the assignor and assignee Clubs agree otherwise, if the assignee Club is a Minor League Baseball Club, the assignee Club shall be liable only to pay the Player at the rate usually paid by said assignee Club to other Players of similar skill and ability in its classification and the assignor Club shall be liable to pay the difference for the remainder of the period stated in paragraph 1 hereof between an amount computed at the rate stipulated in paragraph 2 hereof and the amount so payable by the assignee Club.

Moving Allowances

6.(f) The Player shall be entitled to moving allowances under the circumstances and in the amounts set forth in Articles VII(F) and VIII of the Basic Agreement.

"Club"

6.(g) All references in other paragraphs of this contract to "the Club" shall be deemed to mean and include any assignee of this contract.

TERMINATION

By Player

7.(a) The Player may terminate this contract, upon written notice to the Club, if the Club shall default in the payments to the Player provided for in paragraph 2 hereof or shall fail to perform any other obligation agreed to be performed by the Club hereunder and if the Club shall fail to remedy such default within ten (10) days after the receipt by the Club of written notice of such default. The Player may also terminate

this contract as provided in subparagraph (d)(4) of this paragraph 7. (See Article XV(I) of the Basic Agreement.)

By Club

- 7.(b) The Club may terminate this contract upon written notice to the Player (but only after requesting and obtaining waivers of this contract from all other Major League Clubs) if the Player shall at any time:
 - (1) fail, refuse or neglect to conform his personal conduct to the standards of good citizenship and good sportsmanship or to keep himself in first-class physical condition or to obey the Club's training rules; or
 - (2) fail, in the opinion of the Club's management, to exhibit sufficient skill or competitive ability to qualify or continue as a member of the Club's team; or
 - (3) fail, refuse or neglect to render his services hereunder or in any other manner materially breach this contract.
- 7.(c) If this contract is terminated by the Club, the Player shall be entitled to termination pay under the circumstances and in the amounts set forth in Article IX of the Basic Agreement. In addition, the Player shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to the reasonable traveling expenses of the Player, including first-class jet air fare and meals en route, to his home city.

Procedure

- 7.(d) If the Club proposes to terminate this contract in accordance with subparagraph (b) of this paragraph 7, the procedure shall be as follows:
 - (1) The Club shall request waivers from all other Major League Clubs. Such waivers shall be good for two (2) business days only. Such waiver request must state that it is for the purpose of terminating this contract and it may not be withdrawn.
 - (2) Upon receipt of waiver request, any other Major League Club may claim assignment of this contract at a waiver price of \$1.00, the priority of claims to be determined in accordance with the Major League Rules.

- (3) If this contract is so claimed, the Club shall, promptly and before any assignment, notify the Player that it had requested waivers for the purpose of terminating this contract and that the contract had been claimed.
- (4) Within five (5) days after receipt of notice of such claim, the Player shall be entitled, by written notice to the Club, to terminate this contract on the date of his notice of termination. If the Player fails to so notify the Club, this contract shall be assigned to the claiming Club.
- (5) If the contract is not claimed, the Club shall promptly deliver written notice of termination to the Player at the expiration of the waiver period.
- 7.(e) Upon any termination of this contract by the Player, all obligations of both Parties hereunder shall cease on the date of termination, except the obligation of the Club to pay the Player's compensation to said date.

Regulations

8. The Player accepts as part of this contract the Regulations set forth herein.

Rules

9.(a) The Club and the Player agree to accept, abide by and comply with all provisions of the Major League Constitution, and the Major League Rules, or other rules or regulations in effect on the date of this Uniform Player's Contract, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this contract or the provisions of any agreement between the Major League Clubs and the Major League Baseball Players Association, provided that the Club, together with the other Major League Clubs and Minor League Baseball, reserves the right to modify, supplement or repeal any provision of said Constitution, Major League Rules or other rules and regulations in a manner not inconsistent with this contract or the provisions of any then existing agreement between the Major League Clubs and the Major League Baseball Players Association.

Disputes

9.(b) All disputes between the Player and the Club which are covered by the Grievance Procedure as set forth in the Basic Agreement shall be resolved in accordance with such Grievance Procedure.

Publication

9.(c) The Club, the Vice President, On-Field Operations and the Commissioner, or any of them, may make public the findings, decision and record of any inquiry, investigation or hearing held or conducted, including in such record all evidence or information given, received, or obtained in connection therewith.

Renewal

10.(a) Unless the Player has exercised his right to become a free agent as set forth in the Basic Agreement, the Club may retain reservation rights over the Player by instructing the Office of the Commissioner to tender to the Player a contract for the term of the next year by including the Player on the Central Tender Letter that the Office of the Commissioner submits to the Players Association on or before December 20 (or if a Sunday, then on or before December 18) in the year of the last playing season covered by this contract. (See Article XX(A) of and Attachment 12 to the Basic Agreement.) If prior to the March 1 next succeeding said December 20, the Player and the Club have not agreed upon the terms of such contract, then on or before ten (10) days after said March 1, the Club shall have the right by written notice to the Player at his address following his signature hereto, or if none be given, then at his last address of record with the Club, to renew this contract for the period of one year on the same terms, except that the amount payable to the Player shall be such as the Club shall fix in said notice; provided, however, that said amount, if fixed by a Major League Club, shall be in an amount payable at a rate not less than as specified in Article VI, Section D, of the Basic Agreement. Subject to the Player's rights as set forth in the Basic Agreement, the Club may renew this contract from year to year.

10.(b) The Club's right to renew this contract, as provided in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph 10, and the promise of the Player not to play

otherwise than with the Club have been taken into consideration in determining the amount payable under paragraph 2 hereof.

Governmental Regulation-National Emergency

11. This contract is subject to federal or state legislation, regulations, executive or other official orders or other governmental action, now or hereafter in effect respecting military, naval, air or other governmental service, which may directly or indirectly affect the Player, Club or the League and subject also to the right of the Commissioner to suspend the operation of this contract during any national emergency during which Major League Baseball is not played.

Commissioner

12. The term "Commissioner" wherever used in this contract shall be deemed to mean the Commissioner designated under the Major League Constitution, or in the case of a vacancy in the office of Commissioner, the Executive Council or such other body or person or persons as shall be designated in the Major League Constitution to exercise the powers and duties of the Commissioner during such vacancy.

Supplemental Agreements

The Club and the Player covenant that this contract, the Basic Agreement and the Agreement Re Major League Baseball Players Benefit Plan effective April 1, 2003 and applicable supplements thereto fully set forth all understandings and agreements between them, and agree that no other understandings or agreements, whether heretofore or hereafter made, shall be valid, recognizable, or of any effect whatsoever, unless expressly set forth in a new or supplemental contract executed by the Player and the Club (acting by its President or such other officer as shall have been thereunto duly authorized by the President or Board of Directors as evidenced by a certificate filed of record with the Commissioner) and complying with the Major League Rules.

Approval
This contract or any supplement hereto shall not be valid or effect unless and until approved by the Commissioner.
Signed in duplicate this day of, A.D
(Player) (Club)
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(Home address of Player) By (Authorized Signature)
Social Security No
Approved,
Commissioner

REGULATIONS

- 1. The Club's playing season for each year covered by this contract and all renewals hereof shall be as fixed by the Office of the Commissioner.
- 2. The Player, when requested by the Club, must submit to a complete physical examination at the expense of the Club, and if necessary to treatment by a regular physician or dentist in good standing. Upon refusal of the Player to submit to a complete medical or dental examination, the Club may consider such refusal a violation of this regulation and may take such action as it deems advisable under Regulation 5 of this contract. Disability directly resulting from injury sustained in the course and within the scope of his employment under this contract shall not impair the right of the Player to receive his full salary for the period of such disability or for the season in which the injury was sustained (whichever period is shorter), together with the reasonable medical and hospital expenses incurred by reason of the injury and during the term of this contract or for a period of up to two years from the date of initial treatment for such injury, whichever period is longer, but only upon the express prerequisite conditions that (a) written notice of such injury, including the time, place, cause and nature of the injury, is served upon and received by the Club within twenty days of the sustaining of said injury and (b) the Club shall have the right to designate the doctors and hospitals furnishing such medical and hospital services. Failure to give such notice shall not impair the rights of the Player, as herein set forth, if the Club has actual knowledge of such injury. All workmen's compensation payments received by the Player as compensation for loss of income for a specific period during which the Club is paying him in full, shall be paid over by the Player to the Club. Any other disability may be ground for suspending or terminating this contract.
- 3. The Club will furnish the Player with two complete uniforms, exclusive of shoes, unless the Club requires the Player to wear non-standard shoes in which case the Club will furnish the shoes. The uniforms will be surrendered by the Player to the Club at the end of the season or upon termination of this contract.

- 4. The Player shall be entitled to expense allowances under the circumstances and in the amounts set forth in Article VII of the Basic Agreement.
- 5. For violation by the Player of any regulation or other provision of this contract, the Club may impose a reasonable fine and deduct the amount thereof from the Player's salary or may suspend the Player without salary for a period not exceeding thirty days or both. Written notice of the fine or suspension or both and the reason therefor shall in every case be given to the Player and the Players Association. (See Article XII of the Basic Agreement.)
- 6. In order to enable the Player to fit himself for his duties under this contract, the Club may require the Player to report for practice at such places as the Club may designate and to participate in such exhibition contests as may be arranged by the Club, without any other compensation than that herein elsewhere provided, for a period beginning not earlier than thirty-three (33) days prior to the start of the championship season, provided, however, that the Club may invite players to report at an earlier date on a voluntary basis in accordance with Article XIV of the Basic Agreement. The Club will pay the necessary traveling expenses, including the first-class jet air fare and meals en route of the Player from his home city to the training place of the Club, whether he be ordered to go there directly or by way of the home city of the Club. In the event of the failure of the Player to report for practice or to participate in the exhibition games, as required and provided for, he shall be required to get into playing condition to the satisfaction of the Club's team manager, and at the Player's own expense, before his salary shall commence.
- 7. In case of assignment of this contract, the Player shall report promptly to the assignee Club within 72 hours from the date he receives written notice from the Club of such assignment, if the Player is then not more than 1,600 miles by most direct available railroad route from the assignee Club, plus an additional 24 hours for each additional 800 miles.

Post-Season Exhibition Games. Major League Rule 18(b) provides:

(b) EXHIBITION GAMES. No player shall participate in any exhibition game during the period between the close of the Major League championship season and the following training season, except that, with the consent of the player's Club and permission of the Commissioner, a player may participate in exhibition games for a period of not less than 30 days, such period to be designated annually by the Commissioner. Players who participate in barnstorming during this period cannot engage in any Winter League activities.

Player conduct, on and off the field, in connection with such postseason exhibition games shall be subject to the discipline of the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall not approve of more than three players of any one Club on the same team. The Commissioner shall not approve of more than three players from the joint membership of the World Series participants playing in the same game.

No player shall participate in any exhibition game with or against any team which, during the current season or within one year, has had any ineligible player or which is or has been during the current season or within one year, managed and controlled by an ineligible player or by any person who has listed an ineligible player under an assumed name or who otherwise has violated, or attempted to violate, any exhibition game contract; or with or against any team which, during said season or within one year, has played against teams containing such ineligible players, or so managed or controlled. Any player who participates in such a game in violation of this Rule 18 shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, except that in no event shall such fine be less than the consideration received by such player for participating in such game.

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Appendix A

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Grievance Arbitration Hearings Before The Arbitration Panel

1. Granting of Hearings.

Hearings will be granted in all cases properly appealed to the Arbitration Panel unless the Parties by mutual agreement request a finding of facts and a decision based upon briefs submitted.

2. Attendance at Hearings.

Persons having a direct interest in the arbitration are entitled to attend hearings. The Arbitration Panel shall have the power to require the retirement of any witness or witnesses during the testimony of other witnesses. It shall be discretionary with the Arbitration Panel to determine the propriety of the attendance of any other persons.

3. Conduct of Hearings.

Hearings will be conducted in an informal manner. The arbitration hearing shall be regarded as a cooperative endeavor to review and secure the facts which will enable the Arbitration Panel to make just decisions. The procedure to be followed in the hearing will be in conformity with this intent.

4. Representation of Parties.

A Player or Players may be accompanied by a representative of the Players Association who may participate in the hearing and represent the Player or Players. Any other Party may be accompanied by a representative who may participate in the hearing and represent such Party.

5. Adjournments.

The Arbitration Panel for good cause shown may adjourn the hearing upon the request of a Party or upon its own initiative, and shall adjourn when all the Parties agree thereto, provided that no adjournment hereunder shall exceed 10 days unless all Parties so agree.

6. Order of Proceedings.

The Arbitration Panel may, in its discretion, vary the normal procedure under which the initiating Party first presents his claim, but in any case shall afford full and equal opportunity to all Parties for presentation of relevant proofs.

7. Arbitration in the Absence of a Party.

The arbitration may proceed in the absence of any Party who, after due notice, fails to be present or fails to obtain an adjournment. An award shall not be made solely on the default of a Party. The Arbitration Panel shall require the other Party to submit such evidence as it may require for the making of an award.

8. Evidence.

The Parties may offer such evidence as they desire and shall produce such additional evidence as the Panel Chairman may deem necessary to an understanding and determination of the dispute. The Panel Chairman shall be the judge of the relevancy and materiality of the evidence offered and conformity to legal rules of evidence shall not be necessary. All evidence shall be taken in the presence of all of the Parties except where any of the Parties is absent in default or has waived his right to be present.

9. Testimony.

All testimony shall be taken under oath or by affirmation. All witnesses whose testimony shall be introduced as evidence at the hearing shall be made available for cross-examination by the other Party. The Arbitration Panel may receive and consider the evidence of witnesses

by affidavit, but shall give it only such weight as it deems proper after consideration of any objections made to its admission.

10. Stenographic Record.

The Arbitration Panel will make the necessary arrangements for the taking of an official stenographic record of the testimony whenever such a record is deemed necessary by it or it is requested by either Party. The cost of such record shall be borne equally by the parties unless, at the opening of the hearing, both the Panel Chairman and the other Party indicate their desire not to receive a copy of the transcribed record, in which case the entire cost shall be borne by the requesting Party.

11. Closing of Hearings.

The Panel Chairman shall inquire of all Parties whether they have any further proofs to offer or witnesses to be heard. Upon receiving negative replies, the Panel Chairman shall declare the hearings closed and a minute thereof shall be recorded. If briefs or other documents are to be filed, the hearings shall be declared closed as of the final filing date set by the Panel Chairman.

12. Reopening of Hearings.

At any time before the award is made the hearings may be reopened by the Arbitration Panel on its own motion, or on the motion of either Party for good cause shown.

13. Issuance of Decision.

Two signed copies of the Arbitration Panel's written decision will be provided to each Party.

14. Settlement by the Parties.

When cases appealed to the Arbitration Panel are thereafter settled by agreement between the Parties, either prior to or after the arbitration hearing, the Arbitration Panel shall be so notified promptly by the Party which appealed the case. The Arbitration Panel shall thereupon treat the case as closed, and shall have no obligation to render a decision or further process the Grievance.

15. Expenses.

The expenses of witnesses, counsel and the like for either side shall be paid by the Party producing such persons.

16. Communication with the Panel Chairman.

Copies of all written communications sent by a Party to the Panel Chairman in connection with arbitration cases shall immediately be made available to the other Party. There shall be no oral communication by a Party with the Panel Chairman in connection with arbitration cases unless the other Party or his representative is present.

17. Commissioner and Article XI(C) Hearings.

These Rules of Procedure shall also apply to hearings conducted by the Commissioner pursuant to Article XI(A)(1)(b), or by the Commissioner or the President and Chief Operating Officer pursuant to Article XI(C).