

BLGL FAQ – 2014

OK, my bad....I didn't do a true BLGL FAQ for 2014. However, below are the rules we voted on just prior to the 2014 season and which ones passed. So, refer to this plus the FAQ for 2013 until the one for 2015 is created:

Green means it is passed for 2014, **blue** means it passed for 2015, black did not pass.

Effective 2014/2015:

2014-A) 60 Day Rule modification: After the BLGL Draft Day, if a player is on the 60-Day DL in the NL, and even if the player has not been on the DL for more than 59 consecutive days, his owner may move that player to Reserve status so he doesn't count towards Active or Potential Salary. If this rule is invoked, then the player may not be activated during the rest of the current season in the BLGL and if the player has a TRP, then the TRP will get a permanent Active roster spot. The current 60 Day Rule will otherwise remain as is, but with this clause if it passes.

2014-B) After the BLGL Draft Day, if a player with a permanent roster spot is traded from the NL to the AL, then his BLGL status does not change and his stats in the AL shall count for his BLGL team when Active and he will otherwise be treated as if he is still in the NL during the current season only (e.g. a TRP can be put in for him if he goes on the DL in the AL). I think this is the 4th or 5th time I've had this on the docket...and this time it came from two different sources...neither of them were me this time, honest! This wouldn't change anything about the rules regarding compensation picks for players in the AL at the time of the Keeper List deadline. Currently, players traded to the AL are treated like going on the DL or being sent to the Minors, so when you put a TRP in for them they still count against your Potential salary unless you release them, which you can without having to use a Cut, or use a Reserve Move to retain his rights for a potential compensation pick or a return to the NL.

2014-C) Currently, the salary of a FA who, after Draft Day, has not been given a permanent roster spot in the current BLGL season is determined by the month in which he is given a permanent roster spot (April = \$10, May = \$9, ...Sept = \$5). This proposal is to change the salary to a flat \$5 regardless of month.

2014-D) Change the Topping Rights rule so that a team using those rights during the Auction must pay \$3 over the last and highest bid, not \$1. [approved for 2015+]

2014-E) Change in Salary Cap rules: Currently the Cap for the Auction is \$260 and it goes up to \$300 until the Cap goes away on Sept 1. This proposal would make the Active and Potential Salary Caps variable by month: \$280 after Draft Day until the end of April, \$290 in May, \$300 in June, \$310 in July, \$320 in August. The point, I think, is to help prevent early dumping and also give more flexibility for teams with lots of injury issues as the season moves on.

2014-F) Currently, Elevated Waiver Claims (\$20 or \$35) are allowed up until the 10PM PT deadline on August 30 since a claim after that would avoid Salary Cap issues. This proposal is to allow Elevated Waiver Claims to resume after August 31 (and therefore after the September Roster Expansion process). However, the real dollar fee for any Elevated Waiver Claims made on or after September 1 will be the full amount of the claim (e.g. \$20 on a \$20 claim, not \$10 like on or before August 30). As with all players acquired via Elevated Waiver Claims, such a player will not yield a compensation pick if he ends up in the AL on the day of the Keeper List deadline the following season.

2014-G) This proposal is to drop a team who does not meet the minimum PA or IP requirements at the end of the season to the bottom of any related ratio categories (currently ERA, WHIP, OBP). Right now the rule (see VIII) is to add 5ABs for every PA the team was short of 6000 PAs and/or add 1 ER and 2 Hits for every inning the team was short of 1200 IP which may lower their standing in those categories and raise up those teams just below them. Those thresholds are very minimal and not meeting them means the team was neglected significantly.

2014-H) Eliminate the \$10-\$20 Auction Draft Cap penalty for teams that do not meet the PA and/or IP thresholds but keep the category standings penalty.

2014-I) Do not allow players signed in the AL (major or minor league contract) to be drafted in either the Auction Draft or Reserve Draft. MLB FAs would still be draftable. This could get a little weird for the Reserve Draft since we'd be considering their status at the time of the Draft and it would be possible to select an MLB FA who later signs in the AL.

2014-J) Do not allow hitters with less than 130 ABs or pitchers with less than 50 IP in MLB (cumulative) to be nominated in the Auction Draft (these are the statistical thresholds for MLB "rookie status", btw).

2014-K) Do not allow hitters with 130 ABs or more or pitchers with 50 IP or more in MLB (cumulative) to be selected in the Reserve Draft.

For potential 2015 effectivity:

2015-A) Change algorithm for compensation picks for players in the AL at the time Keeper Lists are due based on salary:

\$11-19 = 3rd round comp pick (to be \$6-\$19 if 2014-C passes)

\$20-29 = 2nd round comp pick

\$30+ = 1st round comp pick

2015-B) Stat Category change: Use QS instead of QS+W.

2015-C) Stat Category change: Use RBI+R and Slugging% instead of RBI and R.

2015-D) Eliminate the 3rd round of the Reserve Draft and change algorithm for compensation picks for players in the AL at the time Keeper Lists are due based on salary (note: if both this and 2015-A pass, then the one with the most votes will be adopted):

\$11-25 = 2nd round comp pick (to be \$6-25 if 2014-C passes)

\$26+ = 1st round comp pick

2015-E) Preface: this does not change the current rules for compensation picks for players who move (not necessarily traded) from the NL to AL during the regular season.

For players who end the previous season in the NL (majors or minors) with time left on their BLGL contract (not a T contract and also not an Elevated Claim - which are already in the rules) and are in the AL (majors or minors) at the time Keeper Lists are due, then their BLGL team is eligible for a compensation Reserve Draft pick if they leave them off their Keeper List and (vote separately for each option):

- a) If kept or drafted in the Auction or Reserve Drafts the previous year,
- b) If the player's salary is greater than \$10,
- c) If traded from the NL to AL (e.g. not a FA signing),
- d) Never - no compensation picks at all for such players (I'm going to need a super majority to let this one pass, tho).

So, it is possible that any combination of (a), (b) and (c) could pass. If none of these pass, then the rules for the offseason will remain the same as in-season.

2014-A) **Passes**

Yay: RR, JJ, BL, MH, MW, CH

Nay: DL

2014-B) Does not pass

Yay:

Nay: DL, RR, JJ, BL, BG, MH, MW, CH

2014-C) Does not pass

Yay: DL, MH

Nay: RR, JJ, BL, BG, MW, CH

2014-D) **Passes**

Yay: JJ, BL, BG, MW, CH

Nay: DL, RR, MH

2014-E) Does not pass

Yay: JJ

Nay: DL, RR, BL, BG, MH, MW, CH

2014-F) Does not pass

Yay: RR, MH, MW

Nay: DL, JJ, BL

2014-G) **Passes**

Yay: DL, RR, BL, BG, MW, CH

Nay: JJ, MH

2014-H) Does not pass

Yay: DL, BL, BG, CH

Nay: RR, JJ, MH, MW

2014-I) Does not pass

Yay: BG, MH

Nay: JJ, BL, MW, DL, BG, RR, CH

2014-J) Does not pass

Yay: MH

Nay: JJ, BG, BL, MW, DL, BG, RR, CH

2014-K) Does not pass

Yay: MH

Nay: JJ, BG, BL, MW, DL, BG, RR, CH

2015-A) **Passes**

Yay: DL, RR, MH, CH

Nay: JJ, BL, MW

2015-B) Does not pass

Yay: CH (I'm so lonely...)

Nay: DL, RR, JJ, BL, BG, MH, MW

2015-C) Does not pass

Yay: JJ, MH, CH

Nay: DL, RR, BL, MW

2015-D) Does not pass

Yay: DL, RR, MH,

Nay: BL, MW, JJ, BG, CH

2015-E-a) Does not pass

Yay: DL, RR,
Nay: BL, MW, JJ, MH

2015-E-b) Does not pass
Yay: DL
Nay: BL, MW, JJ, RR, MH

2015-E-c) [Passes](#)
Yay: DL, JJ, RR, BG, CH
Nay: BL, MW, MH

2015-E-d) Does not pass
Yay: MH
Nay: BL, MW, DL, JJ, RR, CH

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