



Competitive Balance Goal and Player Movement

It shall be the goal of the North County San Diego MSBL/MABL to promote competitive balance in each of its divisions. To the extent that the league can control player movement to advance this objective, it shall do so.

Each time a player signs a contract with a new team, that player is bound to that team for one (1) calendar year. After one (1) calendar year a player may file with the League office to become a restricted free agent, and only after two calendar years shall a player becomes eligible to file for unrestricted free agent status.

There is no open recruiting of league members to different teams allowed.

Any player, coach or manager found to have engaged in unethical recruiting practices or tampering with a player under contract to another team, without the express written consent from the player's manager, shall be subject to being fined and dismissed as a manager from their team and/or suspended from the League.

No league member can release a major portion of his team or his entire team without Prior approval by the Board of Directors and the League President.

Once the season has started and a player cannot get a release from his team, he can place himself in the supplemental draft for selection by another team. If the player is not selected by any team, said player is granted his unconditional release.

No player shall switch teams without the permission of the Board of Directors and League President. If a player's team refuses to grant him his unconditional release, the Board shall supervise the player's reassignment, and shall determine the compensation that must be paid by the player's new team to the former team.

New Players: The league shall control the assignment to teams of all new players who have contacted the league in response to advertising or who have been referred to the league by any means. A player who has not played in any league game in either the current or previous year shall be regarded as a new player. A new player acquired by a team through that team's own recruiting efforts shall be subject to the control of the team and not the league.

Unassigned Players: The league shall control the assignment to teams of all players who have played in the league in the previous year or are playing in the league in the current year and are not currently on the roster of any teams. This category shall include all players who are released during the season, or are not retained on their team's roster at the end of any season.

Control of a Player by a Team: Once a player signs a contract to play for a team, he shall remain under the control of the team for the remainder of the calendar year. A team shall have the right to release a player at any time. A player shall have the right to request reassignment without being released, as explained below.

Number of Players that a Team Can Control: For each division, the league shall establish minimum and maximum roster sizes. A team may not control more players than the maximum roster size permitted by the league.

Player Seeking Reassignment: The league shall control the reassignment to new teams of any player who is on the roster of a team and is seeking to change teams. If a player is seeking to change teams between seasons in the same year, but does not have a release from his current team, the league shall have the right either to reassign him to a team of its choice, or to require him to remain on the roster of his current team. The league shall decide such requests based on what is in the best interests of the league. If a player seeks reassignment during the season, and his team refuses to release him, the league shall reassign him only for reasons of good cause, and the player and not the team shall have the burden to prove good cause.

Player Switching Division: A player who is seeking to switch to a team in a different division shall be regarded as a player seeking reassignment, and shall be subject to the control of the league as described above. In general, it shall be the policy of the league to establish a list of teams in each division that are eligible to acquire the player. As an example, if a player seeking reassignment is a pitcher, the league shall make him available to those teams who are not among the top teams and who also need pitching.

Tournament Team Policy: If a player is invited to play on a tournament team that consisted of a core of players from the same regular season team, that player shall be prohibited from joining the roster of the regular season team either during the year in which he plays on the tournament team or the following year.

Players who play on Teams in Different Divisions: A player may play on teams in different divisions. For example, a player may play on a team in the 35+ Division on Saturdays, and on a team in the 18+ Division on Sundays. However, in the event the player changes teams in either division, his movement shall be subject to the policies set forth herein. Further, in the event the league determines that a player is on the rosters of two or more teams, each in different divisions, it shall alert the managers of those teams to this fact.

Unrestricted Free Agency: Notwithstanding any of the above provisions, a player who has played on the same team for two or more consecutive years shall have the right to declare himself an unrestricted free agent, and as such shall have the right to play on any team of his choice.

Administration of Policies: These policies shall be administered by the league's Executive Director in consultation with the Commissioner of each division, and with the members of the advisory board.