

## Rules Change Proposals to Consider for 2026

Proposals have been sent my way. Here is the grist for your collective mills.

1. Trade limit in season 6 max with max of 2 per team.
2. Raise free agent budget to 125.
3. Limit our in season trades to 5
4. Limit in-season trading to 3 per franchise, with all other existing trade restrictions to remain in place. In conjunction with that, open up off-season trading with only two restrictions: Keep in place the 3 for 3 limit and to limit trading between the same teams to once. Rationale is to place the emphasis back to auction day. Build your roster in the off-season and auction day.
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Here are a few of my rule proposals:

- (1) Simplify the reserve picks to 10 rounds of (\$10) players and 5 rounds of (\$5) players. The idea would be to start the salaries higher so talent would return to the auction sooner. The (\$5) rounds would still allow for dynasty / keepers to build for the future.
- (2) Discuss the possibility of getting stats after a player gets traded to the other lg.
- (3) retracted
- (4) Clarify the standard / long term contract bylaw. The wording seems to say R Gant is 7A in 1990. Then 7b for 1991. Then 7# for a play out option yr in 1992. The wording states "after" the option yr in one section and "including" the option yr in another section. We are in reality paying an extra \$5 for the option yr we should already own. Should it go 7a / 7b / 7#/ 12\* ? I would be all for the player staying an asterisk and adding \$5 a yr to the asterisk. 7a / 7b / 7\* / 12\* / 17\* . This might be more of a headache than the current 17D format ?
- (5) Allow for uneven trades during the off season only. Roster req do not matter during the offseason. Teams could trade 2 medium players for 1 stud. Or a rebuilding team could pick up 3 rookies for 1 major lg etc. Teams up against the keeper cutoff line could trade down to the keeper number level.
- (6) Discuss an alternative to the wins category. Wins have proven to be one of the "luckier" skills of our game. MLB pitching staffs have mutated from years past (IP / specialists / long relievers / openers / official scorers opinion ). We need to look at alternative scoring like w+quality starts maybe? This would help protect the true starters.
- (7) Look at a "luxury" tax on dump trades.
- (8) Discuss options for the league in case of a work stoppage in 2027.
- (9) The league should have a list of alt owner in case of emergency.