

**THE OFFICIAL
EHCC FANTASY BASEBALL
LEAGUE HANDBOOK
Rules, Regulations, and Policies
of the EHCC**

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2010 EHCC Officials (As of January 9th, 2010)

Members of the 2010 Inner Council are in italics

**EHCC Commissioner (Year 1 of 3) – Rickey Henderson (via
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Commissioner IC Appointee – Matt Ryder (TKO)

Western Division President – Patrick Brown (QC)

Western Division IC Appointee – Mike Comtois (COL)

Eastern Division President – Orlando Claffey (RAK)

Eastern Division IC Appointee – Mike Claffey (BRW)

EHCC League Treasurer – Matt Ryder (TKO)

EHCC Past Officials

Commissioners

2001-2005 – Orlando Claffey (RAK)

2006 – Adam Howe (LV)/Patrick Brown (QC)

2007-2009 – Orlando Claffey (RAK)

2010-2012 -- Adam Howe (LV)

IC Members

2001 -- Greg Duclos (ENF)

2001-2005 – Matt Germain (HAV)

2001-2006 – Nick Bruce (WEY)

2001-2009 – Adam Howe (LV)

2001, 2010 – Mike Claffey (BEL/BRW)

2002-2010 – Patrick Brown (QC)

2006; 2008-2009 – Keith Kantor (TIJ)

2007, 2010 – Matt Ryder (TKO)

2007-2008, 2010 – Mike Comtois (GLD)

2009 – Dave Grubb (PEO)

2010 -- Orlando Claffey

Section I – The League

A. **Name:** The league will be known as the EHCC Fantasy Baseball League. It will be referred to throughout the remainder of this document as “EHCC”.

B. **Teams:** The EHCC will be made up of 12 teams. Each team will have one (1) general manager.

C. **Divisions:** The EHCC will be made up of 2 divisions: Eastern and Western. Each division will be comprised of 6 teams. Teams are placed in their respective Division by the Commissioner. In the case of expansion, the change to divisions will be dictated by Section VIII-F. Presently the divisions' make up are as follows:

Eastern: Las Vegas, Rakeville, Weymouth, Peoria, Arlington, Bridgewater

Western: Quebec City, Woodland Park, South Carolina, Tijuana, Golden, Tokyo

D. **Playoffs:** The EHCC Playoffs will be comprised of 6 teams. The top team from each division will receive the top two seeds in order of their regular season record, and thus receive a first-round bye in the playoffs. The final four playoff spots will be comprised of the next four best teams based on their regular season record, regardless of division. The first round will face seed 3 against seed 6, and seed 4 against seed 5. The second round will face seed 1 against the winner of seed 3/6 and seed 2 against the winner of seed 4/5. In the case of expansion, the change to the playoffs will be dictated by Section VIII-J

E. **Online Host:** The EHCC will utilize Yahoo! Fantasy Baseball as their online fantasy baseball league host. The cost of the host will be included in the League Dues (see Section I-L)

F. **Commissioner:** The EHCC will be organized and overlooked by a Commissioner. The Commissioner is responsible for setting all policy for the league. The commissioner has the ability to make unilateral changes of league policies, rules, and rosters. During the off-season he gathers and edits all owner submitted proposals worthy of presentation at the winter meeting. The commissioner is expected to serve in the best interest of the majority of the league, seeking advice from the Inner Council (see below) or other league members before initiating a policy change or finalizing a proposal. Large scale changes should be made during the winter or summer meetings. The Commissioner is elected every 3 years. If the Commissioner is not able to serve the remaining time of his term, the League President of the opposite division of the Commissioner will serve as interim Commissioner until the next Winter Meeting. The Commissioner is also the deciding vote if an Inner Council vote results in a tie.

G. **Inner Council:** The EHCC will be governed by the Inner Council (IC), a group of five (5) which will be made up by the Eastern and Western Division Presidents (see below), an appointee from each division president, and an appointee made by the Commissioner. The IC makes no policy changes. If a policy change by the commissioner is believed to negatively affect the league's competitiveness or equity, the IC may reverse the change entirely by majority vote. All members on the IC are required to vote when an issue is presented, in a reasonable timeframe, unless they have a conflict of interest (i.e. involved in a disputed trade or appealing a decision

targeting their team). They may not alter any aspects of the proposal. If a change is reversed, the commissioner may present it for a league vote during a bi-annual meeting, with any changes in the proposal he deems necessary. The IC also has the power to veto trades. Any league member can appeal a trade. (See Section IV)

H. **Division Presidents:** Elected yearly at the winter meeting by members of their division. Each president is the administrative and spiritual head of his division. He is to help the commissioner spur activity and make sure owners within the division meet league deadlines. He also assists division members to promote policy change, and answers any questions or concerns. They may also be asked to take on other responsibilities by the Commissioner.

I. **Contraction:** Teams can be contracted either at mid-season or at any point before opening day. A team must be nominated and seconded for consideration for contraction by the EHCC. Once nominated/seconded the IC will review the nomination and decide whether or not the league shall vote on that team's contraction. A team must show the following for consideration of a contraction:

- a. Lack of attention to the league
- b. Lack of respect for the league and its rules

Teams may also be placed on the offseason automatic contraction list for not meeting a league deadline. No nomination process is required, but teams are allowed the same opportunities as nominated teams to defend their status within the league. (For more information see Section VIII-M)

J. **Membership:** Anyone may become a general manager in the EHCC as long as:

- c. They receive a majority vote by the league to become a general manager
- d. There is an opening due to a recent contraction or the league deems it appropriate to expand the league past 12 teams
- e. They show reasons to believe they will be dedicated to the EHCC not only at the present time but into the future as well
- f. They have sufficient baseball and fantasy baseball knowledge

K. **Website Contribution Rewards System:** Website contribution is highly encouraged among EHCC owners and awards will be given out to the league's top contributors. The top 3 overall contributors will receive *compensation based on the criteria set forth below*. The fourth award will go to the author of the EHCC Story of the Year, which will be voted upon by all contributors. Contributions must meet the following requirements to qualify:

- a.) The contribution must include a title, picture, author, and tags
- b.) The contribution must either be original artwork or a story made up of at least 3 paragraphs and 200 words
- c.) Contributors must submit at least one "National" contribution (one that is not based around just their own team)
- d.) Contributors must submit one contribution between January and June, and one between July and December
- e.) Contributors are allowed to post as many contributions as they like in any timeframe, however just one story every five days will qualify.
- f.) the time frame for qualifying contributions will be each calendar year (January 1 - December 31) with the awards given out at the immediately following Winter

Meeting.

g.) The awards will be as follows:

i.) Gold Contributor (Most contributions) will receive the 25th MiDP in the upcoming MiDraft

ii.) Silver Contributor (Second most contributions) will receive the 26th MiDP in the upcoming MiDraft

iii.) Bronze Contributor (Third most contributions) will receive the 27th MiDP in the upcoming MiDraft

iv.) The Story of the Year Award winner will receive special recognition in the annual Baseball Tri-Weekly magazine

-Story of the Year Award will be voted upon by only those who have submitted one contribution to the website between January 1 and October 31 and no contributor will be allowed to vote for their own story.

L. League Dues: All owners are subject to pay league dues, which will cover the expense of running the league. The League Treasurer will announce the amount during the MaDraft in March. Teams who do not pay their dues in full by the following MiDraft in July will be subject to the following penalties:

a.) Automatic nomination for contraction

b.) Waiver wire placement reset to the worst placement

i.) In the case that multiple teams do not pay their dues on time, waiver wire priorities will be given out in the order in which the late parties pay their dues in full. (The last owner to pay will receive the worst waiver priority)

c.) Roster lock (Their roster will be locked by the commissioner and the owner will not be allowed to make any changes to their line up, including trade offers, free agent pick ups, player drops, and/or line up changes) until their dues are paid in full.

M. EHCC League Treasurer: Voted into office yearly, the Treasurer is responsible for generating a league budget, and appropriating dues. He will be responsible for collecting dues annually from all league members and making sure the budget is followed and funds are used properly to benefit the league and its members.

Section II – Yahoo! League Settings

- A. **Season Type:** Full
- B. **Draft Type:** Offline Draft
- C. **Max Teams:** 12
- D. **Divisions:** 2 (6 teams per)
- E. **Scoring Type:** Head-to-Head
- F. **Player Universe:** All baseball
- G. **Max moves/trades:** 4 moves per week
- H. **Trade Reject Time:** 1 day.
- I. **Trade End Date:** August 1
- J. **Waiver Time:** 2 days
- K. **Can't Cut List:** None
- L. **Trade Review:** Commissioner Review
- M. **Min Innings Pitched:** 7
- N. **Weekly Deadline:** Daily-Tomorrow
- O. **Start Scoring On:** Week 1
- P. **Roster Positions:** C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, OF, OF, OF, UTIL, SP, SP, RP, RP, P, P, P, BN, BN, BN, BN, BN, BN, BN, BN, BN, DL, DL, DL
- Q. **Stat Categories:** R, HR, RBI, SB, AVG, W, S, K, ERA, WHIP

Section III –Rosters

- A. **Roster Size:** There will be no limit on the amount of players at each position a team may hold on their roster. Each team will be allowed to hold no more than twenty-five (25) able players on their roster during the regular season.
- B. **Disabled Players:** Each team will be allotted to place up to three (3) players who have been placed on the MLB disabled list on their EHCC disabled list.
- C. **Starting Positions:** Each team will be allowed to start one (1) of the following positions each day: C, 1B, 2B, 3B, and UTIL. Each team will be allowed to start three (3) OF. The UTIL player can be any offensive player. Each team will be able to start two (2) SP and two (2) RP along with three (3) other P (these players can be either SP or RP). Each team will also be allotted nine (9) BENCH players who may be players eligible at any position.
- D. **Adding/Dropping Players:** Teams may add/drop player to/from their roster at any point. When a player is dropped from a roster they will be added to the Waiver Wire where they will stay for 2 days. Other teams will have the opportunity to claim these players during that time and the team with the lowest waiver priority will receive the rights to pick up said player. (For more information on Adding/Dropping players see Section IV-A)
- E. **Post-Season Rosters:** Regular Season roster rules will apply to the postseason.
- F. **Off-Season Rosters:** At the end of the championship series each team will select 25 total players to bring into the off-season. If a team has more than 25 players on their roster due to players being on the disabled list they will be required to select the appropriate number of players to drop off of their full roster concluding the EHCC Playoffs.

Section IV – Roster Moves

- A. **Adding/Dropping Players:** A player may be added to a team's roster at any point after the EHCC draft (see Section V-H), and before their roster is locked (see Section III-F) that is not claimed or owned by another team and is in the Yahoo database.
- a. Each team will be given a limit of 4 transactions per week. These transactions will include any and all add/drops and trades (see Section IV-C) made during that week.
 - b. Minor League players added to the Yahoo! database during the season that have not be available to be drafted in the MiDraft (Section VI) are not eligible to be added by any EHCC team until they have had the opportunity to be considered in the MiDraft.
- B. **Waivers:** Dropped players and players added to the Yahoo database will automatically be placed on the league's Waiver Wire. Players will remain on the Waiver Wire for two (2) days so that all teams have the chance to claim said player. The team with the lowest waiver priority who puts claim to said player will receive the right to pick up said player.
- a. **Waiver Priority:** Waiver priority will be recorded at the conclusion of the post-season and be carried over into the off-season and into the following regular season.
- C. **Trades:** Starting the day after the final day of the Championship game and ending at the set Trade Deadline during the following regular season, all teams are allowed to trade the following:
- a. Players
 - b. Draft picks
 - c. Waiver priority
 - d. Odds in the EHCC MiDraft. (See Section VI-A)
- D. **Trading Protests:** There will be a twenty-four (24) hour period after a trade is accepted for the league to review the trade. If a GM chooses they may protest the trade claiming it to be considerably unfair for one side in such a manner that the trade would hurt the league's integrity. The IC will receive all protests and review the case from both the protester and the parties involved in the trade. If an argument by the parties involved can be presented to show that both sides of the protested trade feel they are benefiting from the trade the trade will be allowed. If however it is shown that one side of the protested trade is not benefiting in any fashion from the trade, the IC will vote whether or not to veto the trade. If an IC member is involved in the trade he may not vote in the appeals process. The Commissioner will be the deciding vote in the case of a tie.
- E. **New Owner Trade Oversight:** All trades made by a new team owner must be reviewed by the team's opposing league president before it is officially accepted. If the league president in question is involved in the trade, the other league president will review the trade. If both league presidents are involved, the Commissioner will review. If all three are involved, someone is getting hosed and the trade is not

approved. The overseers should be working in the best interest of the new owner. The new owner does not have to be the clear favorite in the deal, but reviewers must ensure the teams involved fairly distributed talent/value. Each new owner will be under review until the MiDraft. At that time, the IC will vote to keep the new owner under review through the remainder of the season or to remove oversight.

Section V – Major League Draft (MaDraft)

A. **Order:** Order of the first three (3) rounds will be determined based on the previous year's final regular season standings and the outcome of the championship games. Teams will receive draft picks that are the inverse of their final regular season seeding. The champion will automatically receive the 12th pick in each of the first three (3) rounds and the runner up of the championship games will receive the 11th pick, regardless of their regular season standing. All picks beyond the 3rd round will be selected randomly and announced at the GM Winter Meeting by the Commissioner.

B. **Length:** The draft will consist of 10 rounds plus any optional supplemental picks. Teams may draft as many supplemental players they wish after the ten (10) rounds have completed.

C. **Ellis Burks Memorial Pick:** The final pick of the 10th round will automatically be Ellis Burks.

D. **Time:** The draft will be held on the Saturday two (2) weeks prior to the MLB opening day.

E. **Rosters:** 20-Man Rosters are due one (1) week prior to the MaDraft. Following the MaDraft, rosters must be cut to fit on each team's allotted roster (twenty-five (25) active players and up to three (3) DL players) by 11:59 pm the day before the MLB's first game of the regular season. The Commissioner will fine any team appropriately that does not meet required deadlines.

F. **Compensation Picks:** Teams may decide to keep a variable amount of players (15-20 players), receiving compensation picks in the MaDraft for each keeper spot forfeited.

- a. 20 Players kept – No compensation picks
- b. 19 Players kept – Compensation pick at the end of the 5th round
- c. 18 Players kept – Compensation pick at the end of the 4th and 5th rounds
- d. 17 Payers kept – Compensation pick at the end of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th rounds
- e. 16 Players kept – Compensation pick at the end of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th rounds
- f. 15 Players kept – Compensation pick at the end of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th rounds

A team cannot receive more than five (5) compensation picks in a season.

Compensation picks cannot be traded. Compensation picks can be awarded to teams penalized for missing roster deadlines, but spot fines issued by the Commissioner will affect picks received. No team can keep less than 15 players. Compensation picks are located at the end of the appropriate round, after any supplemental picks awarded to a franchise by the commissioner.

G. **Eligible Players:** Eligible players for the EHCC Draft must meet all three of the following requirements at the time of the draft:

- a. Must not be currently listed on an EHCC 20-man roster
- b. Must be listed in the Yahoo database at the time of the draft
- c. Player must have Major League experience or must have been eligible for the MiDraft the previous season.

H. **MaDraft Youth Protection:** Players that do not meet the parameters in Section V-G may not be drafted. If they are they must be released before the start of opening day. Such players that appear in the Yahoo! database will be placed on perpetual waivers by the Commissioner until the player:

- a. Earns major league playing time
- b. Is drafted by an EHCC team in the MiDraft.

I. **Undrafted players:** Any player may be picked up by any team anytime after the MaDraft if the player in question:

- a. was not drafted in the MaDraft
- b. is not owned by an EHCC team
- c. is currently in the Yahoo player database
- d. was eligible but not drafted in the most recently completed MiDraft

Section VI – EHCC Minor League (ESSEC)

- A. **Draft Order:** The order of the Minor League Draft (MiDraft) will be determined differently for the two (2) rounds
- a. **First Round:** The first round will be determined on a lottery style selection process. Each team will receive a number of “names in the hat” based on where they finished in the previous year’s regular season standings. (12th place gets twelve (12) names, 6th place gets six (6) names, etc). Names will be selected at random from the pool and position in the MiDraft will be given accordingly. The only exception to this is that the previous year’s champion’s pick, no matter how many “names in the hat” they have, will not be eligible for the first overall pick. If their name were to be chosen at the top of the MiDraft they would automatically be pushed down to the 2nd pick and the 1st pick would be chosen again from the remaining eleven (11) teams in the pool.
 - b. **Second Round:** The second round will also be determined with a lottery style selection process. Each team will receive the opposite odds they receive for the 1st round’s selection process. All team in the 2nd round’s pool will be eligible for any pick in the 2nd round.
 - c. Teams unable to attend the draft or submit picks remotely have 24 hours from scheduled start time of the draft to make their selections or forfeit their picks.
- B. **Draft Length:** The MiDraft will be 2 rounds with 12 picks in each round.
- C. **Draft Time:** The MiDraft will be held on the day before the MLB All-Star Game at 8:00pm Eastern Time.
- D. **Rosters:** Teams may have unlimited amounts of players on their Minor League Rosters (MiRosters).
- E. **Announcement:** The MiDraft order will be selected and announced during the annual GM Winter Meeting.
- F. **Eligible Players:** All players currently playing for a Minor League Baseball team are eligible for the MiDraft with few exceptions. All players must have played, or have been drafted, prior to the previous year’s MiDraft. Example: A player drafted in June of 2008 will not be eligible until the 2009 MiDraft. A player signed in the offseason of 2007/2008 will not be eligible until the 2009 MiDraft.
- a. **Eligible Players**
 - i. Players that are in the minors and are not listed in the Yahoo database, regardless of past MLB experience.
 - ii. Players that were called up during the same year of the MiDraft in question but have not entered the Yahoo database at the time of the MiDraft, as long as they were eligible for a previous year’s MiDraft.
 - b. **Ineligible Players**
 - i. Players that currently play in foreign leagues such as, but not limited to, the Japanese, Caribbean, and Australian Leagues.
 - ii. Players that were drafted in the same year’s MLB June Amateur Draft and signed to a contract prior to the end of the same season. Said players will be eligible for the next season’s MiDraft. If the player

drafted in the June Amateur draft does not sign a contract with their MLB club, and reenters the June Amateur draft the following season, same rules apply. Said player is not eligible until they sign a contract.

- iii. College and other non-professional players.
- iv. Minor League players who are also listed in the Yahoo database, and were eligible for at least one previous year's MiDraft.
- v. Foreign players signed before or during the season of the MiDraft in question

G. Length of Service: A MiPlayer will be protected by a team for up to three (3) years after he is drafted.

- a. If said player is not called up to it's EHCC parent team within that time that player will be automatically released by his ESSEC team and will reenter the MiDraft if eligible or be allowed to be claimed by other EHCC teams.
- b. If said player does not enter the Yahoo database by the end of the third year, and the owning team would like to retain the player, that team is allowed to call up the player regardless of database presence. Said team must coordinate with the league commissioner to find a suitable placeholder (placeholder is unable to contribute statistics to the host team) until the minor league player is introduced into the Yahoo! database. If the placeholder is dropped or placed on the disabled list at any time, the team loses all rights to the minor league player for whom the roster place was being held. That minor league player would then be eligible for future drafts or waiver pick ups by other teams.

H. Call-ups: Once a MiPlayer is called up to his EHCC team he may not be sent back down. He will fall under all the rules of all other Major League players from that point on unless he leaves the Yahoo database. If that were to happen the player's EHCC team may decide to leave an open roster spot on their EHCC roster for said player. If that player were to be dropped (or if that open roster spot were to be filled) the player in question would be reentered into the appropriate draft (MaDraft or MiDraft) or waiver pool. Until the three (3) year deadline, no player will be forced to be called-up during the regular or post season regardless of MLB playing time. MiPlayers will only be forced to enter a EHCC at the beginning of a regular season (See below).

I. 20 Man Roster: A MiPlayer must bet set on an EHCC 20-man roster during the off-season if he sets the following marks over the course of his career:

- a. If a pitcher has started six (6) games and/or has had 10 appearances at the MLB level
- b. If a hitter has collected 120 plate appearances

J. 25 Man Roster: A MiPlayer must be set on an EHCC 25-man opening day roster if he is listed on an MLB opening day 25-man roster. The only exception to this rule is if the player in question does not have any previous MLB experience.

Section VII – EHCC Time Table

- A. **Winter Meeting:** The annual EHCC GM Winter Meeting will be held on the second Saturday of January at 4:00pm at UNO's Pizzeria in Kenmore Square, Boston, Massachusetts. At this meeting, the reigning EHCC Champion will pay for the first round of tall Killians Drafts for all in attendance. All those who fail to attend the Winter Meeting either in person or via conference calls will be added to the off-season contraction polls unless the Commissioner deems it unnecessary due to an appropriate excuse given by the missing party.
- B. **MaDraft Order:** the commissioner will announce the order at the GM Winter Meeting.
- C. **20-Man Roster Deadline:** Each team must set their 20-man roster at least (1) week prior to the MaDraft.
- D. **MaDraft:** The MaDraft will be held on the Saturday at least one (1) week prior but no more than two (2) weeks prior to the MLB opening day. The commissioner will announce the exact date and time at the GM Winter Meeting. Before, during, or directly after the MaDraft, the League Treasurer will announce the year's budget and amount of League Dues owed by each team owner.
- E. **25-Man Roster Deadline:** Teams are required to set their 25-man rosters at 11:59 pm the day before opening day.
- F. **MiDraft Order:** The MiDraft order will be determined and announced by the commissioner at the GM Winter Meeting.
- G. **MiDraft:** The MiDraft will be held on the day before the MLB All-Star Game at 8:00pm. League Dues are due to the League Treasurer no later than the start of the MiDraft.
- H. **Trade Deadline:** No trades will be able to be completed after 11:59pm on August 1 of each season. The option to complete trades will re-open on the day after the final day of the championship series.

Off Season Timeline (all times are 11:59pm ET unless otherwise noted)

Dates are noted as 2010 dates for example purposed only. All future off-seasons would follow a similar format with similar time frames. Exact dates/times will be set by the commissioner prior to the end of the EHCC Championship Series.

Sunday, October 3, 2010 - Last day of 2010 season

Monday, October 4, 2010 - League-Wide Vote for Possible Expansion Opens

Monday, October 4, 2010 - 25 man roster due on the message board

Friday, October 8, 2010 - League-Wide Vote for Possible Expansion Closed

Sunday, October 24, 2010 - Contraction Nomination Deadline

Monday, October 25, 2010 - Contraction Vote Opens

Sunday, October 31, 2010 - Contraction Vote Closed

Sunday, October 31, 2010 - Team Season Review Stories due to your Division President

*Sunday November 7, 2010 - New Owner Nomination Deadline

*Sunday, November 7, 2010 - Last day for current EHCC owners to announce their participation in the ExDraft and dismantling of their current MaRoster
*Monday, November 8, 2010 - New Owner Research Begins
*Sunday, December 5, 2010 - New Owner Research Deadline
*Monday, December 6, 2010 - New Owner Vote Opens
*Sunday, December 12, 2010 - New Owner Vote Closed
*Monday, December 13, 2010 - Run Off Vote Opens (12:01 am ET) - if necessary
*Tuesday, December 14, 2010 - Run Off Vote Closed - if necessary
*Wednesday, December 15, 2010 - New Owners Announced
Sunday, December 19, 2010 - Division Assignments and ExDraft Order Announced
Sunday, December 19, 2010 - Rule Proposals due to Commissioner
*Monday, December 20, 2010 - 20-man protected list for each team due on the EHCC message board
*Saturday, January 8, 2011 - ExDraft (@3:30pm ET) / Trading Resumes following ExDraft
Saturday, January 8, 2011 - 2011 EHCC Winter Meeting (@4:00pm ET)

Events denoted by a * will only take place if the league votes to expand in that off season and/or a team is contracted.

Section VIII – EHCC Expansion

A.) Vote: All owners in the EHCC will vote at the start of the off-season on whether or not the league would like to move forward with the possibility of Expansion during that off season. In the case that the league votes in favor of expansion at least two, but no more than four new teams will be created.

B.) Dissolving of Current Rosters: All current EHCC teams will have the option of dissolving their current roster and entering into the Expansion Draft. Each owner will only be allowed to do this once every ten years.

C.) Protections: All current teams will keep 25 MaPlayers at the conclusion of the most recently concluded season, per usual, while designating a certain number of those players as "protected" from being picked in the ExDraft. Those players not protected by current EHCC teams who are not selected in the ExDraft will then be protected by their original team at the conclusion of the ExDraft.

a.) In the case that the EHCC expands 2 more teams, current owners will be given 25 "Protections" to give out to his MaPlayers and MiPlayers. Each owner may distribute however they see fit.

b.) In the case the EHCC expands 4 more teams, current owners will have 20 Protections to pass out to his MaPlayers and MiPlayers.

D.) Limit: The league will not be allowed to expand past 4 more teams in one off season.

E.) ExDraft: Details of the ExDraft are as follows...

a.) Order: Order of the beginning of the ExDraft will be selected at random between the new owners, with any and all participating current EHCC owners receiving the subsequent picks based on reverse order of their standings in the most recently concluded season. All rounds following will be snaked.

b.) Length: The length of the ExDraft will be 27 rounds plus a compensation round.

c.) Players: Eligible players in the ExDraft will be:

i.) players listed in the Yahoo database at the end of the 2010 season and will follow the criteria of Section V-G and V-H of the EHCC Handbook,

ii.) all MiPlayers that were eligible for the most recently concluded season's MiDraft and that have not gained any MLB experience since that draft

iii.) all players not given "Protection" by their EHCC teams will also be eligible (see Section VIII-C).

d.) Requirements: Each team participating in the ExDraft will be required to draft at least 23, but no more than 26 MaPlayers.

e.) Compensation: Teams who do lose unprotected players in the ExDraft will receive compensation draft picks at the end of the ExDraft in the order in which their players were selected. Teams who lose a MaPlayer may only replace him with another MaPlayer in the compensation round, and those teams who lose a MiPlayer may only replace him with another MiPlayer in the compensation round.

f.) Time: The ExDraft will take place immediately prior to the start of the EHCC Winter Meeting. All teams involved in the ExDraft will be required to attend. The compensation round will follow once all owners are present. Any owner not present at the Winter Meeting w/o a proper excuse given to the commissioner will forfeit his right to a compensation pick if any of

his unprotected players are chosen.

F.) Division Adjustments: After expansion, the two divisions will still have an even amount of teams. The placement of each team will be determined by location:

a.) Whichever team is located outside the United States will be placed in the Western Division
b.) In the case of no team being placed outside the US, the team(s) located (geographically) closest to another country's border will be placed in the Western Division, and the other(s) will be placed in the Eastern Division.

c.) In the case that all teams are Internationally based, all will be placed in the Western Division, and the necessary number of the US based teams in the Western Division will be moved to the eastern Division, which currently includes Golden, Woodland Park, and South Carolina. Which teams are moved will be a decision of the Commissioner and Inner Council.

G.) Other Adjustments: Upon expansion, adjustments to the following MaDraft, MiDraft, and EHCC Waiver Priority will be as follows:

a.) The new owners will receive the top picks in the first three rounds of the following MaDraft. Their order will be determined by the reverse order of the ExDraft.

b.) The new owners will also receive the best odds in the following MiDraft lottery, based on reverse order of the ExDraft.

c.) Any and all current EHCC owners who choose to dissolve their rosters and enter the ExDraft will keep their already assigned MaDP's and MiDP's.

d.) The new owners will receive the bottom waiver priorities based on the reverse order of the ExDraft.

Any contracted team after the most recently concluded season will have all of their assets dissolved, including MaPlayers, MiPlayers, DP's, and Waiver Priority. All contracted MaPlayers and MiPlayers will be available in the ExDraft.

H.) Contracted Assets: If a team is contracted, and there is expansion, the contracted team's DP's will be erased and any team slotted to pick below them in the MaDraft will be moved up.

I.) New Owners: Nominated new owners will need a majority vote to be added into the EHCC.

a.) If just one or no nominee receives a majority vote, there will be no expansion.

b.) Expansion will only be made in the form of even number of teams.

c.) No BYE WEEKS will be created for the sake of expansion.

d.) In the case that an odd number of nominees receive a majority vote, the expanded slots will go to the even number of nominees with the highest number of votes. In the case of any ties, there will be a 48 hour run off vote between such nominees directly following the closing of the New Owner Vote.

e.) Any and all new owners will be under the same "New Owner Trade Oversight" rules as any new owner would.

J.) Playoff Expansion: If/when the league were to expand to 16 or more teams, the number of teams making the playoffs would expand to 8. In the case the league would expand to 20 teams, the number of teams in the playoffs would expand to 10.

K.) Trade Lock: If the league votes to expand at the start of the off-season, all trading will not be allowed between the most currently completed season's Trade Deadline and the following ExDraft.

L.) Contraction without Expansion: The ExDraft will still take place if there is a contracted team but no Expansion teams. The owner filling the contracted team's spot will go through all the motions of the ExDraft, but will only be able to draft from free agents, the contracted team's

roster, and any dissolved rosters from team owners choosing to join the ExDraft. All other owners' rosters/assets will be protected (For more information on Contraction see Section II-I).