

# Official Ruling 11-01 “Player Trades”

## **BACKGROUND**

Certain fundamental rules are imposed on leagues that are deemed necessary for good organization and to keep one league from gaining an unfair advantage over another. DYB emphasizes local league autonomy but does not grant total autonomy.

DYB recognizes local leagues have administrative rules for trading players who have been drafted in accordance with DYB rules. However, there are no provisions governing trades in the published DYB Rules and Regulations. This ruling outlines acceptable conditions under which trades authorized by local leagues do not violate the intent of DYB rules.

### **Rule References:**

Regulation II (J) – *Players who are members of a particular league within a multi-league organization whose leagues share a common boundary must remain only in the league until such time as ALL players of his league age are redrafted pursuant to Rule II(B) or IV(H).*

Regulation III(A) – *Team membership shall be within the sole discretion of each league PROVIDED SUCH MEMBERSHIP SHALL NOT BE IN CONFLICT WITH... THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF DYB.*

## **OFFICIAL RULING**

**A multi-league organization’s local rules for the selection and placement of players on team rosters shall be in conflict with Regulation II (B) if the local rules do not provide all managers an “equal opportunity” in the selection of players. “EQUAL OPPORTUNITY” means that a “player selection system” provides for a reasonably even distribution of player talent “among teams” within a single league draft and “between leagues” in a multi-league draft.**

**In order to maintain the competitive balance between or among leagues operating in a common boundary, any player trade must meet the following requirements:**

**1) Trades of two players who participate in different leagues in a multi-league organization will be allowed only when:**

**a) both players involved in the trade were members of a DYB all-star team in the prior season; or**

**b) both players involved in the trade were not members of a DYB all-star team the prior year; and**

**(2) Under either (a) or (b) above, both managers, both parents and the league board of directors must approve the trade in writing.**

**Failure to meet the guidelines set forth above shall disqualify both players from DYB tournament play for the current season.**



Wes Skelton, Commissioner

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