

Rule Change 2201

The following series of changes are those which affected the intent of the Official Rules for the update to the 2022 season. The Fantasy Board of Governors voted on these changes and confirmed all of them by a unanimous 4-0 vote (there was one open position on the Fantasy Board of Governors at the time of the vote). The voting was complete on 4-Feb-2022.

RC2201-A: Increase the maximum number of reserves allowed from 6 to 8 (This change was included in the 2021 Official Rules as a planned change for 2022).

RC2201-B: Increase the Seasonal Roster from 18 to 20, the Active Roster from 16 to 17 players, and the Taxi Squad from 2 to 3. (This change was included in the 2021 Official Rules as a planned change for 2022).

RC2201-C: Increase the Initial Roster from 16 to 18. (This change was included in the 2021 Official Rules as a planned change for 2022).

RC2201-D: The scaling of salaries will be performed as follows: The Adjusted Salary will be determined as follows: The top 5 undrafted players at each position on the Non-Reserve List will have their salary adjusted to \$3,000,000. For all players outside of the Top 5 at their position, their Adjusted Salary will be determined by multiplying their Default Salary by \$3,000,000 and dividing by the Default Salary of the fifth highest salaried undrafted player at their position. (This is essentially the same process that was used in 2021 with the exception of using the 5th highest salaried player as the reference rather than the 1st. Using the 5th highest salaried player will eliminate the effect of the "artificially high" salaries of players such as Todd Gurley and Zach Ertz had last season.

RC2201-E: The salary cap for initial rosters will increase from \$25,000,000 to \$28,000,000. (This is to compensate for the two additional reserved players, at \$1,000,000 each, and to account for the slight increase in adjusted salaries that is likely to result from the formula change outlined in 2201-D).

RC2201-F: Limit the number of Free Agent moves any one team can make in a single week to 8 total moves. (Note, in the 2021 Official Rules there is no rule against dropping a player that was previously added during the same week. I suggest we

continue to allow this but add the 8 move maximum to minimize the impact of a team trying to add and release players as a defensive move versus their weekly opponent.)

RC2201-G: Modify verbiage to indicate that the league average WILL be rounded to the nearest whole number thus allowing for ties in games versus the league average. (I wrote this as such last year because I thought MFL.com would report the league average using decimals. As it turns out they do not so I'm adjusting the rule here, because I believe if the rounded average matches the team score, I believe it will show up in the standings as a tie.)

RC2201-H: Re-write Rule 9F to the following:

F. The Anti-Tanking Rule: It is against the rules for a team owner to adjust their roster in an attempt to purposely lose games or lower their weekly score.

1. It is not illegal to add injured or other inactive players for the purposes of having them on your final roster as long as you have adequate healthy players at each scoring position with a reasonable chance to score points and thus keep your team competitive.
2. Team Owners are not expected to incur the cost of free agent moves to improve their team and team owners will not be penalized for inactivity. Team owners will be penalized for making moves, including moves between the Taxi Squad and Active Roster, which could be viewed as clear attempts to reduce their weekly score.
3. Violations of Rule 9F will be addressed as follows:
 - a. Any suspected violation of the rule should be reported to the Commissioner and/or Fantasy Board of Governors.
 - b. The Fantasy Governors will determine if a violation has occurred. Three confirming votes amongst governors is required to corroborate a violation.
 - c. For a confirmed violation, the offending franchise will be relegated in the following seasons PREFARD. The franchise's position in the PREFARD will be dropped 5 spots or to the lowest position among non-Johnson Cup Playoff teams, whichever position is lower.
 - d. If a team is found to be in violation Rule 9F again in a future season, they will be removed from the league.

RC2201-I: In Section 10 (provisions for seasons beyond 2022), include the provision to plan for the increase of reserved players from 10 to 11. Keep the Seasonal Roster at 22 and the split between the Active Roster and Taxi Squad at 18/4, which is consistent with that planned for 2023. (this is to maintain the staged transition to a dynasty league, bringing the number of reserved players to 50% of the seasonal roster.