

Rule Change Proposal 2304

This proposal was made by Commissioner Jeff and Governor Travis. It failed to pass via a 2-3 vote. Yea votes were cast by governors Ted and Travis while nay votes were cast by governors Chuck, Frank, and Roger.

Beginning with the 2024 season, determine the order of the PREFARD after reserves are submitted. Base the PREFARD order on the average default salary of a team's reserves. The team with the lowest average salary will draft first and the remaining order will be in order of lowest average salary to highest. Any ties will be broken by reverse order of finish from the prior season.

Commentary from Commissioner Jeff: Removing order of finish for determining the order of PREFARD draft position should significantly lesson any team's desire to tank their season for a better draft slot. Also, average salary should be a better indicator of a team's overall strength, yielding a more appropriate order for helping weaker teams improve. Finally, with the new format, player salaries don't come into play nearly as much as they did previously. This new rule will make salaries a bit more meaningful (thus justifying the work put into calculating them each season). To be clear, the salaries used to determine the PREFARD order are those of the reserves only. And they are only used to determine the PREFARD Order (the reserved players will all still count only \$1 million versus the salary cap).

Commentary from Governor Travis: This is something I came up with as a way to allow teams to rebuild without having to tank (ironic, I know) and brings back a bit of the strategy in using the salaries when forming your team even though they officially count as 1 million vs. the salary cap. I believe record is not the greatest form of strength of team because we all know luck and matchups has a lot to do with that, especially when some teams check out.