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MLR 38(b) to 40(a)

(b) BY COMMISSIONER. The Commissioner shall have the right to terminate a post-season series at any time that the Commissioner deems the interest of Baseball demands it, and to declare one of the contesting Clubs the winner of that series regardless of previous performances.

Rule 39

POST-SEASON PLAYING RULES

The games shall be conducted according to the playing rules governing competition for the championship season, except as provided for in Rule 25(a) (Official Baseball Rules). If the playing rules of the two Major Leagues differ, then the playing rules used for each game of the World Series shall be the playing rules of the League of the Club in whose ballpark such World Series game is scheduled to be played.

Rule 40

PLAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR POST-SEASON

(a) PLAYERS ELIGIBLE.

(1) Major League Roster Players. To be eligible to play for a Major League Club in a Wild Card Game, Division Series, League Championship Series, or the World Series, a player must

(A) have been on a Major League Active, Disabled, Bereavement / Family Medical Emergency, Paternity, Suspended or Military List of such Major League Club as of Midnight Eastern Time on August 31, or on such date be under control, but on optional assignment, or on assignment from another Major League organization and not yet reported; and

(B) have remained reserved to such Major League Club (at the Major or Minor League levels) through the beginning of the applicable post-season series, unless the player is replacing an injured player pursuant to Rule 40(a)(3).

(2) Submission of Rosters. Each Major League Club that participates in a postseason series (including the Wild Card Game) must establish for each such series, from its complement of eligible players, an active roster of no more than 25 (and no less than 24) players and transmit such active roster to the Office of the Commissioner at such time before the scheduled start of each post-season series as the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee may set. Each player named to

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the roster for a series must be expected to be physically able to perform at some point in such series. No player on the Disabled List whose minimum period of inactivity has not yet expired before the scheduled start of the post-season series may be named to the roster for such series or otherwise replaced under this Rule 40. Except as permitted in Rule 40(a)(4), there shall be no substitutions made during a post-season series following a Major League Club's submission of its active roster for that series.

(3) Replacements for Injured Players Before a Series. With the express consent of the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee prior to the start of a postseason series (including the Wild Card Game), a Club may name a player in its organization to a roster for such series in order to replace an injured Major League player. A Club will not be permitted to name such a replacement unless

- (A)** the injured Major League player is eligible under Rule 40(a)(1);
- (B)** the injured Major League player is unable to render service in such series because of a specific injury or ailment;
- (C)** the injured Major League player's Club has submitted written proof of the player's disability; and
- (D)** the injured Major League player's Club has requested permission from the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee to name such a replacement.

If the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee grants permission to the injured Major League player's Club to make such a replacement, the player named to the roster for the series (including the Wild Card Game) as a replacement must also be an eligible player pursuant to Rule 40(a)(1) or must

- (E)** have been on a Minor League Active, Disabled, Temporarily Inactive, Suspended or Military List of such Major League Club as of Midnight Eastern Time on August 31, or on such date be designated for assignment or under control, but not yet reported, on assignment from another Major League organization;
- (F)** have remained reserved to such Major League Club (at the Major or Minor League levels) through the time of replacement; and
- (G)** be placed on the Club's Major League Reserve List.

(4) Replacements for Injured Players During a Series. A Club may request permission from the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee to replace on

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the Club's active roster for the remainder of a post-season series a player who is unable to render service in such post-season series because of a specific injury or ailment that occurred after the Club's roster for such series had been submitted, provided that the Club submits written proof of the disability to the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee. The Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee may approve or disapprove a request for a roster substitution and may make whatever investigation the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee deems appropriate in exercising such discretion. The Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee's exercise of discretion may include disapproval of the request for a roster substitution if the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee determines that the request was not made in a reasonable amount of time in advance of a game to allow for investigation of the facts and circumstances. If the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee gives express approval for the substitution,

(A) the player added to the roster must also be an eligible player pursuant to Rule 40(a)(1) or Rules 40(a)(3)(E) through (G);

(B) a pitcher may be replaced only by a pitcher and a player other than a pitcher may be replaced only by a player other than a pitcher; and

(C) the injured player being replaced shall be ineligible to play for the remainder of such series, as well as the next subsequent post-season series that year.

(b) COACHES ELIGIBLE. To be eligible for a Wild Card Game, Division Series, League Championship Series, or the World Series, a coach must be a bona fide member of a qualifying team on and after August 31 to the end of the season of the year in which the series is played, under contract or terms of acceptance approved and promulgated by the Commissioner. No additional coaches will be permitted, but coaches may be substituted for, subject to the approval of the Commissioner.

(c) PLAYERS ELIGIBLE—MINOR LEAGUE POST-SEASON. Each Minor League Club that participates in post-season playoffs must establish for such playoffs, from its complement of eligible players, an active roster of no more than the maximum number of Active List players set forth in Rule 2(c)(2) as of the end of the championship season for such Minor League Club's classification. Each Minor League Club that participates in post-season playoffs shall transmit such active roster to the Office of the Commissioner and the president of such Club's Minor League no later than noon local time of the first scheduled date of such playoffs for such Club.