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NCSS Guidelines for in-season new player assignments

These guidelines are meant to be a “working document” and are placed on the league website for transparency. This document will be updated as circumstances present itself. The guidelines are not listed in any specific order. They may be prioritized differently depending on the circumstances at the time.

1-Number of players

Making sure all teams have the same number of players.

Example: An exception might be if one team is very strong or very weak, then it might be in the league’s best interest to assign a player(s) that creates a roster imbalance for a month until it can be re-balanced more fairly the following month.

2-Won-Loss record, team standings

Entire season won-loss record to be considered but with a greater weight given to the preceding months results. (This would reflect strength of teams since the prior mid-season player assignments) Stronger teams are assigned lower rated players. Weaker teams are assigned higher rated players.

3-Team and average player rating points

The higher rated team should receive the lower rated assignments. Using the average player rating points will help clarify how a player to be added will potentially impact the team. The won-loss record supersedes this criterion in value.

4- Injuries, and vacations

This may supersede won-loss and ratings criteria, if the Commissioners deem temporary injuries or vacations to be a major factor of a team’s record.

Example 1: If a 6-6 team and an 8-4 team are both eligible for a player. But the 6-6 team had 3 players missing all month due to injuries or travel plans. All 3 are back or expected back shortly. The commissioners might consider assigning a lesser rated player to the 6-6 team if they feel that when whole, the 6-6 team is higher rated and would have had a stronger record if not for the temporary missing players.

Example 2: If a team has a good record but lost a high rated player for the season the week of the draft...they are no longer the same strong team that built the winning record and should be assigned a high rated player to replace the injured high rated player even though the team record is good.

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5-Prior assignments

Commissioner should consider prior assignments when assigning additional players to a team. Make sure no team has repeatedly been given low rated or high rated players disproportionately to other teams.

A team should be able to replace injured players and receive new players.

6-Replacement assignments vs New assignments. Commissioners must decide if the intent is to replace an inactive player with a like type player or try to improve a team.

7-All teams are entitled to submit one email to the commissioners in the week prior to the mid-season draft.

This email can enlighten the commissioners on that team's particular suggestions and/or reasoning for a desired outcome. This could be to state an urgent need of replacement players, highlight a position need, a part-time player situation, maybe a personality situation, or a reminder of how prior league placements have affected the competitive balance for their team, etc.