example, without limitation on any other applicable example, a four-year Player Contract signed in the 2011 League Year, assuming that it is Capped, may not provide for an annual increase of more than 30% of the 2011 League Year Salary, excluding amounts treated as a signing bonus, in any of the three additional League Years covered by the Contract.

- (c) Any amount which a Club may pay to a player to buy out a right the player has or may have to terminate one or more contract years shall be treated as signing bonus at the time the buyout is exercised by the Club, and prorated at that time over the remaining term of the contract, including the current League Year, if the right to terminate and/or the right to buyout is based upon one or more incentives that are not "likely to be earned." Such a buyout amount shall not be included in any calculation for purposes of the 30% Rule, set forth above. (The parties acknowledge a disagreement as to the treatment of allocated signing bonus and buyout payments when a player's right to terminate one or more contract years and/or the Club's right to buyout is based upon one or more incentives that are "likely to be earned," and not upon any incentives that are not "likely to be earned." These issues are expressly left open. Except to enforce the terms of this Subsection (c), the terms of this Subsection may not be referred to or used by any of the parties in any proceeding, or otherwise, and the parties otherwise reserve all their rights with respect to the subject of this parenthetical.).
- (d) Any amount specified to be paid for the exercise of an option by a Club to extend the term of a Player Contract shall be treated as signing bonus, prorated over the remaining term of the contract commencing in the League Year in which it is exercised or the last League Year in which the option may be exercised, whichever comes first.

Such an option amount shall, immediately upon execution of the contract, renegotiation or extension, be included in any calculation for purposes of the 30% Rule, set forth above, prorated over the remaining term of the contract commencing in the last League Year in which the option may be exercised. Notwithstanding the foregoing: (i) if a Club renounces its right to exercise the option, the option amount shall not be included in Team Salary as of the date of such renunciation; and (ii) if the club does not renounce, but nonetheless does not exercise the option, the full amount of the option amount previously counted against Team Salary shall be credited to the Club's Salary Cap in the next League Year.

Section 9. Renegotiations and Extensions:

- (a) Provided that all Salary Cap requirements are met, Player Contracts for current and future years may be renegotiated and/or extended except as follows:
- (i) The contract of a Veteran Player may not be renegotiated to increase the Salary to be paid to the player during the original terms of the contract for a period of twelve months after the player's most recent contract renegotiation. The first renegotiation of a Veteran Player Contract, however, may take place at any time.
- (ii) No Team and player may agree to renegotiate any term of a previously signed Player Contract for a prior League Year.
- (iii) No contract renegotiations may be done for a current season after the last regular season game of that season.
- (iv) A Player Contract signed by a Rookie may not be renegotiated except as provided in Article V (Entering Player Pool), Section 4(i).

- (v) As provided in Article IX (Final Eight Plan), Sections 3 and 4.
- (b) No Player Contract, and no contract renegotiation or extension, may be agreed to between a Player and a Club for any term that expires prior to the last day of a League Year. All rights by a player to terminate a Player Contract must be exercised prior to the first day of any League Year to be terminated.
- (c) Any agreement to compensate a player at the minimum amount set forth in Article XXXV (Off-Season Workouts) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for participation in an off-season workout program or classroom instruction shall not be treated as a renegotiation of a Player Contract. Any agreement to compensate a player for such participation above such amount shall be treated as a renegotiation. All such agreements shall be set forth in writing and promptly filed with the League Office.
- (d) Any salary deferral agreed to by club and player which does not affect the player's Salary for purpose of the Salary Cap and Entering Player Pool shall not be treated as a renegotiation.
- (e) An amendment to a Player Contract that changes the terms under which Signing Bonus is paid is a renegotiation.

Section 10. Accounting Procedures:

- (a) Special Purpose Letters and TR Reporting.
- (i)(A) As provided below, each League Year the parties will be provided with one or more "Special Purpose Letters" by an independent accounting firm (hereinafter "the Accountants") which report the Total Revenues, Team Salary, Cash Player Costs, Player Costs and Benefits of each Club and the NFL for that League Year, utilizing

information reported by independent Club and League accounting firms, and information obtained by the Accountants through its review procedures. The Accountants shall be a nationally recognized accounting firm jointly appointed by the NFL and Class Counsel and any Players Union. The parties agree to share equally the cost of the Accountants between (i) the NFL and (ii) Class Counsel or any Players Union. The Reporting Package to be used by the Clubs and the League in providing information to the Accountants ("Revenue Reports") in each of the NFL playing seasons covered by this Agreement shall be agreed to by the parties. The basic review procedures to be performed by the Accountants are set forth in Appendix F hereto, and may be modified and/or supplemented by mutual agreement of the parties. The engagement of the Accountants shall be deemed to be renewed annually unless the Accountants are discharged by either party during the period from May 1 to July 1 of that year. Each Special Purpose Letter shall be based upon the best available information at the time of its issuance, and shall include a report of adjustments and new information obtained with respect to amounts previously reported for prior League Years.

- (B) The amount of any Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary that may apply in a League Year shall be determined at the times and utilizing the Special Purpose Letters and other information described in Section 10(e) below, subject to adjustments at the times and in the manners described in Subsections (ii) and (iii) of this Section 10(a).
- (ii) Subject to Subsection 10(a)(iii) below, in the event than any error is found in (1) DGR, EDGR, or Player Costs in respect of the 2005 League Year or any earlier League Year; or (2) in Total Revenues or Player Costs in respect of any League Year subsequent to the 2005 League Year, which, if it had not occurred, would have resulted in

any increase or decrease in any Salary Cap in one or more prior League Years, the total amount of any such Salary Cap shortfall or overage, as the case may be, shall be added or subtracted, as the case may be, the next time the Salary Cap is calculated. An inaccuracy in an estimate that was made in a prior League Year shall not be considered an error for purposes of this Subsection, and such estimates shall be reconciled by the Accountants each League Year. In the event that an inaccuracy in an estimate is not reconciled, the failure to do so shall be considered an error for purposes of this Subsection. Any individual errors proposed for correction pursuant to this Subsection that are greater than \$25,000 must be substantiated by evidence and be reviewed with the Management Council, Class Counsel, any Players Union, and the Accountants prior to the correction being made. Any dispute regarding such corrections shall be subject to the procedures that apply under Subsections 10(a)(ix)-(x) below.

(iii) To the extent that the amounts and information set forth in a Special Purpose Letter indicate that the amount of any Salary Cap and/or Minimum Team Salary in any prior League Year should have been different from the amount actually utilized, any such difference in the Salary Cap and/or Minimum Team Salary shall be credited or deducted, as the case may be, to the next Salary Cap and/or Minimum Team Salary to be set, with interest (using the one-year Treasury Note rate as published in The Wall Street Journal on February 1 of each applicable League Year) (but subject in any case to Section 4(b)(i) above), or may be utilized for a Player Annuity Program, if specified by any Players Union. In the case of any updated Special Purpose Letter issued in the Final Capped Year, such adjustment shall be immediate.

- (iv) The Accountants shall review the reasonableness of any estimates of revenues or expenses included in any Club's Revenue Reports in the League Years covered by this Agreement and may make such adjustments in such estimates as they deem appropriate. To the extent that the actual amounts of revenues received or expenses incurred differ from such estimates, adjustments shall be made as provided in Section 10(a)(ii) above.
- (v) With respect to expenses deducted by the NFL or the Clubs from television, cable and radio broadcast revenues or any other revenues, the NFL and the Clubs shall report in the Revenue Reports only those expenses that are reasonable and customary in accordance with the provisions of Section 1(a)(i) above. All categories of expenses deducted from such revenues by the NFL or a Club in a Revenue Report completed by the NFL or that Club shall be reviewed by the Accountants, who shall determine whether they are reasonable and customary.
- (vi) The Accountants shall receive, in connection with their duties: (1) access to and copies of the local accountant workpapers with respect to the Schedule described in Appendix F; and (2) access to the financial audit workpapers of the local accountants or League Office (to the extent necessary), provided that any information derived from the access described in this clause (2) will be held in confidence and will not be part of any file subject to Class Counsel and any Players Union review.
- (vii) The NFL will use its best efforts to ensure that any contract between the League, any Club, or any Club Affiliate, and any third party in connection with the sale or marketing of any source of TR shall include terms that provide to the Accountants and Class Counsel and any Players Union access to any and all financial and contractual

information and documents in the possession, custody, or control of such third party to which the Club, Club Affiliate, or any other entity controlled by the owner of the Club has any right to any access, relating to such revenue source or any other financial or contractual relationship or transaction between such third party and the League, the Club involved in the sale or marketing of such revenue source, any Affiliate of that Club, or any of that Club's owners. In each case such access shall be subject to and limited by the rules set forth in this Agreement or otherwise agreed to by the parties regarding the dissemination of information provided to the Accountants and Class Counsel and any Players Union pursuant to the audit process. If the NFL, despite its best efforts, cannot ensure such access, Class Counsel and any Players Union shall have the right to obtain an order against the Club or Club Affiliate from a court or the Special Master requiring that such access be allowed.

- (viii) Reasonably prior to the issuance of a Special Purpose Letter, the Accountants shall, as set forth in Appendix F attached hereto, notify designated representatives of the NFL and Class Counsel and any Players Union: (1) if the Accountants have any questions concerning the amounts of revenues or expenses reported by the Clubs or any other information contained in the Revenue Reports submitted by the Clubs; and (2) if the Accountants propose that any adjustments be made to any revenue or expense item or any other information contained in the Revenue Reports submitted by the Clubs.
- (ix) In the event of any dispute concerning the amounts (as opposed to includability or the interpretation, validity or application of this Agreement) of any revenues, expenses, or Player Costs to be included in the Revenue Reports, including any

dispute concerning any findings or determinations concerning expenses made by the Accountants pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (iv) or Subsection (v), that cannot be resolved among the parties (hereinafter referred to as "Disputed Adjustments"), such dispute shall be resolved by the Accountants after consulting and meeting with representatives of both parties.

(x) Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party shall have the right to contest, by commencing a Special Master Proceeding pursuant to this Agreement, any Disputed Adjustments made by the Accountants, whenever such Disputed Adjustments for all Clubs are adverse to the party commencing the proceeding in an aggregate amount of \$5 million or more in any League Year covered by this Agreement. If the Disputed Adjustments for all Clubs are adverse to the party commencing the proceeding in an aggregate amount of \$5 million or more but less than \$10 million, the parties agree that: (1) the hearing will take place on an expedited basis and will not last longer than one full day, provided, however, that if, despite the reasonable efforts of the parties, the hearing cannot be completed in one day, the hearing shall continue, unless the parties otherwise agree, day-to-day until concluded; and (2) if the party that brings the proceeding does not substantially prevail after the hearing, then that party shall pay the reasonable costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, of the other party for its defense of the proceeding. The immediately preceding sentence shall have no application to Special Master Proceedings in which the Disputed Adjustments for all Clubs adverse to the party bringing the proceeding equal or exceed \$10 million. All other disputes among the parties as to the interpretation, validity, or application of this Agreement, or with respect to any Salary or Benefits amount included in a Revenue Report, shall be resolved by the Special

Master appointed by the Court pursuant to this Agreement, as set forth in Article XXII (Special Master).

After receiving a Special Purpose Letter, Class Counsel and any Players (xi) Union shall have the right, upon reasonable notice and at its own expense, to conduct an audit of the League and any of its Clubs to further verify the accuracy of the information in such Special Purpose Letter. Bennett Hutt & Co. or another auditing firm replacing Bennett Hutt & Co. (subject to notification to and approval by the NFLMC, not to be unreasonably withheld, of such replacement) (Bennett Hutt & Co. or such replacement firm hereinafter being referred to as the "Players Auditor") may copy documents it reviews in the course of its audits and maintain copies of documents reviewed in its office. Other than as set forth in this Subsection, the Players Auditor may not show any such copies to anyone other than its partners, employees, and agents. The documentation made available and the information contained therein shall be held in strict confidence and may be discussed only with individuals authorized in this Subsection, or as jointly authorized by the NFL Management Council and Class Counsel and any Players Union. The Players Auditor may prepare one or more written or oral reports for the use of Class Counsel and any Players Union in connection with this Agreement, which may refer to and discuss the contents of documents reviewed, but which may not include copies of any such documents. Any such report shall not be referred to or distributed to anyone outside of Class Counsel and any Players Union or the Players Auditor for any other purpose. If Class Counsel or any Players Union determine in the exercise of their judgment that matters discussed in the Players Auditor's report may indicate a violation of this Agreement, then the Players Auditor may show a copy of such documents that it

considers in the exercise of its judgment to be relevant to such potential violation to Class Counsel and counsel for the Players Union (who as of the date hereof are also serving as Class Counsel), the Executive Director and General Counsel of the Players Union, up to three Players Union staff personnel (whose authority to receive such information shall be disclosed in advance to the NFLMC) and up to three members of the Players Union Executive Committee (whose authority to receive such information shall be disclosed in advance to the NFL Management Council). In addition, a copy of such documents may be presented to the Special Master and/or a court in any proceeding to enforce this Agreement. At least four (4) business days prior to commencing any such proceeding based upon such documents, Class Counsel or any Players Union will advise the NFL Management Council of the alleged violation upon which the proceeding would be based; the parties shall stipulate to reasonable protective order terms and conditions to protect the confidentiality of such information. Except in connection with a proceeding as described in the preceding sentence, Class Counsel and any Players Union, their representatives and agents shall not refer to or distribute such copies to anyone outside of their organizations for any other purpose.

(b) Projected Total Revenues

(i) For purposes of computing the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary to be applied in an upcoming League Year in accordance with Sections 4-5, and 10(a) above and Section 10(e) below, and for any other purpose specifically stated in this Agreement, Total Revenues for the applicable League Year(s) shall be projected ("Projected Total Revenues") utilizing one or more agreed-upon methods for the projection process so that the anticipated growth of Projected TR (based upon factors such as anticipated new

stadiums, expansion Clubs, and revenue provisions in the NFL's television and other contracts) over the course of League Years which are anticipated to be Capped Years shall be as accurate as practicable, subject to any agreement between the parties to allocate TR over particular League Years pursuant to Section 1(a)(xii) above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any difference between Projected TR and TR for a prior League Year shall be credited or deducted, as the case may be, in the calculation of the next Salary Cap and/or Minimum Team Salary to be set using the method set forth in Sections 10(b)(ii) and (iii) below, subject in any case to Section 4(b)(i) above. In the Final Capped Year, all such differences and other adjustments from prior League Years shall be made first in the initial calculation of the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary, and then shall be updated, with any other differences and adjustments discovered or agreed to subsequent to the initial calculation of the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary (a) on or before the third day prior to the beginning of the Final Capped Year, if and only if the Final Capped Year is determined on the basis of an election by either the NFL Management Council or Class Counsel and any Players Union to terminate one or more Capped Years hereunder, and (b) in all cases, on or before May 1 in such Final Capped Year. Moreover, if one or more League-wide television or local television and radio contracts are in effect for the League Year in respect of which the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary are being calculated, the actual revenues expected from such source under such contract shall be used in the determination of Projected TR, unless another allocation has been or is agreed to by the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else in this Agreement, if, after the initial calculation of the Salary Cap, Minimum Team Salary, and Projected TR for a League Year, a new League-wide

television contract is entered into for that League Year, such amounts shall be substituted for the amount for League-wide television revenues previously included in Projected TR, and the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary calculated for that League Year shall immediately be adjusted accordingly. In addition, if one or more new Clubs are scheduled to be added to the NFL during the next League Year as one or more expansion Clubs, Projected TR will include an additional projection of TR determined in a manner agreed to by the parties. In addition, if, after the initial calculation of Projected TR for a League Year, the number of scheduled regular season games per Club is increased above the standard of sixteen (16), Projected TR will include an additional projection of TR to account for such additional games as agreed upon by Class Counsel and any Players Union and the Management Council.

- (ii) In the event that actual Total Revenues for any League Year are less than Projected TR (as calculated in accordance with Section 10(b)(i) above) for that League Year, then the difference shall be deducted from Projected Total Revenues for the next League Year as to which the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary are being calculated, with interest (using the one-year Treasury Note rate as published in The Wall Street Journal on February 1 of the year in which such calculation is being made).
- (iii) In the event that actual Total Revenues for any League Year exceeded Projected TR (as calculated in accordance with Section 10(b)(i) above) for that League Year, then the amount of such deficiency shall be added to Projected Total Revenues for the next League Year as to which the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary are being calculated, with interest (using the one-year Treasury Note rate as published in The Wall Street Journal on February 1 of the year in which such calculation is being made), except

that if, in respect of the 2008 League Year or any subsequent Capped Year, on the basis of the final Reporting Packages for the most recently completed League Year it is determined by the May 1 subsequent to the setting of the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary for the subsequent League Year (e.g., by May 1, 2007, in respect of the 2008 League Year, the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary for which were set three days prior to the beginning of the 2007 League Year) that actual Total Revenues for the most recently completed League Year exceeded Projected TR for such League Year, the amount of such deficiency shall be set forth in an updated Special Purpose Letter to be issued on such May 1 and shall be taken into account in calculating the Projected Total Revenues for such subsequent League Year, and the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary for such subsequent League Year shall be appropriately increased to reflect such addition.

(iv) Any adjustments pursuant to Section 10(a)(iv) above will be subtracted from or added to Projected TR as appropriate.

(c) Timetable and Procedures

- (i) On or before the date of the Super Bowl in each League Year prior to the Final Capped Year, the parties will meet for the purposes of agreeing upon projections to be used in the calculation for the next Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary to be set, including:
- (A) incremental stadium-related revenues from the opening of any new stadium, any major renovation of an existing stadium, or any known major modification of an existing stadium lease;

- (B) percentage increases to be used in the projections of the following categories of revenue (except to the extent addressed by Subsection (c)(i)(A) above): (1) gate receipts; (2) all other Club TR; and (3) all other League TR.
- (ii) In the absence of agreement within ten business days after such meeting, such increases shall be projected on the basis of:
- (A) for stadium-related revenues pursuant to Subsection (c)(i)(A) above, (1) the most recent projections used to secure financing of the stadium construction or renovation costs or to secure the lease modifications or, (2) in the absence of such projections, a determination by the Accountants, after consultation with both parties, subject to review by the Special Master pursuant to Article XXII.
- (B) for other projections described in Subsection (c)(i)(B) above, assuming a percentage increase at the annual percentage increase for that category of revenues over the prior four League Years (on a per-Club basis for Club revenues and on a League-wide basis for revenues of the League, NFL Ventures, and other League affiliates). In the event of any dispute over such average annual percentage increases, the percentages shall be determined by the Accountants, after consultation with both parties, subject to review by the Special Master pursuant to Article XXII (Special Master).
- (iii) Notwithstanding Subsections 10(c)(i)-(ii) above, in the event that the NFL expands in the future by the addition of one or more Teams, the parties will meet on or before October 15 of the League Year prior to the first League Year in which the expansion Club will play NFL games to agree upon a methodology for revenue projections for the following League Year attributable to the expansion Team. In the absence of agreement prior to December 15, such revenues shall be projected on the basis

prescribed by Section 10(b)(i) above and Paragraph 10 of the settlement agreement of the parties on this subject dated June 6, 1996.

(d) Projected Benefits.

- be applied in a League Year in accordance with Sections 4-5 above and Section 10(e) below, and for any other purpose specifically stated in this Agreement, Benefits shall be projected ("Projected Benefits") to be any Benefits to be paid (or properly accrued) in the applicable League Year pursuant to this Agreement. If the amounts to be paid for any Benefit during the next League Year are not reasonably calculable, then, for the purposes of calculating Projected Benefits, the projected amount to be paid for the Benefit shall be the amounts expended by NFL Teams for the same Benefit in the prior League Year.
- (ii) In the event that actual Benefits for any League Year are less than Projected Benefits (as calculated in accordance with Section 10(d)(i) above) for that League Year, then the difference shall be deducted from Projected Benefits for the next League Year as to which the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary are being calculated, with interest (using the one-year Treasury Note rate as published in The Wall Street Journal on February 1 of the year in which such calculation is being made).
- (iii) In the event that actual Benefits for any League Year exceed Projected Benefits (as calculated in accordance with Section 10(d)(i) above) for that League Year, then the difference shall be added to Projected Benefits for the next League Year as to which the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary are being calculated, with interest (using the one-year Treasury Note rate as published in The Wall Street Journal on February 1 of the year in which such calculation is being made).

- (iv) In the event the Players Union exercises any right to reduce or freeze or increase certain Benefits pursuant to Article XLVI (Player Benefit Costs) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Projected Benefits shall be adjusted immediately to reflect such changes.
- (v) In the event the amount of Projected Benefits is adjusted pursuant to (1) Subsection (d)(iv) above; (2) the dispute resolution procedures of Article XLVI (Player Benefit Costs), Section 4 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement; (3) agreement of the parties; or (4) as otherwise permitted by this Agreement, then the Salary Cap amounts, Minimum Team Salary amounts, and any other amounts calculated using Projected Benefits, shall be immediately recalculated to reflect the adjustment in Projected Benefits.
 - (e) Setting the Salary Cap.
- Salary for the 2008 League Year and each subsequent Capped Year shall be set at least three days before the beginning of the League Year immediately preceding the relevant Capped Year, based upon Projected Total Revenues and Projected Benefits for the relevant Capped Year, as provided in Subsections 10(b)-(c) above, utilizing the information contained in a Special Purpose Letter which the Accountants shall issue on or before the date on which such Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary are to be set, and shall be subject to adjustment upwards, but not downwards, on the May 1 immediately following the setting of such Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary in accordance with Section 10(b)(iii) above, based on an updated Special Purpose Letter to be issued on or before such date (if issuance of such an updated Special Purpose Letter is appropriate in

light of the Total Revenues reflected in the final Reporting Packages for the then-most recently completed League Year).

- (ii) 2011 League Year. If neither of the parties terminates either of the final two Capped Years of this Agreement pursuant to Article XXV (Duration of Agreement), Section 3(a), the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary for the 2011 League Year (the Final Capped Year) shall be initially set at the time specified in Subsection 10(e)(i) above, and shall be finally determined within five business days after May 1, 2011, utilizing information contained in a final Special Purpose Letter issued by the Accountants on or before May 1, 2011.
- both of the final two Capped Years of this Agreement pursuant to Article XXV (Duration of Agreement), Section 3(a), with the result that a League Year earlier than the 2011 League Year becomes the Final Capped Year, then the Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary for the League Year that has become the Final Capped Year as the result of such termination (a) shall be updated on or before the third day prior to the beginning of such Final Capped Year, utilizing information contained in a Special Purpose Letter which the Accountants shall issue on or before such date, and (b) shall be finally determined within five business days after May 1 in such Final Capped Year, utilizing information contained in a final Special Purpose Letter issued by the Accountants on or before May 1 in such Final Capped Year.
- (iv) Adjustments in Final Capped Year. In setting the Salary Cap and
 Minimum Team Salary for the Final Capped Year, all differences and other adjustments

shall be implemented in an updated Salary Cap and Minimum Team Salary, within five business days of the issuance of the May 1 final Special Purpose Letter

Section 11. Revenue Sharing: For each season during the term of this Agreement, there shall be a program of revenue or cost sharing among the NFL Clubs which shall (a) be based on the Resolution adopted by the NFLMC on March 9, 2006 (2006 Resolution MC-1), approving this Agreement (including "qualifiers" established under Paragraph 5 of that Resolution), (b) provide for incremental revenue sharing as compared to the arrangements created by 1995 Resolution G-6, and (c) be reasonably satisfactory to Class Counsel and any Players Union. The revenue sharing program described to Class Counsel and the NFLPA by memorandum dated March 10, 2006, has been determined by Class Counsel and the NFLPA to be satisfactory. Any material modification to that program must also be reasonably satisfactory to Class Counsel and any Players Union.

ARTICLE XI FINAL LEAGUE YEAR

All of the provisions of this Agreement shall be the same in the Final League Year of this Agreement, except that the following rules shall apply only in that League Year:

Section 1. No Salary Cap: No Salary Cap shall be in effect during the Final League Year.

Section 2. Free Agency If Salary Cap In League Year Prior To Final League Year: In the event that a Salary Cap is in effect in the League Year prior to the Final League Year: (a) the number of Accrued Seasons required to be an Unrestricted Free Agent during the Final League Year shall be six or more Accrued Seasons; and (b) the provisions of Article VII (Veteran Free Agency), Sections 2-4, shall apply to any player with five Accrued Seasons in the Final League Year, as if such player had four Accrued Seasons, except that the Qualifying Offer amounts specified in Article VII (Veteran Free Agency), Section 2(b)(ii)(1)-(3) shall be \$50,000 greater, and the Qualifying Offer amounts specified in Article VII, Section 2(b)(ii)(4)-(5) shall be \$100,000 greater.

Section 3. Free Agency If No Salary Cap In League Year Prior To Final League Year: In the event that a Salary Cap is not in effect in the League Year prior to the Final League Year, the number of Accrued Seasons required to be an Unrestricted Free Agent during the Final League Year shall be five Accrued Seasons.

Section 4. Franchise and Transition Players: As set forth in Article VIII (Franchise and Transition Players), Section 3, each Club shall be permitted to designate one Unrestricted Free Agent as a Transition Player between February 1 and February 15, in the Final League Year, notwithstanding that Transition Players may not be designated in the League Years after the 1994 League Year (except as provided in Article VIII (Franchise and Transition Players), Sections 3(a) and 11).

ARTICLE XII SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS

The parties and the Receiving Agent shall fulfill any remaining obligations they may have under Article XII of this Agreement as that Article was in effect prior to March 8, 2006 (a copy of which Article, together with the Plan of Distribution thereunder, is attached hereto as Appendix H).

ARTICLE XIII ANTI-COLLUSION

Section 1. Prohibited Conduct: No Club, its employees or agents, shall enter into any agreement, express or implied, with the NFL or any other Club, its employees or agents, to restrict or limit individual Club decision-making as follows:

- (a) whether to negotiate or not to negotiate with any player;
- (b) whether to submit or not to submit an Offer Sheet to any Restricted Free Agent;
- (c) whether to offer or not to offer a Player Contract to any Unrestricted Free Agent or Undrafted Rookie;
 - (d) whether to exercise or not to exercise a Right of First Refusal; or
- (e) concerning the terms or conditions of employment offered to any player for inclusion, or included, in a Player Contract.

Section 1a. Commissioner Approvals: Any approval or disapproval of a player's contract by the Commissioner, or any communication thereof, timely notice of which is provided to Class Counsel and any Players Union, cannot be the basis of any claim of collusion. Class Counsel, any Players Union, or the affected Player shall have the right to appeal the Commissioner's disapproval of such player contract to the Special Master, pursuant to Article XXII (Special Master) and Article XV (Enforcement of the Salary Cap and Entering Player Pool).

Section 2. Other Club Conduct: No Club may have a policy not to negotiate with, or enter into a Player Contract with, any player who is free to negotiate and sign a Player

Contract with any Club, on any of the following grounds, if such policy is inconsistent with Section 1 above:

- (a) that the player has previously been subject to the exclusive negotiating rights obtained by another Club in a College Draft, by virtue of a Required Tender to a player with less than three Accrued Seasons, or a Franchise Player designation; or
- (b) that the player has refused or failed to enter into a Player Contract for a Prior Season containing a Right of First Refusal or an Option Clause (i.e., any clause that authorizes an extension or renewal by a Club of a Player Contract beyond its stated term); or
- (c) that the player has become a Restricted Free Agent or an Unrestricted Free Agent; or
 - (d) that the player is or has been subject to any Right of First Refusal.

Section 3. Club Discretion: Section 2 above does not diminish any Club's right not to negotiate or contract with any particular player on any policy ground not specified above. In conjunction with other evidence of an alleged violation(s) of Section 1, a Club's adherence to a policy identified in Section 2 above may be offered as evidence of an alleged violation of Section 1 above, but may not be the basis of any separate proceeding seeking any penalty or other relief against any Club or the NFL.

Section 4. League Disclosures: Neither the NFL nor the NFL Management Council shall knowingly communicate or disclose, directly or indirectly, to any NFL Club that another NFL Club has negotiated with or is negotiating with any Restricted Free Agent, unless

and until an Offer Sheet for such Restricted Free Agent has been given to the Prior Club, or with any Unrestricted Free Agent, prior to the execution of a Player Contract with that Unrestricted Free Agent, if such communication or disclosure is inconsistent with Section 1 above. It shall not be a violation of this Article for the NFL to respond to an inquiry from a Club about whether and under what circumstances proposed transactions would be permissible under this Agreement or NFL Rules consistent with the Settlement Agreement or this Agreement. In conjunction with other evidence of an alleged violation of Section 1 above, a Club's communication or disclosure of the kind identified in the first sentence of this paragraph may be offered as evidence of an alleged violation(s) of Section 1 above, but may not be the basis of any separate proceeding seeking any penalty or other relief against any Club or the NFL.

Section 5. Enforcement of Anti-Collusion Provisions: Except as provided in Section 16(d) below, any player, Class Counsel, or any Players Union acting on that player's or any number of players' behalf, may bring an action before the Special Master alleging a violation of Section 1 of this Article. In any such proceeding, the Federal Rules of Evidence shall apply. Issues of relief and liability shall be determined in the same proceeding (including the amount of damages, pursuant to Section 8 below, if any). The complaining party shall bear the burden of demonstrating by a clear preponderance of the evidence that (1) the challenged conduct was or is in violation of Section 1 of this Article and (2) caused any economic injury to such player(s).

Section 6. Burden of Proof: The failure by a Club or Clubs to negotiate, to submit Offer Sheets, or to sign contracts with Restricted Free Agents or Transition Players, or to negotiate, make offers, or sign contracts for the playing services of such players or Unrestricted Free Agents, shall not, by itself or in combination only with evidence about the playing skills of the player(s) not receiving any such offer or contract, satisfy the burden of proof set forth in Section 1 above. However, any of the types of evidence described in the preceding sentence may support a finding of a violation of Section 1 of this Article, but only in combination with other evidence which, by itself or in combination with such evidence, indicates that the challenged conduct was in violation of Section 1 of this Article. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the NFL or its Clubs from arguing that any evidence is insufficient to satisfy the burden of proof set forth in Section 5 above. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude Class Counsel and any Players Union or any player from arguing that any evidence is sufficient to satisfy the burden of proof set forth in Section 5 above, except as set forth above.

Section 7. Summary Judgment: The Special Master may, at any time following the conclusion of the permitted discovery, determine whether or not the complainant's evidence is sufficient to raise a genuine issue of material fact capable of satisfying the standards imposed by Sections 5 and/or 6 above. If the Special Master determines that complainant's evidence is not so sufficient, he shall dismiss the action.

- **Section 8. Remedies:** In the event that an individual player or players, or Class Counsel or any Players Union acting on his, or their, behalf, successfully prove(s) a violation of Section 1 of this Article, the player or players injured shall have the right:
- To terminate his (or their) existing Player Contract(s) at his (or their) (a) option, or void any Club's Draft rights or other rights with respect to such player(s) at his (or their) option; any Player Contract terminated during the course of a playing season shall be terminated as of the end of that season. Such rights shall not arise until the recommendation of the Special Master finding a violation is no longer subject to further appeal and must be exercised by the player within thirty (30) days therefrom. If, at the time the Player Contract is terminated, such player would have been a Restricted Free Agent pursuant to Article VII (Veteran Free Agency), such player shall immediately become a Restricted Free Agent, upon such termination. If, at the time the Player Contract is terminated, such player would have been an Unrestricted Free Agent pursuant to Article VII (Veteran Free Agency), such player shall immediately become an Unrestricted Free Agent, upon such termination. If, at the time the Player Contract is terminated, such player would have been subject to a Club's exclusive negotiating rights, such player shall remain subject to such rights upon such termination. In either case described in the preceding three sentences, the player shall not be subject to any signing period. In the case of a Drafted Rookie who does not sign a Player Contract and who is given the option of voiding a Club's Draft rights pursuant to this Subsection (a), such player shall then be treated as either: (i) a Drafted Rookie subject to the NFL waiver system as described in Article IV, Section 4, if the termination takes place during the player's first League Year; or (ii) a Drafted Rookie subject to the rules of Article IV

(College Draft), Section 9, if the termination takes place during the player's second League Year; or (iii) a Free Agent, if the termination takes place during the player's third League Year or thereafter; and

- (b) To recover all of his damages, as described in Section 9 below, for any alleged injuries suffered as a result of the violation.
- Section 9. Computation of Damages: Upon any finding of a violation of Section 1 of this Article, compensatory damages (i.e., the amount by which any player has been injured as a result of such violation) and non-compensatory damages (i.e., the amount exceeding compensatory damages) shall be awarded as follows:
- (a) Two times the amount of compensatory damages, in the event that all of the Clubs found to have violated Section 1 of this Article, have committed such a violation for the first time. Any Club found to have committed such a violation for the first time shall be jointly and severally liable for two times the amount of compensatory damages.
- (b) Three times the amount of compensatory damages, in the event that any of the Clubs found to have violated Section 1 of the Article, have committed such a violation for the second time. In the event that damages are awarded pursuant to this Subsection: (i) any Club found to have committed such a violation for the first time shall be jointly and severally liable for two times the amount of compensatory damages; and (ii) any Club found to have committed such a violation for the second time shall be jointly and severally liable for three times the amount of compensatory damages.

(c) Three times the amount of compensatory damages, plus, for each Club found to have violated Section 1 of this Article for at least the third time, a fine of \$3,000,000 in the event that any of the Clubs found to have violated Section 1 of this Article have committed such violation for at least the third time. In the event that damages are awarded pursuant to this Subsection: (i) any Club found to have committed such a violation for the first time shall be jointly and severally liable for two times the amount of compensatory damages; (ii) any Club found to have committed such a violation for at least the second time shall be jointly and severally liable for three times the amount of compensatory damages; and (iii) any Club found to have committed such a violation for at least the third time shall, in addition, pay a fine of \$3,000,000. For each League Year after the 2006 League Year, each of the enumerated fines set forth in this Subsection 9(c) shall increase by the same percentage as the increase in Projected TR for that League Year over the prior League Year's TR (up to a maximum of ten percent (10%) per League Year).

Section 10. Player Election: A proceeding prosecuting an alleged violation of Section 1 of this Article shall initially be limited to the issues of liability and damages sustained to the date of the Special Master's determination. In the event the Special Master finds a violation, the player shall make a determination within thirty (30) days of the date the Special Master's determination is final, or within thirty (30) days after the last game of the season for such player (including any playoff games) if the finding is made during the course of the season, whether the player intends to void the applicable Player Contract or Draft right. If the player voids the applicable Player Contract or Draft right, the player

may commence a supplemental proceeding before the Special Master, for the purpose of determining his future damages, if any, only after the player has signed a new Player Contract or after the first scheduled game of the next regular season, whichever is earlier. If the player elects not to void the applicable Player Contract or Draft right, he may immediately commence a supplemental proceeding before the Special Master for the purpose of determining his future damages, if any.

Section 11. Payment of Damages: In the event damages are awarded pursuant to Section 9 above, the amount of compensatory damages shall be paid to the injured player or players. The amount of non-compensatory damages, including any fines, shall be paid directly to any NFL player pension fund, any other NFL player benefit fund, or any charitable fund for the benefit of present or former NFL players, as selected by Class Counsel and any Players Union, subject to the reasonable approval of the NFL.

Section 12. Effect on Cap Computations: In the event that damages are awarded pursuant to Section 9 above, the amount of non-compensatory damages, including any fines, will not be included in any of the computations described in Article X above. The amount of compensatory damages awarded will be included in such computations.

Section 13. Effect of Salary Cap: In awarding any amount of damages, the Special Master shall take into account that, in any League Year in which a Salary Cap is in effect, no Club would have been authorized to pay out any Salary in excess of that permitted under the Salary Cap.

Section 14. No Reimbursement: Any damages awarded pursuant to Section 9 above must be paid by the individual Clubs found liable and those Clubs may not be reimbursed or indemnified by any other Club or the NFL.

Section 15. Costs: In any action brought for an alleged violation of Section 1 of this Article, the Special Master shall order the payment of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs by any party found to have brought such an action or to have asserted a defense to such an action without any reasonable basis for asserting such a claim or defense.

Otherwise, each party shall pay his or its own attorneys' fees and costs.

Section 16. Termination: Class Counsel shall have the right to terminate this Agreement (pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article XXV (Duration of Agreement), Section 3(d) below), under the following circumstances:

- (a) Where there has been a finding or findings of one or more instances of a violation of Section 1 of this Article with respect to any one NFL season which, either individually or in total, involved five or more Clubs and caused injury to 20 or more players; or
- (b) Where there has been a finding or findings of one or more instances of a violation of Section 1 of this Article with respect to any two consecutive NFL seasons which, either individually or in total, involved seven or more Clubs and caused injury to 28 or more players. For purposes of this Section 16(b), a player found to have been injured by a violation of Section 1 of this Article in each of two consecutive seasons shall

be counted as an additional player injured by such a violation for each such NFL season; or

- (c) Where, in a proceeding brought by Class Counsel, it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that 14 or more Clubs have engaged in a violation or violations of Section 1 of this Article causing injury to one or more NFL players.
 - (d) In order to terminate this Agreement:
 - (i) The proceeding must be brought by Class Counsel;
- (ii) The NFL and the Special Master must be informed at the outset of any such proceeding that Class Counsel is proceeding under this Section for the purpose of establishing its entitlement to terminate this Agreement; and
- (iii) The Special Master must find that the Clubs engaged in willful collusion with the intent of restraining competition among teams for players.

Section 17. Time Limits: Any action under Section 1 of this Article must be brought within ninety (90) days of the time when the player knows or reasonably should have known with the exercise of due diligence that he had a claim, or within ninety (90) days of the first scheduled regular season game in the season in which a violation of Section 1 of this Article is claimed, whichever is later. In the absence of a Special Master, the complaining party shall file such claim with the Court. Any party alleged to have violated Section 1 of this Article shall have the right, prior to any proceedings on the merits, to make an initial motion to dismiss any complaint that does not comply with the timeliness requirements of this section.

Section 18. Prior Conference: Prior to the initiation of any proceeding under this Article by Class Counsel or any Players Union, the parties shall confer in person or by telephone to attempt to negotiate a resolution of the dispute.

ARTICLE XIV [OMITTED]

ARTICLE XV

ENFORCEMENT OF THE SALARY CAP AND ENTERING PLAYER POOL

Section 1. Undisclosed Terms: A Club (or a Club Affiliate) and a player (or a Player Affiliate or player agent) may not, at any time, enter into undisclosed agreements of any kind, express or implied, oral or written, or promises, undertakings, representations, commitments, inducements, assurances of intent, or understandings of any kind: (a) involving consideration of any kind to be paid, furnished or made available or guaranteed to the player, or Player Affiliate, by the Club or Club Affiliate either prior to, during, or after the term of the Player Contract; and/or (b) concerning the terms of any renegotiation and/or extension of any Player Contract by a player subject to a Franchise Player or Transition Player designation.

Section 2. Circumvention: Neither the parties hereto, nor any Club or player shall enter into any agreement, Player Contract, Offer Sheet or other transaction which includes any terms that are designed to serve the purpose of defeating or circumventing the intention of the parties as reflected by (a) the provisions of this Agreement with respect to Total Revenues, Salary Cap, Entering Player Pool, and Minimum Team Salary, and (b) any other term and provision of this Agreement. However, any conduct permitted by this Agreement shall not be considered to be a violation of this provision.

Section 3. Special Master Action: Any individual player, Class Counsel or any Players
Union acting on that player's or any number of players' behalf, the NFL, and any Club
may bring an action before the Special Master alleging a violation of Article V (Entering

Player Pool) and/or Article X (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary) of this Agreement. Issues of relief and liability shall be determined in the same proceeding. The complaining party shall bear the burden of demonstrating by a clear preponderance of the evidence that the challenged conduct was in violation of Article V (Entering Player Pool) and/or Article X (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary).

Section 4. Commissioner Disapproval: In the event the Commissioner disapproves any Player Contract as being in violation of Article V (Entering Player Pool) and/or Article X (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary), he shall at the time of such disapproval notify Class Counsel or any Players Union, all affected Clubs, and all affected players of such disapproval in writing and the reasons therefor. Except as required by the terms of this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement is intended to affect (i) any authority of the Commissioner to approve or disapprove Player Contracts and (ii) the effect of the Commissioner's approval or disapproval on the validity of such Player Contracts.

Section 5. Special Master Review: In the event that the Commissioner disapproves a Player Contract pursuant to Section 4 above, Class Counsel, any Players Union, any affected Club, and any affected player shall have the right within thirty (30) days of such person's notice of such disapproval to initiate a proceeding before the Special Master to determine whether such contract is in violation of Article V (Entering Player Pool) and/or Article X (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary). The

Special Master shall review the dispute de novo, and shall have the authority to approve such Player Contracts in lieu of the Commissioner's approval, or confirm the Commissioner's disapproval. In the event the Commissioner's disapproval is upheld, the player and the Club shall have ten (10) days to attempt to renegotiate such Player Contract notwithstanding any other time period set forth in this Agreement. The Special Master does not have the authority to impose any revisions to such Player Contract on the player or the Club.

Section 6. Sanctions:

- (a) Players and Agents. In the event that the Special Master finds a violation of Subsection 1(a) or 1(b) of this Article, for each such violation: (i) (1) the Special Master may impose a fine of up to \$375,000 on any player or player agent found to have committed such violation, and (2) shall, unless the parties to this Agreement otherwise agree, order the player to disgorge any undisclosed compensation found to have been paid in violation of Section 1 of this Article unless the player establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that he was unaware of the violation; and (ii) the Commissioner shall be authorized to void any Player Contract(s) that was (or were) the direct cause of such violation.
- (b) Clubs. In the event that the Special Master finds a violation of Section 1(a) of this Article, for each such violation, the Commissioner shall be authorized to: (i) impose a fine of up to \$5,250,000, payable to the NFL, upon any Club found to have committed such violation; (ii) order the forfeiture of up to a maximum of two draft choices (without limitation as to round) by the Club found to have committed such

violation; (iii) impose a fine of up to \$375,000 on any Club executive or other Club personnel found to have committed such violation; and/or (iv) suspend for up to one year any Club executive or other Club personnel found to have committed such violation. In the event that the Special Master finds a violation of Subsection 1(b) of this Article, for each such violation, the Special Master may: (i) impose a fine of up to \$5,250,000, payable to the NFL, upon any Club found to have committed such violation; and (ii) impose a fine of up to \$375,000 on any Club executive or other Club personnel found to have committed such violation. In addition, in the event that the Special Master finds a violation of Subsection 1(b) of this Article, for each such violation, the Commissioner (i) shall be authorized to order the forfeiture of up to a maximum of two draft choices (without limitation as to round) by the Club found to have committed such violation; and (ii) shall, unless the parties agree otherwise, suspend for up to one year any Club executive or other Club personnel found to have committed such violation. In imposing sanctions pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence, the Commissioner shall apply the same standards that he would apply in the event of a violation of Subsection 1(a), taking into account the sanctions, if any, imposed by the Special Master. In amending the prior version of this Section in December 2000 and incorporating those amendments into this Section, the parties have not waived or affected their respective positions as to whether the Commissioner does or does not have authority to impose discipline for such violations against any Club, Club executive, or other Club personnel greater than the sanctions set forth in this Article, and those amendments shall not be considered in any resolution of that issue. For purposes of this Subsection 6(b), the term "Club personnel" shall not include players.

Subject to the parties' mutual reservation of their respective positions in (c) the next to last sentence of Subsection 6(b) above, the sanctions set forth in Subsections 6(a) and 6(b) above shall be the sole penalties under this Agreement for conduct in violation of Section 1 of this Article or Sections 1-3 of Article XVI (Certifications), and each of the sanctions set forth in Subsections 6(a) or 6(b) above may not be imposed more than once on the same person or Club for the same conduct, even if such conduct constitutes a violation of both Paragraph 1 of this Article and Paragraphs 1-3 of Article XVI (Certifications). All fines collected from players and agents, and all disgorged compensation collected from players pursuant to this Section 6, shall be contributed and allocated as prescribed in Article XI (Commissioner Discipline), Section 6 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. For each League Year after the 2006 League Year, each of the maximum fines set forth in this Paragraph 6 shall increase by the same percentage as the increase in Projected TR for that League Year over the prior League Year's TR (up to a maximum of ten percent (10%) per League Year). The sanctions set forth in Sections 6(a) and 6(b) above shall not be implemented until the conclusion of any appeals thereof.

Section 7. Revenue Circumvention: In the event that a Club or anyone acting on its behalf fails to materially report or materially misreports Total Revenue ("TR") or non-TR in a manner designed to serve the purpose of defeating or circumventing the intention of the parties as reflected by the provisions of this Agreement with respect to such revenues, Class Counsel and any Players Union and/or the Management Council shall have the right to initiate a proceeding before the Special Master to determine whether such

conduct is in violation of this Section 7 of this Article. In the event that the Special Master finds a violation of this Section 7, the Special Master may impose a fine upon the Club of up to \$3 million, which shall be donated as additional contributions to the youth football programs fund referenced in Article X (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap, & Minimum Team Salary), Section 1(a)(xiv)(1)(A) above. For each League Year after the 2006 League Year, the maximum fine set forth in this Paragraph 7 shall increase by the same percentage as the increase in Projected TR for that League Year over the prior League Year's TR (up to a maximum of ten percent (10%) per League Year).

Section 8. Management Council Audit Rights. The Management Council shall have the right to audit records of Clubs and Club Affiliates to investigate allegations of violations of Section 1 of this Article. In agreeing to this Section, the parties have not waived or affected their respective positions as to whether the Management Council may conduct any Club-related audits beyond those set forth in the preceding sentence, and such amendment shall not be considered in any resolution of that issue.

Section 9. Prior Consultation. Reasonably prior to the initiation of a proceeding alleging a violation of Section 1(a) or 1(b) above, the parties shall confer in person or by telephone to attempt to negotiate a resolution of the dispute, and the charging party shall disclose to the other party (either Class Counsel or any Players Union, or the Management Council, as the case may be) all evidence (whether exculpatory or inculpatory) concerning such alleged violation (and provide a copy of all such evidence in documentary form), including but not limited to any such evidence that is the product

of any investigation by or on behalf of the charging party. All such evidence subsequently acquired by the charging party shall be subject to disclosure to the other party in any resulting proceeding. This section shall not require the disclosure of any attorney-client communication, or any work product created by or at the request of an attorney. In addition, any attempt by the League, the Management Council, or any Club to have discipline imposed on any person (including but not limited to a Club) for conduct in violation of Section 1(a) or 1(b) above shall be immediately disclosed to Class Counsel and any Players Union.

ARTICLE XVI CERTIFICATIONS

Section 1. Contract Certification:

- (a) Every Player Contract, or any renegotiation, extension or amendment of a Player Contract, entered into during the term of this Agreement shall contain a certification, executed separately by: (i) the person who executed the Player Contract on behalf of the Club, (ii) the player, and (iii) any player representative who negotiated the contract on behalf of the player confirming that the Player Contract, renegotiation, extension or amendment sets forth all components of the player's remuneration, for his playing of professional football, from the Club or Club Affiliate and that there are no undisclosed agreements of any kind, express or implied, oral or written, or promises, undertakings, representations, commitments, inducements, assurances of intent, or understandings of any kind: (a) involving consideration of any kind to be paid, furnished or made available or guaranteed to the player, or Player Affiliate, by the Club or Club Affiliate either prior to, during, or after the term of the Player Contract; or (b) concerning terms of any renegotiation and/or extension of any Player Contract by a player subject to a Franchise Player or Transition Player designation.
- (b) In the same certification, the Club, player, and player representative will either confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, no conduct violative of Article XIII (Anti-Collusion) took place with respect to the contract, renegotiation, extension or amendment in question, or describe such conduct of which they are aware.
- (c) In the same certification, the Club will confirm that any information regarding the negotiation of such contract provided to the Neutral Verifier pursuant to

Article XXIX (Consultation and Information Sharing), Section 4 was, at the time the information was provided, true and correct in all material respects.

- (d) No contract will be approved by the Commissioner unless accompanied by the certifications required by Subsections (a), (b), and (c) above.
- (e) Any failure to execute and submit a certification as required under Section 1(a) above may be deemed evidence of a violation of Article XV (Enforcement Of The Salary Cap And Entering Player Pool), Section 1 of this Agreement. Any failure to execute and submit a certification as required under Section 1(b) above may be deemed evidence of a violation of Article XIII (Anti-Collusion) of this Agreement. Any failure to execute and submit a certification as required under Section 1(c) above may be deemed evidence of a violation of that provision.

Section 2. End of League Year Certification:

(a) At the conclusion of each League Year, the executive primarily responsible for football operations on behalf of each Club shall submit to the Management Council a certification confirming that the Club has not, to the extent of his knowledge after reasonable inquiry of all owners and all employees with authority to negotiate Player Contracts, entered into any undisclosed agreements of any kind, express or implied, oral or written, or promises, undertakings, representations, commitments, inducements, assurances of intent, or understandings of any kind, as described in Article XV (Enforcement Of The Salary Cap And Entering Player Pool), Section 1. Upon receipt of such certification, the Management Council shall forward a copy of the certification to the NFLPA.