

1970 Basic Agreement

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BASIC AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated the 17th day of May 1970, is between the clubs (hereinafter referred to as the "Club"), Parties of the first part, and the Major League Baseball Players Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), Party of the second part. The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective January 1, 1970.

In entering this Agreement the Association represents that it enters into it on behalf of the Major League Baseball Players and represents that the Clubs agreed that this contract is and is a part of the Association, and additional Clubs which were former members of the Major League and its successor league.

ARTICLE I - Purpose

The intent and purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the agreement of the Clubs on certain terms and conditions of employment of all Major League Baseball Players on the basis of this Agreement. Each of the Clubs retains after the rights and organizations of the other Clubs and agree to discharge its responsibilities under this Agreement.

ARTICLE II - Recognition

The Clubs recognize the Association as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for all Major League Players, and authorize that they execute these League Procedures on the terms of this Agreement, with regard to all matters and conditions of employment except the matters herein set forth and above the minimum requirements contained in this Agreement and (in Special Contracts to be included in Individual Uniform Player's Contracts, which are not generally printed advance materials to the Clubs).

ARTICLE III - Uniform Player's Contract

The form of the Uniform Player's Contract between a Club and a Player is attached hereto as Exhibit A which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

During the term of this Agreement, no other form of Uniform Player's Contract will be utilized. Should the provisions of any Contract between any individual Player and any of the Clubs be inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail. Notwithstanding, should the specific provisions of the form of the Uniform Player's Contract be inconsistent with the corresponding provisions of Articles V, VI, VII and VIII of this Agreement, the language of the Uniform Player's Contract shall prevail. Working issues contained shall limit the scope of any Club and Player to enter into special contracts in the event provided as a contract not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement shall not apply, but it shall be the right and duty of any Club or Player under any Contract between any individual Player during the term of this Agreement.

[Read the 1970 MLB Collective Bargaining Agreement \(18 pages, non-searchable - PDF\)](#)

