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RULES AND

REGULATIONS

GOVERNING THE CONTEST FOR

THE

PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

C And Games Played Between C

National And American League Clubs.

Approved by the National Commission February 16, 1905,
and Adopted by the National and American
Leagues February 16, 1905.

Agreement to Play.

SECTION 1. The pennant winning club of the National League and the
pennant winning club of the American League shall meet annually
in a series of games for the Professional Base Ball
Championship of the World.

The Emblem and Memento.

SEC. 2. The emblem of the Professional Base Ball Championship of the
World shall be a pennant to be presented to the victorious club

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each year, and an appropriate memento, in the form of a button, to be presented to each player of the victorious club. Both shall be selected by the National Commission. The cost of the pennant and the buttons shall be paid by the Commission.

Commission To be Played Under Supervision of National

SEC. 3. The games shall be played under the supervision, control and direction of the National Commission.

When to be Played.

SEC. 4. The event shall take place at the end of the championship season of each year. Seven games shall constitute a complete series.

Playing Rules Authorized by the National Agreement

SEC. 5. The games shall be conducted according to the playing rules as provided for by the National Agreement.

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When to be Played.

SEC. 6. The National Commission shall promulgate a schedule for the event. Three games shall be scheduled in each of the cities of the contesting clubs. The Commission shall determine by lot where the first three games shall be played. In case it becomes necessary to play the seventh game to decide the event, the Commission shall determine the city in which the game is to be played.

Representatives of Contesting Clubs and Notice to Players.

SEC. 7. The clubs entitled to contest for the world's honor shall be represented by the President of their respective leagues and clubs. The Secretary of the National Commission will be required to notify all of the players of the contesting teams that they will be held amenable by the Commission to all rules governing base ball and will be subject to discipline regardless of contracts.

When to Terminate.

Winning Club.

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SEC. 8. The clubs shall continue to play each day according to the authorized schedule until one of them has won four games, when the contest shall end, and the club winning shall be entitled to fly the emblem or pennant of the world=s championship during the ensuing base ball season, and the players thereof shall be permitted to wear the memento or button as long as they please.

Right to Terminate the Series.

SEC. 9. The National Commission shall reserve to itself the right to terminate the series at any time that it deems the interest of base ball demands it, and to declare one of the contesting clubs the winner of the championship regardless of previous performances.

Guarantee of Contesting Clubs.

SEC. 10. Each of the clubs participating in the event shall guarantee to the National Commission in such manner as the latter may prescribe that they will faithfully carry out all of the provisions of these rules and regulations, and such others as the Commission may hereafter make to govern the games, and that they will not exercise an arbitrary right or privilege of abandoning the series until it has been completed or the championship determined.

The Umpires.

SEC. 11. There shall be two umpires, who shall be invested with the authority and discretion that the playing rules confer, and they shall observe the same general instructions with reference to maintaining order and discipline upon the ball field during these contests that govern them in the performance of their duties in all other games in their respective leagues.

Umpires B How Selected.

SEC. 12. The President of the American National league and the President of the American League shall each select one umpire from their respective leagues, and the umpires so chosen shall be assigned to duty and be subject to the orders of the Chairman of the National Commission.

Compensation of Umpires.

SEC. 13. The compensation of the umpires shall be fixed by the National Commission.

Expenses B How Adjusted.

SEC. 14. The expenses of the National Commission pertaining to these games, the salaries of the umpires, and other miscellaneous and contingent expenses in connection therewith, shall be paid out of the funds to be received by the Commission from these games. Should these funds prove insufficient for this purpose, the balance shall be paid out of the regular funds of the Commission, and should there be a surplus in these funds it shall be credited each year to the regular funds of the Commission. All other expenses of both clubs, such as hotel bills and traveling expenses, balls, advertising, policing of grounds, ticket-sellers and takers, incidentals, etc., shall be paid by the club incurring the same. Should any difference arise at any time as to the latter expense, the same shall be submitted to the Commission for adjudication, and their finding shall be conclusive.

Constitutional Rights of the Clubs.

SEC. 15. Each contesting club shall preserve its constitutional rights during games played upon its own grounds with reference to the conduct of its business affairs in connection therewith, but the visiting club shall also be allowed its inherent rights and whatever representation and facilities it may require to properly protect the interests of the club and its players. Provided, however, that the captain of the home team should not be accorded the privilege to determine whether the grounds are fit. This authority will be delegated to the umpires. If they fail to agree, the umpire whose turn it is to officiate behind the plate will decide as to the condition of the grounds.

Rates of Admission.

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SEC. 16. The rates of admission and the conditions governing the same shall be fixed by and by under the control of the National Commission.

Division of Receipts.

SEC. 17. The receipts of the games shall be divided as follows:

(1) Ten per cent. of the gross receipts from all games shall be paid to the National Commission.

(2) Forty per cent. of the balance from the first four games shall form a pool for the players of the two teams, to be divided 75 per cent. to the winner and 25 per cent. to the loser of the contest.

(3) After the 10 per cent. deductions for the Commission and the 40 per cent. which forms the players= pool from the first four games, the balance of the gross receipts

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shall be divided equally between the two clubs.

(4) The amount to be paid into the players= pool, as provided by this section, shall be paid to the Commission, and the same shall be distributed to the players through the Secretary of the Commission.

Adjustment of Salaries After the Contract Season.

SEC. 18. In the event that the schedule for a world=s championship series extends beyond the player = s contract season, then the salaries of the players who properly belong to the contesting clubs shall continue, at the contract rate, to the end of the series of games scheduled, although only four or more games be played.

Free List Suspended.

SEC. 19. The free list shall be suspended during the contest, except to representatives of the press and club officials of the two leagues.

**Time of Presentation of Pennant and
Buttons.**

SEC. 20. The pennant and buttons shall be presented to the victorious club and its players, each year, by the National Commission, who are authorized to arrange for all of the details of such presentation.

Disputes to be Settled by the Commission.

SEC. 21. All questions arising out of the playing for the world= championship not provided for herein, nor covered by the Playing Rules, shall be dealt with and decided by the National Commission.

All Clubs to Agree to These Conditions.

SEC. 22. All clubs of both leagues hereby agree absolutely to conform strictly to all the articles of these rules, and in any cases not herein provided for to conform to the decisions of the National Commission.

Rules to Apply to Other Games.

SEC. 23. These same rules may apply to all other games played between National and American League Clubs, upon application being made to the National Commission, except as to the division of the receipts, exclusive of the amount to be paid to the National Commission, which shall be mutually agreed upon between the clubs participating in such games; provided all players shall be paid at their contract prices for all games of this character that they are obliged to play after the expiration of their contracts.

Players to be Notified.

SEC. 24. After the adoption of this Agreement by the National and American Leagues, copies of the same shall be prepared by the respective leagues and sent to the President of each club, who shall, on or before the 10th of March of each year, mail a copy to each player of his club.

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