

The BSL leagues shall institute an UNLIMITED slot COVID List for this year and in future years as necessary. Eligibility for this list shall be SPECIFIC and SOLELY for the purpose of players affected by and/or deciding not to play due to COVID-19 and for NO OTHER REASON! The rules for this new slot designation is below.

1. COVID LIST ELIGIBILITY –

- a. **COVID ROSTER SLOTS** – These unlimited slots shall be for REGULAR and POST SEASON only and do not apply during the preseason due to expanded roster counts.
- b. **COVID STATUS** – The NFL has created a Reserve/COVID designation and announce players on that label like they do for IR, PUP and NFI. We will use all available info to determine a player’s NFL status and listing to determine if they are eligible for the COVID list as outlined in this rule.
- c. **PLAYER ON ROSTER:** If a player and/or NFL team announces a Positive test or mandatory quarantine due to possible contact for a player that is at the time on a BSL roster, that player shall be eligible for a team’s BSL COVID list, either the current team or if traded the new team as long as they remain on an Active roster between the time of a COVID announcement and the transaction. Teams will have an unlimited number of available BSL COVID slots. **[Ex. If you have Player A and he tests positive. For as long as he is listed as out for his NFL team he shall be eligible to replace under this rule as long he remains on your team up until his NFL Covid activation. If you want to trade this player and haven’t yet placed him on the COVID List, the new team may do so if he is still eligible]**
- d. **PLAYER IS FREE AGENT:** If a player and/or NFL team announces a Positive test or mandatory quarantine due to possible contact for a player that is at the time of the announcement a Free Agent in their respective league, that player is INELIGIBLE for a BSL COVID List if later selected on waivers. That player will only be eligible for an active roster spot to be kept on a roster. (This mirrors eligibility rules for a Suspension slot) **[If a player is FA and it is announced on a Tuesday he tested positive he can be signed on Wed or Fri waivers that week it is announced but the signing team will not be allow to use the COVID rule to replace him and he will not be eligible for an IR/IL slot either]**
- e. **SEASON OPT-OUT (as applicable):** If player announces they will sit out the season by the Aug 6th NFL/NFLPA Opt Out deadline (or designated deadline for seasons beyond 2020), they will be eligible for the BSL COVID immediately upon submission of your full protection list at the time it is due. Players on the NFL/NFLPA COVID Opt Out list will follow these guidelines:
 - i. Any player on the NFL/NFLPA Opt Out list that is currently on a BSL roster shall be protected automatically and frozen on their team as a COVID Opt Out (COO) player.
 - ii. COO players **DO NOT** have to have their salaries paid at the time the team protection lists are due.

- iii. COO players will have their salaries and Contract Status frozen for this coming season and return to the active roster at the end of the year and must be protected as normal next offseason.
 - iv. COO players CANNOT be made FA (either Franchise, RFA or UFA) this season and will stay on their teams' COVID list for the entire season. Exemptions for the CS hold are automatic and will take effect THIS year.
 - v. COO players NOT currently on a BSL roster and who would have been Free Agents for the current season (specific to each league) will be **INELIGIBLE** to be signed during the coming auctions and will remain UFA's until the following offseason. (I am working on a way to signify these players on the FA page. Once I find best way to do so I will update everyone)
- f. If after the NFL/NFLPA Opt Out list is announced on Aug 6th a player announces they also will not take part in the coming season OR if a player decides down the road (whether they played in any games or not – call this the Yoenis Cespedes rule) then they will be treated under the other regular COVID rules as outlined. Since this player's post deadline opt out is not binding, they will follow normal rules for COVID list eligibility. **[Player A says before the season starts but after Aug 6th that he will not play due to personal reasons related to COVID risk or a COVID related reason, he will ONLY be eligible for the COVID list during the regular season (a) for as long as he is not active on his team's NFL roster and (b) he was on the corresponding BSL team at the time of the announcement (mirroring current suspension eligibility rules). If Player A decides in Week 10 he no longer see a risk and comes back, he will lose COVID eligibility and will be need to be activated or released as outlined below. Remember that if in this example this occurred BEFORE your team's protection list was due, you would need to protect him to maintain his eligibility for the COVID list. Resigning him as an RFA or Franchise player or signing as a UFA resets his contract and eliminates his COVID eligibility due to the timing. If he announces AFTER the lists are due, even if was a RFA etc., only the RESIGNING team would be able to keep his COVID eligibility intact. Signing to a new team eliminates it.]**

2. COVID LIST RULES for Regular and Post-Season –

- a. For players placed on a BSL COVID list, the league shall post and maintain a list of COVID players and mandatory activation warnings on the leagues home page in the Players Notes section just as we do for PS, Roster Integrity and Suspensions.
- b. If a player is deemed eligible they can be placed on the BSL COVID list at any time during standard waiver period (defined as a single week's transactions – included Wed and Fri waiver deadlines). It is not required to place the player on the BSL COVID list during same week as announcement, you can leave the player active if you choose.
- c. **IF USING THE FREE COVID WAIVER** per this rule:
 - i. To Mirror ROSTER INTEGRITY replacement rules, if a player is placed on the BSL COVID list a team will get an additional FREE Waiver at the same time as the BSL COVID placement AT THE SAME POSITION, this Free move cannot be saved for later and the player moving to the BSL COVID list must come from the Active

roster to get the EXTRA COVID WAIVER. Teams must notify the commissioner during the waiver process they wish to use their FREE COVID WAIVER.

1. Players that are selected in this way with this EXTRA FREE COVID MOVE that player shall be deemed to be ATTACHED to the player on the BSL COVID list. Meaning that when the newly signed player (or in the case that this attached player is also replaced later) is connected to the BSL COVID list player and once the BSL COVID list player is eligible to return and is activated this SPECIFIC player must be released. **[Player A is announced COVID positive, Team A may use their regular waiver and also use a FREE EXTRA COVID Waiver to select a player from the FA Pool, this new player {Player AA} is now attached to Player A. If at some point while Player A is still on their teams BSL COVID list, a team wants to replace Player AA, they may do so and the new selection, regardless of position – Player AB becomes the player attached to Player A on the COVID list]**
2. While during the waiver period that a player is placed on the BSL COVID list and a newly signed player now attached must be at same position as the reserved COVID player, that attached player can be replaced with a wavier pick in a subsequent waiver periods at a different position. That new player at a different position remains attached to the original BSL COVID list player. **[Using the above example – WR Player A is announced COVID positive, Team A may use their regular waiver and also use a FREE EXTRA COVID Waiver to select a WR from the FA Pool, this new player {WR Player AA} is now attached to WR Player A. If at some point while WR Player A is still on their teams BSL COVID list, a team wants to replace WR Player AA, they may do so and the new selection, regardless of position – Player AB, who can be a WR or other position as long as roster integrity is maintained, becomes the player attached to WR Player A on the COVID list]**
3. BSL COVID Players can be traded but if done so the attached player must also be traded to maintain the rule above. **[WR Player A is traded from Team 1 to Team 2. Team 1 MUST also send attached Player AA {or AB from the above example}. Team 1 CANNOT just trade WR Player A to Team 2 while still on the COVID list without including attached Player AA]**
4. Attached players can be traded without the BSL COVID list player but if done so the player coming back will then be attached to the original player on the BSL COVID list and the above rule applies. Attached players traded in this way cannot be sent back to the original team in the same Waiver Period. **[Team 1 may trade attached Player AA to Team 2 and keep the original COVID list player. The player coming back in the trade (or 1 player designated in the case of a trade for multiple players) will then be attached to Player A. The attached Player coming back, call him Player BA, MUST be on the Active**

roster. Attached players may ONLY be active. If Player AA is traded to Team 2 {whether separately or along with attached Player A}, Team 1 may not reacquire Player AA from Team 2 or another Team in that same waiver Period]

5. Attached players CANNOT BE waived outright, and must be replaced to maintain the attachment rule above but can be waived and replaced by a different position than BSL COVID player. **[Team 1 cannot just waive Player AA. As long as original Player A is on the COVID list an attached player must still be attached if one was originally selected at time Player A was placed on the COVID list]**
6. Attachment rules shall always apply as long as the original player is on and eligible for the BSL COVID list.

d. IF YOU DO NOT USE THE FREE COVID WAIVER per this rule:

- i. This means you only selected one player during the week, or only using additional Free Waiver acquired thru trade, you placed a player on the COVID list then the player selected is deemed to NOT BE ATTACHED to the COVID list player. When the COVID player is eligible and must be activated then if this was the case any other player on your roster can be waived to make room, and all standard eligibility rules apply although roster integrity must still be maintained in each part of this example. **[Now, lets say WR Player A goes on the COVID list. If you only use your free weekly waiver, or only use waivers acquired thru trades for that week, and do not use an EXTRA FREE COVID waiver, then Team 1 can sign any FA as normal. WR Player A will be placed on the COVID list and new FA waiver signing Player C is not attached and can be any position, again as long as placing Player A on the COVID list doesn't break roster integrity rules without a replacement at the same position.]**

e. HOW TO SIGN or HAVE A PLAYER THAT WILL NOT BE ATTACHED TO A COVID LIST TRANSACTION:

- i. Here are the scenarios in which you can add a player during a Waiver period to the BSL COVID list but not have the new player signed attached to that BSL COVID player.
 1. If at the time the BSL COVID player must be activated the team ALREADY has an open roster spot. This spot must be open GOING INTO the current waiver period and not vacated by a transaction that same waiver period. When you activate the BSL COVID player you can choose to keep the previously attached player in the open roster spot. **[Regular season active roster limit is 36 players. If you enter the Waiver Period with LESS THAN 36 active players and have Player A on the COVID list attached to Player AA, but Player A has been activated by his NFL team, you may activate Player A to the active roster AND keep Player AA without having to release him if you choose. However, if you enter the week with 36 active players and Player A is activated by his NFL team, you cannot keep Player AA if you make a lopsided player trade**

{ex. A 2 for 1 trade} that then would leave you with less than 36 players. If you do this, Player A must be activated and Player AA released, or Player A must be released and you may keep the attached Player AA]

2. If you have acquired additional waivers thru a trade, a player signed using those picks would not be attached if you also moved a player to the BSL COVID list that week.
 3. If you pay 2 FP for an extra waiver pick and do not use the EXTRA FREE COVID Waiver, the new player signed will not be attached to the reserved BSL COVID player. **[Player A is announced positive and going on the NFL Covid list. The same week you have a player get injured and want to replace him. Assuming that you haven't traded for another team's waiver pick, you may use your own single free pick and if you Pay the 2 FP for an extra pick rather than use the EXTRA FREE COVID waiver pick, then you may place Player A on the COVID list and pick up Player B from any position and that player is NOT attached to Player A, again as long as placing Player A on the COVID list doesn't break roster integrity rules]**
 - ii. *ONLY those Players selected using the **EXTRA FREE COVID** waiver will be counted as attached players, and must be signed at the same position at the time you make the COVID transaction.*
- f. Attached players that were signed due to the original player being placed on a BSL COVID list CANNOT be reserved if they then subsequently test positive. In this case, if you wish to replace the Attached player you must waive that player and sign a new waiver selection who is then attached to the original BSL COVID player. Transactions of this type follow the same rules as outlined above. While you must release the attached player to sign a new attachment at the same position if using the FREE COVID move, only if using you're regular Waiver pick you can select a player at a different position, however that player is still now attached to the original BSL COVID player. OR if you wish to keep the attached player, you must release the original BSL COVID player and select a new attachment player and in this case you now have the 1st attached player as your BSL COVID list player and the 2nd selection as your attached player. Any player on the BSL COVID list can only have a single player attached to them. **[WR Player A is placed on the COVID list in Week 2 and using the EXTRA FREE COVID waiver Team 1 signs WR Player AA to be attached to WR Player A. If in Week 3 WR Player AA then test positive as well, Team 1 may use the EXTRA FREE COVID waiver and either (a) release WR Player AA and pick up WR Player AB who is now attached to WR Player A or (b) release WR Player A and select and WR Player BB who now becomes attached to WR Player AA. Consequently, if Team 1 has WR Player AA attached to WR Player A, and Team 1 doesn't use the EXTRA FREE COVID waiver to replace WR Player AA but uses only their regular free weekly waiver pick, they may release Player A or Player AA, and the new Player B becomes attached to whichever player was kept but Player B doesn't have to be a WR, they can be any position]**

- g. Once a player that was out due to COVID and/or quarantine is ACTIVATED by their NFL team, BSL teams **MUST** either (a) activate that player (during regular or postseason) in the next Waiver Period IMMEDIATELY following the NFL announcement of the player coming back to their team, even if that player is not going to play yet or (b) release the BSL COVID list player and keep the attached player active. If a player must be activated in this way and no waiver is submitted then the league shall activate the COVID list player and release the attached player (if applicable). Regular CS rules apply, meaning if the BSL COVID player is released to keep an attached player and the BSL COVID player is a CS 4, they will remain a CS 4 if later signed by another team. **[Team 1 has Player A on the COVID list and he is activated by his NFL team or has passed the amount of time to be eligible for the NFL covid list (however that will work we aren't 100% sure on yet, nor is the NFL I think) then Team 1 MUST either activate Player A and release Player AA, or Release Player A and keep player AA. If this is required and no move is submitted the league will process the released of the attached Player AA and move Player A back to the Active roster]**
- h. A player eligible for the BSL COVID list if they are also eligible for the PS may also be placed on PS instead and COVID/Attached Player rules only apply if reserved from the Active roster.
 - i. If COVID eligible player moved to PS instead of COVID list from the active roster, the FREE COVID WAIVER shall not apply as no attached player is applied. This is treated as a normal PS move and no additional free pick would be available.
 - ii. If a player on the PS is eligible for the COVID list is reserved directly from the PS, the same cost of 1FP to move out of the PS shall still apply, but this player can me moved the COVID list without having any attached player as outlined above. **[Player X is on a team's PS and test COVID positive. If Team 1 wants to make room for a different player on the PS, they may move Player X to the COVID list but it still costs 1 FP as a normal activation or any move off of the PS requires. Player X may be placed BACK on the PS later when and if activated from the NFL COVID list, going back ON the PS is free as usual. – see below]**
- i. A player that was on a BSL COVID list and must be activated can be moved to the PS instead if they are eligible. If this case is used all regular eligibility timing rules apply (meaning if this is done during our postseason [Weeks 14-16] that player will not get PS exemption eligibility during the offseason) and the attached player (if there is one) will be immediately released with the move to PS opening up an active roster spot.

3. OFF SEASON COVID RULES and FA EXEMPTIONS –

- a. If a player is on a BSL team's COVID list at the end of the our season (including playoffs – thru Week 16) they shall be eligible for a COVID Contract Exemption IF (AND ONLY IF) they meet one of the following criteria:
 - i. The player had opted out of the previously completed NFL season and did not play a single NFL game. This player could have been placed on the BSL COVID list at any time.
 - ii. The player ended the season on the BSL COVID list and was placed on the BSL COVID list no later than Week 10 Waivers.

- b. This exemption shall have no additional cost at the time FA protection lists are due and regular FA list rules apply for the player to be kept but these players shall not have their CS increased if they are kept at their previous salary, just like other exemptions.
 - c. Any player that was attached to the BSL COVID list player that ended the season on the BSL COVID list, teams must select either the BSL COVID exemption eligible player OR the attached player to be given a FA designation of either Franchise, RFA, or Keeper while the other will be released as an UFA. No Exceptions.
 - d. In the offseason, BSL COVID list exemption eligible players can ONLY be traded WITH the attached players. No Exceptions.
 - e. COVID Exemption eligibility does NOT follow a player if traded and only is available for use by the team on which the COVID player ended the previous season on their teams COVID list.
4. **NFL Game Postponements** – [Affecting ALL players on 2 or more teams]
- a. IF the NFL decides to postpone or cancel a game due to an outbreak, our hope is that they would announce this PRIOR to gametime on Sunday. We would simply treat all affected players on those teams as eligible for the COVID list/Emergency Waiver rule as normal.
 - b. For any postponed or cancelled games, the eligibility for players on teams affected will ONLY be eligible to be replaced for that specific game week affected. [Commissioner’s Note: *This means, in effect, BSL teams that need to replace starters for the current fantasy week would be allowed but there would be no need to replace a player on a postponed/cancelled game that would be on the bench for that week.*] All emergency replacements made for games that are postponed/cancelled would be released on the subsequent Tuesday and eligible to be added during the following week’s waivers. This differs from player specific COVID placement as you may leave an emergency replacement player attached to the COVID list player as long as the COVID player is out and/or decide to keep the emergency replacement player once the COVID player comes back. There would be no such allowance for players replaced due to a postponed or cancelled game.