

ARTICLE XV

RESERVE LIST & OTHER-LEAGUE EXEMPTIONS

Section 1. Reserve List & Categories:

(a) Each Team shall be permitted to place one or more players on its Reserve List where the applicable player qualifies for any of the following categories, each as defined herein: (1) Refused to Report; (2) Injured Exempt; (3) Left Squad; (4) Team Suspended; (5) League Suspended; (6) Other League Exempt; (7) Physically Unable to Perform; and (8) Retired.

(b) During the time a player is on a Team's Reserve List, the player shall not be entitled to receive any Player Compensation from the Team, and the Team will retain the contractual rights to such player, which rights shall be tolled as set forth in Section 2 below. Players on a Team's Reserve List shall not be eligible or permitted to play or practice for the Team, and shall not be considered to be on the Team's 24-Man Roster or Practice Squad.

Section 2. Tolling of a Player's Contract:

(a) For the purposes of this Section, "Full Season" means any Season in which a player is on a Team's 24-man roster or on the Injured Reserve list for a total of eight (8) games (or one-half of the number of regular season games, if such number is not sixteen) or more.

(b) When a player returns to a Team after being on the Team's Reserve List, the remaining term of his AFL Player Contract shall be equal to the total number of years specified in the term of the player's Player Contract, less the number of Full Seasons that the player has fulfilled. If a player is on a Team's Reserve List during any Season that does not constitute a Full Season for such player (a "Partial Season"), such Partial Season shall not constitute a fulfilled year with regard to the term of the player's contract. Unless otherwise specified in his AFL Player Contract, in a Partial Season, a player shall receive, on a pro rata basis, the Salary he is scheduled to receive in his next Full Season. For example, a player who was on a Reserve List for twelve (12) games and the 24-Man Roster for four (4) games, who is scheduled to receive \$120,000 in Salary in his next Full Season, shall receive \$30,000 in Salary for the Partial Season (i.e., one-fourth of his next Full Season Salary). Performance incentives may be earned in a Partial Season, with no proration of any of their amounts or thresholds, using the Performance Incentive provisions under his contract from the next Full Season.

Section 3. NFL, NFL Europe and CFL Exemptions:

(a) The AFL and all Teams must permit any player to sign with and go to the NFL, NFLE or the CFL if requested to do so by such player. However, during a Team's season (i.e., for purposes of this section, between the start of Pre-season Training Camp and the Team's last regular season or playoff game, as applicable), the player may try-out

and sign with such other team, but may not leave his AFL Team until the end of such season. Any try-out with such other team during such season shall not occur on any game day or the three (3) preceding days (e.g., if the player's Team has a game on Sunday, the player may not try-out with an NFL team beginning on Thursday of that week).

(b) In the event that a player contracts with an NFL, NFLE, or CFL team, the player may be placed on his Team's Reserve List as "Other League Exempt." Regardless of any waivers that might be requested by the NFL, NFLE, the CFL, or any team in any of those leagues, the player's Team will retain the rights to such player under the terms and conditions of that player's AFL Player Contract prior to the player going to the NFL, NFLE or CFL for the term of that contract, subject to the tolling of that contract as set forth in Section 2 above.

(c) If a player is injured while trying out with or playing under contract to an NFL, NFLE or CFL team, such that the player is unable to perform the Football-related Services required under his AFL Player Contract, and then returns to the Team and advises the Team of such injury, the Team may place the player on its Reserve List until such time as the player is able to perform such services.

(d) As provided in Paragraph 9 of the AFL Player Contract, if a player is injured during a tryout with an NFL, NFL Europe or Canadian Football League team permitted under Paragraph 16(b) of the AFL Player Contract, the player must promptly report such injury to the Team within twenty-four (24) hours after the player both knows of such injury and has reported back to the Team, unless his Player Contract specifically provides otherwise.

Section 4. Waiver of Rights: No Team or player may waive the rights provided for in Section 3(a) above, except that a player and a Team may agree in an AFL Player Contract whether, and/or on what terms, the player may leave the Team for NFLE or the CFL, and as to whether the Team retains such contractual rights to the player after he leaves NFLE or the CFL and returns to the AFL.