

APPENDIX A

Agreement with Professional Baseball

The Virginia High School League, Inc., is a party to an agreement reached by the National Federation of State High School Associations and the Association of Professional Baseball Leagues of America to insure a friendly working relationship between the two groups and to stimulate a healthy interest in high school baseball. The agreement sets forth, among other things, the rule governing the signing of high school boys to professional baseball contracts. That rule, applicable to major and minor baseball league, appears below:

Major-Minor League Rule 3 (h)

(h) High School Players

(1) No student of a high school shall be signed to a contract by a major or minor league club during the period the student is eligible for participation in high school athletics. In any instance where such eligibility has expired prior to the student's graduation from high school (a) because of the student's age, or (b) because he/she has completed the maximum number of semesters of attendance, he/she may thereafter be signed to a contract which does not obligate him/her to report for service prior to graduation of the class with which he/she originally entered high school, i.e., until eight semesters after his/her original entry into the ninth grade.

(2) A student who drops out of high school prior to expiration of his/her athletic eligibility and continues to remain out for at least one year may thereafter be signed to a contract for immediate service provided his/her withdrawal from high school was not suggested, procured or otherwise influenced by the club contracting with him/her, or by any official or employee of such club or of any of its affiliates.

(3) Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting any major or minor league club, its officers, agents or employees from talking to any high school student at any time concerning a career in professional baseball and discussing the merits of his/her contracting, when eligible therefore, with any particular club.

(4) Tryouts to which students may be invited may be conducted during the school year, provided that (1) no student shall be permitted to participate in any such tryout unless the principal of his/her high school, if not employed by major or minor league club, shall have approved such participation in writing, and (2) provided further that any such tryout must be limited to not more than five high school students per school.

(5) Any contract made in violation of this rule shall be declared null and void and the offending club (and any club owned by or affiliated with such club) shall be prohibited from signing such player for a period of three years from date of declaration of voidance of such contract. In addition, such club shall be fined \$500, by the commissioner in the case of a major league club, or by the president of the National Association in the case of minor league club, and the official, scout or employee of the offending club who participated in the violation shall be subject to such penalty as the commissioner or the president of the National Association, as the case may be, shall impose.

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(6) This rule shall apply to all high school students in the 50 states of the United States of America and shall not apply to high school students attending high schools outside the said 50 states of the United States of America.