

## 2020 OPERATIONS MANUAL

### SECTION 5 – ON-FIELD OPERATIONS

#### 5.1 Modification of Playing Rules

The following rule modifications shall be in effect only for 2020 Spring Training and the 2020 championship season and shall not carry into 2021 Spring Training or the 2021 championship season.

##### 5.1.1 Spring Training

MLB is solely responsible for determining whether two or more Clubs will be permitted to play Spring Training exhibition games against each other. However, to the extent two or more Clubs are permitted by MLB to play Spring Training games, there shall be a maximum number of exhibition games per Club, which will be the subject of further guidance from MLB (after input from the Joint Committee). There shall be no limit on the number of intra-squad games. In any exhibition game played during 2020 Spring Training, the following adjustments to the Official Baseball Rules shall apply.

- Ending Innings Unilaterally. OBR 5.09(e) (“Retiring the Side”) shall be relaxed, such that defensive managers may end an inning prior to three outs following any completed plate appearance, provided the pitcher has thrown at least 25 pitches.
- Extra Innings. OBR 7.01(b) (“Extra Innings”) will be modified such that games may end in a tie.
- Designated Hitter. The Designated Hitter Rule (see OBR 5.11) shall be extended to Clubs in both Leagues for all Spring Training games.
- Substitutions. Substitution rules (see OBR 5.10(d)) shall be relaxed, allowing for re- entry for all pitchers.
- Wet Rag for Pitchers. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in OBR 6.02 (“Pitcher Illegal Action”), all pitchers may carry a small wet rag in their back pocket to be used for moisture in lieu of licking their fingers. Water is the only substance allowed on the rag. Pitchers may not access the rag while on the pitching rubber and must clearly wipe the fingers of his pitching hand dry before touching the ball or the pitcher’s plate. Umpires will have the right to check the rag at any point.

Please note that the “Three Batter Minimum” rule contained in the 2020 Official Baseball Rules (OBR 5.10) will be enforced during any exhibition games.

##### 5.1.2 Championship Season & Postseason

In order to protect the health and safety of players, umpires, and other on-field personnel, the following rule changes shall apply during the 2020 championship season and postseason only:

- Designated Hitter. The Designated Hitter Rule (see OBR 5.11) shall be extended to Clubs in both Leagues for all championship season and postseason games.

- Extra Innings. During the championship season only (not the postseason), OBR 7.01(b) (“Extra Innings”) will be modified in accordance with Minor League regulations, such that each half-inning following the ninth inning will begin with a runner on second base, as follows:
  - The batter (or a substitute for the batter) who leads off an inning shall continue to be the batter who would lead off the inning in the absence of this extra-innings rule.
  - The runner placed on second base at the start of each half-inning shall be the player (or a substitute for such player) in the batting order immediately preceding that half-inning’s leadoff hitter. By way of example, if the number five hitter in the batting order is due to lead off the tenth inning, the number four player in the batting order (or a pinch-runner for such player) shall begin the inning on second base. However, if the player in the batting order immediately preceding that half-inning’s leadoff hitter is the pitcher, the runner placed on second base at the start of that half-inning may be the player preceding the pitcher in the batting order. Any runner or batter removed from the game for a substitute shall be ineligible to return to the game, as is the case in all circumstances under the OBR.
  - For purposes of calculating earned runs under OBR 9.16, the runner who begins an inning on second base pursuant to this rule shall be deemed to be a runner who has reached second base because of a fielding error, but no error shall be charged to the opposing team or to any player. For purposes of OBR 9.02, the official scorer shall keep records of the number of times each batter and runner is placed at second base in accordance with this rule.
  - Starting in the tenth inning and until the game has ended, the plate umpire shall check the offensive team’s line-up card to verify the proper runner starting at second base. If an improper runner is placed, the plate umpire shall inform the offensive manager immediately and have the proper runner placed at second base. If an improper runner is noticed by an umpire or either manager after play has commenced, he shall be replaced with the proper runner and all plays made will be legal, unless a batting out of order situation nullifies the advancement. There is no penalty for an improper runner before or after scoring.
- Position Players as Pitchers. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in OBR 4.03(c) or MLR 2(b)(2), any player may appear as a pitcher at any point during the game (i.e., no extra inning requirements, or 6-run rule). However, all players eligible to participate in the game, regardless of position, must be included on that game’s line-up card.
- Wet Rag for Pitchers. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in OBR 6.02 (“Pitcher Illegal Action”), all pitchers may carry a small wet rag in their back pocket to be used for moisture in lieu of licking their fingers. Water is the only substance allowed on the rag. Pitchers may not access the rag while on the pitching rubber and must clearly wipe the fingers of his pitching hand dry before touching the ball or the pitcher’s plate. Umpires will have the right to check the rag at any point.
- Continuation of Suspended Games. OBR 7.01 (“Regulation Games”) and 7.02 (“Suspended, Postponed, and Tie Games”) shall be adjusted to permit the continuation of non-regulation games (i.e., less than five complete innings) that are ended because of weather. Such games shall be treated as suspended games that will be continued at a later date (see OBR 7.02(b)) and resumed at the exact point of suspension of the original game (see OBR 7.02(c)).

- Three Batter Minimum. Please note that the “Three Batter Minimum” rule contained in the 2020 Official Baseball Rules (OBR 5.10) will be enforced during all championship season and postseason games.
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct. The prohibitions against unsportsmanlike conduct (see OBR 6.04) will be strictly enforced during Spring Training, the championship season, and postseason, to prevent unnecessary physical contact and support physical distancing between individuals on the playing field. In this respect, players and managers should maintain physical distancing from all umpires and opposing players on the playing field whenever possible. Players or managers who leave their positions to argue with umpires, come within six feet of an umpire or opposing player or manager for the purpose of argument, or engage in altercations on the field are subject to immediate ejection and discipline, including fines and suspensions.

## 5.2 On-Field Health & Safety Protocols

In addition to the modifications to the playing rules set forth above, the following guidelines and practices should be followed in order to protect the health and safety of players, umpires, and other on-field personnel:

- There will be no pre-game exchange of lineup cards. Instead, each Club will input their lineup card into a mobile application provided by MLB. Umpires will then print lineup cards for both Clubs approximately fifteen minutes prior to first pitch. At the plate meeting (while six feet apart), Clubs should confirm their lineups with the Home Plate Umpire and inform him of any changes made since it was printed.
- Players, umpires, and other on-field personnel should practice physical distancing to the extent possible within the limitations of competition and the fundamentals of baseball. Examples of ways in which physical distancing can be incorporated without disrupting the basics of the game include the following:
  - Standing at least six feet apart during the singing of the National Anthem and God Bless America.
  - When the ball is out of play, fielders are encouraged to retreat several steps away from the baserunner.
  - If the batter is in the batter’s box and the catcher needs to stand to relay signs to the infielders, the catcher can step onto the grass towards the mound to give the signs before assuming his position behind home plate.
  - First and Third Base Coaches should remain in or behind the Coach’s Box and shall not approach a baserunner, fielder or umpire on-field.
  - Players on opposite teams should not socialize, fraternize, or come within six feet of each other before the game, during warm-ups, in-between innings, or after the game.
- Players should keep and use their own personal equipment, whenever possible, in order to minimize the amount of communal equipment touched by multiple players and other on-field personnel. For example, pitchers should bring their own rosin bag to the mound, and batters should have their own pine tar and batting donuts that they bring with them to and from the on-

deck circle. Auxiliary clubhouse staff shall be responsible for retrieving equipment if players reach base. After batting, players must retrieve their own equipment (e.g., fielding glove, baseball cap, sunglasses) from the dugout prior to taking the field, and should not have teammates, coaches, or other staff retrieve or toss them.

- Any communal equipment must be disinfected regularly throughout each game. Club personnel responsible for handling player equipment should change their gloves or wash their hands (or both) regularly during games. At no point should a player or coach handle another player's equipment.
- All non-playing personnel must wear face coverings at all times in the dugout and bullpen.
- Players and all other on-field personnel must make every effort to avoid touching their face with their hands (including to give signs), wiping away sweat with their hands, licking their fingers, whistling with their fingers, etc.
- Spitting is prohibited (including but not limited to, saliva, sunflower seeds or peanut shells, or tobacco) at all times in Club facilities (including on the field). Chewing gum is permitted.
- Players utilizing mouthguards should wash or disinfect their hands prior to inserting and removing their mouthguard.
- Baseballs utilized for batting practice should be cycled out at the end of each day and should not be reused for a minimum period of five days. Individuals must wear clean gloves when picking-up baseballs.
- Any baseball that is put in play and touched by multiple players shall be removed and exchanged for a new baseball. After an out, players are strongly discouraged from throwing the ball around the infield.
- Fighting and instigating fights are strictly prohibited. Players must not make physical contact with others for any reason unless it occurs in normal and permissible game action. Violations of these rules will result in severe discipline consistent with past precedent, which discipline shall not be reduced or prorated based on the length of the season.
- The grounds crew must stay in a separate space on the field level, and are not permitted in the clubhouse or dugout. To the extent possible, the grounds crew should conduct work when players are not on the field. Players must maintain physical distance during grounds crew activities that need to occur while they are on the field (e.g., dragging infield, fixing wet mound). The grounds crew must wear face coverings and work gloves, and physically distance, at all times.
- The duties normally handled by bat boys/girls and ball boys/girls will be performed by existing Club staff and not by any minor person. If no staff is available to perform those roles, the functions will not be available for the game; provided, however, that Clubs must make staff available to provide umpires with new balls and to retrieve equipment discarded by a batter who reaches base.

### 5.3 Baseball Storage & Handling

MLB will handle the storage and management of all game baseballs for 2020 championship season games played in Arizona (other than Diamondbacks games at Chase Field). Game baseballs for championship season games played in Arizona will be stored in the Humidor at Chase Field, or the two portable Humidors that were designed for London and Mexico City. These baseballs will be rubbed by approved employees, who must wear gloves while mudding them, and will then be delivered to the individual stadiums by MLB officials or umpires. MLB gameday staff, and/or authenticators, shall oversee the baseballs during the game.

For all other baseball storage and handling outside of Arizona during the championship season, clubhouse staff are prohibited from handling game or practice baseballs without washing their hands, and without wearing face coverings and clean gloves. Individuals must use clean tap water or drinking water to supplement rubbing, consistent with the Mudding Application Standards and MLB Regulation 3-5. Individuals are prohibited from using spit or sweat to rub baseballs. MLB will distribute best practices regarding the disinfection and rotation of practice, warm-up, and game baseballs prior to the beginning of the 2020 season.

## SECTION 6 – LEAGUE OPERATIONS & TRANSACTIONS

### 6.1 Rosters & Transactions

#### 6.1.1 Transaction Freeze

All player transactions that were suspended by operation of the March 26, 2020 agreement between MLB and the MLBPA (the “Transaction Freeze”), and which are not otherwise frozen as a result of the Commissioner’s suspension of the Professional Baseball Agreement (“PBA”), Player Development Contracts (“PDC”), and Minor League UPCs, will resume at 12:00 pm ET on the 5th day prior to the first day of Spring Training, unless a later date and time are agreed upon by MLB and the MLBPA.

#### 6.1.2 Transaction Dates & Times

Unless otherwise specified below, the following transaction dates and time periods in the Basic Agreement and Major League Rules below shall be adjusted for the 2020 season only:

	<b>Original Date(s)</b>	<b>Revised Date(s)</b>
Retention bonus deadline and release / assignment clauses in Minor League UPC’s from Freeze until 5 <sup>th</sup> day prior to Opening Day	5 Days prior to Opening Day	5 Days prior to New Opening Day
1 <sup>st</sup> date to re-sign a released player	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Released prior to Transaction Freeze: 20 days prior to new Opening Day  Released after Transaction Freeze: After 20 days of the championship season from date of UR Waiver Request
Article IX termination pay	45 days’ payment if before Opening Day	45 days’ payment at the adjusted rate if before Opening Day

Period that previous season winning percentage governs waiver priority (MLR 8(c), 2019 MLR 10(c))	First 30 days of championship season	First 20 days of championship season
Trade Deadline (MLR 6(d)(3), 2019 MLR 9(b)(3))	July 31	August 31
Draft-Excluded Date (MLR 5(h), 2019 MLR 6(e))	August 15	August 31
Postseason Eligibility Date (MLR 41(a), 2019 MLR 40(a))	August 31	September 15
Last date a player can be released and still be re-signed before May 15 of the following season	August 31	September 14
Waiver Periods	As described in MLR 8(b)(4) (2019 MLR 10(b)(4))	All waiver periods shall be removed, except that all Outright Waiver requests will expire on the 7th day after secured.
Minimum number of active days for Rule 5 selections	90	Reduced proportionally to the number of days in the revised 2020 championship season, but in no case less than 60 days.
Maximum length of an Advance Consent signed under Article XIX	45 days	Reduced proportionally to the number of days in the revised 2020 championship season, but in no case more than 20 days, rounded to the nearest integer.
Required days on option or outright before recall (or re-selection) for pitchers or two-way players (unless the player was assigned prior to Opening Day, in which case no restriction)	15 days	10 days
Required days on option or outright before recall (or re-selection) for position players (unless the player was assigned prior to Opening Day, in which case no restriction)	10 days	10 days
For the avoidance of doubt, the crediting of Major League Service for days on an optional assignment less than 20 days during the 2020 championship season shall be no greater than 19 total days of Major League Service, per Article XXI(B) of the Basic Agreement	Maximum of 19 Total Days of MLS	Maximum of 19 Total Days of MLS

### 6.1.3 Club Player Pool

By 4:00 PM ET on the third day prior to the first day of Spring Training, each Club must submit to MLB (attention: Jeff Pfeifer):

- A list of up to 60 players that will be eligible to participate in Major League games during the 2020 championship season (“Club Player Pool”). The Club Player Pool shall consist of all players on a Club’s 40-man roster that the Club anticipates participating, and any non-40-man roster players under contract and reserve to the Club whom the Club anticipates may be selected during the 2020 season.
- A list of up to 60 players from the Club Player Pool that will be invited to Major League Spring Training (i.e., potentially a smaller subset of players who have a chance to make the Club’s Opening Day roster). The players in the Club Player Pool who are not invited to Major League Spring Training will be directed to the “Alternate Training Site” (defined in Section 6.1.5 below).

Regardless of whether the Commissioner lifts the suspension of Minor League UPCs during the 2020 championship season, each non-40-man roster player without a Major League UPC (i.e., not on outright assignment) shall be paid at the weekly rate set forth in Addendum C of his 2020 Minor League UPC for participating in the Club Player Pool during the Major League championship season. Attachment 24 (“Minor League UPCs with Major League Terms”) will continue to govern all non-40-man roster players in the Club Player Pool who are selected to the 40-man roster.

60-Player Limit. No Club may exceed the limit of 60 players in its Club Player Pool at any time throughout Spring Training and the championship season. In the event a Club is at the limit and wishes to add a player to its Active Roster or its Alternate Training Site, the Club must select a player to be removed from the Club Player Pool by means of a bona fide transaction, as follows:

- 40-man roster players may be removed from the Club Player Pool by an approved trade, waiver claim, return of Rule 5 selection, release, outright assignment, designation for assignment, placement on the 60-day Injured List, placement on the COVID-19 Related Injured List, or placement on the Suspended List (by Club), Military, Voluntarily Retired, Restricted, Disqualified, or Ineligible Lists.
- Non-40-man roster players may be removed from the Club Player Pool by an approved trade, release, placement on the COVID-19 Related Injured List, or placement on the Military, Voluntarily Retired, Restricted, Disqualified, or Ineligible Lists. Injured non-40-man roster players will continue to count against the Club Player Pool limit unless removed through one of the permitted transactions listed above.

Use of Facilities. Only players in the Club Player Pool, players on the Major League 60-Day Injured List, or players otherwise approved by MLB are permitted to use any Club facilities, or engage in Club-organized baseball activities.

### 6.1.4 Active Roster

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in MLR 2(b) (2019 MLR 2(c)), each Club must maintain an Active Roster consistent with the following roster limits schedule.

- At 12:00 PM ET on the first date of the revised 2020 championship season, each Club must submit to MLB (attention: Jeff Pfeifer) an Opening Day Active Roster with a maximum of 30 players, and a minimum of 25. The minimum of 25 players will remain throughout the championship season and postseason
- The maximum Active Roster limit shall be reduced from 30 to 28 at 12:00 PM ET on the 15th day of the championship season.
- The maximum Active Roster limit shall be reduced from 28 to 26 at 12:00 PM ET on the 29th day of the championship season for the remainder of the championship season and postseason.
- The limitations on the number of pitchers on the Active Roster otherwise required by MLR 2(b)(2) shall not apply.
- In the event that a double-header that takes place while the Active Roster limit is 26, both Clubs may use an additional player in accordance with MLR 2(b)(2) (2019 MLR 2(c)(2)(A)).

### **6.1.5 Alternate Training Sites**

Each Club shall maintain a secondary baseball facility at which the Club will house and train players in the Club Player Pool who are not on the Active Roster during the championship season (“Alternate Training Site”) as described below.

- Approval. No later than seven (7) days prior to the first day of Spring Training, each Club must submit its proposed Alternate Training Site to MLB for approval.
- Opening Site. At the discretion of each Club, the Club may begin operating the Alternate Training Site at any time between the first day of Spring Training and Opening Day.
- Location. Unless otherwise approved by MLB, Alternate Training Sites must be (a) located sufficiently close to the location where the Club will play its home games during the championship season that commercial air travel is not required; and (b) fully separated from the facility where players on the Active Roster will train and play. In the event a Club changes the location where it is playing its championship season home games during the 2020 championship season, the Club will make best efforts to relocate its Alternate Training Site to remain proximate to the new Major League home facility.
- Players. All players in the Club Player Pool who are not on the Active Roster must be assigned to the Alternate Training Site, with the exception of players on the “Taxi Squad” described below.
- Coaches & Staff. Clubs are responsible for assigning appropriate coaches and staff to the Alternate Training Site. All coaches, trainers, and other individuals who need access to Restricted Areas when players are present and/or require close contact with players, including coaches and trainers, must be designated as Tier 1 or Tier 2 Individuals, from the Club’s allotment set forth in Section 4 above.
- Safety & Health. All provisions set forth above with respect to Major League ballparks or other Club facilities shall also apply with full force at Alternate Training Sites. No players or Club employees are permitted to access the Alternate Training Site of another Club, unless otherwise approved by MLB.



- Intra-squad Games. Intra-squad games are permitted at all Alternate Training Sites; however, there shall be no exhibition games between players at different Alternate Training Sites.
- Assignments. All existing rules governing assignments of player contracts will continue to apply, including between Alternate Training Sites (in lieu of a Minor League club) and the Major League Club (i.e., all optioned and non-40-man players will be treated as assigned to the Alternate Training Site), except new MLR 7(e)(1) and (2). All traded players must be assigned to the assignee’s Club Player Pool. Once a non-roster player has been removed from the Club Player Pool by way of release, or a player has been removed from the Club Player Pool by way of an Outright Waiver Assignment, the removed player may not be added back to the Club Player Pool for the remainder of the 2020 championship season and postseason.

### 6.1.6 Permissible Taxi Squads

Notwithstanding Article XV(E)(3) of the Basic Agreement, in addition to a Club’s Active Roster, a Club is permitted to carry up to three additional players (provided that if the Club elects to carry three additional players, at least one must be a player whose designated position prior to the season is catcher) from its Club Player Pool (“Taxi Squad”) on all road trips with the Major League team, as follows:

- Players on the Taxi Squad will not receive Major League service and will be paid at the Minor League rate contained in their UPC; provided, however, that all players on the Taxi Squad shall be entitled to Major League allowances of \$108.50 per day while the Club is on the road, regardless of whether the Club provides meals.
- Players on the Taxi Squad are permitted to workout with the Major League Club, but are permitted to be in uniform and in the dugout during games. Any catchers on the Taxi Squad are permitted to serve as bullpen catchers.
- Players on the Taxi Squad are subject to the same transactional rules as all other players at the Alternate Training Site.
- Upon the conclusion of each road trip, players on the Taxi Squad will return to the Alternate Training Site (except that one catcher may remain on the Taxi Squad to serve as a bullpen catcher for home games, which catcher shall be entitled to Major League allowances of \$108.50 per day, regardless of whether the Club provides meals, for the first 14 days of his time on the Taxi Squad).

### 6.1.7 Standard Injured Lists

The following time periods in the Major League Rules and Basic Agreement will be adjusted as follows:

	<b>Former</b>	<b>Revised</b>
IL for Pitchers	15 Days	10 Days
IL for Position Players	10 Days	10 Days
60-Day IL	60 Days	45 Days
20 days under Article XIII(H)	20 Days	none

The requirement that a player may not be placed on or transferred to the 60-day IL unless the Major League Reserve List of the player's Club is at the maximum limit of 40 contained in MLR 2(c)(1)(F)(i) (2019 MLR 2(g)(3)(A)), shall not apply. Thus, injured players may be placed on the 60-day IL without regard to the number of players on the 40-man roster until August 31 (see MLR 2(c)(F)(x), 2019 MLR 2(g)(3)(J)). Moreover, a player placed on the 60-Day IL prior to March 26 will be eligible for reinstatement on May 25.

#### **6.1.8 COVID-19 Related Injured List**

Placement on the COVID-19 Related Injured List does not require a confirmed positive test for COVID-19. A player may be placed on the COVID-19 Related IL based on a positive test for COVID-19, confirmed exposure to COVID-19, or if a player exhibits symptoms requiring self-isolation for further assessment (as described in Section 2 above).

The Joint Committee must approve any placements and activations from the COVID-19 Related IL. There will be no minimum or maximum length of placement.

Players on the COVID-19 Related IL will not count against a Club's Active List limit, Reserve List limit, or against the Club Player Pool limit. Players who are on their Club's Active List at the time they are placed on the COVID-19 Related IL will receive salary and credited Major League service to the same extent that they would have if they had remained on the Active List during that period. Nothing in this Section 6.1.8 shall negate or otherwise affect a Player's rights under Article XIX(C) of the Basic Agreement.

In the event that a Club experiences a significant number of COVID-19 Related IL placements at the Alternate Training Site at any one time (i.e., three or more players), and the Club chooses to substitute those players from within the Club's organization, MLB reserves the right to allow that Club to remove those substitute players from the Club Player Pool without requiring a release.

#### **6.1.9 Immigration**

If a player is unable to report to Club's Major League Spring Training or the Club's Alternate Training Site prior to the time that Clubs are required to submit their Club Player Pools under Section 6.1.3 above, the player will be placed on the Restricted List and shall remain on such list until reinstated in accordance with MLR 2(c)(6) (2019 MLR 15 & 16). Players placed on the Restricted List in accordance with this Section will not be entitled to salary or Major League Service during the period of such placement, unless the player previously reported to 2020 Spring Training on or prior to the Basic Agreement's mandatory reporting date, and is unable to report prior to the time that Clubs are required to submit their Club Player Pools under 6.1.3 above due to international or domestic travel restrictions, visa or immigration issues, or for health/safety reasons related to COVID-19, in which case he shall receive his applicable salary and Major League service for up to the first thirty (30) days of his placement on the Restricted List (with such salary and service calculations to be at the adjusted rate).

#### **6.1.10 Special Covenants**

To the extent a special covenant to a player's UPC conflicts with any provision or requirement of this Manual, the terms and conditions of this Manual shall govern.

## **6.2 Player & Staff Visas**

### **6.2.1 Visa Requirements**

Players and staff entering the United States for Spring Training and the championship season must enter on P visas in order to work and receive payment. If a player possesses a multiple-entry P visa that is valid through October 31, 2020, or a single-entry P visa that has not been used and is valid through October 31, 2020, he does not need to take any further action at this time. If a player possesses a single-entry P visa that has already been used, or if a player lacks a P visa but will need to enter the United States for Spring Training or the championship season, please see Section 6.2.2, below. If the player possesses a multiple-entry P visa or a single-entry P visa that has not been used but expires prior to October 31, 2020, please contact Patrick Nathanson at MLB (Patrick.Nathanson@mlb.com).

For a foreign player already in the United States, Clubs should ensure that the player's stay – as indicated on his I-94 – is valid through December 31, 2020. If the player's stay expires earlier than December 31, 2020, please contact Patrick Nathanson to discuss filing for an extension of stay, if necessary, to ensure that the player may remain in the United States for the duration of the 2020 season and postseason.

### **6.2.2 Process to Obtain P Visas**

Clubs should follow Patrick Nathanson's December 12, 2019 memo entitled "Filing Instructions for 2020 Player Work Visas" in order to submit applications to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS"). USCIS is currently operational, but premium processing has been suspended. Non-premium adjudications are occurring at a slightly reduced pace.

Please note that United States consulates around the world have closed temporarily and are only accepting emergency cases.

- The United States Consulate in Santo Domingo has not yet announced a formal re-opening date.
- The United States Consulate in Bogotá has not yet announced a formal re-opening date.
- If considering traveling players between two international countries for visa appointments, Clubs should review the latest country-specific quarantine and entry procedures for both countries. More information on restrictions and concessions for various countries is available on the following website: <https://www.fragomen.com/about/news/immigration-update-coronavirus>.

You must contact Patrick Nathanson with information about any P visa applications you will be making, in order to ensure coordination.