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TO: ROFA OWNERS
FROM: COMMISSIONER O'NEILL
SUBJECT: DECISIONS ON ROFA VIII RECOMMENDED CHANGES
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The following tables will break down how the league voted on each issue, and my final decision on each issue. These decisions will be reflected in the Constitution at my soonest convenience. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Issue #1: Keeper Rate

Choice #1: 20%	Choice #2: 10%
Details: Make no change and stay with the 20% keeper rate per year.	Details: Change the keeper rate to 10% and abolish the option of a 2-year-at-a-time for a reduced rate keeper contract.
Votes: 3	Votes: 9
Final Decision: Choice 2 will be enacted.	

Issue #2: Keeper Eligibility

Choice #1: On Week 16 roster for this year, week 11 roster for the future.	Choice #2: On week 11 roster, effective immediately.
Details: In order to keep a player for the ROFA VIII season, he must have been on your roster in Week 16. This means no player added to your roster after the season ended can be kept. In order to keep a player for ROFA IX, and every season thereafter, he must have been on your roster at the time of the trade deadline in Week 11.	Details: In order to keep a player for the ROFA VIII season, and every season thereafter, he must have been on your roster at the time of the trade deadline in Week 11.
Votes: 6	Votes: 6
Final Decision: Choice 1 will be enacted. The league was split on this issue, and so was I. I heard both sides of the argument from members and the RACC and other league owners numerous times. Both sides have valid arguments in my opinion. Which choice is the correct one is very debatable, but I reached my conclusion on the basis that Choice 1 cannot be interpreted as unfair, while Choice 2 can. For those who don't know, Choice 2 would have prevented Hood and Lost Springs from keeping Kaepernick and Wilson, respectively, for next season. The spirit of this new rule is to prevent low-risk late season pickups from turning into lucrative keepers. Indeed, the spirit of the rule is to prevent this exact Kaepernick/Wilson situation from happening. However, the fact remains that Hood and Lost Springs acquired these players with no knowledge of a keeper eligibility deadline looming. It is not my job to guess whether or not these players would have been picked up before the deadline if there had been one. That is impossible to predict, and so I cannot base a decision on it. Retroactively enforcing rules is a bad precedent to set in my opinion, and that is why I have decided to go with Choice 1.	

Issue #3: Number of Keepers	
Choice #1: Three keepers	Choice #2: Four keepers
Details: Allow up to three players to be kept from one season to the next.	Details: Allow up to four keepers to be kept from one season to the next.
Votes: 9	Votes: 3
Final Decision: Remain with 3 keepers.	

Issue #4: Future Draft Money Trades	
Choice #1: Keep future draft money trades	Choice #2: Phase out future draft money trades
Details: Make no changes to rules regarding the trading of future draft money.	Details: Effective immediately, no more future draft money trades will be allowed. The deficits and surpluses accrued for the ROFA VIII season will remain to uphold the integrity of the rules in place at that time and the results of ROFA VII, but the deficits and surpluses accrued for the ROFA IX season will be wiped clean due to the miniscule nature of these figures.
Votes: 3	Votes: 9
Final Decision: Choice 2 will be enacted.	

OFFSEASON TRADING
<p>One more decision that has been made is to enact an offseason trading period. From May 1-July 31 each year, you may make offseason trades with your keeper eligible players only. So for this season, anyone who was on your roster for Week 16 is tradable. In the future, this will be only players on your roster at the time of the trade deadline. The trading period ends on July 31st because August 1st is keeper decision day. At that point, the players you decided to keep are yours and you cannot trade them until the draft. Note that all offseason trades are subject to owner challenges and league votes like a regular season trade.</p>