USML - rule adjustments for shortened season

Assumption: 60 game season starting July 19, ending on September 30 (73 days, 10 weeks)

Note that 60 games = 37% of usual season in games.

Caveat to items below: these may be adjusted if Onroto proposes something simpler or cannot accommodate any of the items below.

1. Trading deadlines

 A. Bean trading

 Regular rule: banned until 1/3 of calendar season complete.

 Revised rule: banned first 3 weeks (1/3 of 73 days)

 B. Non-contiguous trading deadline

 Regular rule: allowed for 2/3 of season

 Revised rule: allowed 6 weeks (2/3 of 73 days)

 C. Contiguous trading deadline

 Regular rule: allowed for one additional month (1/6)

 Revised rule: allowed for one week after trade deadline

II. FAAB

 A. Total budget: no change proposed

 B. Contract status

Regular rule: FA during last month of season (1/6)

Revised rule: FA during last two weeks (1/6 = 12 days)

III. Innings/AB Minimums

 A. Pitching innings minimum

 Regular Rule: 900 innings

 Revised Rule: 333 innings (37% of 900)

 B. AB minimum (to qualify in BA)

Regular Rule: 4250 ABs

 Revised Rule: 1572 ABs (37% of 900)

IV. Contract status

 No change proposed; players will advance one year in contract status at end of year

V. Annual fee

 No change proposed since fee is not large

VI. Position eligibility

 A. In-year

No change proposed to rule that players qualify at a position as soon as they have played one game.

 B. Next year

 Regular rule: 20 games at one position

 Revised rule: 7 games