

Updated with regularity

Latest updates are in dark blue plus a look at Jazz rookies and what happens when their deals come up. Plus, look at scheduling near the bottom.

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NEW NBA DEAL DETAILS

how the players reacted -

<http://www.sbnation.com/nba/2011/11/26/2588077/nba-lockout-over-players-twitter>

MINS, CAPS AND TAXES

Min salary for each team will be \$49 million

Salary Cap likely to be about \$58

Luxury Tax around \$70

For first two years of agreement the salary cap and tax can't go below numbers of 2010-11 which are above.

In year 3 they are adjusted based on BRI

FREE AGENCY

For your own free agents you can give them a 7.5% raise and a 5 year deal

For someone else's free agent you can give them a 4.5% raise and a 4 year deal

Maximum and minimum salaries are the same

For example assuming cap room if a team wants to sign AK they can offer up to a 4 year deal and give him raises of 4.5% each year. The Jazz could offer a 5 year deal with raises of 7.5%. I would be stunned if Jazz roll out a 5 year for AK but this become more important when the Jazz youngsters become free agents

Also if the Jazz were to use the amnesty clause to get under the salary cap they could not offer more than a 4 year deal to anyone that is a free agent.

LUXURY TAXES

for the first two years of the deal it is the same as what it has been dollar to dollar

Starting year 3 - 1.50 for each dollar for first 5 million and then 1.75 for 5 to 10 million, and 2.50 for 10-15 million over and 3.25 for a 15 to 25 million over and 50 cents for each additional 5

million.

Plus, a dollar for dollar additional tax for team that are above the tax line for 4th time in 5 years.

Think about this - if Dallas, Lakers, etc are tax teams in the first two years of the agreement then they can only be a tax team once in the next three years once the additional tax kicks in for teams in the tax 4 times in 5 years. That is an extra dollar on top of each penalty. From the Jazz standpoint, this means that as the Jazz are improving the other best in the West will need to be downsizing

WHERE ARE JAZZ

Jazz are at 60 million of salary if rookie scale is the same with 11 players.

Kanter is 3.5 million and Burks is 1.7 if rookie scale is the same (it is the same)

Bird Rights are still a part of the deal and the Jazz have Kirilenko's bird rights

Bird Rights allow a team to re-sign their own player for whatever they wish even if they are over the salary cap

With 11 players under contract and need to add 2 to 4.

They can re-sign their own free agents Watson, Kirilenko, Price

Kirilenko would fall under Bird Rights and Jazz could pay him whatever they please. Only teams with cap room will be able to offer AK more than the 4 year 5 million a year MLE. The free agency crew is not strong so someone could offer that.

The most the Jazz could offer someone is the MLE (5 million a year for 4 years)

I doubt the Jazz will go over the luxury tax with this team so assume they have at most \$10 million to use to sign 2 to 4 players.

If the Jazz amnesty Memo Okur it is 10.9 million which would take the jazz to about 49.1 million and give them 9 million of cap space to sign a free agent.

Only wild card is if the Jazz amnesty Jefferson they are at 46 million and could sign a 12 million dollar a year free agent or do a sign and trade - not sure who is out there that would make that worth it.

JAZZ FUTURE

The drop in BRI should allow the Jazz to become a break even franchise and maybe make money based on playoff appearances

More importantly, Kevin O'Conner and the Jazz only have 4 contracts on the books for the 2013-2014 season when all of the new tax systems, trade restrictions, etc kick in. Those players are Favors, Hayward, Burks and Kanter.

The Jazz are in a better position to deal with the new changes than any team in the NBA.

See above about the luxury tax (in the blue)

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN JAZZ ROOKIE PLAYERS DEALS COME UP

When Gordon Hayward and Derrick Favors come up for an extension each will be eligible for a

4 year extension from the Jazz. However, each NBA team can have one player on their roster who receives a 5 year max contract coming off their rookie contract. However, you can only have 1 player on your team at a time with this designation. Therefore, the Jazz will have to make a decision when Hayward and Favors come up if they are worthy of the max and if they are better than Burks and Kanter for the one designation.

This will happen when the Jazz make the qualifying offer for the rookies going into the 2014-2015 season. If the Jazz give one of those players the designation the other can be signed to a 4 year deal immediately or they can decline and become a free agent the year after where the Jazz would be able to offer a 5 year deal with bird rights at a raise of 7.5% whereas other teams would only be able to offer 4 year at 4.5% raises.

REST OF THE NBA

According to hoopshype, the following teams are over the tax even before adding draft picks
Lakers (91 million)
Magic (74 million) but will cut Arenas
Spurs (73 million) but could let Jefferson go
Celtics (72 million)

TEAMS WITH CAP ROOM

Denver (\$29 million), Sacramento (\$30 million), Indiana (\$37 million) New Jersey (\$40 million), Washington (\$41 million), New Orleans (\$44 million) and the Los Angeles Clippers (\$45 million). Phoenix would get in the picture at \$47 million if it waives Vince Carter via amnesty.

Length of new CBA

10 year agreement with 6 year out on each side - not clear if other times for outs in years 7,8,9

NEW PROVISIONS - Geeky stuff we have to learn

new exceptions - middle level, mini mid for tax payers and the room exception of 2.5 for teams that move over the cap

Amnesty - see below - allows team to cut player and have it off the cap but must still pay

Secondary Waivers - when a player is released via the amnesty he goes to regular waivers for 48 hours and no one will acquire the contract. Then he goes to "secondary waivers" where teams with cap space are allowed to place bids on the player. If no one bids then the player is a free agent. But if it is an appealing player then team with most cap space can bid 1 dollar more than the next team available cap space and be certain to gain that player.

Stretch - allows team to cut player and stretch the payment over 2 times the deal plus one year, not clear on how it impacts the cap or tax. This only good on contracts signed during this CBA

and the team that waives the players has the ability to have the players cap number be the stretched payouts

MLE

Mid Level for Non Tax paying teams will be \$5 million per year for up to 4 years (this is about what it was, small market teams had hoped for less)

For Taxpaying teams it will be \$3 million per year at 4 years (nice advantage for small market).

both of these numbers increase by 3% after the first two years

Players can receive at 4.5% raise each year in these contracts

See information below about the \$4 million provision.

All teams can use full MLE as long as it doesn't take them more than \$4M above tax.

If team uses full MLE to get to/near \$4M over tax, they CANNOT re-sign FAs and go over \$4M. barrier. Could do so via vet minimums

If you are more than \$4M over the tax at any point, you cannot use the full MLE. You get only mini one--\$3M for 3 years..

NEW EXCEPTIONS

if a team starts under the salary cap and signs players to go over the cap they will have a new 2.5 million exception they can use to sign a player. this is a nice addition for teams building the franchise back up

Tax teams will have the mini mid level of 3 million a year for 3 years

Teams can only use one per year

CONTRACT LENGTH

5 years (Bird rights), 4 years (non-Bird); Escrow: 10% annual; Rookie scale: No reduction.

Minimum salary: no reduction. Small market teams had hoped for a 4/3 break to reduce the risk. On other hand it helps you keep your own player.

Teams can designate one player coming off the rookie scale who is eligible for an extension to receive 5 years and it must be a max contract. Teams can only have one designated player on the roster at one time.

Sign and extend deals are for only 3 years.

BRI

BRI looks to be a band from 49 to 51. Helps the money loss issues.
Year one will be 51.1%

TRADES

Trades can start on Dec 9th, same time camp opens.
Trade Deadline is looking to be in March

for the first two years all teams can make sign and trade deals

in year 3 - teams can make sign and trade as long as it doesn't make them go 4 million over the luxury tax. This where the Jazz are positioned terrifically with the lack of contracts in future years.

Sign and trade contracts can only be 4 years if you re-sign with your own team it can be 5 years.

If a player is traded by a team and then waived by the team who acquired him, the trading team must wait either 1 year from date of trade or July 1 of following season if players contract expires to re-acquire him

Teams will be able to sign and extend a player - the talked about Carmelo rule was dropped by the league. So Dwight Howard, Chris Paul and Deron Williams can sign extensions if they are traded. This gives the players great leverage that many teams were hoping would be taken away.

Those deals with extension will only be able to be 3 year extension whereas if they stay with the team they can get 5 or be a free agent to a new team get 4. (via ChrisMannixSI)

Non-tax teams could bring in up to the lesser of 150% of salary plus \$100,000 or 100% plus 5 million of the salaries traded away. The 125% remains for tax teams. This is very interesting. Trades will be much easier to make if you are not over the tax. This will also increase player movement

Huge change a team can only include \$3 million in cash in trades annually. So if someone buys a first round draft pick for \$3 million they are done including cash in trades for the year. This is a big hit to cash strong teams.

RESTRICTED FREE AGENCY

Teams will have 3 days to match rather than 7 - makes it more appealing to sign a restricted free agent

NEW DETAILS

Tweak for players: Rookies eligible for extensions could get one worth 30% of cap level, up from 25%

If players in rookie contract become the MVP or 1st, 2nd or 3rd team all-nba twice or voted as all-star started twice they are eligible for 30% of cap.

B-LIST ISSUES

Drug testing

College age limit -- some talk of moving to a two and thru rather than one and done rule.

PLAYER DETAILS

Wilson Chandler, Kenyon Martin and JR Smith don't have lockout clauses and are tied up
China players don't have outs

AMNESTY LIKELYHOODS

Each team will be able to cut one player from their roster whose salary will not be fully counted against the salary cap or luxury tax. This is a one time occurrence but according to some reports can happen at any point during term of the CBA. It is a huge advantage to mismanged or overspending major market teams. This hurts teams like OKC and SA and Utah who don't overspend

Cleveland- Baron Davis

Portland Brandon Roy

Chicago might consider Kyle Korver

Dallas may Brendon Haywood and his 45 million left

Denver Al Harington

Detroit - Rip Hamilton

New Jersey might on Travis Outlaw

Phoenix - Josh Childress

Orlando - Gilbert Arenas

Washington - Rashard Lewis

Phoenix - Vince Carter

SCHEDULING

66 games -- seems impossible that every team will come to ESA
All-Star game in Orlando is on
8 games in 14 day spans is the average

2011-12 NBA Schedule Breakdown

Regular Season Start Date: December 25, 2011

Regular Season End Date: April 26, 2012

Playoffs Start Date: April 28, 2012

Last Possible Finals Date: June 26, 2012.

Individual Team Schedule Breakdown

Conference Games: 48

- Play 6 teams 4 times (2 home, 2 away)
- Play 4 teams 3 times (2 home, 1 away)
- Play 4 teams 3 times (1 home, 2 away)

Non-Conference Games: 18

- Play 3 teams 2 times (1 home, 1 away)
- Play 6 teams 1 time at home
- Play 6 teams 1 time away

Back to Back to Backs: All teams with at least 1; no more than 3

Playoff Back to Backs: Possible in second round

Conclusions

- 1) only 9 of 15 Eastern Conference teams will come to Energy Solutions (maybe no Deron)
- 2) Jazz will play all division teams at home twice and only 6 of the remaining 10 Western Conference teams at home twice. Four Western Conference teams may only come to ESA once (could it be Jimmer)

Pre-Season two games same opponent home and away- geographically based. In 1999 this was Denver but with the departure of Seattle and Vancouver not sure how they will break up the 8 Mountain and Pacific time zone teams.

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