



Chronological History of the Major League Baseball Players Association

The 2010's

2010

January 12, 2010. Under pressure from the MLBPA, the Florida Marlins announce they are committed to using revenue sharing receipts for player related expenses. The team's finances will also be subject to review by the both MLB and the Association for a three-year period.

March 10, 2010. MLBPA hires ex-player Tony Clark as director of player relations.

September 2010. The owners and players agree to modifications to the free agency rules for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 off seasons in response to the Association's suspicions that the recent free-agent markets were unduly inactive. Among the provisions are shorter time periods and deadlines, elimination of the requirement that players have to formally file to become free agents, and stricter rules against collusion.

September 13, 2010. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decides in favor of the MLBPA and against the government, ruling that they must return the anonymous CDT test results from 2003.

September 28, 2010. MLBPA Chief Operating Officer Gene Orza announces his retirement effective March 31, 2011.

December 1, 2010. Owners and players release the annual public report from the drug program's independent administrator. Of the 3,747 tests, 17 were of an adverse nature, with two for performance enhancing substances and fifteen for stimulants.

December 10, 2010. Following a long appellate process, the U.S. Justice Department announces it will not appeal the Ninth Circuit's ruling that the government illegally seized the records from baseball's 2003 anonymous and confidential drug testing for survey purposes. The government had initially taken them in 2004 under a more limited search warrant.

2011

March 29, 2011. Owners and players release a new protocol on concussions, including the introduction of a seven-day disabled list.

April 21, 2011. Owners and players reach agreement on payments to players who retired before 1980 and did not previously qualify for the players benefit plan. Payments will be up to \$10,000 per year.

- **November 22, 2011.** Owners and players agree to a new collective bargaining agreement through December 1, 2016. Key changes include: Adding a second wild card team to each league's playoffs, and moving the Houston Astros to the American League; elimination of "Type A" and "Type B" player ranking for free agent compensation; revised draft pick compensation system for teams signing or losing free agents; large-market teams disqualified from receiving revenue sharing funds.

December 1, 2011. Owners and players release annual public report from the drug program's independent administrator. Of the 3,868 tests, 13 were of an adverse nature, with one for performance enhancing substances and 12 for stimulants.

December 15, 2011. Owners and players agree to form the International Talent Committee to discuss possible changes to rules governing the development and acquisition of international players.

2012

January 9, 2012. The International Talent Committee holds its first meeting. The committee's co-chairs are Michael Weiner and MLB's Executive Vice President Rob Manfred.

February 23, 2012. Arbitrator Shyam Das reverses Ryan Braun's drug-related suspension, making Braun the first player to successfully challenge such a suspension. Braun appealed his suspension on grounds that his urine sample was improperly handled by the tester. In May, baseball removes Das as an arbitrator.

June 7, 2012. Additional revisions are announced to the Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. Key changes: HGH blood testing during the off-season, spring training, or for cause; modifications to the test collection procedure, and changes to the appeals process.

August 20, 2012. Michael Weiner begins undergoing treatment for a brain tumor.

November 27, 2012. Former MLBPA Executive Director Marvin Miller passes away at age 95.

2013

January 10, 2013. The owners and players agree to additional in-season testing for human growth hormone (HGH) starting in the 2013 regular season.

January 21, 2013. Dozens of former players gather at a packed memorial service for Marvin Miller. Among the many speakers are Miller's former lieutenants Dick Moss and Don Fehr, and Hall of Fame players Dave Winfield and Joe Morgan.

Mid-February, 2013. For the first time since 1977 when salary arbitration was under a one-year suspension, no player went to salary arbitration.

February 25, 2013. MLBPA names ex-player Jose Cruz, Jr. a special assistant in the player services department.

July 23, 2013. The MLBPA Executive Board names Tony Clark deputy executive director.

November 21, 2013. Michael Weiner passes away from a brain tumor.

December 3, 2013. Executive board names Tony Clark executive director.

December 5, 2013. MLBPA names Dave Winfield a special assistant to executive director Tony Clark.

2014

February 6, 2014. MLBPA names Jeffrey Hammonds a special assistant, player program development.

March 28, 2014. Owners and players announce the most significant revisions to the Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program since 2006. Key elements include an increase in random urine collections and blood collections to test for HGH, and an 80-game suspension for a first offense (up from 50), a 162-game suspension for a second offense, and a permanent suspension for a third.

April 30, 2014. MLBPA names Javier Vazquez an international special assistant.

June 3, 2014. The Puerto Rico Summer League, a joint creation of the owners and players, begins play.

December 1, 2014. Owners and players release the annual public report from the drug program's independent administrator. Of the 6,394 urine tests and 1,535 blood tests, 12 were of an adverse nature, with two for performance enhancing substances and ten for stimulants.

2015

January 29, 2015. MLBPA names Omar Minaya a senior advisor to executive director Tony Clark.

February 20, 2015. The Association and owners announce new rules to speed up the pace of the game and revisions to the instant replay system. Key components: batters must keep one foot in box between pitches (applies only to called balls and called strikes), umpires will enforce time limits between innings and during pitching changes.

June 2, 2015. MLBPA names Kevin Slowey special assistant, bargaining.

August 21, 2015. The Association and owners adopt the Joint Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Policy.