

NFL, NFLPA announce new concussion protocol

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NEW YORK — The NFL and the players association have announced a new policy regarding game-day concussion protocol and discipline for clubs that violate the procedure.

Under the new policy jointly announced Monday, the NFL and NFLPA “will follow a strict and fair process to investigate incidents and determine appropriate discipline, including club fines and possible forfeiture of draft picks.”

The league and the players union will each designate a representative to monitor the implementation of the protocol and investigate potential violations. The probe won't reach medical conclusions; it will only determine if the protocol was followed. An arbitrator will handle cases where the league and union disagree and report to the commissioner.

Commissioner Roger Goodell retains sole discretion in determining penalties for violations of the game-day concussion protocol.

A first breach will require club employees or medical team members involved to attend remedial education and/or result in a maximum \$150,000 fine against the team. Clubs will be fined a minimum \$100,000 for subsequent violations.

There are additional penalties if the violation involves aggravating circumstances, and the commissioner may impose more severe financial penalties and require clubs to forfeit draft picks if it's determined that a club's medical team ignored protocol for competitive reasons.

MLB

Cubs acquire Chapman in trade with Yankees

By JAY COHEN
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CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs acquired hard-throwing reliever Aroldis Chapman in a trade with the New York Yankees on Monday, giving the NL Central leaders a boost as they try for their first World Series title in more than a century.

The Cubs paid a steep price, parting with top shortstop prospect Gleyber Torres and versatile pitcher Adam Warren in the four-player package going to the Yankees. Chapman faced a domestic violence allegation in the offseason that cost him a 29-game suspension, and the left-hander is eligible for free agency after this year.

But there is no doubting the talent of the 28-year-old Chapman, who went 3-0 with a 2.01 ERA and 20 saves in 31 games with New York. He threw a 105.1 mph fastball to Baltimore's J.J. Hardy last Monday night, matching the fastest since Major League Baseball began tracking speeds in 2008.

With lefty-batting sluggers Bryce Harper of Washington and Brandon Belt of San Francisco possibly looming in the playoffs, the addition of Chapman gives manager Joe Maddon one of the majors' top assets when in need of a late strikeout.

New York had won six of eight heading into Monday night's game at Houston, but it still faces long odds of getting to the playoffs. All-Stars Andrew



AP Photo/Julie Jacobson
Former New York Yankees pitcher Aroldis Chapman, left, shakes hands with catcher Austin Romine after the Yankees defeated the San Francisco Giants on Friday, July 22, 2016, in New York.

Miller and Dellin Betances are still at the back of the bullpen, allowing the Yankees to trade Chapman now and still consider trying for the postseason depending on how they fare ahead of the Aug. 1 non-waiver trade deadline.

The Yankees made the decision to trade Chapman after his agents said he would not agree to a new contract that would start in 2017, a person familiar with the talks said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no public statement on those talks was authorized.

If New York slips back any further, it could engage in a rare sell-off for the franchise. Miller, who is signed through 2018, also could be traded. Outfielder

Carlos Beltran, first baseman Mark Teixeira and pitcher Ivan Nova are eligible for free agency after the season and could be sought by contenders.

Chapman quickly turned into one of baseball's most dominant relievers when he broke into the majors in 2010 with Cincinnati. He threw the 62 fastest pitches in the major leagues last season, ranging from 103.92 to 102.36 mph.

Chapman saved 146 games with a 2.17 ERA in six years with the Reds before he was traded to New York last December after a deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers fell through when it was learned Florida police investigated an accusation of domestic violence involving the

Cuban pitcher. Prosecutors declined to file charges, citing conflicting accounts, and Chapman was suspended for the first 29 games of the season, losing \$1,856,557 of his \$11,325,000 salary. He was the first player penalized a finite number of games under Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

“I regret that I did not exercise better judgment and for that I am truly sorry,” Chapman said in a team statement Monday. “Looking back, I feel I have learned from this matter and have grown as a person. My girlfriend and I have worked hard to strengthen our relationship, to raise our daughter together, and would appreciate the opportunity to move forward without revisiting an event we consider part of our past.”

Chapman and Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo also got into a heated argument in the ninth inning of a July 2014 game, but Rizzo said last month he was fine with the idea of acquiring the reliever.

The Yankees also received minor league outfielders Billy McKinney and Rashad Crawford in the trade for Chapman. McKinney, a first-round pick in the 2013 draft, was acquired along with All-Star shortstop Addison Russell in the 2014 deal that sent pitchers Jeff Samardzija and Jason Hammel to Oakland.

Warren was drafted by New York and made his major league debut with the Yankees in 2012.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	58	40	59.2	—
Boston	55	42	56.7	2½
Toronto	56	44	56.0	3
New York	51	48	51.5	7½
Tampa Bay	38	60	38.8	20
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	56	41	57.7	—
Detroit	52	48	52.0	5½
Chicago	49	50	49.5	8
Kansas City	48	50	49.0	8½
Minnesota	37	61	37.8	19½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	58	42	58.0	—
Houston	54	45	54.5	3½
Seattle	50	48	51.0	7
Oakland	45	55	45.0	13
Los Angeles	44	55	44.4	13½

L.A. Angels (Skaggs 0-0) at Kansas City (Gee 3-3), 5:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 5-13) at L.A. Dodgers (Norris 5-9), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	58	41	58.6	—
New York	52	45	53.6	5
Miami	53	46	53.5	5
Philadelphia	46	55	45.5	13
Atlanta	33	66	33.3	25
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	59	39	60.2	—
St. Louis	52	46	53.1	7
Pittsburgh	51	47	52.0	8
Milwaukee	42	55	43.3	16½
Cincinnati	39	60	39.4	20½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	58	41	58.6	—
Los Angeles	56	44	56.0	2½
Colorado	47	52	47.5	11½
San Diego	43	57	43.0	16
Arizona	41	58	41.4	17½

MLB				
NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
North Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Spokane (Rangers)	19	19	50.0	—
Tri-City (Padres)	19	19	50.0	—
Everett (Mariners)	17	20	45.9	1½
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	16	21	43.2	2½
South Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Eugene (Cubs)	27	10	73.0	—
Hillsboro (backs)	19	19	50.0	8
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	17	20	45.9	10
Boise (Rockies)	16	22	42.1	11½

MLB				
Monday's Games				
Spokane 4, Boise 2				
Hillsboro 3, Tri-City 0				
Everett at Salem-Keizer, late				
Eugene at Vancouver, late				
Tuesday's Games				
Tri-City at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.				
Boise at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.				
Salem-Keizer at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.				
Vancouver at Everett, 7:05 p.m.				

MLB				
Monday's Games				
Baltimore 3, Colorado 2, 10 innings				
Toronto 4, San Diego 2				
Detroit 4, Boston 2				
Texas 7, Oakland 6				
Chicago White Sox 5, Chicago Cubs 4				
N.Y. Yankees 2, Houston 1				
L.A. Angels 6, Kansas City 2				
Tuesday's Games				
Colorado (Bettis 8-6) at Baltimore (Tillman 14-2), 4:05 p.m.				
Seattle (Hernandez 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 6-9), 4:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Cashner 4-7) at Toronto (Stroman 8-4), 4:07 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 9-6) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 4-12), 4:10 p.m.				
Detroit (Pelfrey 3-9) at Boston (Wright 12-5), 4:10 p.m.				
Washington (Gonzalez 6-8) at Cleveland (Salazar 11-3), 4:10 p.m.				
Oakland (Gray 4-9) at Texas (Lohse 0-2), 5:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Harrall 1-2) at Minnesota (Santana 3-8), 5:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 5-8) at Houston (Fister 10-6), 5:10 p.m.				

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Milwaukee 7, Arizona 2				
Chicago White Sox 5, Chicago Cubs 4				
Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 5				
Tuesday's Games				
St. Louis (Martinez 9-6) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 9-4), 1:10 p.m., 1st game				
Colorado (Bettis 8-6) at Baltimore (Tillman 14-2), 4:05 p.m.				
Seattle (Hernandez 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 6-9), 4:05 p.m.				
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Philadelphia (Eichhoff 6-11) at Miami (Koehler 7-8), 4:10 p.m.				
St. Louis (Garcia 7-6) at N.Y. Mets (Colon 8-5), 4:10 p.m., 2nd game				
Washington (Gonzalez 6-8) at Cleveland (Salazar 11-3), 4:10 p.m.				
Arizona (Corbin 4-9) at Milwaukee (Garza 1-4), 5:10 p.m.				
Atlanta (Harrall 1-2) at Minnesota (Santana 3-8), 5:10 p.m.				
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