IMPORTANT NOTICE

The attention of both Club and Player is specifically directed to the following excerpt from Article II, Section 1, of the Major League Rules:

"No club shall make a contract different from the uniform contract or a contract containing a nonreserve clause, except with the written approval of the Advisory Council. All contracts shall be in duplicate and the player shall retain a counterpart original. The making of any agreement between a club and player not embodied in the contract shall subject both parties to discipline by the Commissioner."

American League of Professional Baseball Clubs

UNIFORM PLAYER'S CONTRACT

Parties	The American League Base Ball Club of New York
	herein called the Club, and George Herman Ruth / N
	of New York, N. Y, herein called the Player.
Recital	The Club is a member of the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs. As such, and jointly with the other members of the League, it is a party to agreements and rules with the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs and its constituent clubs and with the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. The purpose of these agreements and rules is to insure to the public wholesome and high-class professional baseball by defining the relations between club and player, between club and club, between league and league and by vesting in a designated Commissioner broad powers of control and discipline, and of decision in case of disputes.
Agreement	In view of the facts above recited the parties agree as follows:
Employmen	1923 and 1924, at the rate of \$.8,666.66 per month, making an aggregate of \$52,000.00 for EXXXXXXX each of said seasons.
Salary	2. The salary above provided for shall be paid by the Club as follows:
	In semi-monthly instalments after the commencement of the period covered by this contract, unless this contract shall be terminated by the Club while the Player is "abroad" with the Club for the purpose of playing games, in which event the amount then due shall be paid on the first week-day after the return "home" of the Club.
Loyalty	3. The Player will faithfully serve the Club or any other Club to which, in conformity with the agreements above recited, this contract may be assigned, and pledges himself to the American public to conform to high standards of personal conduct, of fair play and good sportsmanship.
Service	4. The Player will not play during 1922 otherwise than for the Club or for such other Clubs as may become assignees of this contract in conformity with said agreements.
Assignment	5. In case of assignment of this contract to another Club each successive assignee shall become liable to the Player for his salary during his term of service with such assignee, and the Club shall not be liable therefor. If the assignee is a member either of the National or American League, the salary rate shall be as above specified. If the assignee is any other club the salary rate shall be the same as that usually paid by said club to other players of like ability.

Discipline

- 6. (a) The Player accepts as part of this contract the Regulations printed on the third page hereof and such reasonable modifications of them as the Club may announce from time to time.
- (c) The Major and Major-Minor League agreements and rules, and all amendments thereto hereafter adopted, are hereby made a part of this contract, and the Club and Player agree to accept, abide by, and perform all decisions of the Commissioner pursuant thereto.

REGULATIONS

- The Playing Season for each year covered by this contract and all renewals hereof shall be as fixed by the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, or, if this contract shall be assigned to a club in another league, then by the league of which such assignee is a member.
- The player must keep himself in first-class physical condition and must at all times conform his personal conduct to standards of good citizenship and good sportsmanship.
- 3. The player, when requested by the Club, must submit to medical examination at the expense of the Club and, if necessary, to treatment by a regular physician in good standing at the player's expense. Disability directly resulting from injuries sustained in playing baseball for the Club while rendering service under this contract shall not impair the right of the player to receive his full salary, but any other disability may be ground for suspending or terminating this contract at the discretion of the Club.
- 4. The Club will furnish the player with two complete uniforms, exclusive of shoes, the player making a deposit of \$30.00 therefor, which deposit will be returned to him at the end of the season or upon the termination of this contract, upon the surrender of the uniforms by him to the Club. And the Club will provide and furnish the player while "abroad" or traveling with the Club in other cities with proper board, lodging, and pay all proper and necessary traveling expenses, including Pullman accommodations and meals en route.
- 5. The player shall not without the consent of his Club engage during the term of this contract or any renewal thereof in any game or exhibition of baseball, football, basket ball or other athletic sport except for the Club or for an assignee of this contract.
- 6. For violation by the player of any regulation the Club may impose a reasonable fine and deduct the amount thereof from the player's salary or may suspend the player without salary for a period not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the Club. Written notice of the fine or suspension or both and of the reasons therefor shall in every case be given to the player.
- 7. In order to enable the player to fit himself for his duties under this contract, the Club may require the player to report for practice at such places as the Club may designate, and to participate in such exhibition contests as

may be arranged by the Club for a period of ... Arts - Live.... days prior to the playing season without any other compensation than that herein elsewhere provided, the Club, however, to pay the traveling expenses, including Pullman accommodations, and meals en route of the player from his home city to the training place of the Club, whether he be ordered to go there direct or by way of the home city of the club. In the event of the failure of the player to report for practice or to participate in the exhibition games, as provided for, a penalty by way of fine may be imposed by the Club, the same to be deducted from the compensation stipulated herein.

It is understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the regulations hereinabove set forth numbered "2" shall be construed to mean, among other things, that the player shall during the term of this contract and any renewals thereof refrain entirely from the use of intoxicating liquors and that he shall not during the training and playing season in each year stay up later than 1 o'clock A.M. on any day without the permission and consent of the Club's manager.

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Prior to February 15,1925, the Club or any assignee thereof shall renew this contract on the same terms and conditions as are herein set forth for the term of two years (viz.1925 and 1926) provided that the player shall be in good physical condition and fit to render services as provided herein Renewal 7. (a) Any time prior to February 15th, 1927, by written notice to the Player at his last address of record with the Club, the Club or any assignee thereof may renew this contract for the term of that year

except that the salary rate shall be such as the parties may then agree upon, or, in default of agreerenewed for the years 1925 and 1926 as herein provided that this contract shall have been the years 1925 and 1926 as herein provided or else will not play

baseball during said year otherwise than for the Club or for an assignee hereof.

(c) The Club's right of reservation of the Player, and of renewal of this contract as aforesaid for the succeeding year, and the promise of the Player not to play during said year otherwise than with the Club or an assignee hereof, have been taken into consideration in determining the salary specified herein and the undertaking by the Club to pay said salary is the consideration for both said reservation and promise, and the Player's service.

Disputes 8. In case of dispute between the Player and the Club or any assignee hereof the same shall be referred to the Commissioner as an umpire, and his decision shall be accepted by all parties as final. If this contract has not been renewed for the years 1925 and Renewal 1926 as herein provided the service of a written notice prior to February loth, 1926, shall constitute a renewal of this contract for one year under the terms and conditions of paragraph 7 hereof.

>day of..... Signed this.

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Witnesses:

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President American League of Prof. B. B. Clubs

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