A trade completed that follows the rules of convention or etiquette within the fantasy football community is exempt from the rule. The moment that you and Trevor agreed to a trade back, you were no longer following the rules of convention or etiquette. By definition, you were colluding or engaging in conspiratorial play that circumvents the roster limits outlined in Article 5 pages 3/4 and thus subject consequences outlined in Article 9 pages 7/8 on conspiratorial play. It is widely known that collusion is considered in violation of conventional play in fantasy football leagues. As you have read in the constitution, conspiratorial play does NOT involve a majority vote by the league. It is the League managers’ job to enforce the rules.

With regards to the argument about QB roster limits, the primary difference is stashing 5 QBs on the roster was not conspiratorial. It also was not illegal last season, since Sleeper does not count IR spots towards roster caps. Burrow being stored on your roster violates the total roster limits that every league member is subject to. As stated previously, this is considered roster sharing. A quick google of “‘roster sharing’ fantasy football” will pull up a half dozen threads in agreement that roster sharing is collusion and illegal.

The executed trade is not like any other trade in our league. The violation of league rules stems from the fact that there was an agreement between you two to secretly trade back assets “Borrowing” players is not allowed. It is considered collusion, which you have even admitted. There is not a loophole in the constitution prohibiting trades from being considered conspiratorial play. The constitutional clause states that, “Formally processed trades are exempt from this rule.” Because of the handshake trade-back agreement, your trade was not \*formally\* processed (i.e. it was not processed normally, following convention).

I am not doing this for any reason other than to be fair to the rest of the group. You violated the rules. Your violation of those rules potentially altered the outcome of the fantasy season and cheated other managers out of the playoffs or draft position for next season.

Again, you have two options:

Accept the trade as final, as is. No trade back of Burrow or the picks affiliated with the initial trade may occur. Any attempt to trade back those assets will trigger Article 9 as copied above and be considered conspiratorial play.

OR

You complete the trade back as you initially intended and are both on probation, meaning you are both unable to trade any assets until the conclusion of Week 7 of the 2023/2024 fantasy season and on probation.

Blake and I both think that these are fair punishments,