Definition of NHL Escrow

The Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) that ended the 2012 lockout contained a provision that required the players and the owners to earn 50% each of Hockey Related Revenue. This was a significant change from the 2011-12 season, where the players were allotted 57% and the owners shared 43%. To make certain that each side receives the correct percentage, a portion of the players' salaries is withheld at each pay period. When the season is over, the league's total revenue is calculated and if the league has a shortfall in it's share, it retains the corresponding amount from the escrow balance and refunds the difference to the players. The current CBA has a 10-year term and it will expire after the 2021-22 season.

Escrow Summary