

EFL COACHES & OFFICIALS MEETING May 5th, 2013

Winner's Circle (just off of Exit 28 NY Thruway)

3293 New York 5

Fonda, NY 12068 - (518) 853-3094

Start officials meeting at 10:00 AM, Lunch at noon followed by league meeting ending approximately 2:30 PM Lunch cost approx. \$12.00 each

Official & Coaches Meeting 10am – Noon

- Call To Order
- Introduction Of Officials & Coaches
- Identify Pre Season Games & Coverage
- Acceptance & Clarification Of New Rules
- Discussion Of Problem Areas From Last Season
- Identify Pre Season Games & Coverage
- Officials Fees - Scenario # 2
 - o \$110/man
 - o 45/Timer (Teams have option of providing their own Timer.)
 - o 25/Travel
 - o NO additional Travel charges
 - o ***Last Contract = 2012 Officials & Coaches Meeting: Official's fees - Remains at \$100/man (NO increase since 2008), \$45/Timer---Teams have the option of using their own QUALIFIED timer. Mileage -- \$25/game --- \$40/100 miles --- \$60/150+ miles***

Deputy Commissioner and Rules Chairman Al Dole presided over the meeting at The Winners' Circle in Fonda, New York. Five league officers, thirteen team coaches and reps and thirteen officials were present. Al had everyone introduce him/herself and tell his/her position.

The group went over the NFL-EFL rules for 2010, 2011 and 2012. Please refer to the packets that were handed out at the meeting for these rules and the 2013 rules. There was a lot of discussion about number four. Number five was not adopted. It was put on hold for one year so we can watch and see how it plays out in the NFL. After going over the new rules, the group discussed issues from last season. Please refer to "Odds and Ends" in your packet.

Al stressed the importance of good quality chain gangs at our games. As always, Al went over the EFL exceptions. There was a lot of discussion concerning the head coach-referee conference.

The latest version of the NFL Rulebook for the 2012 season is available for your download at the NFL site below. I encourage you to bookmark this site for future

reference, printout the Rulebook at your convenience or save the file on your computer. This document is titled the [Official Playing Rules And Casebook Of The National Football League](#) because at many places in the text there are approved rulings which serve **to supplement and illustrate the basic language of the rules**. Each is headed by an abbreviation, followed by a number (e.g. "A.R. 32.0"). The letter "A" in an approved ruling indicates the team that puts the ball in play, and its opponents are designated by the letter "B." Whenever a team is in possession of the ball, it is the offense, and at such time its opponent is the defense. Yard lines and players are indicated by numerals. Thus, for example: "A.R. 50.1 Third-and-10 on A30. During a run prior to an intended pass by quarterback A1, defensive player B1 holds flanker A2 on the A45..."

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES AND CASEBOOK OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2012

<http://static.nfl.com/static/content/public/image/rulebook/pdfs/2012%20-%20Rule%20Book.pdf>

The 2013 rule changes have not made it to print yet but we will be discussing these at our May 5th Official/Coaches Meeting.

For more comprehensive rules info please also refer to the following:

<http://www.nfl.com/rulebook>

EFL Team Owners Meeting 12:30pm – 2pm

Following lunch the regular EFL meeting was held. Six league officers were present and reps from seven teams were also present.

- Minutes of Last Meeting
 - o The minutes of the last meeting were approved on motion of Watertown and second by Plattsburgh.
- The Treasurer's report was handed out. Concetta reported that we have a balance as of 5/5/13 of \$5,370.91. The report was approved on motion of Montreal and seconded by Plattsburgh.
- Bill Higgins spoke to the matter of officials' fees. The last contract was in 2008. The fee will be \$685 per game. This was approved on motion of Glens Falls and second of Vermont. Games will kick off at 7:00 PM this season.
- Review Team Status, Dues
 - o Per By Laws: *All league debts are to be paid in full by May 1st of the current season. Every week after May 1st, a fine of \$50 will be levied and will be due along*

with the current dues. This must be paid within the week between the team's first game the second one.

- Commissioner Burch then asked each team to present its current status.
 - o Watertown: George said that everything is fine. His only problem is that he is missing 30 pairs of game pants.
 - o Montreal: Ken said that Montreal is facing a multitude of problems. Most of the problems have been caused by a second team starting up in Montreal. Ken stated that they would do their best to honor their commitment to the league.
 - o Syracuse: All is well.
 - o Plattsburgh: All is well.
 - o Glens Falls: All is well.
 - o Vermont: All is well.
 - o NEPA: All is well. Their home opener will be televised.
 - o On August 24th, Montreal will play in Glens Falls.

- Review Schedule (see below)
- Collect Contracts & Equipment Owed Lists
- Update Contact List
- Stats
 - o Dave, Based on what I see, I think we try for this season the first one, hometeamsonline it has a crisp & clean appearance and updates a lot of stats automatically, has all the categories we need. <http://www.hometeamsonline.com/sportswebsites/>? If you get a PRO-STYLE or better website for major team sports websites (**Statistics Feature is only available for Baseball, Softball, Hockey, Soccer, Football, Basketball, and Lacrosse teams**) and enter the game stats you get sortable team stats, player histories, averages and derived stats all calculated for you. A full featured stats program whether you just track a few things or want comprehensive stats for recruiting!
 - o Rick Sager talked about the stats system that he will be using. Teams must submit stats by the Monday following the game.
- Miscellaneous
 - o Teams were reminded to hand in their contracts.
 - o It was once again stressed that the visiting team must call the home team on the Wednesday prior to the game.
 - o Rick will be mailing out seven passes to each team.
 - o Ken Davis stated that Montreal can only get white jerseys for home and away. No-one had a problem with that.
 - o A leave of absence was denied to Monroe County. Albany has not paid dues and therefore they are not in good standing. Albany and Monroe will be taken off the website.
- Topics from 2012
 - o Per the EFL By Laws.....*Each visiting team shall contact the home team on Wednesday prior to the playing date, and confirm playing field location and locker room locations...*The weekly phone calls are mandatory and are place for a number of reasons. There is no excuse for this not being done!
 - o *Just a reminder: The Head Coach communicates with the referees. The assistant coaches should not be disputing calls with the officials.*

- **EFL Deputies:** While we make an attempt to get EFL Officers to your games, please keep in mind that their job is to take notes and observe, especially with regard to facilities and game conditions. As was stated at the Annual Meeting, this is done as a courtesy to provide useful feedback for you to improve your organizations. Their job is not to challenge calls by EFL Game Officials. We have a Commissioner of Officials, Bill Higgins who is there to address your concerns. I ask that you please be respectful and do not abuse this courtesy. While I understand everyone's desire to win, I will reiterate again that you all need to focus on leading by example, playing football and running successful organizations despite the current environment of distractions.
- "Crews are tired of constantly breaking up fights and the constant abuse from the sidelines."

2013 Empire Football League Schedule (C)

DATE	PLATTSBURGH	VERMONT	MONTREAL	GLENS FALLS	
0. July 6				at Syracuse	
1. July 13	at Vermont	Plattsburgh	at Glens Falls	Glens Falls	
2. July 20	Glens Falls	at Montreal	Vermont	at Plattsburgh	
3. July 27	Syracuse	at NEPA	Watertown		
4. Aug 3	at Montreal	Glens Falls	Plattsburgh	at Vermont	
5. Aug 10	at Watertown	NEPA		Syracuse	
6. Aug 17	Vermont	at Plattsburgh	at Watertown	NEPA	
7. Aug 24	at Syracuse		Glens Falls**	at Montreal**	
Labor Day	Bye				
8. Sep 7	Montreal	at Glens Falls	at Plattsburgh	Vermont	
9. Sep 14	at Glens Falls	Montreal	at Vermont	Plattsburgh	
10. Sep 21	Watertown	Syracuse		at NEPA	
11. Sep 28	Quarter-Finals - #1 Bye, #3 @ #2				
12. Oct 5	Semi-Finals - Winners at Highest Seed				
13. Oct 12	Championship - @ Highest Remaining Seed				

West Division

DATE	MONROE COUNTY	SYRACUSE	WATERTOWN	NEPA	
0. July 6		Glens Falls			
1. July 13		Watertown	at Syracuse		
2. July 20			NEPA	at Watertown	
3. July 27		at Plattsburgh	at Montreal	Vermont	
4. Aug 3		at NEPA		Syracuse	
5. Aug 10		at Glens Falls	Plattsburgh	at Vermont	
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12. Oct 5	Semi-Finals - #4@#1, #3@#2
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*in Plattsburgh @ Bailey Field

Non-League

Yellow = Home	White = Away	Blue = Open Date
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Playoff Seeding: MON, PLA, GF & VT all play each other home & away; WT, SYR & NEPA also play each other home & away. These divisional games count toward playoff seeding within each division. For the west all 3 teams are in, #3 @ #2 with #1 Bye in 1st round. Same format for the east, but the #4 team is out. *(If we go beyond this and try and count 8 games, what 8 count?)*

- o Concerning playoffs: The highest remaining team will host. If two like seeds make the playoffs, the team with the highest winning percentage will host. Regular tie breakers will be in effect. Glens Falls made the motion and it was seconded by Vermont.

A motion to adjourn was made by Watertown with a second by Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Dole