



Empire Football League Team Application

Team Name:	
Team Colors:	
Jersey Colors:	
Team Address:	
Email:	
Website Address:	

Team Contact/Administrator:	
Team Address:	
Team City, State, Zip:	
Team Phone Number:	
Type of Organization: e.g. 501C3, LLC, LMC	
Years in Operation:	
Previous Leagues:	
Home Field Address:	

Applicant Signature:	
Date:	

EFL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PRE SCREEN

Per EFL By Laws: Minimum qualifications for admission of a team currently in operation shall be evidence of financial stability, operational stability, ability to be competitive and evidence of ownership of the necessary equipment and the availability of adequate playing facilities as defined in Conduct/Regulation

(1) Team Organization: Does the team have an organizational structure with adults (instead of players) operating the team and handling all team operation? Is the team incorporated in some form?

(2) Team Workers: Does the organization have a group of workers who are there to do all the required little jobs to put on a game and/or keep the organization running? Jobs like; carrying the water, ball boys, chain crews, and handling the ticket gates. These people are in addition to the General Manager and are probably not members of the organization board.

(3) Money: Does the organization have a budget, do they pay their bills and do they have a plan to raise their money? If they are a team with a history, we will know if they have money and pay their bills, but if they are new team then we must make sure that they understand the total cost in operating a minor league football team. I tell new teams that they need to plan on a \$80,000 budget.

(4) Players: Does the team have a large number of players in their area ready to play football for the team. We look at their history of numbers at their games. I like to see 50 players dressed at the first game. In addition to a full team of players, the EFL requires full NFL football uniform with equipment for each player; plus two sets of jerseys, one white jersey and one dark colored jersey.

(5) Playing Field: Does the team have a "lighted" football field with locker rooms? The EFL is a Saturday Night Football League, all teams need a lighted football field. Plus they need a locker room for both team, available at 5:30 pm. The locker room does not have to be at the playing field, but within reasonable distance.

In addition to the five factors, money, and commitment requirements, the new member team needs to understand that the EFL is a well organized and a very structured league organization. We have By-Laws that outlines all procedures and that all league operation decisions are made by the member teams, not the league officers. The role of the league officers is only to follow the direction and wishes of the members. All players must sign an EFL player agreement in order to play, all players are free agents after the season, and players may change teams with a signed release form. The EFL has its own certified game officials and the league assigns the officials to all league games plus pre and post season home games.