

EFL COACHES & OFFICIALS MEETING June 1st, 2014

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

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Officials meeting starts at 10:00 AM; "working" sit down lunch to be served around 11:45AM followed by league meeting ending approximately 2:30 PM. Four choices to choose from for \$15 per person. Waitress will ask for your selections prior to the meeting.

Official & Coaches Meeting 10am

- Call To Order
- Introduction Of Officials & Coaches
- Identify Pre Season Games & Coverage
- Acceptance & Clarification Of New Rules
- Discussion Of Problem Areas From Last Season
- Officials Fees: Dues remain at \$ 20/man! Fees for the 2014 season remain @\$ 110/man and \$ 25 Travel. If a timer is requested \$ 45. Glens Falls & Glove Cities stated that they wanted timers each week

Officials & Coaches Meeting Minutes

Discussion of new 2014 rules

- Goal post extended 5 feet higher to 35 feet.
- Player's legs will get more protection from side impacts on the line of scrimmage
- Clock will no longer stop on a sack
- Recovery of a loose ball is now reviewable
- Referees now able to consult with the league office during reviews
- Players will no longer be allowed to dunk over goal posts-will result in an unsportsmanlike penalty of 15 yards
- Player conduct is to be more scrutinized. Crackdown on taunting and abusive language.
- EFL Exceptions-listed in handout
- Game balls-3 balls provided by home team. Kicker cannot use their own ball for extra points, field goals or kick offs. If rainy night, visiting team can provide a ball for both of the teams to use.
- Clock operation-on an incomplete pass, clock stops and does not start again until snap
- Visors-must use clear unless player has a doctors excuse that they can use amber or smoke. Officials must be able to see the documentation.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct including taunting and abusive language. Officials need to inform both teams at the beginning of the game. If any racial slurs continue, Dave will personally talk with the offenders.

Official's Comments

- Chain crews-need adults and someone that will stay the entire game.
- Requested schedule of pre-season games to Bill Higgins
- Peel back block-guy on line of scrimmage blocking low on the defender. Block must be above the waist

- Decided against 7th man this year for regular season games. Will have 7 men for the playoffs only
 - Overtime rules-if first team that has the ball scores a touch down or there is a defensive score, game is over. If team scores a field goal, the other team has the opportunity to get the ball. Can end in a tie. Two time outs per period with nothing being carried over from game. In the playoff, must play until there is a winner. Will change end zones each quarter.
 - Coach's conference as 4th time out per half is only with the head coach. Must be discussing a rule, not a judgment call. If under 2 minutes, will do conference but will start the clock when done.
 - Motion by Plattsburg, wants to eliminate this rule after the 2 minute warning-no second motion/failed
 - Rate-\$110 a man, \$45 for timers, \$25 travel for every game
 - Time keepers-make sure person can see the field and operate the clock-Watertown the only team that provides their own timer, all others want Bill to provide
 - Would like officials to be at the game at least one hour prior to the game.
 - Start time changed to 7PM last year - not a problem for teams or officials.
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EFL Team Owners Meeting 12:30pm

- Minutes of Last Meeting - Watertown's motion to accept was seconded by Glove Cities. Motion carried unanimously
- Treasurer's report - Watertown motion to accept was seconded by Glens Falls
- 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.*
 - o Syracuse: *EFL Members, It is with extreme disappointment that the Syracuse Shock will be suspending our entire operations for the 2014 season. As this is a very difficult decision we are faced with too many uncertainties to try and face the 2014 season. We would like to thank everyone for all the support and great competition we received during our tenure in the EFL. We understand this leaves a huge gap in your schedules and for this we deeply apologize. Who knows what the future will bring but at this time we need to step away. We wish you all nothing but the best and have a safe and healthy 2014. Kenny Anderson*
 - \$250 Fine for missing meeting; Dues \$450, Insurance \$345
 - Syracuse - has not yet requested a leave and still owes league fees
 - Another team in Syracuse interested; Derek Demperio, Demperio Sports & Entertainment, LLC
 - Watertown filed statement for losses of \$2825 with the following note: *"This reflects the losses from our home game vs. Syracuse due to them pulling out from the schedule the 1st week of June. We the Watertown Red & Black want to stay with our by laws and collect this loss before Syracuse can be in good standing with our league. We also feel the same billing should be given to the Vermont Ice Storm."*

- Vermont: *Hi Dave, At this point, we as an organization are at an impasse. I do not know where we are heading. So, we are closing up shop. Sorry and thank you, Steve*
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 - VT closing up operations - not requesting a leave of absence; never responded to requests for clarification
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 - Potsdam team interested but has no equipment
 - Bridgeport Ravens (Todd Kennedy) – now in Triboro league in NYC but is interested in playing games
 - Commissioner has reached out to other teams for schedule fill ins:
 - Derek Demperio; Demperio Sports & Entertainment, LLC (Syracuse)
 - Todd Kennedy Co-owner of the Bridgeport Ravens; committed to new league in NYC; potential for July open dates but their season starts in August
 - NEFL, Eastern Football League, Northeast Teams note
 - **All teams were told to submit claims for revenue losses for home games; also followed up with an email**
- Review Schedule
 - Consistent with previous practice regarding teams folding once schedules have been developed, the Commissioner stated that we will keep schedule and playoffs the same
 - Teams should fill in open slots independently
 - No schedule changes
 - Forfeit wins for games that were scheduled with Syracuse and Vermont
 - Collect Contracts & Equipment Owed Lists
 - Contract Forms distributed
 - Update Contact List
 - Contact lists have no updates
 - Miscellaneous
 - Season Passes - Rick to mail them out