

## **EFL COACHES & OFFICIALS MEETING May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

Holiday Inn Johnstown  
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### **Attendees:**

- Gary Haase                      Sussex Stags
- Steve Masotti                  Sussex Stags
- Vinny LePone                  Sussex Stags
- Matthew Capano              Glove Cities Colonials
- Robert VanCoughart        Officials/Watertown
- Joe Friers                      Official/Johnstown
- Kerry LaVene                 Officials/Watertown
- Mike Aquino                  Official
- Fritz Brownell                Official
- Jeff Brayman                 Official
- Leo Flynn                     Official/Glens Falls
- Gary Harper                 Official
- Mike Cronin                 Official
- Russell Humphrey          Plattsburgh Northstars
- Bob Fitzsimmons            Official/Scranton
- Tom Rudzinski               Official/Scranton
- George Ashcraft             Watertown Red & Black
- Brian Gessner               Watertown Red & Black
- Neil Rader                    Official
- Duane Sees                  Official/Syracuse
- Jeff Hodges                 Glens Falls Greenjackets
- Hank Pelton                 Glens Falls Greenjackets
- Leroy Collins                Syracuse Strong
- Chris Gorman                Syracuse Strong
- Dave Burch                  EFL Commissioner
- Bill Higgins                 EFL Commissioner of Officials
- Al Dole                        EFL Deputy Commissioner
- Jane Dole                    EFL Assistant
- Rick Sager                    EFL Deputy Commissioner
- Concetta Sager              EFL Secretary/Treasurer

## **Official & Coaches Meeting 10am – Noon**

Call To Order

Introduction of Officials & Coaches

Bill Higgins

- Handed out new referee name cards that must be filled in for each game.
- Handed out a tentative Official's assignment schedule for the season.
- There will be 7 crews this year.
- Fees remain \$110 per man and a flat rate fee of \$25 for travel. Timer will be \$45, if needed. (Teams have option of providing their own Timer.)
- Chain crews should not be young children and must stay for the entire game, no switching at half time.
- Officials require a private changing area for games, separate from the teams.

Al Dole

- Handed out a document from the NFL that addresses concussion protocol.
- Discussion on new NFL rule that moves the extra point line of scrimmage to the 15 yard line; Tabled until next year

- Acceptance & Clarification Of New Rules

Recently adopted Extra Point rule: Clarification of protecting the center on an extra point or field goal attempt.

- Defensive player must line up head up over the guard. If center gets hit, will be a penalty.
- If broken play, this does not apply.

All were accepted by the EFL, except the following were not applicable to the EFL:  
Game clock review and Medical Timeout

- Discussion Of Problem Areas From Last Season

Review of Level 1 and 2 personal fouls:

- Level 1: Throwing punches during an altercation or striking an official. Ejected and suspended from playing in the next game,
- Level 2: Pushing/shoving. Ejected for the game but NOT suspended for the next game.

Teams can appeal the decision; Officials can tell the coach to remove player from a few plays to cool off

Reminders:

- Visiting team calls the home team by Monday prior to the upcoming game.
- Game start time is 7PM Saturday night, unless other arrangements are made and agreed upon between the two teams. Officials should arrive at least ½ hour before the start of the game.

Team status:

- Watertown: same field but a different place to change due to construction until baseball season is over.
  - Syracuse - Glens Falls: East Field for regular season/High School for pre-season
  - Syracuse: Nottingham High School
  - Glove Cities Colonials: Knox Field
  - Plattsburg: Bailey Field
  - Sussex: Skyline Stadium - note it is a grass field
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**EFL Team Owners Meeting Noon – 1pm**

- Minutes of Last Meeting: minutes from annual meeting were accepted by Sussex/second by Watertown
- The Treasurer's Report: report Accepted by Watertown/seconded by Colonials
- Review Team Status, Dues
- General Liability Insurance Discussion - General Liability insurance does not include the players
  
- Review Schedule Changes to Schedule:
  - Syracuse vs Sussex changed from Saturday July 25 to Friday July 24 at 7PM
  - Sussex vs Watertown on August 15<sup>th</sup> will be at 1PM
  - Colonials vs Watertown will switch their home and away dates
  
- Collect Contracts & Equipment Owed Lists: no one had anything outstanding at this time.
  
- Reviewed Contact List
  
- Team Stats Stats site will be up by the end of the week. Rick Sager will send out the link with each team's password. Stats are due to be input each week no later than Wednesday noon following the game.
  - Site displays league and team leaders
  - Stats are tied to name and not by number
  - Rick recommends using the site during all-star selection and voting.
  
- Miscellaneous
  - If player signs a contract with one team and wants to go to another team, existing team must give him a waiver.
  - Photo ID books must be made available on the field for each game for review by either the opposing team or league officials.
  
- Review EFL All Star Game Proposal
  - Lengthy discussion on details of All Star Game event that was submitted by Glens Falls. Hand out provided to each team.
  - Dave asked for more details regarding what our obligation is as a league and to Great Escape Lodge if the banquet is canceled.

- Teams were tasked with polling their players to determine if there is enough interest to move forward and to advise Hank/Jeff of the outcome no later than June 12<sup>th</sup>. *Detail plan to be provided by June 21<sup>st</sup>.*
- Hank to provide a more detailed timeline as to when deliverables are due.
- Rick to move All-star nomination ballot/voting up to the week after the 8<sup>th</sup> game (Aug 29<sup>th</sup>)