



## New England Football League Standard Operating Guidelines February 2020

The following is a summary of operating methodologies that have been established by the NEFL Board of Directors as generally applicable approaches to certain management issues that may not be specifically enumerated in the league Rules and Regulations. They are documented here so that it is not necessary to reestablish them, and so that the Board may refer to them to facilitate consistency.

**A)** The NEFL Board has adopted a mandatory procedure for the purpose of giving Coaches, Players and other sideline personnel clear direction as to what they are expected to do in the event of an on-field fight. The **On-field Altercation Procedure** is documented separately and made available to all NEFL teams. Failure to follow any part of it may be cause for disciplinary action.

**B) Collection of Player Dues** by teams is the responsibility of the team. The NEFL has taken the following approach to dues as a player debt with regard to release requirements:

1. The team has until the conclusion of the season (the NEFL All-Star Games) to collect all/any dues/fees/monies owed for participation. If the team fails to collect, then the player in question has been allowed to participate for free (or partial dues) and is no longer responsible for payment as far as the league is concerned.
2. In the instance that the player who owes dues/fees/monies for participation quits, leaves the team, or is suspended by the team for non-payment prior to the end of the regular season, the player remains responsible for payment. In this case, player cannot join any other team in the league until they have fulfilled this obligation.

**C)** Any person(s) whose actions are deemed to be detrimental to the overall operations of the league or contradictory to the NEFL Code of Ethics by the Board of Directors will face disciplinary action at the discretion of the NEFL BOD.

**D)** Teams newly admitted to the NEFL are allowed a maximum of 10% of their roster to be comprised of players who appeared on any existing NEFL team's Preliminary or Final Roster the year before, regardless of whether the player remains under contract or not. This equates to 5 players for an A team or 6 for a AA or AAA team. Players released just prior to the roster submission deadline due to lack of roster space are viewed as exceptions. Specified players whose previous team has agreed to compensation for them may also be viewed as exceptions.

**E)** The NEFL offers seniority-based discounts for long tenured teams as follows:

Level	Returning Teams	10 years	15 Years	20 years
AAA/AA	\$1700	\$1500	\$1300	\$850
A	\$1300	\$1200	\$1100	\$850

**F)** **Players on a team that ceases operations** in-season may only be signed by teams whose rosters are not final, and only upon receiving a release from their team management or the league pending resolution of any obligations to the team. After rosters are final, the players may only sign with a team that has been permitted to add players to reach the Roster Minimum.