

**NEW ENGLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
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**BYLAWS**



## Article I - Name

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the New England Football League, hereby known as the N.E.F.L.

## Article II - Purposes

Section 1: To provide the opportunity for men, over the age of eighteen years old, to participate in a full contact amateur football league; to allow qualified teams to compete in a league atmosphere, so long as it is in the best interest of the N.E.F.L.; to provide a forum for speakers of reputation and accomplishment to represent their views; to assist individuals who wish to actively participate in the N.E.F.L. to realize this goal; to serve the needs of the directors, teams, and players, as those needs may be determined by the N.E.F.L.; to provide facilities and personnel to implement full contact football games; to under rules approved by the N.E.F.L., structure a competitive organization for all participants; and to enjoy all of the rights, powers, and privileges permitted to non-profit associations under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended from time to time, but the League shall at no time exercise any of its purposes as objects, or any of its League powers in such a manner as to deprive itself of the right to exemption from taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 of the United States of America, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law.

Section 2: To acquire by purchase, lease, gift, bequest, devise, endowment, or otherwise, and to dispose of by sale, lease, gift or otherwise, property of every nature and description whether real, personal, or mixed, that will benefit both teams and the N.E.F.L.

## Article III - Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to men over the age of eighteen who desire to participate in a full contact amateur football league.

Section 2: All participants in the N.E.F.L. shall sign a waiver releasing and holding harmless the N.E.F.L., its officers, coaches, directors, and sponsors, as well as the governing body or bodies of the playing and non-playing facilities that any N.E.F.L. game will be used or played on.

Section 3: All participants will be required to sign a waiver to declare themselves physically able to participate in full contact football, so that the N.E.F.L., its officers, coaches, directors, sponsors, as well as the governing body or bodies of the playing and non-playing facilities that any N.E.F.L. game will use or play on.

Section 4: Fees may be required by the participants to cover operating or unforeseen costs, so that the N.E.F.L. may continue its operation.

Section 5: The N.E.F.L. reserves the right to establish conditions precedent to participation, and also reserves the right to disqualify a current participant from playing any further for conduct not in the interest of the N.E.F.L.

#### Article IV - Board of Directors

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall be composed of individuals appointed at an annual meeting of the N.E.F.L. This Board will be responsible for setting rules, regulations, and policies of the N.E.F.L. and may receive, hold, and dispose of funds. They shall have the general direction, control and management of the property of the N.E.F.L., and employ personnel for the furtherance of the business of the N.E.F.L.

Section 2: Directors shall be appointed for a term of one year, thereafter the terms of the expired members shall be appointed at the annual league meetings as provided herein.

Section 3: Any member of the Board appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by a vote of four-fifths (4/5 ths) of the Board of Directors for cause and whenever in its judgment the best interest of the N.E.F.L. would be served thereby.

Section 4: In order for any vote to take place, 51% of the appointed Board of Directors must be present. If 51% of the appointed Board of Directors are not present, then a vote cannot take place.

#### Article V - Officers and their duties

Section 1: The president shall preside at all meetings, coordinate and give direction to the activities of the Board of Directors and perform such duties as are required by the Board of Directors and the N.E.F.L.

Section 2: All committee chairpersons shall preside over all committee meetings, with the ideas and results reported to the Board of Directors at the next N.E.F.L. meeting.

Section 3: The corresponding Secretary, under the direction of the Board, shall conduct all correspondence of the N.E.F.L.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of any funds, financial records, and accounts belonging to the N.E.F.L.

Section 5: All distribution for any item or expenses shall be paid by check signed by a member of the Board of Directors, with all distribution for any item exceeding \$500.00 be paid by check only if specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

#### Article VI - Committees

Section 1: There shall be the following standard committees.

1. Financial Committee
2. Competition Committee
3. Expansion Committee
5. Scheduling Committee

#### Article VII - Adding Amendments to Rules, Regulations and Bylaws

The rules and regulations of the N.E.F.L., as well as the bylaws, adopted 1994, may be amended as necessary.