



MANDATORY NEFL PROCEDURE

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In the Event of any On-field Altercation

Purpose: This safety procedure is being implemented to give clear direction to players, coaches and team management as to the required behavior and responsibilities they have in this situation. While these situations occur infrequently, it should be viewed as a school or office fire drill plan, and Team Management is responsible for training and informing coaches, players and any sideline personnel.

Compliance: The NEFL requires 100% compliance with this plan to ensure the safety of the playing environment for all participants, officials and spectators. Failure to follow these instructions will be considered sufficient grounds for suspension or permanent expulsion from the NEFL for any player, coach, staff member and/or team.

Head Coach:

1. Only the Head Coach OR a designated substitute may enter the field. He is the only individual that may do so.
2. The **FIRST** responsibility is to remove on-field (in game) players from your team and direct them to your sideline to take a knee.
3. **AFTER** players are sent to sideline, Coach may assist the game officials, following their direction, in controlling the altercation.

Sideline Staff, Coaches and Team Captains:

1. These Staff Members should be positioned along their own sideline with their back to the field.
2. They are to direct sideline players and players being sent to the sidelines to **take a knee behind the sideline**.
3. If the altercation is taking place at or near their sideline, they are to direct the players to a sideline location at least 20 yards downfield from the fight, remaining between the team and the fight.

Players:

1. Remain on or go to your own sideline area, away from the fight and take a knee as directed by sideline staff. Failure to do so may result in suspension or expulsion.

Game Officials:

1. Direct and assist the 2 coaches in handling the on-field altercation.
2. Use the coaches to intercept any players arriving near the fight.