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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Player Representatives/Executive Committee
From: NFLPA
Re: Resolution Regarding Preseason Games in 2020
Date: July 3, 2020

On July 2, 2020, NFLPA Board of Player Representatives held a conference call to discuss numerous issues relating to safely playing the 2020 NFL season amidst the COVID crisis. Representatives from all 32 NFL teams were on the call. The meeting started at 5:00PM EDT and lasted more than 2 hours.

During the call, the Player Representatives were informed that the NFL offered two reasons for retaining two preseason games during the pandemic:

1. Preseason games were "necessary" in order to "test" the COVID protocols; and
2. The Chairperson of the NFL's Management Council Executive Committee (the NFL's governing body) stated that the games were "necessary" to prepare players for the season.

The NFL offered no medical justification that supports their decision to retain two preseason games, nor any medical justification for shortening the previously agreed acclimation period, which is medically recommended for avoidance of injuries during the season.





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The full Board of Player Representatives voted on the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in light of the absence of medical justification for holding any preseason games and the necessity of adhering to the acclimation period in order to reduce the possibility of injuries, the NFLPA Board of Player Representatives recommends that no preseason games be played during the 2020 NFL preseason, and the Board calls upon the NFL to cancel all preseason games due to the on-going COVID pandemic.

RESULT: Passed Unanimously