



**NFL PLAYERS**  
ASSOCIATION

**LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** NFLPA Certified Contract Advisors  
**From:** NFLPA Legal Department  
**Date:** August 8, 2017  
**RE:** 2017 On-Field fines

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The NFL and NFLPA have agreed to the following changes regarding On-Field fines for the 2017 season:

- There will be no increase in On-Field fine amounts for the 2017 season. Fine amounts will remain at the level set forth in the 2016 Fine Schedule, a copy of which is attached.
- For the 2017 season only, fine appeal hearings **must** be conducted within Thirty (30) days of the date the fine is appealed. If a hearing is not conducted within this timeframe, the appeal will be denied. The period to conduct a hearing will only be extended if the Hearing Officer or League is unavailable.

If you have any questions, please contact the NFLPA Legal Department at (800) 372-2000

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## 2016 Schedule of Fines

Violation	First Offense	Second Offense
<b>Offense Against Game Official</b>		
Physical Contact with Official	\$30,387	\$60,775
Verbal or other Non-Physical Offense Against Official	\$24,309	\$48,620
<b>Player Safety Rules and/or Flagrant Personal Foul</b> (including, without limitation):	<i>Suspension or fine; severity to be determined by degree of violation</i> <b>(FINES LISTED ARE MINIMUMS).</b>	
Striking/Kicking/Kneeing	\$9,115	\$18,231
Horse Collar Tackle	\$18,231	\$36,464
Face Mask	\$9,115	\$18,231
Leg Whip	\$18,231	\$36,464
Late Hit	\$9,115	\$18,231
Spearing	\$24,309	\$48,620
Impermissible Use of the Helmet (including illegal launching)	\$24,309	\$48,620
Hit on Defenseless Player	\$24,309	\$48,620
Blindside Block	\$24,309	\$48,620
Roughing the Passer	\$18,231	\$36,464
Low Block	\$9,115	\$18,231
Chop Block	\$9,115	\$18,231
<b>Fighting</b>		
Fighting	\$30,387	\$60,775
Unnecessarily Entering Fight Area (active involvement)	\$6,076	\$12,154
Unnecessarily Entering Fight Area (no active involvement)	\$3,037	\$9,115
<b>Sportsmanship</b>		
Excessive Profanity; other Unsportsmanlike Conduct (e.g., toward opponent(s), game personnel, fans, etc.)	\$12,154	\$24,309
Taunting	\$9,115	\$12,154
Football Into Stands	\$6,076	\$12,154
<b>Uniform</b>		
Foreign Substances on Body/Uniform	\$9,115	\$18,231
Chin Straps	\$9,115	\$12,154
Personal Messages	\$6,076	\$12,154
<i>(Additional fines may be imposed on team management and coaching staffs for condoning, permitting, etc., violations in this area)</i>		
Other Uniform/Equipment Violations	\$6,076	\$12,154
<b>On Field Commercial Logo Violation</b>	<i>Considered violation of official League licensing agreements; suspension or fine; severity to be determined by degree of violation.</i>	
<b>Gang Signing</b>	<i>Considered conduct detrimental to the League; suspension or fine; severity to be determined in accordance with provisions of the Personal Conduct Policy.</i>	