

# GAME

## **YOUR JOB IS FOOTBALL. PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME.** BRIBES AND GAMBLING

Among the types of conduct detrimental to the NFL and professional football that call for serious penalties are the following:

- Accepting a bribe or agreeing to throw or fix a game or to illegally influence its outcome.
- Failing to promptly report any bribe offer or any attempt to throw or fix a game or to illegally influence its outcome.
- Betting on any NFL game.
- Associating with gamblers or with gambling activities in a manner tending to bring discredit to the NFL.
- Any such conduct may result in severe penalties, up to and including a fine and/or suspension from the NFL for life.

## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

NFL SECURITY  
1-800-NFL-1099

ADOLPHO BIRCH, LEAGUE OFFICE  
1-212-450-2399

NFLPA  
1-800-372-2000

## **RESPECT THE GAME AS IT IS MEANT TO BE PLAYED** BOUNTIES AND OTHER NON-CONTRACT BONUSES

NFL rules strictly prohibit offering, paying or accepting bonuses for:

- On field misconduct, e.g., personal fouls or engaging in fights.
- Plays that may result in injury to opposing players, e.g., “cart-offs” or “knockouts”.
- Individual or team performance against a particular opposing player, position group, or team.

**Any type of gifts by players to teammates or other members of the organization during the season is prohibited. Prohibited conduct by players also includes:**

- Establishing bonus pools for special teams’ performance.
- Offering or sharing playoff game compensation with teammates.
- Paying cash and non-cash awards to teammates for outstanding performances or achievements.
- Agreeing to reimburse or indemnify teammates in the event they are fined or suspended without pay by the Commissioner.

**It is also impermissible for players to establish a rotating award for weekly performances, if the award has a value of more than \$500.**

**To report a suspected violation, contact NFL Security at (800) NFL-1099.**



*These summaries are provided for your reference and convenience. They do not replace the actual policies, which can be found in your League Policies for Players Handbook or other official sources.*