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NFLRA ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT ON HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTECTIONS FOR 2020 SEASON

WASHINGTON – After several weeks of negotiations, the NFLRA has come to an agreement with the NFL on health and safety protections and an Opt-Out program for NFL game and replay officials.

The NFLRA Board of Directors has reviewed and unanimously endorsed the plan. The full membership will meet Monday via video conference call to review the details.

“There is nothing more important than the health and safety of our members,” said NFLRA Executive Director Scott Green. “Although there will undoubtedly be some risk for our officials, we are pleased to have finalized a plan with the League that provides additional benefits and protections during this unprecedented season.”

Officials will have until Thursday, August 13 to notify the NFL of their decision to opt out of the 2020 season.

The agreement includes, but is not limited to, the following provisions:

- Any game or replay official who has concerns related to COVID-19 may voluntarily elect to take a leave of absence from officiating responsibilities for the 2020 season.
- Any game official who take a leave of absence will receive a payment of \$30,000.
- Any official who chooses to take a leave of absence is guaranteed job protection and may return for the 2021 season.
- If a game official tests positive during the season, the test and illness will be treated as an injury sustained while performing a League-sanctioned or required activity. The official will be entitled to injury pay, medical expenses and other applicable benefits.
- If an official tests positive or shows signs of illness at a game site, medical expenses, lodging and travel expenses will be covered by the NFL.

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