

# Results of 2020 Summer Meetings New Rule Proposals

**7 owners, 1 secretary, 1 Commissioner voted = 9**

**3 owners did not vote.**

## Issue – Rosters

The following proposals are aimed to improve NAFL Rosters and deal with the uncertainties with COVID-19.

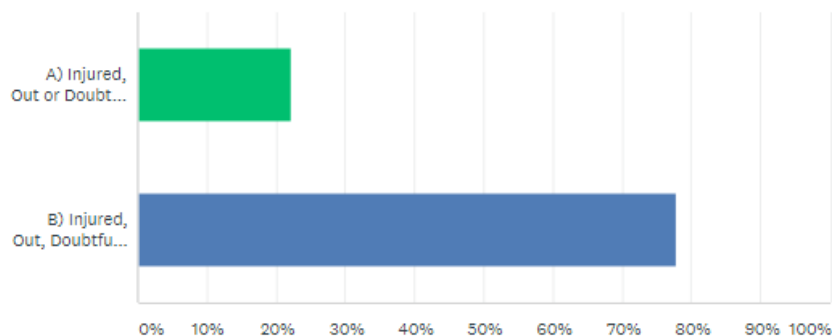
### Proposal A – Injured Reserve Status (Select one)

Due to how the NFL runs it's Injured Reserve, NAFL owners do not know on Wednesday the status of their injured players. The NAFL needs to loosen its IR rules to allow for flexibility.

Allow franchises to put on injured reserve (I/R) players that are;

A) Injured, Out or Doubtful (Current Rule)

**B) Injured, Out, Doubtful, or Questionable PASS**



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ A) Injured, Out or Doubtful (Current Rule)	22.22% 2
▼ B) Injured, Out, Doubtful, or Questionable	77.78% 7
TOTAL	9

### Proposal B – Roster Size – COVID -19 (Select One)

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 increase the size of Rosters in one of the following methods or not at all.

A) **Increase the size of the Injured Reserve for the 2020 season only by two additional players,** thereby allowing 5 players to be on the Injured Reserve. The number of rounds in the draft will not increase.

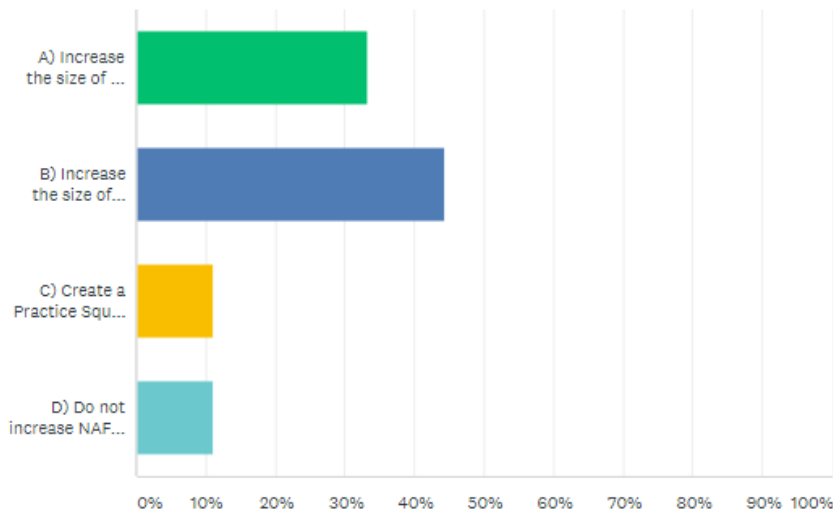
**B) Increase the size of Rosters for the 2020 season only by two additional offensive players, thereby allowing a total number of 26 players on a roster. The number of rounds in the draft will increase by 2 rounds so the total number of rounds will be 26 rounds. PASS**

C) **Create a Practice Squad or Taxi Squad of four players.** Players that would be allowed on the practice squad would include all offensive players and IDP players with less than 2 years. No HC's or Defenses will be allowed. The number of rounds in the draft will increase by 4 rounds so the total

number of rounds will be 28 rounds. Owners will be allowed to move players back and forth but once promoted to the regular roster, a player cannot be demoted back to the Taxi Squad for 2 weeks.

*Note: The taxi squad is a general placeholder for players on a fantasy team, but not on the active roster (and therefore, not eligible to be a fantasy starter). The taxi squad players are reserved by their franchise and are not part of the free agent pool. It is designed so teams can develop rookies and build a team for the long term. It is also known as the practice squad.*

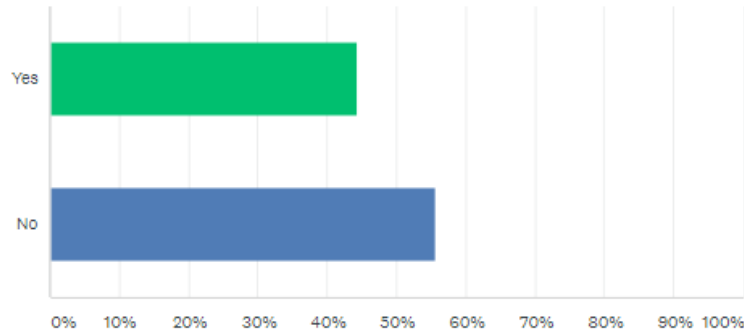
**D) Do not increase NAFL Roster's** a 24 player roster is large enough. The number of rounds in the draft will not increase.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
<p>▼ A) Increase the size of the Injured Reserve for the 2020 season only by two additional players, thereby allowing 5 players to be on the Injured Reserve. The number of rounds in the draft will not increase.</p>	33.33% 3
<p>▼ B) Increase the size of Rosters for the 2020 season only by two additional offensive players, thereby allowing a total number of 26 players on a roster. The number of rounds in the draft will increase by 2 rounds so the total number of rounds will be 26 rounds.</p>	44.44% 4
<p>▼ C) Create a Practice Squad or Taxi Squad of four players. Players that would be allowed on the practice squad would include all offensive players and IDP players with less than 2 years. No HC's or Defenses will be allowed. The number of rounds in the draft will increase by 4 rounds so the total number of rounds will be 28 rounds. Owners will be allowed to move players back and forth but once promoted to the regular roster, a player cannot be demoted back to the Taxi Squad for 2 weeks. Note: The taxi squad is a general placeholder for players on a fantasy team, but not on the active roster (and therefore, not eligible to be a fantasy starter). The taxi squad players are reserved by their franchise and are not part of the free agent pool. It is designed so teams can develop rookies and build a team for the long term. It is also known as the practice squad.</p>	11.11% 1
<p>▼ D) Do not increase NAFL Roster's a 24 player roster is large enough. The number of rounds in the draft will not increase.</p>	11.11% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

**Proposal C – Eliminate Individual Defense Players (IDP's) (Vote Yes or No) DID NOT PASS**

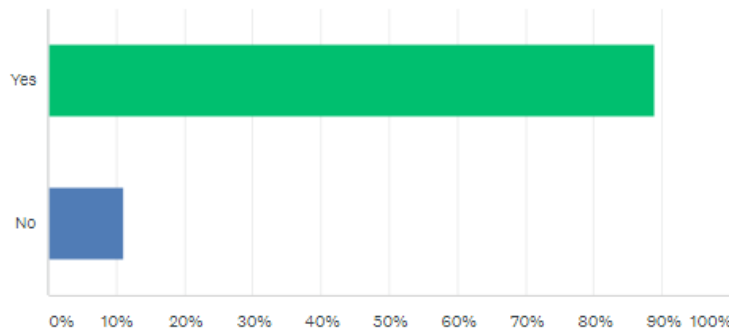
Eliminate the Individual Defense Players (IDP's) positions and the scoring associated with them. The NAFL will no longer draft these types of players and have them on the rosters. Currently we draft 2 DE/DT's, 2 LB's, 2 CB/S's. Rosters will be reduced from 24 to 18 players. Teams will continue to draft 2 Defenses/Special Teams. Elimination of the IDP's will allow the NAFL to not have a second draft just for defenses.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	44.44% 4
No	55.56% 5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

**Proposal D – Franchise Players (Vote Yes or No) PASS**

Extend the maximum number of years teams can keep franchise players to two years. Current rules only allow players to be kept 1 year. This rule would take effect for the current 2020 season.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	88.89% 8
No	11.11% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

**Issue – Starting Lineups**

The following proposals are aimed to help owners field a competitive team on Sunday.

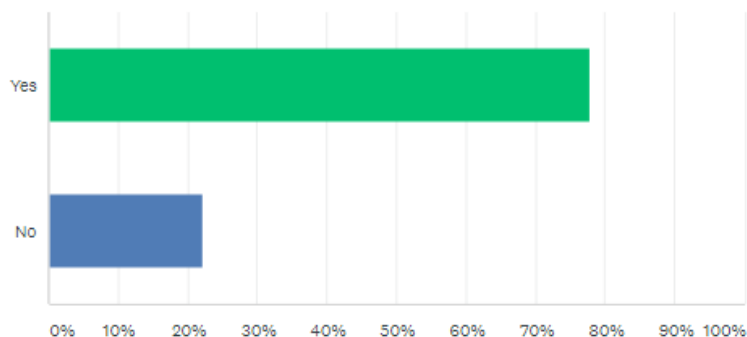
**Proposal E – Change Starting Lineup Submission Times (Vote Yes or No) PASS**

Allow owners to submit lineups up to the game time of their game. This allows for owners to wait until they know the status of their players for the late afternoon, Sunday Night and Monday Night games.

Change Lineup Submission Deadline to GAMETIME: Players Are Locked At Kickoff Of Their Game. Each player can be started / benched just prior to the start of his NFL game. Partial or incomplete lineups will be

allowed. Owners have until the Monday Night game to have a full and complete lineup. Owners will not be allowed to put players in the lineup that have already played or the game has already started.

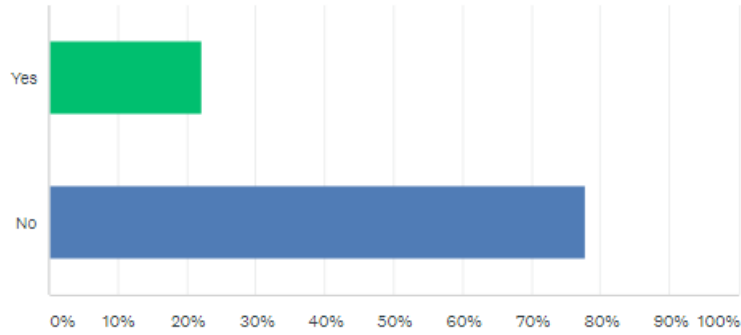
Note: – If we have the option for a GAMETIME deadline and allow partial lineups then owners can submit a lineup that will not fill all the positions. The system will allow the owner until kickoff of the last game to submit a full valid lineup and provide an error message on the Submit Lineup Page informing them of the missing criteria. It is then up to the owner to properly enter their lineup.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.78%	7
No	22.22%	2
TOTAL		9

**Proposal F – Best Players in Starting Lineups (Vote Yes or No) DID NOT PASS**

When you set a starting lineup, owners name four offense players (QB, K, TE RB/ WR) on your bench as "backups" for the week. As in Best Ball formats, if a player in the starting lineup gets 0 points, the backup (at the same position) is automatically inserted into your lineup. The commissioner / secretary will make the change on Tuesday Night after all games are completed. Defenses would still be allowed to be identified as a back-up for tie breaker purposes only. Therefore there would be 5 back-up positions; currently owners identify 1 back-up for tiebreakers only.



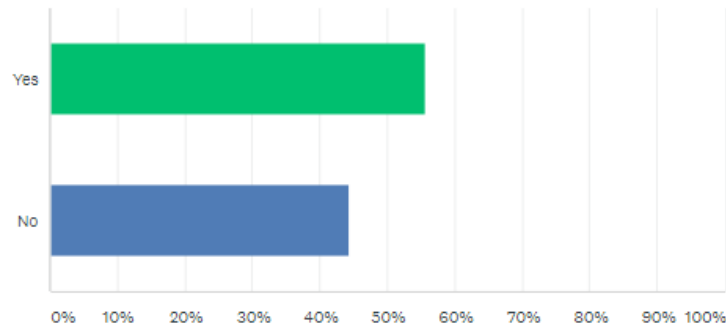
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	22.22%	2
▼ No	77.78%	7
TOTAL		9

## Issue – Draft

The following proposals are aimed in improving the NAFL Draft.

### Proposal G – Eliminate the “Snake” Draft (Vote\_Yes or No) **PASS**

Change the draft back to the regular NFL style where owners draft according to their draft position based on the previous years standings. Owners with the 1<sup>st</sup> pick always picks 1<sup>st</sup> in each round and owners with the 10<sup>th</sup> pick always picks 10<sup>th</sup>. This draft style gives an advantage to teams with the worst record and evens the playing field.

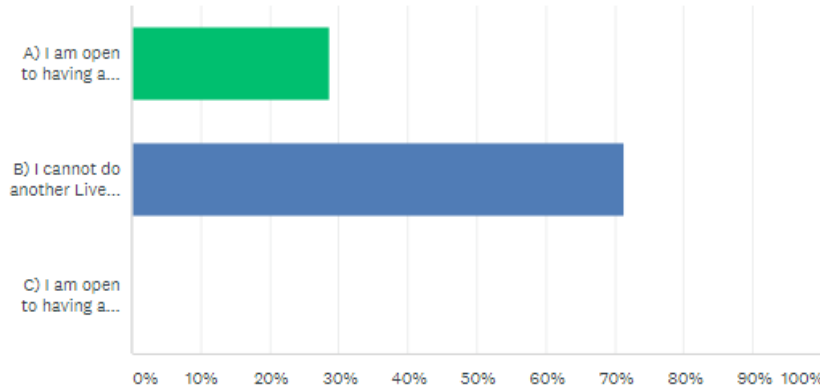


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	55.56%	5
▼ No	44.44%	4
TOTAL		9

Proposal H – Change when the Defense Draft Happens (Select One )

Should the league change the E-mail Defense Draft to a “live” Defense Draft either the week before the regular draft or the night before the draft? If we do a “Live” Defense Draft we would shorten the time frame to 2 minutes and it would only be 8 rounds. The feeling is that the e-mail draft just takes too long to complete.

- A) I am open to having a live Defense Draft (Either August 15th, 22nd or 28th.
- B) I cannot do another Live Draft, I prefer the e-mail draft. PASS**
- C) I am open to having a live Defense Draft but on another date. Please suggest a date.



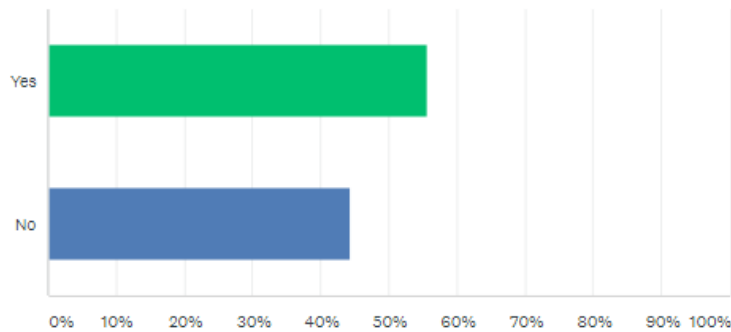
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ A) I am open to having a live Defense Draft (Either August 15th, 22nd or 28th.	28.57% 2
▼ B) I cannot do another Live Draft, I prefer the e-mail draft.	71.43% 5
▼ C) I am open to having a live Defense Draft but on another date. Please suggest a date.	<a href="#">Responses</a> 0.00% 0
TOTAL	7

**Issue – Scoring**

These proposals are aimed in adding scoring categories to increase fun and simulate real NFL games.

Proposal I – First Downs (Vote Yes or No) **PASS**

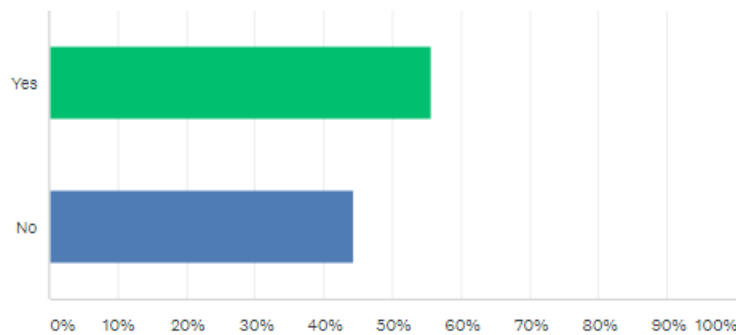
Award points when offensive players get a first down. Award 1 point for every 2 first downs. This does not include QB’s and Kickers.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	55,56%	5
▼ No	44,44%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>

Proposal J – Forced Fumbles (IDP’s and Defenses) (Vote\_Yes or No) **PASS**

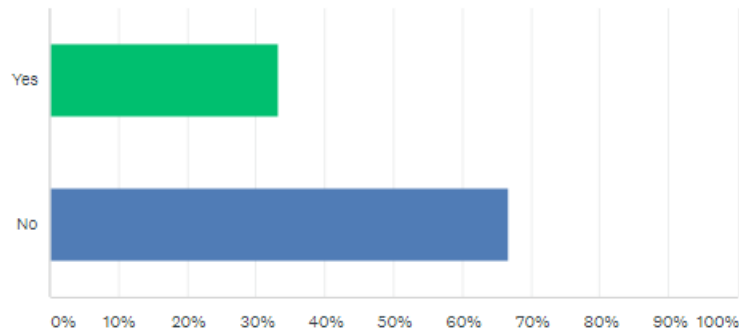
Award points when a defense or an IDP forces a fumble or a turnover. Award 1 point for every forced fumble. Current rules award a point when you recover a fumble. This way awards points for forcing a fumble and in recovering it.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	55,56%	5
▼ No	44,44%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>

Proposal K – Penalties (Vote\_Yes or No) **DID NOT PASS**

Award points when a player commits a penalty. Award -1 point for every 2 penalties. This is for all players.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.33%	3
No	66.67%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>

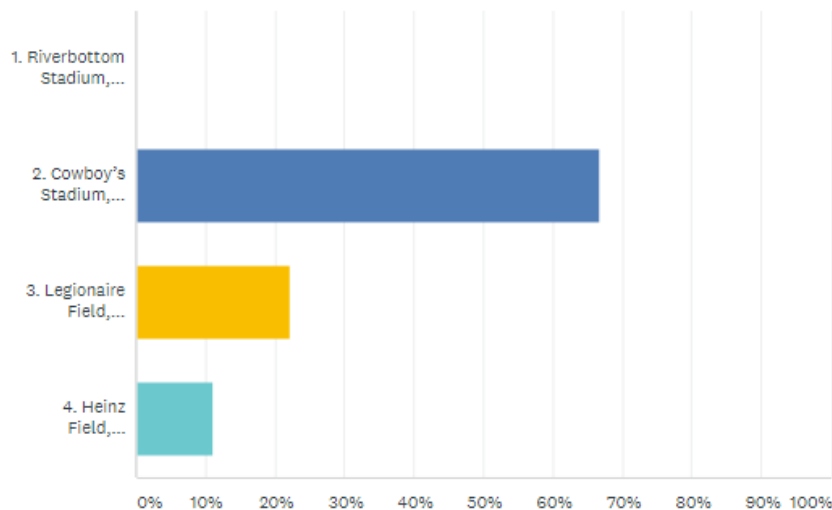
## Issue – Season Activities and League Operations

Owners need to help in running the league with the following decisions.

### Proposal L – 2020 NAFL Championship Weekend (Select 1 option)

Select an option for the location of the NAFL Championship Weekend.

1. Riverbottom Stadium, Charles River, Mass = Owner: Jim Clark
2. **Cowboy’s Stadium, Arlington, Texas = Owner: Kevin Shaw**
3. Legionaire Field, Sacramento, California = Owner: Steve Curr
4. Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, PA = Owner: Nick Stabile



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Riverbottom Stadium, Charles River, Mass = Owner: Jim Clark	0.00%	0
2. Cowboy’s Stadium, Arlington, Texas = Owner: Kevin Shaw	66.67%	6
3. Legionaire Field, Sacramento, California = Owner: Steve Curr	22.22%	2
4. Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, PA = Owner: Nick Stabile	11.11%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>