

**E-Board Meeting – Agenda  
 Northeast Jr. High Football League  
 Derry, NH  
 March 3, 2026**

**Associations**

	Andover	X	Hudson-Litchfield	X	Portsmouth
X	Bedford	X	Keene	X	Salem
		X	Londonderry	X	Timberlane
X	Derry Wolverines	X	Lowell	X	Tri-Town
X	Dover	X	Manchester		Windham
X	Exeter	X	Merrimack	X	Winnacunnet
X	Goffstown				
X	Kingswood		Nashua-PAL		
X	Haverhill		Plymouth		

**Board Members**

X	Scott	X	AJ		
X	Jen				
X	Ron		Nate		
X	Melissa	X	Roland		
	Walter				

Meeting Opened 7:00 PM

**Agenda Items:**

- 1. Welcome: Good evening, team. We have a lot to accomplish tonight, so let's all stay focused on the agenda to make sure we get everything done.**
- 2. Contact List – Being Sent around please update as needed**
- 3. Roger Brown - New England Gridiron Development Middle School Offensive Skills Camp.**
  - a. Clinics for high school successful, looking to build youth level interest.**



## **12. Declaration of Teams: Use Roster**

### **a. Ron tracked tentative assignments on separate sheet**

#### **i. Assignments can be changed for the next 2-3 months**

## **13. Scheduler**

Take a list of teams that get their schedule from the **towns/schools (Lets get a list so we know)**

- **Bedford**
- **Portsmouth**
- **Londonderry**
- **Haverhill**
- **Lowell**
- **Tri-Town**
- **Salem**
- **Keene**
- **Nashua PAL**
- **Goffstown**

## **14. Old Business – Bylaw Changes**

Bylaw change – in the future there will be no grandfathering of kids in.  
Current bylaw states: there currently is no bylaw for this.

### **Recommended bylaw: Motion on the table currently**

Effective immediately for the 2026 season, the practice known as the "grandfather rule" regarding player placement is hereby discontinued. All athletes registered within the NJHFL must play within the geographical boundaries of the School Administrative Unit (SAU)/High School for which they reside. (By-Law on the floor).

- Motion passes unanimously, bylaw changed

### **a. Bylaw change – Youth 1G teams must have a prospective number of players ranging from 21-26**

Current bylaw: there currently is no bylaw for this.

Recommended bylaw: Youth teams can have a maximum number of **25** players to compete in the 1G Division.

- Motion passes (Salem only no)

- **Bylaw change – JV Teams not playing games.**

Current bylaw: If a team refuses to show for a scheduled league game, that team will be subject to the following:

- Be placed on probation for the remainder of the season and the following season as well. **What does Probation look like –**

- **Lose all playoff rights for that season.**

- If the game was scheduled as an away game, the team in violation will be assessed; A fine of not more than **five** hundred (**\$500**) dollars to compensate the home team for loss of revenue (gate and concession). The fine is to be paid to the home team by the end of the season.

**Recommended bylaw:** If a team refuses to show or play a scheduled league game or refuses to play both the JV and Varsity games scheduled, the following penalties will apply:

Placed on probation defined as being monitored to ensure compliance with all rules and regulations for the remainder of the season and will lose all playoff rights for that season for the varsity level team. Any additional violations will result in removal for the remainder of the year and potential removal from the league which will be voted on by the membership.

The team in violation will be assessed a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500).

- Discussion surrounding safety issues if teams drop due to injury, etc.
- Suggestion to keep the by law simple and give the opportunity to appeal and plead your case.
- Timberlaine motions, Haverhill 2nd, passes unanimously

**b. Bylaw change – set up of a disciplinary committee. (Majority Rules for this)**

Current bylaw: Upon hearing/reading a complaint the League Chairman/Commissioner shall do one of the following:

If deemed appropriate, call for a hearing of the Executive Board of Directors.

Hearing to be held within 72 hours and/or as soon as possible.

At hearing the complaint will be heard/read all dispute(s), complaint(s), grievance(s), etc. as well as all supporting information/documentation and interviews.

The Executive Board of Directors will then, to the best of its ability, resolve, and/or recommend further league action.

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When the decision has been made and handed down by the Chairman/Commissioner if there is an appeal it will then be handed over to the disciplinary committee.

The establishment of the discipline committee would include two (2) Executive Board members Jen, Melissa, and Walter and three (3) coaches. Each organization nominates one person from their organization board to be on the committee. They would then review circumstances, documentation and previous decisions. If appropriate, they will either confirm the decision or issue an amendment.

- Motion passes unanimously

## **15. New Business**

### **1. Vote for Season Start Date (Email Sent out)**

- a. Option 1- 10 Aug – 9 Week Season – 3 rounds post season (12)**
- b. Option 2 – 17 Aug – 8 Week Season - 3 rounds of post season(6)**
- c. Option 3 – 17 Aug – 8 Week Season - 2 rounds of post season(0)**
  - i. Option 1 is voted in (12-6)**

### **2. Senior JV2, Junior and Youth Rule and Regulations:**

- a. Youth and Junior Divisions.** The conduct of all games in the youth and junior divisions shall be governed by the official rules established for their specific division. These rules include, but are

not limited to, all regulations concerning game timing and clock management.

- b. Senior JV2 Division. The conduct of all games in the Senior JV2 division shall be governed by the official rules of the senior division, with the explicit exception of all rules and procedures pertaining to special teams, which shall not be in effect.
- Motion Bedford, 2nd Derry, passes unanimously

### **3. Volunteers for the Jamborees (get the word out)**

Youth Location (President Affidavit Due prior to weight in)

- a. Weigh In's (Mandatory) (League will help support)
  - 2G Exeter
  - 1G Nashua

Junior Location (President Affidavit Due prior to weight in)

- b. Weigh In's (Mandatory) (League will help support)
  - Manchester Junior D2
  - Londonderry or Salem tentative for D1

Senior Location (President Affidavit Due prior to the start of the weekend)

- Goffstown D2
- Timberlain D1

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **Declaration of teams: March (Tentative)**

- 24 March 2026 Alignment Meeting Marrison Garrison 6:00 PM

**Coaches' Clinic March 28, 2026, Trinity High School, 8am-4pm, session information to follow by email.**

**Division alignment: April (tentative)**

**Dues turned in: Due June Meeting NO EXCEPTIONS**

**June 15 – 3 Hours of skills/conditioning per week, no team practices, no scrimmaging (Bedford Rule) (Add to By-laws)**

**Insurance with the league: Due June Meeting**

**Schedule is out to membership: June**

**Start of Season – 10 August 2026**  
**Jamboree Weekend – 22-23 August (10 August Model)**

**16. Next Meeting April 7, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_**

**17. Motion to Adjourn \_\_\_\_\_Manchester motion, Hudson 2nd, meeting ended  
8:53pm \_\_\_\_\_**