**2018 MAFA Rule Proposal Ballot - Draft**

1. Modify “Teams & Rosters” section of constitution, line #5 from current language:

By August 18 at midnight, teams must cut their rosters to be within the season salary cap and roster limit.

to

1.5a - By August 18 at midnight, teams must cut their rosters to 58 players and be within 1% of the season salary cap.

1.5b - By August 23 at midnight, teams must cut their rosters to be within the season salary cap and roster limit.

(Proposed by Dan Posid)

**VOTE: Yes or No**

1. Beginning next year, change draft day to the last Saturday in July (Proposed by Don Miller).

**VOTE: Yes or No**

1. Proposing a penalty of one round (starting with the 8th round and going up to 1st round) for every two days a coach is late in submitting game files when they are due. Commissioners can use discretion if the reason for being late is valid.  The penalty may be lessened based on the commissioners' discretion and is not up for appeal.

(Proposed by Manav Nayyar)

Justification: I’m not trying to be heavy-handed, but I think Scott gives all of us a reasonable amount of time to get our game files in and he shouldn’t have to chase after coaches who have not submitted their game files on time. Also, this puts the rest of the coaches who are on time at an inconvenience as it potentially gives us fewer days to get our games played the following week. If someone has a better idea on how to penalize coaches who are late, I’m up for all ideas.

**VOTE: Yes or No**

1. Vote on whether to have a play clock of 30 seconds or more.

**VOTE: Yes or No**

If vote passes by majority, the league will be subsequently asked to vote on a 30 or 45 second clock.

(Proposed by Alan Raylesburg)

1. Expand by 2 teams in 2019. System will be determined in 2019 Rule Proposals. If expansion passes, rosters will be frozen immediately after completion of the 2018 MAFA Bowl. Parameters for expansion will be voted on the following week. If expansion passes this year, parameters proposed in 2019 will only pass if 60% vote for it with minimum of 15 people voting. Salary cap adjustment will be considered as one of the parameters.

Justification: I’m proposing this for a few reasons: 1) We have a solid, stable complement of active coaches for the past several years and, through our network of long-time coaches, the ability to identify solid coaches (see our newest coaches) to join whenever we have a vacancy; 2) Add more realism by diluting the talent and getting closer to real NFL rosters – the good coaches/GMs will find a way to keep their teams competitive, as evidenced by the last expansion in 2007; 3) Move towards evening the competitive advantage of those of us in a 4 team division (which I’m hoping would help get votes from the Lombardi and Landry division teams).

(Proposed by Manav Nayyar)

**VOTE: Yes or No**

1. Eliminate Coach of the Year voting.

Justification: Due to lack of participation, interest, and need.

(Proposed by Dan Posid)

1. Propose that we eliminate the restriction on usage of the “slow” pace.

Justification: In real life, slow play is a strategy employed against teams with high powered offenses and gets used throughout the game.

(Proposed by Calvin Berrier)

**VOTE: Yes or No**