Player Participation Sensitivity of Data

The NFL Competition Committee has expressed concerns regarding the sensitive nature of the Player Participation information and does not want Participation information of any club shared with any other club.

The NFL has taken many measures to protect this information from being retrieved and used by any club other than the club in which the data represents. To that end, the following safeguards have been put in place:

1. **Stadium Database** - The Player Participation application that is used to capture the player information on game day has been secured. The database that contains the information is encrypted in such a way that would make it virtually impossible for anyone to gain access.

2. **Reports** - All reports within the Player Participation application have been designed to never report all participation information about any player. For example, the "Data Verification Report" shows only those players whose play count in Offense, Defense or Special teams is 3 or less. Play counts greater than 3 are never shown. This ensures that any reports printed in the press box are incomplete and do not provide useful information to anyone.

3. **Upload** - As the data is uploaded to the NFL only strongly encrypted data is sent over the wire and stored on disk.

4. **Club Download** - When clubs retrieve their own Player Participation data from the Management Council website, the data will be downloaded in a strongly encrypted file with a separate encryption key value assigned to each club. This encryption key will be given to one person at each club.

5. **Decryption** - A program will be made available to decrypt the file. Only the person holding the encryption key for the club will be able to decrypt the data contained in the file.

6. **Data** - The data contained in the file will only contain Participation information for the club.

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