

# Player Participation Newsletter #1

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First of all I'd like to thank everyone involved in the Player Participation project for their continued support and feedback of the system and the processes surrounding it. Without your feedback we cannot improve upon the system and ultimately your experience on gameday. Please don't hesitate to send me an email or give me a call with any additional suggestions or feedback. My contact information is below:

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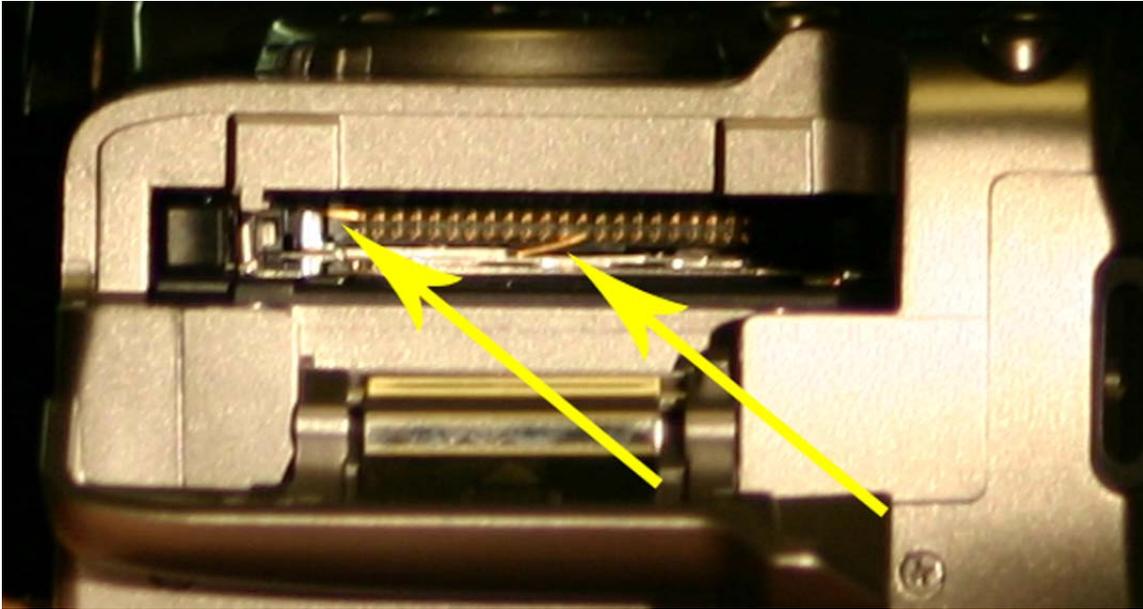
We've decided to begin sending newsletters whenever we feel it's necessary to communicate problems, a new way of doing a certain task or when we've made modifications to the software or processes. We'd also like to share your experiences with other clubs. If you've found something you'd like to share, please email it to me and I'll put it in the next newsletter.

## ***Inserting CompactFlash Cards in Camera***

In two instances in week #5, camera operators have bent or broken the pins inside the camera. I'm not sure exactly how that happened but my guess is that the CompactFlash cards were not inserted correctly. They may have been inserted sideways which may have caused the pins to bend slightly. Then, when inserting the card the proper way the bent pins did not line up with the pinhole and as the card was pushed in it bent the pins down.

**Please always make certain that you're inserting CompactFlash card with the pinholes facing into the camera.**

In the photograph below of one of the cameras you can see that two pins have been bent down. This camera wouldn't turn on after the pins were bent and experienced symptoms of a dead battery.



**Figure 1 - bent pins in CompactFlash slot**

In the other camera two pins were completely missing. It was very difficult to see this however upon close inspection I noticed that the pins weren't there. This camera took a long time to turn on and when it finally did it reported "Err 02". Upon removing the CompactFlash card from the camera it was able to take photographs however it had no place to store the photographs.

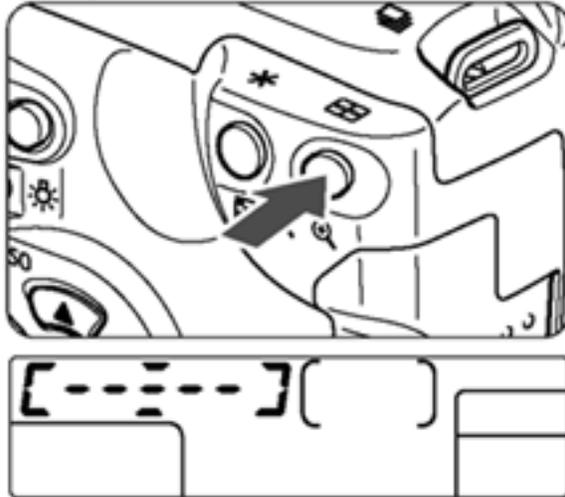
### ***Setting the AutoFocus Point***

You may have noticed when looking through the viewfinder of the camera that there are 7 points. When pressing the shutter button partway, one or more of these points may flash red. The camera automatically calculates what it thinks is the best point to focus on. After reviewing a lot of photographs and noticing that some are out of focus we have determined that allowing the camera to determine the focus point(s) is not always a good thing. Luckily for us, we can specify exactly which point we want to always focus on. We have determined that the best point to focus on is the point in the exact center of the viewfinder.

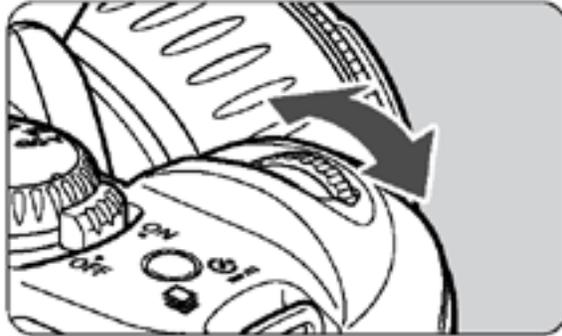
Here are instructions on how to set the AutoFocus point. Note: these instructions are now included in the latest version of the User Guide and is available for download at <http://www.nflgsis.com/pp>.

1. Set the auto focus point to the center.
  - a. Press the  button.  
The current Auto Focus point will light.

- b. Look at the Auto Focus point on the LCD Panel Select the center Auto Focus point.



- c. Turn the dial to select the center Auto Focus point.



- d. After selecting the Auto Focus point, press the shutter button halfway. The camera will then be ready to shoot.

## ***Other News***

We are putting the finishing touches on a set of tools that will allow member clubs to download their player participation data and import the data into a SQL Server database. These tools should be available later this week and will be posted to the Downloads section of the website. <http://www.nflgsis.com/pp>.