

Player Participation Newsletter – 2009-01

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I hope everyone is enjoying their summer as the NFL preseason closes in. This is the first newsletter for the 2009 season and we'd like to update everyone with the changes in the upcoming season.

Email Address Change

As of April 1, 2009 all League office email addresses change to the format of <firstname>.<lastname>@nfl.com. Please update your address book accordingly.

Importance of Preseason

Like the last two seasons the Player Participation information is being shared with all clubs during the preseason so it is extremely important that all Player Participation crews ensure that their equipment and personnel are ready to work well starting with the first preseason game. All crew chiefs should prepare for the first preseason game by following the steps below.

This should be completed at least 1 week prior to your first preseason game.

1. Gain access to your Player Participation equipment and test the cameras and laptops to ensure they are in proper working order. This is also a good time to give the batteries a fresh charge and format all Compact Flash cards. Also, confirm with your GSIS stadium technician that the updates to GSIS and Player Participation have been applied to your Player Participation laptops. If you don't have contact information for your GSIS stadium technician please contact John Cave (email: john.cave@nfl.com, 212.450.2441)
2. Obtain game credentials and parking arrangements for each of your crew members
3. Scout out the camera locations to ensure everything is ready to go
4. Send an email to John Cave notifying him that you've completed these steps.

Last Season's Accuracy

The accuracy last season was excellent. After reviewing 1,155,888 players we found that the average accuracy rate of all crews was 99.90% during the regular season and 99.93% during the post season. On top of that, we had 33 "Perfect" games last season where crews submitted games in which we found no mistakes.

We truly appreciate the hard work and dedication each of you put forth on gameday.

2008 Top 10 Most Accurate Crews

We'd like to recognize the crews who ranked in the top 10 for the 2008 regular season

Crew	Players Identified	Mistakes	Accuracy
NYJ	27,648	3	99.99%
NO	29,063	6	99.98%
DET	27,518	8	99.97%
MIN	27,994	9	99.97%
GB	28,441	11	99.96%
TB	27,213	11	99.96%
BUF	26,617	11	99.96%
ATL	28,686	13	99.95%
NE	28,551	14	99.95%
JAX	27,297	15	99.95%

Crew Member Changes

If you or any member of your crew has moved, changed email addresses or phone numbers, please forward those changes to PlayerParticipation@nfl.com so we can update our records.

FedEx Labels

We will be shipping a new supply of FedEx labels to you for this season. You may also use any leftover FedEx labels from last season .

Best of luck to you all for the 2009 season!