

### Perks Conceded to the NFL Referees in Order to Get Them Back to Work

by Baron von Funny

This week, the NFL and its Referees Association reached terms on a new collective bargaining agreement, ending a lockout that kept the refs out of the first three weeks of games. During that time, the league used non-union replacement referees, which predictably led to blown calls and questionable in-game rulings, culminating in an incident last Monday night that cost the Green Bay Packers a win. As a result, the NFL appeared to have no choice but to bring the real refs back immediately...

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—They now have the option to wear their stripes vertically or horizontally. (*Jameson*)

—A "Special Thanks to" credit on *Mad Men*. (*Matt*)

—ESPN Films to produce *The Back Judge Who Saved Christmas* holiday DVD. (*Mike*)

—Hand signal for delay of game penalty to be replaced by international gesture for jerking off. (*Brandon*)

—Now allowed to call bogus penalties on any player they want, as long as it helps the referee's fantasy team. (*Joe*)

—They get their own entrance music. (*Dan*)

—If a lopsided game turns particularly dull, it's now fine if they want to watch another game on the sidelines. (*Jameson*)

—First dibs on showering next to Tom Brady. (*Matt*)

—Four words: Replacement Ref Dunk Tank. (*Mike*)

—Casual Thursdays. (*Brandon*)

—Eagles coach Andy Reid no longer allowed to eat Mexican food the night before a game, because *whew!*. (*Joe*)

—A onetime payout to their spouses for putting up with them "refing it up" around the house during the lockout. (*Jameson*)

—Newly-established Sideline Safety Net Fund means that no official will ever have to strip to make rent again. (*Matt*)

—New signal to denote a first down will be presented "Gangnam Style." (*Mike*)

—Much like The Dawg Pound in Cleveland and Raider Nation in Oakland, the refs will get their own fan club called

The Ref Raff. (*Brandon*)

—Get to spend one afternoon a year in a room with my racist grandpa while he reacts to black guys doing touchdown dances; I can promise you that there's *nothing* more amusing than that. (*Joe*)

—Ed Hochuli gets paid triple the salary of a normal referee because, name another referee. (*Dan*)

—All remaining copies of Denis Leary's underperforming dud *The Ref* will be relabeled with the cover of Leary's underperforming dud *Two if by Sea* to spare the referees further embarrassment. (*Jameson*)

—The NFL will hire the ad agency that made those "Chicks Dig the Long Ball" commercials for MLB to create a series of "Chicks Hate the Wrong Call" spots. (*Brandon*)

—Notoriously prickly New England coach Bill Belichick must change his game day sideline attire from hoodie to onesie. (*Joe*)

—Head referee will now be allowed to take a drag off a cigarette to add a dramatic pause to his penalty announcements. (*Matt*)

—Once a year, they'll be allowed to reuse pictures and/or accounts of an NFL game without the express written consent of the commissioner. (*Jameson*)

—Replay monitors will now have picture-in-picture, so the refs can catch up on missed episodes of *The Mindy Project* while they review a challenged call. (*Brandon*)

—Any time the crowd starts to boo, the stadium jumbotron is required to play Seattle's Fail Mary pass on a loop with the phrase, "Is This What You Want??" superimposed in giant, flashing letters. (*Mike*)

—Coach challenges a call, coach is wrong, coach goes pantsless for the rest of the game. (*Joe*)

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