

## Notes on the 2018/2019 FFA Rules Regarding Player Contract Releases

1. The player contract exists to keep a player from leaving a team without notice and prohibits other FFA teams from signing players while under contract with a team.
2. It prohibits a player from playing on or being on the roster of two teams at the same time.
3. It obligates the players to pay the (FFP) Player Participation Fee's as mandated by their team, as well as any other required fees.
4. It obligates a player to return any team owned or loaned equipment, uniforms, etc.
5. It completely prohibits a player's movement to another team if they fail to meet all obligations.
6. It prohibits a player's movement to another team if the owner does not want to release them. *Remember, a player can request anything, but ownership is not required to grant it. However, the Gladiator ownership will release a player if it is reasonable and will not harm the Gladiator organization or any of its players or coaches.*
7. No contracted player may change teams for any reason after January 12, 2019.
8. If a player wants to appeal to the FFA Commissioner, he can. But, he will have to show just cause or it will be rejected.
9. A player can quit a team anytime he wants; however, he can't sign with another FFA team without league approval.
10. The contract is in force from the signing date, until June 1<sup>st</sup> or until he dies or the team is eliminated from the playoffs. If eliminated from the playoffs, a player cannot sign with another team until August 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. August 1<sup>st</sup> is the earliest any player may sign a contract with a team.
11. Releases are meant for those who aren't and will not get playing time with their current team. Their penalty for changing teams is that they have to satisfy the Player Participation Fee (PPF) for the current team and most likely the PPF with the new team as well.
12. In the end, all releases and re-signings go thru the office of the Commissioner and he can only approve what is allowed in the FFA rule book.