

## Rule Change Proposal 2303

This proposal was made by Governor Roger. It passed via a 3-2 vote. Yea votes were made by Governors Roger, Frank, and Ted. Nay votes were made by Chuck and Travis.

Make the ESFFL Championship game a one-week contest. Eliminate the use of Week 18 and base the Fantasy Bowl on Week 17 only.

Commentary from Governor Roger: I know we've looked at this several times in the past but resting players at the end of the season seems to be a more common event now than it used to be in the NFL, or so it seems.

Commentary from Governor Frank: I agree with Roger on Week 18. I have always disliked having that last week figure so prominently into the championship.

Commentary from Commissioner Jeff: As a reminder, this same proposal was made one year ago and voted down by a 4-1 vote. The use of the two-week championship game dates to the 1998 season, and it's one of the things which makes the ESFFL unique. It adds drama and strategy to the championship and forces fantasy owners to make tough decisions. While you cannot predict which teams will have something to play for at season's end in August, you can start to see that picture come together when the fantasy playoffs begin and thus makes the dynamics of waiver order and roster moves an important part of winning a championship. Even though you could argue fairness, both teams in the championship must play by the same rules, and I'd hate to see us lose those dynamics. I continue to support the two-week Fantasy Bowl and therefore I am opposed to this rule change.

Commentary from Governor Travis: I would like to potentially offer a counter proposal that could eliminate ripping your team apart in week 18 to win a championship (something I have always struggled with). What if we expanded the taxi squad for playoff teams to like 6-8 players? This would allow for more flexibility with star players being rested in the biggest games of year without having to drop them. I have always hated that you need to decimate your team in order to win it all. With this extension there would also be an added rule that any player that is added in playoffs will be a free agent at the end of season. I have always also hated that playoff teams have a longer window to grab next year players and this will fix this as well.