

Court Ruling on the “53-Man” Active List and Eligible Seasons

On February 28, 2018, the Court approved and adopted the Special Master’s Ruling on the application of Eligible Seasons under Section 2.1(kk) of the Settlement Agreement. The Special Master ruled that Retired NFL Football Players who were on a Member Club’s Active List (sometimes called the “53-man roster”) on the calendar day of a regular season or postseason game receive credit for that game towards an Eligible Season, even when the Player was placed on the inactive or injured reserve list before the start of the game.

You can read the Special Master’s Ruling by clicking [here](#), and the Court’s Settlement Implementation Determination by clicking [here](#). These documents also are available on the public website, www.nflconcussionsettlement.com, under the Documents icon as Published Appeal Decisions, and on the home page of all law firm and *pro se* portals. Click [here](#) to see the Settlement Agreement’s definition of Eligible Season and half an Eligible Season and a helpful guide to calculating Eligible Seasons.

The Claims Administrator has followed the Special Master’s Ruling since it was issued on 12/4/17. The Court’s final decision also applies to Retired NFL Football Players and Representative Claimants of living Retired NFL Football Players who received Notices of Registration Determination with no Baseline Assessment Program (“BAP”) benefits because they did not have at least half an Eligible Season. **Some Players may now have an Eligible Season and qualify for the BAP by counting regular season or postseason games for which they were on the Active List on gameday but made inactive for the game.**

The Claims Administrator will review all past registrations to whom the Special Master’s Ruling may apply and issue new Notices with BAP benefits to those who are eligible. But all **Retired NFL Football Players (or their Representative Claimants) who received a Notice of Registration Determination with no BAP benefits should contact the Claims Administrator if they were:**

- 1. On a Member Club’s Active List (the “53-man roster”) on the date of a regular or postseason game; AND**
- 2. Placed on the inactive or injured reserve list before the start of that game.**

To help us research, please tell us the relevant years and Member Clubs for which you played. Call the Claims Administrator at 1-855-887-3485 or send an email to ClaimsAdministrator@NFLConcussionSettlement.com. A lawyer representing Settlement Class Members should call or email his or her Law Firm Contact.