Settlement Program Rules Adopted by the Special Masters

The Special Masters have adopted three sets of Rules in the exercise of their duties pursuant their appointment by the Court in its July 13, 2016 Order to govern these proceedings under the Settlement Agreement: (1) Statute of Limitation Proceedings for Retired NFL Football Players who died before January 1, 2006; (2) Appeals of Claim Determinations; and (3) Appeals of Derivative Claimant Challenge Determinations concerning who may share one percent of a Retired Player's Award. These Rules set the procedures to be followed by Settlement Class Members, Co-Lead Class Counsel and the NFL Parties in these matters:

- 1. Statute of Limitations Proceedings. The Rules Governing Statute of Limitations Proceedings cover the Special Masters' review under Section 6.2(b) of the Settlement Agreement of whether a Representative Claimant is eligible for a Monetary Award for a deceased Retired NFL Football Player who died before January 1, 2006. These Rules are available here.
- **2. Appeals of Claim Determinations.** The Rules Governing Appeals of Claim Determinations apply to appeals made by a Settlement Class Member, Co-Lead Class Counsel or the NFL Parties under Section 9.5 of the Settlement Agreement from the Claims Administrator's determinations on Monetary Awards and Derivative Claimant Awards. These Rules are available here.
- **3. Appeals of Derivative Claimant Challenge Determinations.** The Rules Governing Appeals of Player Challenges to Derivative Claimants concern the appeal by a Derivative Claimant or a Retired NFL Football Player (or Representative Claimant) from the Claims Administrator's determinations on challenges by a Retired NFL Football Player (or Representative Claimant) to whether a person qualifies as a Derivative Claimant. These Rules are available here.

All Settlement Class Members and their lawyers should familiarize themselves with these Rules, which have an effective date of January 19, 2018. If you already have a pending appeal, the Claims Administrator will work with you to determine how these Rules will apply to that appeal.

Copies of the Rules also are available on the public website under the Settlement Program Rules icon and on the home page of all law firm and *pro se* portals.

If you have any questions about these Rules, contact us at 1-855-887-3485 or send an email to ClaimsAdministrator@NFLConcussionSettlement.com.