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**2017 ROSTER OF OFFICIALS CONFIRMED**

**EIGHT FIRST-YEAR NFL OFFICIALS AMONG 2017 CLASS**

The NFL roster of game officials for the 2017 season will include eight first-year NFL officials among the group of 124, the league announced today.

Line judge **BRIAN BOLINGER** (Big Ten), line judge **MIKE CARR** (Big Ten), side judge **RYAN DICKSON** (Pac-12), down judge **DAVID OLIVER** (SEC), field judge **MEARL ROBINSON** (Pac-12), field judge **BRAD ROGERS** (SEC), line judge **DANNY SHORT** (ACC), and umpire **STEVE WOODS** (Big Ten) will make their NFL officiating debuts this season.

All 17 referees from 2016 will return in 2017 and lead seven-person on-field officiating crews, led by the dean of NFL officials, **WALT COLEMAN**, who enters his 29th season.

An instant replay official will work as part of each of the 17 officiating crews, including **TERRI VALENTI**, who becomes the first female replay official in NFL history. Valenti has worked in instant replay for the NFL for the past five seasons, serving as a replay communicator from 2012-15 and a replay assistant in 2016 before being promoted to her current position. Prior to turning her focus to replay, Valenti was an on-field official at the high school, collegiate and professional level (Arena Football League, United Football League), as well as in various international football leagues.

Five officials will not be assigned to crews and will work with different crews throughout the season. In addition to these five officials, there will be more rotation of officials among the crews to ensure the most consistent officiating across the league.

Twelve officials will work at new positions this season in an effort to capitalize on the particular strengths of each official as well as balance the needs of the overall officiating staff.

In addition, the position formerly known as “head linesman” will be called “down judge” beginning this season to more accurately depict the primary responsibility of the role — ensuring the correct down and distance — as well as to eliminate the gender-based classification of the position.

Three sets of fathers and sons are included among the roster of officials — Coleman and his son, **WALT IV**; **ED HOCHULI** and his son, **SHAWN**; and **STEVE FREEMAN** and his son, **BRAD** — and four sets of brothers — **ALLEN** and **RUSTY BAYNES**; **JEFF** and **JERRY BERGMAN**; **CARL, DINO & PERRY PAGANELLI**; and **GENE** and **TONY STERATORE**.

Steve Freeman and **PHIL MC KINNELY** are the only current game officials to have also enjoyed NFL playing careers. Freeman played for 13 seasons, including 12 as a defensive back with the Buffalo Bills from 1975–86. McKinnely played for seven seasons on the offensive line from 1976–82, including five seasons with the Atlanta Falcons from 1976–80.

The following is the complete 2017 NFL roster of officials, including crew assignments, which may change during the season due to injury, schedule conflicts, etc.:

No.	Name	Pos.	College	Crew	NFL Experience (including 2017)
122	Brad Allen	R	Pembroke State	Allen	4
20	Barry Anderson	U	North Carolina State	Wrolstad	11
66	Walt Anderson	R	Texas	Anderson	22
108	Gary Arthur	LJ	Wright State	Steratore	21
72	Michael Banks	FJ	Illinois State	McAulay	16
56	Allen Baynes	SJ	Auburn	Hussey	10
59	Rusty Baynes	LJ	Auburn-Montgomery	Hochuli	8
32	Jeff Bergman	DJ	Robert Morris	Triplette	26
91	Jerry Bergman	DJ	Robert Morris	McAulay	16
34	Clete Blakeman	R	Nebraska	Blakeman	10
23	Jerome Boger	R	Morehouse	Boger	14
40	Brian Bolinger	LJ	Indiana State	Allen	1
18	Byron Boston	LJ	Austin	Anderson	23
74	Derick Bowers	DJ	East Central	Coleman	15
98	Greg Bradley	DJ	Tennessee	Hochuli	9
43	Terry Brown	SJ*	Tennessee	Triplette	12
11	Fred Bryan	U	Northern Iowa	Allen	9
86	Jimmy Buchanan	FJ	South Carolina State	Hussey	9
134	Ed Camp	DJ	William Paterson	Boger	18
63	Mike Carr	LJ	Wisconsin	Boger	1
60	Gary Cavaletto	SJ	Hancock	Vinovich	15
41	Boris Cheek	SJ	Morgan State	Morelli	22
51	Carl Cheffers	R	California-Irvine	Cheffers	18
16	Kevin Codey	LJ	Western New England	Coleman	3
95	James Coleman	SJ	Arkansas	Coleman	13
65	Walt Coleman	R	Arkansas	Coleman	29
87	Walt Coleman IV	SJ	Southern Methodist	Boger	3
99	Tony Corrente	R	Cal State-Fullerton	Corrente	23
94	Hugo Cruz	DJ	Texas-Pan American	Blakeman	3
25	Ryan Dickson	SJ	Utah	Corrente	1
27	Lee Dyer	BJ	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Wrolstad	15
76	Alan Eck	U*	Bloomsburg	Corrente	2
3	Scott Edwards	SJ*	Alabama	Torbert	19
81	Roy Ellison	U	Savannah State	Steratore	15
61	Keith Ferguson	BJ	San Jose State	Hussey	18
64	Dan Ferrell	U	Cal State-Fullerton		15
71	Ruben Fowler	U	Huston-Tillotson	Triplette	12
88	Brad Freeman	SJ*	Mississippi State	Cheffers	4
133	Steve Freeman	BJ	Mississippi State	Triplette	17
80	Greg Gautreaux	FJ*	S.W. Louisiana	Triplette	16
128	Ramon George	U	Lenoir-Rhyne	Blakeman	2
103	Eugene Hall	FJ	North Texas	Boger	4
49	Rich Hall	U	Arizona	Boger	14
125	Laird Hayes	SJ	Princeton	Anderson	23
93	Scott Helverson	BJ	Iowa	Hochuli	15

29	Adrian Hill	SJ*	Buffalo	Steratore	8
97	Tom Hill	FJ	Carson Newman	Allen	19
28	Mark Hittner	DJ	Pittsburg State	Wrolstad	21
85	Ed Hochuli	R	Texas-El Paso	Hochuli	28
83	Shawn Hochuli	BJ	Claremont	Allen	4
82	Buddy Horton	FJ	Oregon State	Corrente	19
37	Jim Howey	DJ/LJ	Erskine		19
35	John Hussey	R	Idaho State	Hussey	16
117	John Jenkins	FJ	St. Mary's	Anderson	4
101	Carl Johnson	LJ	Nicholls State	McAulay	14
55	Alex Kemp	SJ	Central Michigan	Hochuli	4
121	Paul King	U	Nicholls State	Torbert	9
21	Jeff Lamberth	SJ	Texas A&M	Wrolstad	16
73	Joe Larrew	FJ*	St. Louis	Blakeman	16
2	Bart Longson	LJ	Brigham Young	Corrente	3
89	Jon Lucivansky	FJ	Minnesota	Vinovich	9
10	Julian Mapp	LJ	Grambling State	Wrolstad	9
107	Ron Marinucci	LJ	Glassboro State	Hussey	21
19	Clay Martin	U	Oklahoma Baptist	Cheffers	3
39	Rich Martinez	BJ	Canisius	McAulay	4
77	Terry McAulay	R	Louisiana State	McAulay	20
8	Dana McKenzie	LJ	Toledo	Blakeman	10
110	Phil McKinnely	DJ	UCLA	Vinovich	16
48	Jim Mello	DJ	Northeastern	Allen	14
118	Dave Meslow	FJ*	Augsburg	Parry	7
78	Greg Meyer	BJ	Texas Christian	Vinovich	16
115	Tony Michalek	U	Indiana	Hussey	16
111	Terrence Miles	BJ	Arizona State	Coleman	10
120	Jonah Monroe	SJ	Arkansas	McAulay	3
135	Pete Morelli	R	St. Mary's	Morelli	21
92	Bryan Neale	U	Indiana	Morelli	4
1	Scott Novak	FJ*	Phoenix	Coleman	4
24	David Oliver	DJ	Baker	Steratore	1
124	Carl Paganelli	U	Michigan State	Anderson	19
105	Dino Paganelli	BJ	Aquinas	Steratore	12
46	Perry Paganelli	BJ	Hope	Parry	20
132	John Parry	R	Purdue	Parry	18
17	Steve Patrick	BJ	Jacksonville State	Blakeman	4
15	Rick Patterson	FJ/SJ	Wofford		22
79	Kent Payne	LJ*	Nebraska Wesleyan	Cheffers	14
131	Mark Pellis	U	Allegheny	Parry	4
9	Mark Perlman	LJ	Salem	Vinovich	17
6	Jerod Phillips	DJ	Northeastern State	Anderson	2
47	Tim Podraza	LJ	Nebraska	Morelli	10
109	Dyrol Prioleau	SJ	Johnson C. Smith	Blakeman	11
30	Todd Prukop	BJ	Cal State-Fullerton	Corrente	9
5	Jim Quirk	BJ	Middlebury	Cheffers	8
44	Jeff Rice	U	Northwestern	Coleman	23
31	Mearl Robinson	FJ	Air Force	Cheffers	1
126	Brad Rogers	FJ	Lubbock Christian	Morelli	1

50	Aaron Santi	FJ	Southern Oregon	Torbert	3
129	Bill Schuster	U	Alfred		18
45	Jeff Seeman	LJ	Minnesota	Parry	16
104	Dale Shaw	FJ	Allegheny	Hochuli	5
113	Danny Short	LJ	North Carolina-Charlotte	Triplette	1
14	Shawn Smith	U	Ferris State	Hochuli	3
90	Mike Spanier	DJ	St. Cloud State	Parry	19
12	Greg Steed	BJ	Howard	Morelli	15
84	Mark Steinkerchner	LJ	Akron	Torbert	24
22	Steve Stelljes	DJ	Friends	Morelli	16
68	Tom Stephan	DJ/LJ	Pittsburg State		19
114	Gene Steratore	R	Kent State	Steratore	15
112	Tony Steratore	BJ	California, Pa.	Boger	18
102	Bruce Stritesky	U	Embry Riddle	Vinovich	12
100	Tom Symonette	DJ*	Florida	Cheffers	14
53	Sarah Thomas	DJ*	Mobile	Torbert	3
62	Ron Torbert	R	Michigan State	Torbert	8
42	Jeff Triplette	R	Wake Forest	Triplette	22
13	Patrick Turner	DJ	Cal State-Long Beach	Corrente	4
52	Bill Vinovich	R	San Diego	Vinovich	13
123	Ed Walker	DJ	San Jose State	Hussey	4
26	Jabir Walker	SJ	Murray State	Allen	3
7	Keith Washington	SJ	Virginia Military Institute	Parry	10
116	Mike Weatherford	FJ	Oklahoma State	Steratore	16
119	Greg Wilson	BJ	USC	Anderson	10
54	Steve Woods	U	Wabash	McAulay	1
4	Craig Wrolstad	R	Washington	Wrolstad	15
38	Greg Yette	BJ	Howard	Torbert	8
33	Steve Zimmer	FJ	Hofstra	Wrolstad	21

\*Denotes new position for 2017