

# NFL assigns officiating crews for the Wild Card Playoffs

- **2022 WILD CARD PLAYOFFS ASSIGNMENTS** by *Cameron Filipe* - January 9, 2023

Football Zebras has confirmed the officiating crews for the Wild Card Playoffs. This is the third year of the expanded playoff system that now features six Wild Card Playoff games.

In 2020, the NFL moved to five alternates for the early postseason rounds, which will continue this season. The alternate officials are a referee, an umpire, a line of scrimmage official (down judge or line judge), a deep wing official (field judge or side judge), and a back judge. Officials who have alternate assignments are still eligible for an on-field assignment in the Divisional Playoffs.

All times are Eastern. The prior playoff experience that is listed for the crew chief includes his service as an NFL official, including as referee and any other crew position (excluding alternate assignments).

Scheduled assignments are subject to change.

Saturday, Jan. 14

## NFC Wild Card: Seahawks at 49ers, 4:30

p.m. FOX

Alex Kemp is the referee, who is in his 9th season and 5th as referee. This is Kemp's 5th postseason assignment; all 5 have been Wild Card Playoff games.

|        |    |                 | Yr | 2022      | College                       | Occupation                        |
|--------|----|-----------------|----|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|        |    |                 | s  | crew      |                               |                                   |
| R      | 55 | Alex Kemp       | 9  |           | Central Michigan              | insurance agent                   |
| U      | 13 | Mark Pellis     | 9  | Torbert   | Allegheny                     | financial advisor                 |
| DJ     | 44 | Frank LeBlanc   | 3  | Bogert    | Lamar Institute of Technology | neighborhood services manager     |
| LJ     | 10 | Julian Mapp     | 14 | Blake man | Grambling State               | software quality assurance tester |
| FJ     | 10 | Dyrol Prioleau  | 16 | Smith     | Johnson C Smith               | manager, law firm                 |
| SJ     | 10 | Dale Shaw       | 10 | Kemp      | Allegheny                     | pharmaceutical sales              |
| BJ     | 93 | Scott Helverson | 20 | Kemp      | Iowa                          | sales, printing and promotions    |
| R<br>O |    | Mike Chase      | 6  | Kemp      | Arizona State                 | senior portfolio manager          |

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|---------|--------|-------------------|----|------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| R<br>A  |        | Durwood<br>Manley | 4  | Roge<br>rs | Lubbock<br>Christian | sales territory<br>manager           |
| A<br>LT | R      | Brad<br>Rogers    | 6  |            | Lubbock<br>Christian | college professor                    |
| A<br>LT | U      | Carl<br>Paganelli | 23 | Roge<br>rs | Michigan State       | retired federal<br>probation officer |
| A<br>LT | L<br>J | Brian<br>Bolinger | 6  | Clark      | Indiana State        | corporate safety<br>director         |
| A<br>LT | F<br>J | Michael<br>Banks  | 27 | Clark      | Illinois State       | carpenter foreman                    |
| A<br>LT | B<br>J | Keith<br>Ferguson | 23 | Hill       | San Jose State       | sales                                |

# AFC Wild Card: Chargers at Jaguars, 8:15

p.m. NBC PEACOCK

Shawn Smith is the referee, who is in his 8th season and 5th as referee. This is Smith's 7th postseason assignment, including 5 Wild Card Playoffs, a Divisional Playoff, and a Conference Championship.

|           |           |                 | Yr | 2022     | College              | Occupation                |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----|----------|----------------------|---------------------------|
|           |           |                 | s  | crew     |                      |                           |
| <b>R</b>  | <b>14</b> | Shawn Smith     | 8  |          | Ferris State         | finance                   |
| <b>U</b>  | <b>20</b> | Barry Anderson  | 16 | Bogger   | North Carolina State | builder/developer         |
| <b>DJ</b> | <b>68</b> | Tom Stephan     | 24 | Clark    | Pittsburg State      | retired business broker   |
| <b>LJ</b> | <b>12</b> | Mike Dolce      | 3  | Smith    | Grand Valley State   | wealth management advisor |
| <b>FJ</b> | <b>57</b> | Joe Blubaugh    | 3  | Vinovich | Pittsburg State      | regional sales manager    |
| <b>SJ</b> | <b>11</b> | David Meslow    | 12 | Novak    | Augsburg College     | sales executive           |
| <b>BJ</b> | <b>67</b> | Tony Josselyn   | 5  | Torbert  | Eastern Kentucky     | probation officer         |
| <b>R</b>  |           | Mike Wimmer     | 20 | Smith    | NYU                  | producer                  |
| <b>O</b>  |           |                 |    |          |                      |                           |
| <b>R</b>  |           | Sebrina Brunson | 3  | Smith    | Florida Atlantic     | case specialist           |
| <b>A</b>  |           |                 |    |          |                      |                           |

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| AL<br>T | R  | Clete<br>Blakeman   | 15 |            | Nebraska             | attorney                           |
| AL<br>T | U  | Alan Eck            | 7  | Huss<br>ey | Bloomsburg<br>State  | tax manager                        |
| AL<br>T | LJ | Daniel<br>Gallagher | 3  | Allen      | Kent State           | athletic programs<br>manager       |
| AL<br>T | SJ | Clay<br>Reynard     | 3  | Smit<br>h  | California-<br>Davis | customer service<br>representative |
| AL<br>T | BJ | Brad<br>Freeman     | 9  | Huss<br>ey | Mississippi<br>State | sports park director               |

Sunday, Jan. 15

## AFC Wild Card: Dolphins at Bills, 1:00

p.m. CBS PARA+

Brad Allen is the referee, who is in his 9th season. This is Allen's 5th postseason assignment, including 4 Wild Card Playoffs and a Divisional Playoff. Allen was **hired directly to the referee position** from the ACC in 2014.

|    |    |                  | Yr | 2022      | College                            | Occupation                 |
|----|----|------------------|----|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|    |    |                  | s  | crew      |                                    |                            |
| R  | 12 | Brad Allen       | 9  |           | Pembroke State                     | non-profit CEO             |
| U  | 77 | Terry Killens    | 4  | Hoc huli  | Penn State                         | campus security specialist |
| DJ | 53 | Sarah Thomas     | 8  | Allen     | Mobile                             | sales representative       |
| LJ | 9  | Mark Perlman     | 22 | Vino vich | Salem                              | teacher                    |
| FJ | 90 | Anthony Flemming | 3  | Hoc huli  | Texas A&M-Commerce                 | senior auditor             |
| SJ | 7  | Keith Washington | 15 | Torb ert  | Virginia Military Institute        | program financial analyst  |
| BJ | 38 | Greg Yette       | 13 | Allen     | Howard                             | defense contractor         |
| R  |    | Andrew Lambert   | 5  | Blak e    | Central Virginia Community College | business development       |

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| R<br>A  |        | Kirt Shay        | 4  | Blak<br>e    | Xavier                  | teacher                    |
| A<br>LT | R      | Land Clark       | 5  |              | Sevier Valley Tech      | chief building<br>official |
| A<br>LT | U      | Tony<br>Michalek | 21 | Blak<br>e    | Indiana                 | chief executive<br>officer |
| A<br>LT | L<br>J | Greg<br>Bradley  | 14 | Hoc<br>huli  | Tennessee               | chemical<br>engineer       |
| A<br>LT | F<br>J | James<br>Coleman | 18 | Marti<br>n   | Arkansas                | electrical<br>engineer     |
| A<br>LT | B<br>J | Jimmy<br>Russell | 4  | Vino<br>vich | Pasco Hernando<br>State | insurance<br>agent         |

# NFC Wild Card: Giants at Vikings, 4:30

p.m. FOX

Adrian Hill is the referee, who is in his 13th season and 4th as referee. This is Hill's 4th postseason assignment, and his first as referee. His first three assignments, 2 Wild Card Playoffs and a Divisional Playoff, were at deep wing positions (field judge and side judge).

|        |     |                  | Yr | 2022      | College          | Occupation                         |
|--------|-----|------------------|----|-----------|------------------|------------------------------------|
|        |     |                  | s  | crew      |                  |                                    |
| R      | 29  | Adrian Hill      | 13 |           | Buffalo          | aerospace software engineer        |
| U      | 110 | Tab Slaughter    | 3  | Blake man | Arkansas State   | chief operating officer            |
| DJ     | 63  | Mike Carr        | 6  | Cheff ers | Wisconsin        | athletic director                  |
| LJ     | 75  | Mark Stewart     | 5  | Blake     | Pittsburg State  | rancher                            |
| FJ     | 25  | Ryan Dickson     | 6  | Torbe rt  | Utah             | commercial real estate developer   |
| SJ     | 114 | Dominique Pender | 3  | Clark     | Howard           | trade support, finance and banking |
| BJ     | 96  | Matt Edwards     | 5  | Cheff ers | Western Michigan | healthcare sales                   |
| R<br>O |     | Matt Sumstine    | 5  | Nova k    | Phoenix          | real estate                        |



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| R<br>A  |        | Tim<br>England   | 1  | Nova<br>k    |                         |                                 |
| AL<br>T | R      | Scott<br>Novak   | 9  |              | Phoenix                 | sales manager                   |
| AL<br>T | U      | Paul King        | 14 | Clark        | Nichols<br>College      | teacher                         |
| AL<br>T | D<br>J | Kent Payne       | 19 | Roger<br>s   | Nebraska<br>Wesleyan    | agribusinessman                 |
| AL<br>T | SJ     | Jeff<br>Lamberth | 21 | Wrols<br>tad | Texas A&M               | attorney                        |
| AL<br>T | B<br>J | Todd<br>Prukop   | 14 | Blake        | Cal State-<br>Fullerton | medical sales<br>representative |

# AFC Wild Card: Ravens at Bengals, 8:15

p.m. NBC PEACOCK

Clay Martin is the referee, who is in his 8th season and 5th as referee. This is Martin's 4th postseason assignment, including 3 Wild Card Playoffs and a Divisional Playoff.

|                      |           |                  | Yr<br>s | 2022<br>crew | College                    | Occupation  |
|----------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|--------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>R</b>             | <b>19</b> | Clay<br>Martin   | 8       |              | Oklahoma<br>Baptist        | high school<br>administrator                      |
| <b>U</b>             | <b>11</b> | Fred<br>Bryan    | 14      | Marti<br>n   | Northern<br>Iowa           | superintendent, juvenile<br>correctional facility |
| <b>DJ</b>            | <b>10</b> | Patrick<br>Holt  | 4       | Hoch<br>uli  | North<br>Carolina<br>State | IT manager  |
| <b>LJ</b>            | <b>87</b> | Tom<br>Eaton     | 3       | Roge<br>rs   | Central<br>Florida         | fiscal manager                                    |
| <b>FJ</b>            | <b>50</b> | Aaron<br>Santi   | 8       | Roge<br>rs   | Southern<br>Oregon         | middle school principal                           |
| <b>SJ</b>            | <b>12</b> | Jonah<br>Monroe  | 8       | Boge<br>r    | Arkansas                   | engineer  |
| <b>BJ</b>            | <b>11</b> | Greg<br>Wilson   | 15      | Marti<br>n   | USC                        | retired police officer                            |
| <b>R</b><br><b>O</b> |           | Brian<br>Matoren | 18      | Marti<br>n   | Florida                    | writer/producer                                   |
| <b>R</b><br><b>A</b> |           | Rick<br>Loumiet  | 1       | Marti<br>n   | Loyola (La.)               | financial solutions<br>manager                    |

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| A<br>LT | R      | Shawn<br>Hochuli      | 9  |              | Claremont                  | financial advisor     |
| A<br>LT | U      | Bryan<br>Neale        | 9  | Smith        | Indiana                    | sales consultant      |
| A<br>LT | D<br>J | Dana<br>McKenzie      | 15 | Blake<br>man | Toledo                     | claims adjuster       |
| A<br>LT | S<br>J | Jimmy<br>Buchana<br>n | 14 | Vinov<br>ich | South<br>Carolina<br>State | food service director |
| A<br>LT | B<br>J | Rich<br>Martinez      | 9  | Hoch<br>uli  | Canisius                   | sales manager         |

Monday, Jan. 16

## NFC Wild Card: Cowboys at Buccaneers, 8:15 p.m. ABC ESPN ESPN2 ESPN+

Craig Wrolstad is the referee, who is in his 20th season and 9th as referee. This is his 13th postseason assignment, including 6 Wild Card Playoffs, 4 Divisional Playoffs, 2 Conference Championships, and **Super Bowl XLVII**. His Super Bowl assignment was as a field judge.

|        |    |                | Y<br>rs | 2022<br>crew | College                               | Occupation                               |
|--------|----|----------------|---------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| R      | 4  | Craig Wrolstad | 20      |              | Washington                            | athletic director                        |
| U      | 54 | Steve Woods    | 6       | Wrolstad     | Wabash                                | financial advisor                        |
| D<br>J | 74 | Derick Bowers  | 20      | Novak        | East Central                          | sales representative                     |
| L<br>J | 16 | Kevin Codey    | 8       | Hill         | Western New England                   | middle school physical education teacher |
| F<br>J | 31 | Mearl Robinson | 6       | Hill         | Air Force                             | retired U.S. Air Force instructor        |
| S<br>J | 10 | Dave Hawkshaw  | 4       | Martin       | Justice Institute of British Columbia | firefighter                              |

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|--------|----|-------------------|---|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| B<br>J | 27 | Grantis<br>Bell   | 3 | Wrol<br>stad | West Virginia          | school counselor          |
| R<br>O |    | Kevin<br>Stine    | 5 | Wrol<br>stad | Alabama-<br>Birmingham | regional sales<br>manager |
| R<br>A |    | Gavin<br>Anderson | 4 | Wrol<br>stad | Green River            | police officer            |