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Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 03-01-2015, and ending 02-29-2016

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite

1133 20TH STREET NW

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

WASHINGTON, DC 20036

F Name and address of principal officer

DEMAURICE SMITH

1133 20TH STREET NW

WASHINGTON, DC 20036

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

No

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (5) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.NFLPA.COM

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1956

M State of legal domicile VA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

SEE SCHEDULE O

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)

32

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

0

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)

112

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

0

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

0

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

0

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

0

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

31,380,736

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

16,423,492

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

36,994,586

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

84,798,814

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)

86,500

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)

282,778

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)

16,479,182

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)

0

16b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)

21,986,128

18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

38,834,588

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

45,964,226

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

284,985,154

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

17,508,481

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

267,476,673

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here

Signature of officer

2017-01-17

Date

DEMAURICE SMITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

JOANN WOODSON CPA

Preparer's signature

JOANN WOODSON CPA

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

P01293745

Firm's name ▶ CALIBRE CPA GROUP PLLC

Firm's EIN ▶ 47-0900880

Firm's address ▶ 7501 WISCONSIN AVENUE SUITE 1200 WEST BETHESDA, MD 20814

Phone no (202) 331-9880

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

SEE SCHEDULE O

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes

☒No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes

☒No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE ALL NFL PLAYERS AND THE SPORT OF PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL, AND TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC AND OTHER WORKING CONDITIONS OF PLAYERS AS THE UNION AND EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF PLAYERS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses ▶

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2	No
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	Yes
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a	Yes
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	Yes
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	Yes
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	Yes
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	Yes
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	Yes	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	213	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	112	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O	32	
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	0	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	Yes
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	Yes
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
 ▶ CHARLES ROSS 1133 20TH STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036 (202) 756-9100

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

[illegible]

Part VII

[illegible]

1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	5,107,398	1,720,231	628,945

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 39

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	Yes
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
WINSTON & STRAWN LLP 36235 TREASURY CENTER CHICAGO, IL 606946200	LEGAL SERVICES	5,694,021
HILLARD HEINTZE LLC 30 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE SUITE 1400 CHICAGO, IL 60606	BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SERVICES	1,059,919
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP PO BOX 7247-8001 PHILADELPHIA, PA 191708001	CONSULTING SERVICES	499,000
LATHAM & WATKINS LLP 555 11TH STREET NW SUITE 1000 WASHINGTON, DC 200041304	LEGAL SERVICES	401,608
W CHARLES BENNETT 2155 LOUISIANA BLVD NE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87110	CONSULTING SERVICES	342,195

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 20

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a			
	b	Membership dues	1b			
	c	Fundraising events	1c			
	d	Related organizations	1d			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f				
Program Service Revenue	2a	PLAYERS DUES	Business Code 900099	32,168,380	32,168,380	
	b	AGENTS & FIN ADV FEES	900099	2,231,889	2,231,889	
	c	RETIRED PLAYER DUES	900099	63,005	63,005	
	d					
	e					
	f	All other program service revenue				
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		34,463,274		
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		5,186,304	
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
5		Royalties		39,110,417		39,110,417
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal			
		b	Less rental expenses			
		c	Rental income or (loss)			
		d	Net rental income or (loss)			
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other			
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses			
		c	Gain or (loss)			
		d	Net gain or (loss)		268,720	268,720
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a			
		b	Less direct expenses	b		
		c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a			
		b	Less direct expenses	b		
		c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities			
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a			
		b	Less cost of goods sold	b		
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a		MANAGEMENT FEES	900099	1,150,000	1,150,000	
b	MISCELLANEOUS	900099	515,425	515,425		
c						
d	All other revenue					
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		1,665,425			
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		80,694,140	36,128,699	0	44,565,441

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

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Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	117,328			
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4	Benefits paid to or for members.	302,425			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	3,179,307			
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7	Other salaries and wages.	9,633,063			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	1,330,597			
9	Other employee benefits.	2,350,655			
10	Payroll taxes.	631,814			
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.				
b	Legal.	6,602,971			
c	Accounting.	1,234,871			
d	Lobbying.	428,273			
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f	Investment management fees.	488,591			
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	2,482,707			
12	Advertising and promotion.	312,704			
13	Office expenses.	762,541			
14	Information technology.	136,136			
15	Royalties.				
16	Occupancy.	1,866,959			
17	Travel.	3,414,625			
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	2,053,573			
20	Interest.				
21	Payments to affiliates.				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	572,738			
23	Insurance.	1,397,541			
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	1,306,332			
b	DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	155,625			
c	CBA DRUG PROGRAM	150,000			
d	LICENSING	96,813			
e	All other expenses	118,372			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	41,126,561			
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

				(A)		(B)	
				Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		1,343,798	1	1,257,622	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		50,126,026	2	44,186,684	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3		
	4	Accounts receivable, net		390,323	4	6,095,701	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5		
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L			6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8		
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		2,414,339	9	1,979,230	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	7,914,421			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	6,964,791	1,203,649	10c	949,630
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		154,631,384	11	179,778,392	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		72,487,212	12	74,584,720	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13		
	14	Intangible assets			14		
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		2,388,423	15	2,251,257	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		284,985,154	16	311,083,236		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,880,565	17	2,243,417	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue		12,663,368	19	8,028,091	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21		
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23		
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24		
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		2,964,548	25	3,328,442	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		17,508,481	26	13,599,950	
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
27		Unrestricted net assets		267,476,673	27	297,483,286	
28		Temporarily restricted net assets			28		
29		Permanently restricted net assets			29		
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.							
30		Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30		
31		Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31		
32		Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32		
33		Total net assets or fund balances		267,476,673	33	297,483,286	
34		Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		284,985,154	34	311,083,236	

Part XI **Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	80,694,140
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	41,126,561
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	39,567,579
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . .	4	267,476,673
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-9,560,966
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	297,483,286

Part XII **Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
SAM ACHO DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	15,025	0
DWAYNE ALLEN DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	8,578	0
JOHNSON BADEMOSI DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	0	0
DWAYNE BOWE DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	875	0
MATT BRYANT DIRECTOR	2 00	X						665	2,000	0
CHRIS CANTY DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	0	0
THOMAS DAVIS DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	86,250	0
CORY HARKEY DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	0	0
JOHNATHAN JOSEPH DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
NICK MANGOLD DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	84,596	0

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JOHN DENNEY DIRECTOR	2 00	X						665	0	0
VON MILLER DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	3,500	0
JARED ODRICK DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
RAMON FOSTER DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	0	0
KEDRIC GOLSTON DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	0	0
ROBERT GOULD DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
CHAD GREENWAY DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	0	0
MARCEL REECE DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	8,390	0
VINCENT JACKSON DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	8,000	0
RASHAD JENNINGS DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
JASON MCCOURTY DIRECTOR	2 00	X						665	47,125	0
JORDY NELSON DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
DARRELL STUCKEY DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	348	0
RYAN WENDELL VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						778	0	0
GLOVER QUIN DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	1,500	0
ERIC REID DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	1,500	0
VINCENT REY DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
DEMECO RYANS DIRECTOR	2 00	X						665	0	0
RICHARD SHERMAN DIRECTOR	2 00	X						778	0	0
MATT SLATER DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
ZACH STRIEF DIRECTOR	2 00	X						665	0	0
LORENZO ALEXANDER DIRECTOR	2 00	X						5,891	2,600	0
SCOTT WELLS VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						891	0	0
CORNELIUS BENNETT DIRECTOR	2 00	X						6,040	0	0
KYLE WILLIAMS DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	750	0
JASON WITTEN DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	46,650	0
MATT HASSELBECK VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						5,778	15,000	0
MARK HERZLICH VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						3,391	13,347	0
ADAM VINATIERI VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						5,891	45,000	0
MIKE MCBATH VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						1,040	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
BRIAN WATERS VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						5,000	0	0
BENJAMIN WATSON VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						5,665	1,312	0
ERIC WINSTON PRESIDENT	2 00	X						3,391	0	0
RYAN CLARK VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						30,888	0	0
ZAK DEOSSIE VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						5,891	0	0
JAY FEELY VICE PRESIDENT	2 00	X						5,778	0	0
DEMAURICE SMITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40 00			X				1,857,897	1,327,885	83,593
CHARLES ROSS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ASSE	40 00			X				282,571	0	82,212
IRA FISHMAN MANAGING DIRECTOR	40 00				X			784,621	0	88,413
THOMAS DEPASO GENERAL COUNSEL	40 00					X		691,009	0	101,679

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
HEATHER M MCPHEE ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL	40 00					X		368,980	0	53,258
MICHELE J YARAS-DAVIS SENIOR DIRECTOR	40 00					X		339,265	0	89,116
NATHANIEL EHRLICH ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL	40 00					X		323,861	0	82,093
JASON BELSER SR DIR OF PLAYER SERVICE	40 00					X		358,664	0	48,581

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 52-1169809
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	\$
3	Volunteer hours	

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	\$
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	\$
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
4a	Was a correction made?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV	

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	\$
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	\$
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	\$
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV	

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A

Check

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if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B

Check

☐

if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns														
<table><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
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Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?														

☐ Yes

☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	Yes	No
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	1	Yes
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	2	No
		3	No

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.
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Employer identification number
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of open space

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

2

Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
►

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4) (B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i)

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
► \$

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X
► \$

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
► \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X
► \$

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

3

Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

Amount

1c

1d

1e

1f

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Temporarily restricted endowment ▶

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

Yes

No

3a(i)

3a(ii)

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a)Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c)Accumulated depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		7,914,421	6,964,791	949,630
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) ▶				949,630

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Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT EFFECTS OF A TAX POSITION TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN ARE RECOGNIZED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHEN IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT, BASED ON TECHNICAL MERITS, THAT THE POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION. INTEREST AND PENALTIES, IF ANY, ARE INCLUDED IN EXPENSES IN THE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES. AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2016, THE NFLPA HAS ANALYZED ITS TAX POSITIONS AND BELIEVES THAT ALL ARE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT TO BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION. INCOME TAX REPORTING YEARS OPEN FOR IRS AUDIT INCLUDES THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2013 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

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☒ Yes ☐ No[illegible]

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table. 2

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 52-1169809
Name: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
ACTIVE MINDS 2001 S STREET NW WASHINGTON,DC 20009	20-0587172	501(C)(3)	20,100				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION
ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS 815 16TH ST NW 4TH FLOOR WASHINGTON,DC 20006	52-2277805	501(C)(4)	5,000				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION
BE THE CHANGE DBA GOT YOUR 6 1400 I ST NW SUITE 400 WASHINGTON,DC 20005	26-0402451	501(C)(3)	23,450				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CHANGE ACTION 1536 U STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 20009	27-0061100	501(C)(3)	5,000				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION
CENTER FOR MILITARY RECRUITMENT ASSESSMENT AND VETERANS EMPLOYED 815 16TH ST NW SUITE 600 WASHINGTON, DC 20006	43-1972568	501(C)(3)	5,000				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION
THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE YITZAK RABIN CTR 866 SECOND AVE 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	13-3962392	501(C)(3)	10,000				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
WORKING AMERICA 815 16TH ST NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036	20-0263611	501(C)(5)	5,000				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION
WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT INC 4899 BELFORT RD SUITE 300 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256	20-2370934	501(C)(3)	20,100				CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. ☒ First-class or charter travel ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☒ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments ☒ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b Yes	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2 Yes	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. ☒ Compensation committee ☒ Written employment contract ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☐ Compensation survey or study ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b Yes	
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	4c	No
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: a The organization?	5a	
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.	5b	
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: a The organization?	6a	
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.	6b	
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	7	
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	8	
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1. DEMAURICE SMITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	1,830,769	0	27,128	39,750	43,843	1,941,490	0
	(ii)	1,327,885	0	0	0	0	1,327,885	0
2. CHARLES ROSS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ASSE	(i)	250,482	21,000	11,089	38,118	44,094	364,783	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. IRA FISHMAN MANAGING DIRECTOR	(i)	759,086	16,000	9,535	39,750	48,663	873,034	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. THOMAS DEPASO GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	650,538	26,000	14,471	53,000	48,679	792,688	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. HEATHER M MCPHEE ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	355,808	6,000	7,172	39,750	13,508	422,238	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. MICHELE J YARAS-DAVIS SENIOR DIRECTOR	(i)	307,564	21,000	10,701	53,000	36,116	428,381	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. NATHANIEL EHRLICH ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	311,464	8,500	3,897	39,750	42,343	405,954	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. JASON BELSER SR DIR OF PLAYER SERVICE	(i)	63,797	0	294,867	10,734	37,847	407,245	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 1A	AIRPLANE CHARTER. PER THE NFLPA POLICY, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY, AT HIS DISCRETION, APPROVE THE USE OF AIRPLANE CHARTERS FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE NFLPA WITH A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS PURPOSE, SO LONG AS SUCH AIRPLANE CHARTERS ARE FOR VALID BUSINESS PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986. DOCUMENTATION SHALL INCLUDE THE NAMES OF ALL INDIVIDUALS FLYING ON THE AIRPLANE, THE BUSINESS PURPOSE(S) FOR THEIR PRESENCE ON THE AIRPLANE, AND A STATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS PURPOSE(S) FOR WHICH THE PLANE WAS CHARTERED, INCLUDING AN EXPLANATION OF EACH STOP MADE BY THE AIRPLANE CHARTER FLIGHT. FIRST CLASS AND SPOUSAL TRAVEL - PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF PLAYER REPRESENTATIVES, BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE NFLPA AND OTHER NFLPA MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND OFFICIAL MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NFLPA MAY FLY FIRST CLASS TO SUCH MEETINGS ALONG WITH THEIR SPOUSES OR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS. THE ORGANIZATION'S TRAVEL POLICY PROVIDES ALL EMPLOYEES MUST FLY COACH ON ALL DOMESTIC FLIGHTS. ONLY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR OTHERS AUTHORIZED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY TRAVEL IN BUSINESS OR FIRST CLASS WHEN BUSINESS NECESSITY SO REQUIRES. THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES TAXABLE HEALTH CLUB MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS TO ALL FULL TIME EMPLOYEES. THE ORGANIZATION PAYS UP TO \$30 A MONTH FOR STAFF HEALTH CLUB MEMBERSHIPS. THE ORGANIZATION PAYS 100% OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S HEALTH CLUB MEMBERSHIP.
PART I, LINE 4B	THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NFLPA HAS AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH A RELATED ENTITY, NFL PLAYERS INC., IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF NFL PLAYERS. THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT ESTABLISHED A TRUST WHICH IS FUNDED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS WITH SALARY AND BONUS AMOUNTS.

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Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS. THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS IN THE NFLPA, ACTIVE, FORMER, AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	ONLY ACTIVE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS OF PLAYER REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES, AND RATIFICATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA).

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE ORGANIZATION'S CONSTITUTION IS ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENT. THE CONSTITUTION DESCRIBES THOSE DECISIONS THAT HAVE TO BE MADE, RATIFIED OR APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PLAYER REPRESENTATIVES. BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS EMPOWERED TO MANAGE THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE NFLPA. THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARE DESCRIBED IN THE CONSTITUTION.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	FORM 990 IS DRAFTED THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF THE NFLPA'S OUTSIDE AUDIT FIRM AND IN-HOUSE FINANCIAL AND LEGAL PROFESSIONALS. FINAL FORM 990 IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE HEAD OF THE BOARD PRIOR TO FILING AND IS MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON A PASSWORD PROTECTED WEBSITE, PRIOR TO FILING.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE ORGANIZATION HAS A SPECIFICALLY WRITTEN CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYEES THE OFFICERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LMRDA DISCLOSURE AND REPORTING ACT THE ORGANIZATION HAS A WRITTEN CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY WHICH REQUIRES OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES TO DISCLOSE, ANNUALLY, INTERESTS THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO CONFLICTS
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	AS STATED IN THE NFLPA CONSTITUTION THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL NEGOTIATE THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, INCLUDING COMPENSATION, OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR A REVIEW OF COMPARABLE DATA IS ALSO USED IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION AS STATED IN THE NFLPA CONSITUTION, THE EXECUTIV E DIRECTOR SHALL HIRE AND DIRECT SUCH STAFF AS IS NECESSARY TO PERFORM THE AFFAIRS OF THE NFLPA AND TO ESTABLISH THEIR SALARIES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, SUBJECT TO T HE ANNUAL BUDGET ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES THE REVIEW OF COMPARABLE DAT A IS ALSO USED IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE NFLPA'S FORM 990 IS AVAILABLE AS REQUIRED BY LAW UPON REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S FORM LM-2 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE ON THE DOL WEBSITE DATABASE THE NFLPA GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE INTERNAL FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION IS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THIS PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, PART II, LINE 1	THE PURPOSES OF THE NFLPA ARE TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE ALL NFL PLAYERS AND THE SPORT OF PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL, AND TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC AND OTHER WORKING CONDITIONS OF PLAYERS AS THE UNION AND EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF PLAYERS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS
ASSOCIATION

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

▶ Attach to Form 990.▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.					
(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) ATHLETE CONTENT & ENTERTAINMENT LLC 1133 20TH STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036 47-5087382	IDENTIFIES AND CREATES PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATHLETES AROUND THE WOR	DE	123,525	496,662	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.							
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) NFL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN TRUST 1133 20TH STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036 52-6590682	PROVIDE HEALTH AND MEDICAL BENEFITS	DC	501(C)(9)				No

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC 1133 20TH STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036 52-1874638	LICENSING	VA	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS ASSN	C	118,001,262	87,590,007	97 900 %		No
(2) 1133 20TH STREET BUILDING CORPORATIONN 1133 20TH STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036 20-3437852	RENTAL REAL ESTATE	MD	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC	C	5,865,123	50,378,034	97 900 %		No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
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- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b		No
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k	Yes	
1l	Yes	
1m		No
1n		No
1o		No
1p	Yes	
1q	Yes	
1r	Yes	
1s		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)1133 20TH STREET BUILDING CORPORATION	K	1,921,407	PAYMENTS MADE
(2)NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC	L	850,000	PAYMENTS RECEIVED
(3)NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC	P	1,035,053	PAYMENTS MADE
(4)1133 20TH STREET BUILDING CORPORATION	P	30,067	PAYMENTS MADE
(5)NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC	Q	147,726	PAYMENTS RECEIVED
(6)NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC	R	2,659,830	PAYMENTS MADE

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 52-1169809
Name: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

Form 990, Schedule R, Part V - Transactions With Related Organizations

(a) Name of related organization		(b) Transaction type(a-s)	(c) Amount Involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)	1133 20TH STREET BUILDING CORPORATION	K	1,921,407	PAYMENTS MADE
(1)	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC	L	850,000	PAYMENTS RECEIVED
(2)	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC	P	1,035,053	PAYMENTS MADE
(3)	1133 20TH STREET BUILDING CORPORATION	P	30,067	PAYMENTS MADE
(4)	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC	Q	147,726	PAYMENTS RECEIVED
(5)	NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS INC	R	2,659,830	PAYMENTS MADE