

I am a trained journalist who has covered professional football for internet publication since 2007, as well as a lifelong football fan, and I am in complete disagreement with the NFL's blackout rule. The rule is an antiquated leftover from an age where major team revenues were brought in from ticket sales as opposed to television rights.

Considering the NFL recently signed new broadcast agreements with various major networks that are each worth at least \$1 billion, it is clear that ticket sales are nowhere near as significant a revenue source as TV rights. Additionally, the cost of attending an NFL game has become excessive for families. A family of four could easily spend more than \$200 for even the most modest of tickets for an NFL game, without considering the exorbitant cost of parking and concessions.

In this new digital age, with the NFL embracing everything from a cable network devoted entirely to the league to coverage of games available on mobile devices, it is the epitome of hypocrisy to continue to embrace such a foolish policy as the blackout rule. I implore the FCC to put an end to this now-irrelevant statute in the best interests of football fans across America.

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