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## **THE SPRING LEAGUE FOOTBALL RETURNS IN 30 DAYS**

### **TSL Adds Two New Teams to Compete in Six-Week Regular Season Beginning Thursday, May 6**

#### **League to Partner with FOX Sports for 2021 Season**

**New York** – In just 30 days, The Spring League (TSL) returns for the 2021 season with two new teams – the Linemen and Sea Lions – a longer season and two new hub markets. TSL will again partner with FOX Sports to showcase an expanded slate of games throughout the season, with full television schedule details to be released next week.

TSL's 2021 season features eight teams, competing in a six-week regular season from two hub markets. Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana will play host to TSL's North Division and consist of the Conquerors, led by Head Coach **Jerry Glanville**, Aviators, Alphas, and Linemen.

The South Division will be headquartered in Houston, Texas and be comprised in part of the returning league champion Generals, coached by **Bart Andrus**, and Blues. Two former NFL head coaches, round out the remaining two teams in the South Division. Mike Riley, who served as the San Diego Chargers head coach for three seasons will lead the Sea Lions, one of two expansion teams for the 2021 season. Riley also served as head coach at Oregon State (1997-1998, 2003-2014) and Nebraska (2015-2017). The Joustors will have Kevin Gilbride at the helm. Gilbride spent 20 years in the NFL including seven years as offensive coordinator of the New York Giants, winning two Super Bowl rings along the way. From 1997-1998, Gilbride served as head coach of the San Diego Chargers.

The 2021 season will kickoff on Thursday, May 6 with a doubleheader from Lucas Oil Stadium. The first game in the doubleheader will feature the Alphas versus Aviators at 7:00pm ET, followed by the Conquerors and Linemen at 10:00pm ET. Week 1 action continues on Saturday, May 8 when the reigning TSL Champion Generals take on the Joustors with kickoff at 3:00 PM ET from Rice Stadium in Houston. The Division champions will advance to the 2021 TSL Championship that takes place Saturday, June 19.

The 2021 season features a couple of new rules that aim to improve the game, specifically introducing a new overtime format as well as enhanced protection for the quarterback. In the new "spot and choose" overtime, the team that wins the overtime coin toss will pick the spot of the ball, while the other team will choose whether to play offense or defense.

“We have been innovators since we launched in 2017 and will continue to experiment with new technology and rule modifications to enhance the viewing experience for our fans and make the game safer at all levels,” said **Brian Woods**, CEO of TSL.

For more information, visit [The Spring League](#).

**About The Spring League**

The Spring League enters its fifth season in 2021 as the premier professional football development league in the United States and abroad. Founded by Brian Woods in 2017, the League consists of eight teams and serves as a platform for player development, a training ground for future NFL coaches and game officials, and an incubator for new technology. Since its launch in 2017, The Spring League has seen over 100 players signed by NFL clubs. For more information, please visit: <https://www.thespringleague.com/>.

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