

Coffin Corner Submission Guidelines and Process to Publication

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Submission Guidelines:

1. Topics should be focused on professional football.
2. The topics can range widely. It can be about a specific player, specific game, a team, a season about a team or about a league, rules, commissioners, coaches, referees, etc., etc. Pretty much any topic that relates to pro football.
3. Any professional football league can be written about - NFL, CFL, USFL, WFL, AAFC, AFL, ACFL, Continental Football League, Arena League(s), etc., etc.
4. We suggest submissions of up to 4,000 words including source notes, but they can be longer in certain circumstances.
5. Any quotes should use end notes to document. Please use Arabic numbers (1,2,3) to number the end notes. Please capture source (name of book publisher, magazine, newspaper, etc.), title, author, date, page number. (examples below)
 - For books – John Maxymuk, *Uniform Numbers of the NFL* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, 2005), 51-55.
 - For newspapers, etc. – Tex Maule, “Green Bay Rolls High,” *Sports Illustrated*, January 9, 1967, 8-11.
 - For websites – “Glenn Davis,” Pro-Football-Reference.com, accessed July 15, 2019, <https://www.pro-football-reference.com/players/D/DaviG101.htm>.
 - For interviews – Josh Allen, telephone interview with author, July 20, 2024.
6. The major sources used for the story should be listed in a brief bibliography with source (name of book publisher, magazine, newspaper, etc.), title, author and date. Similar to the above for quotes but no page numbers are required and the source does not need to be repeated if you have a quote from that source already.
7. Please put in a Word document, Times Roman and 12 Font with one-inch margins.
8. Submit the article to The Coffin Corner’s Managing Editor Greg Tranter at gregtranter12@gmail.com.
9. Our editors will review your submission and provide suggestions and feedback as well as edit for proper English usage and grammar.
10. The editors are here to help you with your article and we want to help you get it published.

The Steps in the process are:

1. Author has an idea. We prefer you let us know, so that we can be certain the topic has not already been covered and can provide some early guidance.
2. Author drafts the story and submits it in a Word document to gregtranter12@gmail.com
3. The Managing Editor will acknowledge receipt.
4. At least two editors will review the article and will provide written feedback and/or edits within the document.
5. The article will be returned to the Author for review and the Author will make changes that they deem appropriate.
6. It will be re-submitted to the PFRA at the same email listed above.
7. The Managing Editor will review the final submission and will approve the final article or will send back to the Author for any final changes.

8. Once finalized the article will be put in the Publishable Inventory and will await publication into The Coffin Corner.
9. It will be published as time and space allows, but usually within 12 months of final submission.
10. The Author will be notified ahead of publication what issue of The Coffin Corner the article will appear in.
11. The Coffin Corner is first released online and then about two weeks later the print version is mailed to all PFRA members.