



Ronald W. Rice, Jr. is a Board Chairman of the National Football League Alumni Association (NFLAA) and NFLAA Carolinas Chapter Captain. Under his direction, The NFLAA provides services, benefits, access, and opportunities for former professional athletes and bridges other individuals and companies seeking athlete and organizational engagement.

Ron is also co-founder of Michigan Elite Football Club (MEFC) which develops young athletes through structured player development programming ranging from individual training, large scale camps, travel 7on7, recruiting, and professional football combine preparation. MEFC is also an affiliate partner with North Carolina Elite Prep Football and has partnered with national brands such as Rock Solid, Xenith Helmets, Battle Sports, and Body Armor Sports Drink to provide an ultimate experience.

Ron has years of broadcast journalism experience, functioning as a host and sports analyst, with radio, online, and television affiliates of ABC, ESPN, FOX, and NBC. He has appeared and contributed on multiple platforms in the Detroit (MI), Toledo (OH), Chapel Hill and Raleigh (NC) areas.

Ron earned a Master's Degree in Sports Administration from Wayne State University (Detroit, MI). Ron also received his professional certification in Sports Business Management from The George Washington University School of Business and spent time as an intern with the Detroit Lions' Pro Personnel Department. In 2009, he participated in the NFL's Business Management and Entrepreneurship Program at The Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Ron enjoyed a stellar career as Strong Safety and Co-Captain with the Detroit Lions of the National Football League from 1995 - 2002. During his football career, his strong commitment to the community inspired him to create and develop The Ron Rice Foundation, which provided reading programs and sports camps for Detroit youth. In 2000, he was awarded The Walter Payton Man of the year award from the Detroit Lions for his community involvement. In 2002, Ron was forced into retirement due to a career ending injury. He recorded 477 totals, 5.5 sacks and 12 interceptions in his professional career.

Rice graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1995, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts. As a student athlete, Ron anchored the EMU Football team's defense from the 1991-1994 seasons as a two-time All-Conference Safety. His on and off the field efforts landed him in the EMU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.