

## Rules

Here are the rules for play. Please E-mail if you have any questions.

### How it works:

1. **Choose one team per week** – any team you want, no limit on how often you choose a team during the year. Ideally you want to choose the team each week that you think is going to win by the greatest margin after covering the game spread.

2. Weekly points are awarded based on the final game results minus the game spread posted on the official line website, which has most often been the Sportsbook.com line. The official line may be changed at time to time as required to efficiently manage the pool. The Thursday Line is the official Line for that week. A copy of the Official Line will be posted on our website on Thursday of each week. **If a game is listed as "OFF" in the Line on Thursday, those teams are unavailable for picks that week.** The official line for games listed as "OFF" on Thursday may be extended in special circumstances such as NFC/AFC Championship games and the Super Bowl.

#### **Example:**

Tennessee is playing Cleveland, and Tennessee is favored by 7 points, therefore Tennessee is listed as -7 and Cleveland is +7. The final score is Tennessee 19 - Cleveland 10. Tennessee gains 2 points  $[(-7 + 19) = 12 - 10 = +2]$ . Cleveland loses 2 points  $[+7 + 10] = 17 - 19 = -2]$

The weekly scheduled is determined by the NFL with Monday night games being a part of the weekend (and Thursday) games preceding it. Payouts go to the top three (or possibly more) places, closest to zero (absolute closest) and last place. The exact payout amounts and number of places will be determined based on the number of people playing in any given year.

### Picks for Regular season & Playoff games

All picks must be made by the final deadline of **11:00 AM CST on Sunday**. This includes all games for the week that start after Noon EST Sunday

The selection of a team playing in a game that starts before Sunday at 1:00 EST (Thursday, Friday, Saturday or early Sunday games) must be made PRIOR to the start of that particular game.

If you do not pick a team playing in a Thursday, Friday, Saturday or early start Sunday game, you may wait until the final deadline on Sunday at 11:00 AM CST

### Special Circumstances

Should unusual circumstances occur such as Covid 19, that results in the suspension of the season by the NFL, the pool will also be suspended. Should the suspension be lifted by the NFL and the season is resumed, the pool will resume.

Effective in 2021 NFL season runs for 22 weeks. If the NFL modifies the season to conclude or terminate the season prematurely, the pool will likewise be concluded. The pool standings at the conclusion of the season will be final ***IF the pool has played a minimum of 14 weeks*** and prizes will be paid based upon the standings at the time of conclusion.

If the NFL concludes the season prior to the pool playing for 14 weeks, refunds to pool members will be made. The pool entry will be refunded less expenses of website hosting (split evenly between all pool participants) and any banking charges for check writing and postage costs to that particular pool member.

## **Rescheduling & Forfeits**

The NFL has announced that any team that has an outbreak of Covid-19 resulting in the inability to reschedule a game will result in a forfeit for that team. A game that cannot be played during its scheduled week will be considered OFF the board for that week. Should a game be rescheduled AND played in a subsequent week and has an official line established for that game in advance of the deadline, it will be eligible to be played. If any game is selected before the deadline and that game is subsequently forfeited, the NFL will list the score as 2-0. This score will be entered as the official score and points against the spread will be awarded as per the rules of this pool.

## **Disqualification**

The season goes from week 1 through the Super Bowl, a total of 22 weeks effective with the 2021/2022 season. Each player is allowed 2 missed picks during the season. These can be used at any time and can be held for strategic purposes. A third missed picks brings a disqualification for the season.

## **Entry Fee:**

Entry Fee: \$50 - This must be received prior to the first game of the season.

### ***Send entry fee to:***

**George Huss  
1220 West Belmont Lane  
Roseville, MN 55113**

**Email your pick to:** [gmanfootballpool@gmail.com](mailto:gmanfootballpool@gmail.com)

**Results Posted Weekly at** <http://gmanfootballpool.weebly.com/>

**The Goal:** **Accumulate the most points during the season, get closest to zero or finish in last place.**

### **Line:**

The official line is published by various public services. For several years Bovada <https://www.bovada.lv/sports/football/nfl> has been used. Others such as MyBookie.ag [mybookie.ag/sportsbook/nfl/](http://mybookie.ag/sportsbook/nfl/) or possibly others may be used as need. The final line set for all games on Thursday of each week during the regular season. A secondary website (Covers.com) may be used in emergency situations if required and if so, will be posted on the website.

If a game is **OFF** the official line on Thursday it will be listed as such and the teams listed as OFF cannot be played that week. Selection of a game listed as OFF will result in a missed pick for that week. In critical cases the administrator may decide to extend the deadline of a key game if deemed appropriate.

For playoff games, the line will be set prior to the first scheduled playoff game (similar to the setting of the final line on Thursday during the regular season)

Extension of the establishment of the final line may be more relevant during the playoffs when there are fewer games and is more critical to include all games rather than list a game as OFF.

The final line as posted will not be changed for any reason.

### **Payouts:**

**The top X places (depending on the number of entrants (3 – 6 places), closest to zero (absolute closest), and last place.**

**Ties: In the case of ties, the prize money will be split as follows:**

**1st Place:** The prize money will be pooled for the number of players who have tied. For example if 2 players tie for 1st, the prize money for 1st & 2nd places will be added together and divided by two. The next highest score will take 3rd place.

If 3 players tie for first, prize money for the top 3 places will be added together and divided equally by the number of players tied for 1st. In this case, no 2nd or 3rd place prizes will be awarded.

If 4 or more players tie for first, prize money for the top 4 places (if a 4th place prize is awarded that season) will be added together and divided equally by the number of players tied for 1st. In this case, no 2nd, 3rd or 4th place prizes will be awarded.

**2nd Place:** If 2 players tie for 2nd place, the prize money for 2nd and 3rd places will be combined and divided equally by the number of players tied for 2nd place. The next highest score will take 4th place.

If 2 or more players tie for 2nd place, the prize money for 2nd, 3rd and 4th places will be combined and divided equally by the number of players tied for 2nd place. No 3rd or 4th place prize will be awarded.

**3rd Place:** If 2 or more players tie for 3rd place, the prize money for 3rd and 4th places will be combined and divided equally by the number of players tied for 3rd place. No 4th place prize will be awarded.

**4th Place:** If 2 or more players tie for 4th place, the prize money for 4th place will be divided equally by the number of players tied for 4th place.

**Closest to Zero:** Prize is awarded for the absolute closest to zero with no differentiation between positive and negative. If 2 or more players tie for closest to zero, the prize money will be divided equally by the number of players tied.

**Last Place:** If 2 or more players tie for last place, the prize money will be divided equally by the number of players tied.