



2002 - 2003 NFL Football Pool Rules

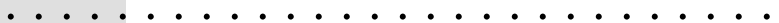
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Dear Member:

As is customary, below are the Rules for the 2002-03 NFL Football Pool with the changes voted upon during the 2000 Convention:

Rules

- ⇒ Entry fee for existing members will be \$25.00, Entry fee for new members will be \$50.00. There will be 22 members allowed into the pool this year. The entry fees will go towards the costs of running the pool.
- ⇒ The minimal bet is \$0.50 per game. You have to pick the winning team (including the point spread) for **every game every week**. Your \$0.50 bet will be waged against everybody in the pool who chooses the opposing team. For example, The Giants are playing the Bears and there are three people in the pool. Person A chooses the Giants and Persons B and C choose the Bears. Person A will wager \$0.50 with both Person B and Person C. So Person A's total responsibility for that game will be \$1.00 (\$0.50 for Person B and \$0.50 for Person C). Conversely, Persons B and C are wagering \$0.50 against Person A so their total responsibility is \$0.50.
- ⇒ **You also have to choose two special bets per week**. These bets (Best Bet and Upset Special) will double your wager. Instead of betting \$0.50 for that game, you will be betting \$1.00. The Best Bet (*) is defined as any team (either favorite or underdog) which you feel most confident in winning (including the spread). As in the example above, if Person A Chose to pick the Giants as a best bet, then he will be betting \$1.00 against Persons B and C. His total Responsibility will be \$2.00 for that game. Persons B and C will have to "cover" his bet and wager \$1.00. The Upset Special works in the same way as the best bet, but the Upset Special has to be an Underdog. Any games which are considered Picks (no point spread) **cannot** be chosen as an Upset Special. Note: You **must** choose both an upset special and a best bet every week.
- ⇒ **The Triple Star (***)**. The triple star is an **optional** bet which replaces the Best Bet and Upset Special. In essence, the Triple Star is a combination of the Best Bet and Upset Special. The Triple Star has to be an Underdog. Your wager will increase four fold. (\$0.50 will become \$2.00). In the example above, if Person B chooses the Bears as a Triple Star, He is betting \$2.00 with Person A. Person A will then have to "cover" Person B's bet and Person C's bet. Person A's total responsibility will be \$2.50 (assuming he didn't best bet the Giants).
- ⇒ **The Optional Triple Star (***)**. The optional triple star is an additional triple star. This is not required and has the same rules as the triple star above. In essence, with this rule, you can have a best bet, upset special and triple star **or** two triple stars. This rule only applies during the regular season.
- ⇒ **Loss Maximum Cap** This year, there is no maximum loss cap.



- ⇒ All Dollar Values are doubled in the **Playoffs** (\$1.00, \$2.00 and \$4.00) and doubled again for the **Super Bowl** (\$2.00, \$4.00, \$8.00). This year, Best Bets and Upset Specials are **optional** for the entire playoffs. The best bet rules still apply if you decide to make a special bet. If the member decides not to choose any underdog, then he/she can choose all favorites and he/she **can** choose two best bets. During the playoffs and Super Bowl, All point spreads will be rounded up to .5 so there will be no ties.
- ⇒ All picks have to be received by Friday at 8:00pm or 8:00pm of the day prior to the day of the first Football Game. For example, if there is a Thursday Night game, the picks have to be in by Wednesday at 8:00pm. If you fail to send your picks in by that time, then you will receive all visitors for that week. Also, you will be supplied with a single star for the visiting favorite with the lowest point spread and a double star for the visiting underdog with the lowest point spread. You get one week grace. After that, if you miss a second or third week, it will cost you \$5.00. Any misses above that will be \$10.00. The proceeds from the penalties will go toward the Winter Conference at the end of the season (always held on Fat Tuesday). This year, the Winter Conference will be at Valentino's.
- ⇒ In addition to the regular pool, there are additional, one time bets which will be wagered at the beginning of the season. Each of these bets will be \$5.00. Here is the list of this year's additional bets. **Super Bowl Champion, College National Champion.** These two bets are obvious; you have to try to predict the Super Bowl Champion and College National Champion. If, at the end of the College season, nobody has chosen the National Champion, (Based on BCS rankings) then the pot will carry over to the next season. If nobody picks a Super Bowl Champion, then the pot money is carried over to the next season. **Most Wins** - member who chooses the most games correctly (not necessarily the member who wins the most money). **Member who will win the most money** - This is a guess as to the member in the pool who will collect the most money at the end of the season. If the player does not select a Super Bowl Champion or National Champion with the first week's selections will not be eligible for those prizes, however, they will be responsible for the fee.
- ⇒ In addition to the one time bets above, an additional one time bet will be in place this year. The person who has the highest percentage of correct special bets at the end of the regular season will receive \$5.00 from each member. This will be calculated using the following rules. Each best bet or upset special will be counted as one wager. The triple stars (if you choose to triple star instead of wagering a best bet or upset special) and optional triple stars will be counted as two wagers. If you win or tie these games, they will be counted as victories. If you lose these games, they will not count. At the end of the regular season, the highest percentage (Number of special bets won / Number of special bets wagered) will win.
- ⇒ Each week on Tuesday evening (for Wednesday morning) I will be sending you the results of the previous weeks' pool along with the Pick Sheet for that week and report of current standings. The point spread on my pick sheet is final. As stated above, you must then pick each game along with the best bet and upset special (or Triple Star) and get that sheet back to me by 8:00pm Thursday. I will then calculate the action for the pool for that week and send you a selections sheet (for Friday morning) which will show you the action for you and everybody else in the pool for that week. As you can see, you will not know exactly how much you have riding on each week until all the picks are in and compiled.
- ⇒ If any member is lucky enough to pick every game correctly on a regular season week, than that person is entitled to a Bonus of \$10.00 per member.
- ⇒ Any grievances have to be submitted in writing to the Commissioner for his sole ruling. The Commissioner's ruling is always final.

Have a good season and welcome aboard

Sincerely,

John Bucciarelli

Commissioner

