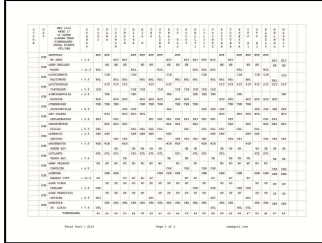


SAMSPPOOL.COM INSTRUCTIONS

**THERE ARE 6 SEPARATE POOLS – 3 FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL AND OSCAR
(ALL OF THESE POOLS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY)**

REGULAR FOOTBALL POOL

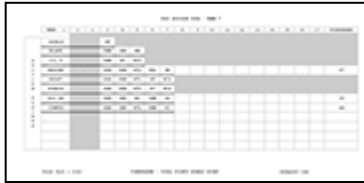
Printout of Regular Pool

A screenshot of a weekly NFL Football Pool printout. It shows a grid with columns for game dates and times, and rows for individual pool members' picks. The printout is dense with text and numbers, representing the weekly betting activity.

This is a weekly NFL Football Pool. It begins in September with Week 1 and ends with Week 17. The winner (or winners) are paid each week. We use Point Spreads for each game and each name you enter in the pool costs \$5.00. There is no up front cost to you. You just pay for each name. You can choose to play or not play in the Regular Pool each week. There is a tiebreaker that you select for each name you have in the pool. There is no limit on the number of names you can have each week. The total pool each week is determined by how many people play. The winner is determined by the person making the most picks. There could be more than one winner, even with a tiebreaker. The tiebreaker is usually the total score of the Monday Night Game or the last game played that week. You need to be a Sponsor or have a Sponsor to play in the Regular Pool.

SUICIDE FOOTBALL POOL

Printout of Suicide Pool

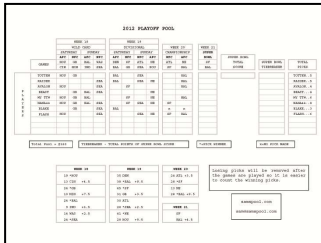
A screenshot of a Suicide Pool printout. It shows a grid with columns for game dates and times, and rows for individual pool members' picks. The printout is less dense than the Regular Pool printout, reflecting the one-time nature of the pool.

The Suicide Pool (also known as a Survivor Pool) begins Week 3 and is a separate pool from the Regular Pool. It differs from the Regular Pool because you pay \$20.00 up front for the whole season (or until there is a winner). This money must be paid no later than one week after the Suicide Pool begins. Point Spreads are **NOT** used. You pick one team each week to win a game.

If your team wins, you get to make another pick the next week. If your team loses, you are out of the pool. You can not pick the same team more than once. If you are in the Suicide Pool, you must make a pick each week or you will automatically be removed from the Pool. You also need to pick a tiebreaker each week in case the Suicide Pool ends in a tie. This is the score of the Monday Night game. You need to be a Sponsor or have a Sponsor to play in the Suicide Pool.

PLAYOFF FOOTBALL POOL

Printout of Playoff Pool

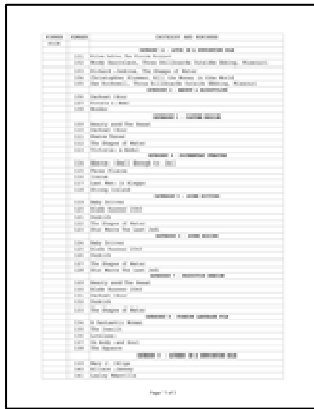
A screenshot of a Playoff Pool printout. It shows a grid with columns for game dates and times, and rows for individual pool members' picks. The printout is more complex than the Regular Pool printout, reflecting the multiple rounds of playoff games.

The Playoff Pool is different from either the Regular Pool or the Suicide Pool. You pay \$20.00 up front. This money must be paid no later than one week after the Playoff Pool begins. The winner is paid after the Super Bowl is played. Point Spreads **ARE** used. The Playoff Pool begins the week after the Regular Season ends. There are 13 playoff games. The last week of the Regular Season (Regular Pool) is week 18 so the Playoff Pool begins with the 6 playoff games in the

Wild Card Round. There are 4 playoff games in the Divisional Round. There are 2 playoff games in the Championship Round. The winners of these 2 playoff games play in the Super Bowl. All of your winning picks are added together for these weeks. You will not enter a Tiebreaker until you pick your winner for the Super Bowl. The Tiebreaker is the total points scored in the Super Bowl. You need to be a Sponsor or have a Sponsor to play in the Playoff Pool.

OSCAR POOL (ACADEMY AWARDS)

Printout of Oscar Pick Sheet and Legend

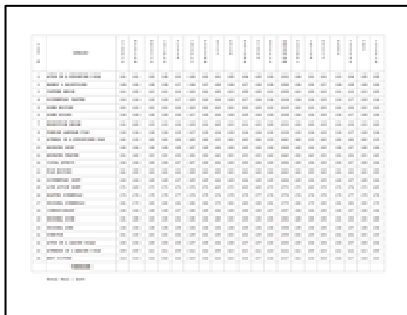


The Oscar pick sheet is 3 pages and also acts as a legend for the 122 or so nominees on the Final Sheet. Here is a close up view of it:

WINNER PICK	NUMBER	CATEGORY AND NOMINEE
		CATEGORY 1 - ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE
	101	Willem Dafoe, The Florida Project
	102	Woody Harrelson, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
	103	Richard Jenkins, The Shape of Water

So under Category 1, the three digit number for Willem Defoe is 101 and Woody Harrelson is 102 etc....

Printout of Oscar Final Sheet



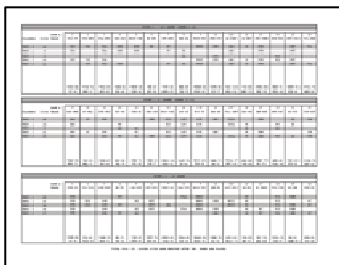
On the Final Oscar Sheet with everyone's picks on it, each nominee has the three digit number identity associated with it. The three digit number corresponds with the numbers on the Oscar pick sheet. Here is an example:

CAT #	CATEGORY	J I M M Y D	M Y W I S H
1	ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE	101	101
2	MAKEUP & HAIRSTYLING	108	106
3	COSTUME DESIGN	111	109
4	DOCUMENTARY FEATURE	116	114

So you would circle the picks just like on the Football Pool Final Sheet. As always, this info is also available on the web site and updated as the winners are announced.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL MARCH MADNESS POOL

Printout of March Madness Pool



After the Super Bowl and the Academy Awards is over, College Basketball has a rough and tumble tournament beginning in the middle of March. There are 64 teams and they play winner take all. Each game has no point spreads and if the team wins, they move on to the next round. If they lose, they are out of the tournament. The first round has 32 games that are played in 2 days. Teams are seeded with the "best" teams having the lower seed; however, the lowest seed does not always win. You will be provided with

each team's seed and their win-loss record when making your picks. The March Madness Pool is very similar to the Playoff Pool. You pay \$20.00 up front. This money is due as soon as Picks Entry is closed for Round 1. The correct picks from Round 1 are added to the correct picks for Round 2 etc....The only tiebreaker is required for the Championship Game. Here is the breakdown of each round:

- Round 1...32 games
- Round 2...16 games
- Round 3.....8 games (Also called The Sweet Sixteen)
- Round 4.....4 games (Also called The Elite Eight)
- Round 5.....2 games (Also called The Final Four)
- Round 6.....1 game The NCAA Championship Game

There are more details when you click on the March Madness Banner when available. You need to be a Sponsor or have a Sponsor to play in the March Madness Pool.

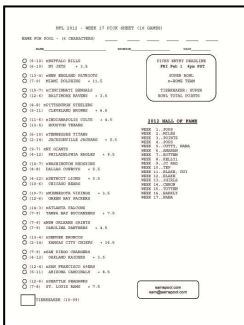
BASEBALL POOL

This pool begins shortly after the start of the regular Baseball Season. 16 games are selected each week and you just pick the winner of each game, no odds or point spreads. The week is as follows: 3 games on Wednesday, 3 games on Thursday, 3 games on Friday, 3 games on Saturday and 4 games on Sunday. The tiebreaker is the total runs scored in all 4 games played on Sunday. You can have as many entries in the pool as you like (or as many as your Sponsor will pay for). Each entry (name) that you have in the pool costs \$5.00. The total pool depends on how many people play. In case of a postponement, the game will not be counted in the pool. You must be a Sponsor or have a Sponsor to play in the Baseball Pool and you must be activated by a Sponsor to play. If you are activated, you do not have to make a pick each week; activation just authorizes you to make picks if you wish to. The pick sheet and Picks Entry will open late on Sunday before the Wednesday games. Picks Entry will close at 10AM PST on the Wednesday that the games are played. The pick sheet and Final Sheet look just like the Football Pool sheets.

Sponsor – This is a person that is responsible for paying for the pick or picks. One person can be a Sponsor or a Sponsor can have any number of people. You must be a Sponsor **or** have a Sponsor to play in the any of the pools.

- **How to Become a Sponsor** – You must have an email address on file that is linked to a PayPal account. A PayPal account is free. You can get more information at Paypal.com. This is how I collect the pool money and also how the winnings are distributed. There are buttons on the screens to transfer you to PayPal to set up an account. Once you set up a PayPal account you need to send me an email letting me know you have a PayPal account. My email is sam@samspool.com. If you are not familiar with PayPal, this is the best way to pay for things on the Internet. It is owned by Ebay.com so it is reliable. It may take up to a week to get the account set up. In your email to me, make sure to put the words Football Pool or Sponsor in the subject line. Once you become a Sponsor, you can make picks in the Regular Pool. You can also add people to the Regular Pool as well as the Suicide Pool and the Playoff Pool. Keep in mind that you will be responsible to pay for anyone’s picks if you are their Sponsor. You can also give your people instructions on entering their own picks online. I will be glad to answer any questions if you send me an email.

This pool was done originally with printed sheets (before the internet) and the following describes the sheets that can still be printed out. **Most of these sheets can be found on the INFO SHEETS Screen.**



- **This Week’s Pick Sheet** – This is normally used by Sponsors to print out and distribute to their family, friends, neighbors and people at work. They make their picks and give the sheets back to the Sponsor on Wednesday or Thursday and pay the Sponsor. The Sponsor then enters the picks online or the Sponsors people enter their picks online. This pick sheet is available Monday morning around 7am PST. The deadline for entering picks online (Picks Entry) is usually sometime on Friday afternoon. Picks Entry may be closed on Thursday afternoon if there is a game on Thursday.

- **Stats** – This sheet is normally printed on the back side of this weeks pick sheet. It is used for people to help them make their picks. The latest stat sheet is available Monday morning around 7am.

- **Final Sheets** – (See *Printout of Regular Pool* on first page) these sheets have everyone's picks on them. These are normally printed out and distributed by the Sponsors so everyone has a copy for the weekend. These sheets are usually available a short time after Picks Entry closes.
- **Suicide Printout Sheet** – (See *Printout of Suicide Pool* on first page) this sheet has everyone's picks that is in the Suicide Pool. It is available the same time as the Final Sheets.
- **Playoff Printout Sheet** – (See *Printout of Playoff Pool* on first page) this sheet has the current status of the Playoff Pool. It is available after each week's playoff games.
- **March Madness Total Picks Sheet** – (See *Printout of March Madness Pool* on page 2) this sheet has results from all of the rounds on it.
- **March Madness Pick Sheet** – This sheet has the current round of games on it. It looks similar to the Regular Football Pool Pick Sheet.
- **March Madness Final Sheet** – This sheet has everyone's picks for the current round. It looks similar the Regular Football Pool Final Sheet

A few other football notes:

- **Point Spreads** – The point spreads always have a half point. This is so there will not be a tie for the winning pick of each game. I use the Las Vegas point spreads that are posted Sunday night. Sometimes the spreads may change before game time, but for the pool they remain the same as the Sunday night point spreads.
- **Payment** - Payment for picks is due as soon as Picks Entry is closed. Any picks not paid for will not be entered in the pool. If you or one of your people wins the pool, payment is made as soon as the game that decides the pool is final.
- **Ties** – If someone has the same number of picks and the same tiebreaker or if someone has the same number of picks and one tiebreaker is 44 and another is 40 and the final score is 42 this also results in a tie. There could be a 3 or 4 way tie. The pool is split evenly in this case.
- There is a separate instruction sheet for the Suicide Pool and the Playoff Pool that can be downloaded from the Browsing Screen.
- ***Once entered, your picks can be changed as long as Picks Entry is Open.*** This is true for any of the pools. Also, your picks can not be seen by ***anyone*** until Picks Entry is closed.
- You do not need to printout anything to play in any of the pools. You can keep track of everything on the website by clicking on the POOL INFO button.
- The website is SmartPhone and Tablet compatible. Many people make their picks from these devices.
- I am always available at sam@samspool.com if you have any questions