

Hello and welcome to the 37th year of our Office Football Pool.

The pool is \$1.00 per week winner takes all for that week. This is a 100% payout pool and we square up and the end of the year. There is nothing on the backend of the pool so if you are in one week and miss another that's okay, you are really not behind except if you like to compare yourself in the total statistics that I keep and post each week. I keep track of accounting and there is a link that you can see at any time.

Picks have to be submitted by the start of the first game. (There is a Thursday Night exception see below #3)

The pool is a 16 point confidence pool. Hypothetically, with the exception of bye weeks, there are 32 teams playing each week or 16 separate matches. In the pool you will assign confidence points to each match. You must use all the numbers from 16 to 1 (or less if bye week). Your 16 point pick should be assigned to the team you feel is most likely to win, then 15, 14, 13 and so on until you run out of numbers and matches. You cannot use the same number twice so each match will have its own unique number assigned to it. If the team you picked wins, you are awarded the points you assigned. The one with the most points wins that week's pool. I suggest that you start 16, in bye weeks you will not get down to 1. In addition to making your picks you will also have to enter your tiebreaker pick. That is your best guess for the total points scored in the Last Game listed on the pick sheet (We call it Monday Night Total). Usually it is the Monday Night Game but sometimes there are two games on Monday Night, so it is the last game listed. In the event of a tie and then a tie on the breaker, the 2nd tie breaker kicks in and that is the total Monday Night point differential. Below you will see a complete pool which might make more sense. This was week 1 of last year and I won it. This looks like the copy of the email you will receive when you submit your picks.

From: Bucky [buckyearll@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 9:17:01 AM
To: buckyearll@hotmail.com;buckyearll@gmail.com
Subject: ELH-Football Pool 2010_Week01_Bucky

|Week01|
Home Team Away Team
New Orleans |13| Minnesota | |
Pittsburgh | | Atlanta |7|
N.Y. Giants |14| Carolina | |
New England | | Cincinnati |1|
Jacksonville |12| Denver | |
Chicago |11| Detroit | |
Houston |6| Indianapolis | |
Buffalo | | Miami |9|
Tennessee |15| Oakland | |
Tampa Bay |5| Cleveland | |

St.Louis | | Arizona |10|
Philadelphia | | Green Bay |8|
Seattle | | San Francisco |4|
Washington | | Dallas |3|
N.Y. Jets | | Baltimore |2|
Kansas City | | San Diego |16|
MNTotal |49| playername: |Bucky|

We have a few special features I should mention.

1. The Bagger perfect pick pool. If you are lucky enough to have a perfect week you win the pot. It is currently at \$102 and is funded by a \$3.00 tax on each week's winner.
2. Separately we have an optional \$20.00 Sidebar bet. This runs the entire year and the person with the highest total points, tie breakers apply, wins the entire Sidebar bet. This optional bet has to be paid in advance and by the end of the 4th week. If you are in the \$20 Sidebar bet and miss a week you will be assigned all the away teams starting with your 16 point pick on the first match and descending sequence for the rest of the matches. 42 points will be assigned as your Monday Night Points.
3. During the year there are Thursday Night games we allow you to pick only the Thursday Night game by its self. You click the "Smack Board" link on the pick page and enter your pick. You are on the honor system to make sure it matches your pick on your official pick sheet.

If you have any questions please give me a call. Bucky 847-946-8155 or email me at buckyearll@hotmail.com