

FRIDAY FOOTBALL SHOWDOWN 2016

Presented by the Golden Nugget sports book

**Hosted by The Las Vegas Sportsline, airing on
ESPN Radio (1100 AM, 100.9 FM)**

Each Friday throughout the football season, entrants compete in a college football and NFL handicapping contest. The radio broadcast is 2 to 3 p.m. from the ESPN Radio studio.

(Entry fee, bracket draw and play selection rules)

An unlimited number of contestants are allowed to enter for \$2,000 each.

One entry per person.

The deadline to register at the Golden Nugget sports book is Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 10:00 p.m.

The field of contestants will be announced on radio Wednesday, Sept. 7.

For the first eight weeks (Weeks 1- 8) of the NFL schedule, each contestant makes seven (7) selections against the spread, from all college and NFL sides and totals - excluding first-half lines - posted on Golden Nugget contest sheets at 12 p.m. on Thursdays.

For the ninth through tenth weeks (Weeks 9-10) of the NFL schedule, each contestant makes nine (9) selections against the spread, from all college and NFL sides and totals - excluding first -half lines - posted on Golden Nugget contest sheets at 12 p.m. on Thursdays.

Editorial Comment – Thus, for the first phase of the Contest, Weeks 1 through 10, a total of 74 selections will be made with the 7 contestants having the most points (after applying any tie-breakers if necessary) plus the winner of the Wild Card Chase (described below) will advance to the second phase of the contest, the Bracketed head-to-head competition.

The deadline to submit selections each week is 2 p.m. Fridays – this deadline is FIRM. If a contestant does not submit their picks in advance of the deadline, they will receive no points for the week.

Each winning selection will be worth one point, with a tied selection being worth half a point.

After 10 weeks, the top seven (7) contestants overall according to total points, plus the Wildcard Chase winner, will advance to the second round and a head-to-head bracket portion of the contest, which begins with Week 11 of the NFL schedule.

If there is a tie, the first tiebreaker will be the contestants' total points for Week 10. If there is still a tie, the second tiebreaker will be the contestants' total points for Week 9, with ties being broken further week-by-week in reverse chronological order, all the way back to Week 1.

All games selected must be played within one (1) day of original game date. If not played within one (1) day, contestant will get zero (0) points for that selection.

Contestants are not permitted to play both sides of any one game, and may not play both sides of any one total.

(Wildcard Chase rules)

The ninth and tenth weeks (Weeks 9-10) of the contest are designated as the Wildcard Chase weeks.

The top scoring contestant overall in Weeks 9 and 10 who is NOT one of the top seven contestants overall in Weeks 1 through 10 is the Wildcard Chase winner, and will advance to the quarterfinals as the No. 8 seed.

If there is a tie for the Wildcard Chase winner, the first tiebreaker will be total overall points in Weeks 1-8. The second tiebreaker will be Week 8 score. If there is still a tie, the third tiebreaker will be Week 7 score, with ties being broken further week-by-week in reverse chronological order, all the way back to Week 1.

Winning selections are worth one point, and tied selections are worth half a point.

(Winners and tiebreakers)

The seven (7) contestants with the top scores from the first 10 weeks, along with the Wildcard Chase winner, advance to the head-to-head bracket.

At that point, the winner of the head-to-head matchup advances, and that remains true for the rest of the contest. In the bracket contest, each contestant makes seven (7) selections per week.

In the event of a tie after seven selections, these tiebreaking rules will apply: The seventh selection - designated as the Best Bet - is the first tiebreaker. (For example, if each contestant finishes 4-3, the one who wins the seventh play advances.) The sixth selection will be used as the second tiebreaker, and that tiebreaking process continues in reverse order to the first selection.

If the contestants remain tied after seven tiebreakers, the contestant who cleared the point spread or total by the most points with his seventh selection advances as the winner. (For example, if Contestant A picked a 21-point favorite that won by 35 points, he cleared the spread by 14 points. If Contestant B picked a 14-point favorite that won by 24, he cleared the spread by 10 points. In that case, Contestant A would advance as the matchup winner.) That tiebreaking process also would continue in reverse order to the first selection.

If the seventh selections are both losing selections, then the contestant losing by the smallest margin against the spread would advance. The tiebreaking process continues in reverse order to the first selection.

(Contest registration)

Registration opens at the Golden Nugget sports book at 12 p.m. on July 8, 2016.

Contestants are allowed to designate one proxy who has the authority to enter weekly plays.

The contestants agree to participate, or name a replacement, in the media portion of the contest for ESPN Radio (1100 AM, 100.9 FM).

The Golden Nugget will record the contestants' plays, with lines posted as of 12 p.m. on Thursdays, on an official contest form.

(Schedule)

The first round consists of 10 weeks: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4 and 11.

The second round is the beginning of the bracket contest. Eight contestants compete, with two going head to head each week. This round consists of four weeks: Nov. 18 and 25; Dec. 2 and 9.

The contest semifinals are Dec. 16 and 23.

The championship match will be held Dec. 30.

Selected college football bowl games posted on the board are eligible contest plays in Week 15, 16 and 17. As a consistent rule, first-half lines are excluded.

In the Week 15 semifinal on Dec. 16, contestants are allowed to choose from all college and NFL games on the board played on or before Wednesday, Dec. 21.

In the Week 16 semifinal on Dec. 23, contestants are allowed to choose from all college and NFL games on the board played on or before Wednesday, Dec. 28.

In the Week 17 championship match on Dec. 30, all NFL and college football bowl games posted on the board are eligible contest plays.

(Seeding the bracket)

The bracket will be seeded after the first round. The contestant with the highest first-round score gets the No. 1 seed; lowest score to advance from the regular contest is the No. 7 seed. The Wildcard Chase winner is the No. 8 seed.

The top-seeded contestant gets first choice for which week he will participate in the second round. The No. 2 seed gets second choice and No. 3 gets third choice.

Second-round format:

No. 1 Seed vs No. 8 Seed

No. 2 Seed vs No. 7 Seed

No. 3 Seed vs No. 6 Seed

No. 4 Seed vs No. 5 Seed

If first-round scores match for two or more contestants, aforementioned tiebreaking rules will be used to seed the bracket, beginning with the contestants' selections in the previous week.

The bracket is reseeded for the final four, with the contestants' overall contest score being used, and the same tiebreaking rules apply, beginning with contestants' last selection in the previous week.

Weeks 13 and 14 of the second round have a limited amount of college games, so please keep this in mind as far as choosing seeds.

The top-seeded contestant gets first choice of their semifinals week in which to participate.

Semifinal format:

The highest remaining seed (No. 1) versus the lowest remaining seed (No. 4) in one semifinal. The No. 2 and No. 3 seeds will meet in the other semifinal.

(Mini-Contest)

Weeks 15 through 17 of the contest will also include a Mini-Contest, open to all entrants, with no additional entry fee.

The Mini-Contest will consist of seven (7) selections from each week's wagering card, from all college and NFL sides and totals - excluding first-half lines - posted on the Golden Nugget contest sheets at 12 p.m. on Thursdays.

Contestants will receive one point for a winning selection, and half a point for a tied selection. The highest scoring contestant will be the Mini-Contest winner.

If there is a tie for the highest scoring contestant, the Mini-Contest prize will be split equally among all tied contestants.

(Summary and prize money distribution)

The Golden Nugget is returning 100 percent of the entry fees to the contestants, but only the contestants who survive the first round and the Mini-Contest winner(s) will receive any prize money.

All eight (8) contestants who advance to the second round receive \$3,000.

The winner of each head-to-head matchup in the second round will receive \$2,000.

(After two completed rounds, a total of \$32,000 will be returned to contestants, and at this point, four (4) contestants will remain in the semifinal round.)

The remaining money in the prize pool will be distributed to the contest

champion (60 percent), runner-up (25 percent), semifinal losers (5 percent each), and Mini-Contest winner (5 percent).

(Media participation)

By signing the registration form, contestants agree to participate, or name a replacement, in the media portion of the contest for ESPN Radio (1100 AM, 100.9 FM). The weekly contest show will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Fridays at the ESPN Radio studio, 8755 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas.

For the first 10 weeks of the contest - prior to the head-to-head bracket matchups – selected contestants will be picked to do weekly radio spots to announce their contest plays.

(Declarations)

If any ties exist and cannot be broken after the scheduled conclusion of the contest, the surviving contestants will divide the prize pool equally.

Contestants are prohibited from submitting opposing sides or totals of any one football game as contest plays.

Any contestant whose actions threaten the integrity of the contest, as ruled by Golden Nugget sports book director Tony Miller, can be eliminated from the contest without a refund.

The contest schedule and weekly plays will be posted at the Golden Nugget sports book and GoldenNugget.com/lasvegas/ with the weekly schedule also posted at Lvsportsnetwork.com and TheLasVegasSportsline.com.