

Welcome to the 2009 NFL season and our **14th Annual Single Elimination Pool!!!!**
Congratulations to our winners for splitting the pot. **This year the entry fee is still 20 units. Congrats to all 5 winners for splitting \$3800 pot.** Last year we had 217 poolsters. We would like to reach 300 this year. Please spread the word, we would like as many participants as possible. We also have a loser's pool that starts on week #7. The difference is that in the loser's pool you cannot pick the same team twice until the playoffs begin. If you lose in the 1st pool and are interested in the loser's pool let me know ASAP. You may be in the Loser's Pool even if you are still alive in the Main Pool.

***** Our season starts on Sunday September 6th at 1pm EST.**

The Rules

1. All participants **must** have their entrance fee and pick(s) in by the start of the first game. This will ensure us an accurate count on exactly how many people we have and that we will not have to chase anyone down.
2. The cost is a one-time fee of **20 units**. A small price to pay for a shot at a possible **\$5,000**.
3. Each participant must call or use the website to enter their pick every week by 8pm Saturday or the start of the 1st Saturday game. This pick is simply the one team you feel is going to win that week (no points). As long as the team you picked wins, you stay in the pool. (You do not have to pick the same team each week, but you can.)
4. To get your pick in please use the website www.Buttahweb.com. If you do not have access to the Internet you may phone your pick to Keith's voicemail at 401-663-2652 or your contact. You must get a number from your contact. If you wish to be a contact please e-mail me for more details. You get a free pick if you can get 20 people into the pool. This will make my job easier and less hectic.
5. You may check the weekly totals and previous week's results by going to the website. It will be updated by Sunday night every week. You also will be able to link directly to Keith or your contacts e-mail.
6. All picks must be in **no later than 8:00pm Saturday or kickoff of the 1st game if there is Saturday game. *Thursday games will not count (New this year).*** If you fail to get your pick in on time, you will receive the last Monday night home team.) This will enable us to get a total of all the games, with plenty of time to spare. We are sorry if your life is hectic or you gave your pick to someone else and they forgot, but if one of the three of us doesn't have it, you get the Monday Night game. We cannot be chasing people around. The 1st week we will take entries right up to the start of the 1st game on Sunday, ***Thursday games will not count (New this year).***
7. When the games are over, just check to see if your team won. If it did then you advance to the next week. Your team must win, ties lose. If the team you picked does not win then you are eliminated.
8. Multiple entries are permitted. You get one pick for every **20** units you pay.
9. The pool will continue for as long as there are people picking winners. The pool will go right up to the Superbowl if necessary. If more than one person is still alive at the end, ***then total points for the superbowl will be used, if there is still a tie then the pot will be split (New this year).*** The remaining participants can make deals.
10. If everyone in one week picks losers, then everyone at the start of the week will still be alive.
11. If you forget to call in a pick during the season you will receive the home team of the last Monday night game that week ***or the last game of the week if no Monday night game (New this year).*** If you forget to call in during the playoffs you get the home team of the last game of the week. If you are stupid enough to forget to call in for the Superbowl you get the **loser**.
12. If you have someone else calling in your pick to the contact every week, that is your responsibility. We will not make any exceptions if that person did not call in on time. You are responsible to get your pick to us; if it doesn't then that's not our problem. Use the website yourself, it is the easiest way.
13. **All payouts will be made after the Superbowl.**

***Red text denotes new rule or rule change.**