

Nothing is certain.

Make sure you are betting on a sport you understand.

People who know a lot about sports may think they can use that knowledge to their advantage. However, the oddsmakers know a lot too.

An element of skill comes into play in Sports Betting, but making an educated bet does not ensure a winning outcome. You still can't control the outcome of the match.

Don't be fooled, chance still plays a big part, no matter the skill level.

Hope to win, but accept a loss.

Never chase those losses. This will only lead to more losses.



GAMESENSE TIP:

It's possible to get caught up in the excitement of Sports Betting. But **SETTING A BUDGET** beforehand can help.

HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

Ask a GameSense Advisor at the GameSense Info Center or visit GameSenseMA.com and find a GameSense Advisor via "LiveChat" 24 hours a day.



This game guide is meant as an introduction. The official rules are available at: massgaming.com/rules

Covering the Bases on Sports Betting

Know the games like a Pro.



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SO MANY OPTIONS

Straight Bet

An individual wager on a game or event that be determined by a point spread or money line.

Over/Under

Over/under bets are a wager that the points total of the game are larger/smaller than the posted total.

Parlay

A single bet that links together two or more individual wagers. You must win all wagers for the bet to pay. The bets selected will result in a higher payout.

Teaser

A teaser is essentially a parlay that the better is allowed to change the spread in their favor. The more teams, the more you can change the spread. The wager results in a single bet payout.

Futures

A wager on an event, series, or award that will finish in the future. This single wager has a long life instead of being decided on a single event. Payouts are determined at the time the wager is placed.

Proposition Bets

A prop bet is a wager made regarding an occurrence or nonoccurrence during a game that does not directly affect the game's final outcome.

In-Game Bets

In-game betting is placing wagers while the game is playing. It can be used to place bets like previous forms of betting. Odds will update as teams score and time ticks down.

In-Play Bets

Also known as "live betting" and/or "micro betting." The difference from In-Game Betting is the odds change after play or possession throughout the game.

TERMS YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW

Vig

The amount of money the casino charges or makes on a wager.

Spread

The number of points (set by the sports book) a team needs to win or loss by for the bet to win.

Cover

The betting outcome on a point spread bet.

Favorite

The favorite must win by more than the spread to cover.

Underdog

The underdog must lose by less than the spread or win the game outright.

The Hook

The .5 point in a spread. Avoids a tie.

Off the Board

The game can not be bet on.

Cash Out

A sports book may offer a smaller payout to get them to end the bet before the event's conclusion.



Let's play



1 – Decide how much money to bet. Remember, "Hope to win, expect to lose."

2 – Set a time limit. Just like athletes need a break, so do you.

3 – Wagers can be placed at the sports betting area or on a kiosk.

4 – Once the betting ticket prints, check for accuracy.

5 – Watch and enjoy the game and hope to win.

6 – If the ticket wins, return it to the sports betting area or kiosk to collect. If it loses, do nothing.

ALL BETS BASED ON \$100

Minus symbol (-) is the amount you wager to win \$100.

Plus symbol (+) is the amount you win on a \$100 wager.

**Ex: Team 1 -150 costs \$150 to win \$100.
Team 2 +250 costs \$100 to win \$250.**

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