

FOOTBALL

The most frequent and basic way to wager on football is a straight bet on the point spread. Whichever team the bettor wagers on must cover the spread in order for the bettor to win the bet. It means the favorite must win by at least a specified amount or the underdog must lose by no more than that amount (or win the game outright).

EXAMPLE:

	Team	Spread	
September 24	Georgia	-2.5	-110
1:00 PM	Oklahoma	+2.5	-110

In this example, Georgia (-2.5) is favored by 2.5 points. Georgia must win the game by more than 2.5 points in order for someone to win their point spread bet on Georgia. If the bettor wagers on Oklahoma (+2.5), Oklahoma must win the game outright or lose by fewer than 2.5 points for the bettor to win. The -110 next to each indicates the bettor must wager \$110 to win \$100 regardless of who they make a point spread wager on.

THE MONEY LINE – Bettors can also wager on the winner of the game regardless of the point spread. All the team they select has to do is win the game outright. The money line is based on a \$100 base amount with the minus ("-") indicating the favorite and the (+) indicating the underdog.

EXAMPLE:

	Team	Spread		Money Line
September 24	Georgia	-2.5	-110	-120
1:00 PM	Oklahoma	+2.5	-110	+105

In the same game as above, Georgia is -120 on the money line which means they are the favorite. Anyone wagering on Georgia would be proportionally wagering \$120 to profit \$100 (meaning they could wager \$240 to profit \$200, \$60 to profit \$50, etc.). Anyone wagering on Oklahoma would be proportionally wagering \$100 to win \$105 on Oklahoma winning the game outright.