# 2025 CFB Against the Spread Pick'em

## **Basics**

- Contest starts on Thursday, August 28th
- Pick 10 college football games against the spread each week
- All games between two FBS teams are eligible to be picked
- All games count for the same number of points
- Two side games will take place alongside the main contest:
  - Lock of the week (details below)
  - Upset of the week (details below)
- \$50 entry fee

### **Structure**

- Pool takes place from Week 1 Week 14 (Rivalry Week) of the CFB regular season (no bowls)
- No divisions or H2H, person with the best record at the end of the season wins

#### **Prizes**

- \$100 to the top overall score each guarter of the season (Weeks 1-3, 4-6, 7-10, 11-14)
- \$100 to the winner of the "lock of the week" side game
- \$100 to the winner of the "upset of the week" side game
- \$600 to the overall pool winner
- \$250 to second place overall
- \$125 to third place overall
- \$75 to fourth place overall
- \$50 to fifth place overall
- All prizes will be paid out at the end of the season
- \$100 will be taken out of the prize pool for web hosting costs

## **Submitting Picks**

- All picks are submitted on the "CFB Picks" page on the SGA Website
- All spreads for the week will be updated on the website by Monday night
- Final deadline to submit picks is Saturday morning at 9AM Eastern time (3 hours before first games kick off)
  - o If a Thursday or Friday game is picked, deadline is 3 hours before that game kicks off
- If picks are not submitted in time, you will get a 0-10 score for the week
- If more than 10 games are picked, only the first 10 submitted will count (first away teams, then home teams)

## Lock / Upset of the Week Side Games

- Each week, choose one game that you are most confident in (lock of the week) and one underdog that you believe will win outright (upset of the week)
- Neither your lock of the week nor your upset of the week are required to be part of your 10 picks for the regular pool
- Lock of the week
  - Choose any team against the spread (favorite or underdog)
  - Earn 2 points if your team covers by 14 points or more
  - Earn 1 point if your team covers
  - Lose 1 point if your team does not cover

- Upset of the week
  - Choose any underdog against the spread
  - o If your team wins <u>outright</u>, earn one point for each point they were meant to lose by
    - E.g., if you pick NIU +28 vs Notre Dame and they win outright, you earn 28 points
  - o If your team covers the spread but does not win outright, earn 1 point
  - o If your team does not cover the spread and does not win outright, earn 0 points

## **End of Season Tiebreakers**

- 1) Points in the lock of the week contest
- 2) Points in the upset of the week contest
- 3) Conference Championship week pick-off
- 4) Closest to total combined score of all the final games of each week