

Let me know if you have any questions. Forward this on to anyone who might be interested.

### NFL SUICIDE POOL RULES

1. Entry fee is \$20 and is due before the first game on Sunday. If the entry fee is not received on time, you will not be eligible to participate. Make checks payable to Mark Rowe and mail to the following address:  
  
14 Gemsbuck Rise  
San Antonio, TX 78258
2. You may enter no more than five times, but create different names for each entry, or use some type of numbering system.
3. Pick one team to win each week. You may only pick a particular team *twice* during the regular season. For example, if you pick Denver for weeks one and two, you may not pick Denver again until the playoffs begin. If the team you picked loses, you are eliminated. If you have multiple entries, you don't have to pick the same team for each entry.
4. Once the playoffs start, your slate is wiped clean. At that time, you may pick any team, and you may pick the same team each week all the way through the Super Bowl if you so desire.
5. Beginning Week 6, a loser pool will begin. The entry fee will be \$20. The same rules apply, except that you may only pick a team *once* during the regular season. Your slate will be wiped clean if you make it into the playoffs. Additional information will be distributed to coordinate the payment deadline for the loser pool.
6. Tie is the same as a loss.
7. Week One Picks and Other Weeks With a Thursday Night Game – If you want to pick the Thursday game, your pick must be in by 5:00 PM Central Thursday. All other picks must be in by 5:00 PM Central Friday.
8. Week Twelve Picks – If you want to pick one of the Thursday games, your pick must be in by 5:00 PM Central Wednesday. All other picks must be in by 5:00 PM Central Friday.
9. All Other Weeks - All picks must be received by 5:00 PM Central Friday. Here's a link to the NFL schedule (<http://www.nfl.com/schedules?seasonType=REG#Week>).
10. Picks must be made via my website ([www.markrowecontest.com/NFLSuicidePoolIndex.htm](http://www.markrowecontest.com/NFLSuicidePoolIndex.htm)).
11. Due to the time and effort required to administer the pool, the entry fee will be waived for the Pool Master (me).
12. If in the event a pick is not received on time, you will receive a default pick for that week. For Week 1, your pick will be the Green Bay Packers. For all other weeks, the default pick will be the highest ranked available team as per the Sagarin Rankings as can be found on the USA Today website (<http://www.usatoday.com/sports/sagarin/nfl11.htm>).
13. All entries will be posted on Mark Rowe's website at [www.markrowecontest.com/NFLSuicidePoolIndex.htm](http://www.markrowecontest.com/NFLSuicidePoolIndex.htm) as soon as all entries are received.
14. If all active entries lose on a given week, the group will be given a pass and continue on to the following week.
15. The highest level of confidentiality will be maintained in collecting all picks. If at the end of the season there are multiple players still alive for the Super Bowl, and there will clearly be more than one player standing after the game, the tiebreaker will be determined using my Super Bowl Contest. For example, if four people remain standing going into the Super Bowl, and two people pick Denver and two people pick Dallas, then two people will remain. Additional information will be distributed at that time to complete the entry forms for the Super Bowl Contest. Players may circumvent this requirement only by a unanimous vote by all remaining players. In other words, you can either elect to split the pot, or create some alternative tiebreaker such as number of first downs, provided that everyone agrees.