

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR SCORE PREDICTION CONTESTS FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL

1. There will be a **Prediction Summary Table** [displayed as a .jpg image] at or near the top of each page of the prediction thread. I will update the table as members post new predictions or modify previous predictions. If you open that .jpg image in a separate tab, you can update the table with a “refresh.”

To be included in the contest,

- a. Your prediction must include a predicted score for both teams, and
- b. Your prediction must appear in the proper game prediction thread.

If you only make a prediction in another thread, I will not enter the prediction into the contest.

Finally, I will not enter duplicate predictions for a game. You can check the **Prediction Summary Table** prior to making your prediction to verify that your predicted score has not been used by a prior player.

2. Each player is responsible to verify that I entered his/her prediction into the table correctly. Experience has shown that I have failed to catch a prediction occasionally, and that I have inadvertently entered a prediction incorrectly. I make mistakes. When you identify an error, you should post about that error in the thread, or contact me by IM about the error, or both. When I find an error, I will correct it as soon as possible up to and until the game ends. **Once the game ends and I post the results, I will not change any entries.** If you are not satisfied that your prediction is shown correctly in the table, be sure to bring that to my attention as soon as possible, preferably **PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME**, and certainly before the game ends,
3. If you want to change your prediction, you may do so prior to kickoff. To change your prediction, use the following procedure to reduce the likelihood of misunderstandings.
 - a. Quote your previously entered prediction post; and
 - b. Then indicate your revised prediction in the new post that includes the quote of your previously entered prediction post.

All of the requirements identified in #1 and #2 above remain operational regarding your revised prediction with respect to verification and error-correction.

4. Only one player may use the same prediction for a particular game, and if a second prediction occurs that duplicates a previous prediction, I will identify the duplication in a post within the thread, and ask the second player to make another prediction. I will not enter that player into the contest with a duplicate prediction, and I will not presume to alter the player’s duplicate prediction in order to make it unique. See #1 and #2 above.
5. The winner of a given game/contest will be the person with the prediction having the lowest overall difference, being the sum of differences between:
 - a. UK's predicted and actual score;
 - b. The Opponents' predicted and actual score; AND
 - c. The predicted and actual margins.

Each difference component will be the absolute value of the difference, e.g. if two players predict UK will score 34 and 30 points respectively, and the UK actually scores 32 points, each of these players' difference for the UK Score component will be 2 points.

6. At the conclusion of each game, I will post the results using the criteria in #5. I will maintain a running tally of overall standing for the entire season, including a bowl game if any, and to compete for the season championship, you must compete in all games played. If you miss a game, you will drop out of the running for overall season championship, but I will continue to track and post your overall results for the number of games in which you participate.