

# Football Betting: A Fan's and Bettor's Manual

Football wagering is one of the most popular forms of sports betting in the world. Be it supporters who just wish to add a little extra excitement to the game or veterans who analyze statistics and odds, football wagering combines passion for the sport with the thrill of possible reward.

Be you a novice football gambler or an old pro looking to hone your skills some more, familiarity with the basics and strategies can enhance your experience.

## Basics of Football Betting

Football betting involves betting on various incidents that might occur during a match. This can be from as simple as betting on the winner to more advanced bets regarding point spreads, totals (over/under), performances of players, and even prop bets on particular occurrences in a match.

The use of online bookmaking sites and mobile betting applications has made betting on football more convenient than ever. Bettors can simply go to [Betway log in](#) and start wagering as they watch a game.

## Moneyline Bets

The easiest type of bet is the moneyline. This is where you bet on which team you believe will win the game outright. Odds on Betway are based on the perceived chance for each team, and payouts are according to these odds.

## Point Spread Bets

Point spread handicapping adds a further degree of

sophistication by handicapping the favorite team for a points deficit. The underdog receives a points surplus. An example would be that if a team is favored by 7 points, they need to win by over 7 points for a bet on them to be resolved.

## **Totals (Over/Under)**

Rather than betting on the winner, total betting is betting on whether or not the total number of points each team scores will be over or under a set quantity.

## **Prop Bets**

Prop bets are focused on isolated events within a game. They can be how many hat-tricks an individual player scores or who begins with the coin toss.

## **Futures Bets**

Such bets are placed on what will happen in the future, such as which team will take the league title or who will win the MVP.

# **The Appeal of Football Wagering**

Why do people get drawn towards football betting? Primarily, it's the excitement and enthusiasm. If money is at stake, there's more adrenaline to it. Supporters become more interested, watching games with an improved level of alertness. For some, gambling also provides a social component, as there are issues to discuss and friendly competitions.

Availability of data and analytics has made betting a skill-based game. The majority of bettors spend time studying team statistics, weather trends, injury reports, and coaching lines

to make decisions.

## **Responsible Betting**

Although betting on football can be fun, one must understand that there is a risk. Betting is a risk of losing money, and some individuals will find themselves with an unhealthy gambling habit. Budgets must be set, losses must not be pursued, and only what you can lose should be wagered on.

## **Conclusion**

Football betting, when done carefully, can enhance your appreciation of the game. As a casual fan or an ardent bettor, knowledge of the different bets, safe gambling, and monitoring trends can make your betting experience both exciting and rewarding.

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## The JBL High Stakes Invitational Poker Tournament: Where Wrestling Meets the River

On December 5, 2022, a seemingly playful segment on [WWE Monday Night Raw](#) turned into one of the more bizarre but memorable mashups of the wrestling and poker worlds. JBL, never one to shy away from theatrics, hosted what was dubbed the JBL High Stakes Invitational Poker Tournament backstage, featuring a colorful mix of WWE stars. Among them: Johnny Gargano, Baron Corbin, Akira Tozawa, and the ever-stoic Dexter Lumis. What started as a comedic filler ended up creating legitimate matchups and sparking storyline tensions. One moment, Dexter Lumis was being questioned for even entering the room. The

next, he was emptying a duffel bag filled with money (his spoils from a previous storyline with The Miz) onto the table. Just like that, Lumis was dealt in.

The fallout from the tournament spilled into the ring, as per a WWE Raw recap from [CBS](#). Chad Gable caught a Magic Killer from The O.C., which resulted in a decisive win, all because of an argument that erupted at JBL's poker table. Similarly, Dominik Mysterio took down Akira Tozawa in a match born from another cardroom dispute. In true WWE fashion, a deck of cards, a few bad beats, and a room full of egos became the spark for a string of in-ring conflicts. Fans were divided—some enjoyed the drama and character-building, others questioned the value of a poker segment in a wrestling show.

Either way, the JBL Invitational made noise. And just like a controversial hand at the World Series of Poker, everyone was talking about it.

### **A Risky Bet: Fan Reactions to the Poker Segment**

The JBL High Stakes Invitational was the WWE's attempt to infuse a different kind of storytelling tool into its live programming. But not everyone at the table was impressed. Audience reactions ranged from curious engagement to full-blown rejection. Among the harshest critics was former WWE head writer [Vince Russo](#), who called the entire segment “bad, campy, stupid, silly, unfunny comedy.” In an interview with Sportskeeda, Russo blasted the angle for lacking authenticity and leaning too hard into forced humor. The poker table setup did resemble a retro backstage skit from WWE's Attitude Era.

With JBL presiding like an old Western saloon boss and wrestlers taking exaggerated losses or throwing tantrums, it walked the line between parody and plot device. And while the segment did drive story progression, creating friction that led to two actual matches, it felt disjointed to fans expecting hard-hitting action.

Still, others saw potential. Some praised the tournament's attempt at blending character motivations with real-life themes like pride, risk, and ego, all things central to both poker and wrestling. The line between fiction and reality blurred in ways that piqued the interest of fans who know the strategic side of poker. Could WWE have pushed the concept further? Maybe. The segment at least highlighted how common the cross-pollination of poker and wrestling has become. In both games, you either play the character or get played.

## **Where Wrestlers and Poker Pros Collide**

As unusual as it may seem, poker and pro wrestling are cut from the same cloth. Both demand psychological warfare, stamina, and the ability to control a room (or a table). It's no surprise that some of today's poker pros once thrived on the mat.

For example, [Americas Cardroom](#) pro Chris MoneyMaker – yes, the man who ignited the poker boom in 2003 – has roots in wrestling. In an interview with a major poker publication, MoneyMaker shared a story about his early wrestling struggles, including a 0-15 season in high school and a socially awkward match against the only girl wrestler in his area. While the

bout ended in his favor, it taught him a valuable lesson about resilience and pressure, two things that serve him just as well under the bright lights of a poker final table. Another example is Dash Dudley. Before winning three [World Series of Poker](#) bracelets, Dudley wrestled at Michigan State and played football at Okemos High School. He credits his competitive edge in poker to his early years in wrestling. “They’re essentially trophies,” Dudley told *WILX News*. “But they’re a lot harder to get. I had to battle 2,600 [players] for the last one.”

The shared DNA between poker and wrestling runs deeper than fans realize. Both require a strong poker face, a flair for the dramatic, and a willingness to take calculated risks. Wrestlers know the grind of mental endurance and physical pressure. Poker players navigate tells, tempo, and mental warfare. It’s why crossover events like the JBL Invitational, while polarizing, are more than a gimmick; they reflect a genuine cultural overlap. With WrestleMania rumored to return to Las Vegas, the world’s poker capital, many fans are speculating whether poker-themed segments will make another comeback. According to some sources, the WWE has already floated the idea of reviving poker-related storylines to align with the city’s casino culture. If so, JBL’s poker night might have been the opening shuffle.

## **Betting on Entertainment’s Future**

The JBL High Stakes Invitational Poker Tournament was a bold, if clunky, attempt to unify two competitive arenas. While critics like Vince Russo may have folded early, others saw the segment as a creative gamble worth exploring. Whether you view it as a missed opportunity or a fun deviation from the norm,

it proved one thing: poker and wrestling are more intertwined than ever. With stars like Chris MoneyMaker and Dash Dudley bridging the gap, and live segments creating real match outcomes, the relationship between the ring and the felt continues to evolve. For WWE, poker is a storyline waiting to be dealt.

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But not as rotten as the rest of the year.

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Yes, somehow this was their best idea for a pay per view that month.

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