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## SPORTS

### SPORTS BETTING A TO Z



# **A**

**ACTION** - An active wager.

**AGAINST THE SPREAD** - (ATS) This refers to laying points rather than taking a straight up bet. The favorite must win by more than the spread for the wager to win. An underdog must win outright or lose by less than the spread to win.

# **B**

**BAD BEAT** - A bet that seems as if it is going to win and ends up losing at the end.

**BANKROLL** - Available funds for betting.

**BOOK** - Short for sportsbook, a place in which someone can place a wager on sporting events.

**BUYING POINTS** - Changing the point spread in your favor in exchange for a smaller payout. Bettors oftentimes buy points around key numbers in football such as 7 or 3.

# **C**

**CONSENSUS** - The percentage breakdown of the public's bets to display which side has more action.

**COVER** - Involves a point spread bet. For an underdog to cover, they must win outright or lose by less than the point spread. For the favorite to cover, they must win by more than the point spread.

# **D**

**DIME** - \$1,000.

# **E**

**EVEN** - The winnings equal the amount of the wager.

# **F**

**FAVORITE** - A team that is expected (favored) to win an event.

**FUTURES BET** - A wager on events that will conclude in the future. This is typically on regular season or full season outcomes such as championship winners, division and conference winners, over/under win totals and more.

# **H**

**HEDGING** - Betting the opposite of a bet previously placed to guarantee an amount of winnings.

**HOOK** - .5 point in the spread.

# **I**

**IN-GAME WAGER** - Also referred to as a live bet or in-play betting. This is betting on an event that has already started.

# **L**

**LIMIT** - The maximum wager allowed.

# **M**

**MONEYLINE BET** - Betting simply on a team to win or lose (outright).

# N

**NICKEL** - \$500

**NO ACTION** - No more wagers will be allowed to be placed and those who placed bets will be refunded.

# O

**ODDSMAKER** - Someone who determines the lines and odds.

**OFF THE BOARD** - A game that is not available to wager on.

**OVER** - When the combined score of an event is greater than the point total determined by the sportsbook.

# P

**PARLAY** - A bet that combines two or more bets for a higher payout. All bets within the parlay must win for the wager to win.

**PICK 'EM** - There is no favorite or underdog in the game. The spread is 0.

**PUCKLINE** - A point spread in a hockey game. Typically 1.5.

**PUSH** - Neither team covers the spread and bets will be refunded.

**PROPOSTION BET** - Also known as a prop. This is a bet that is not directly related to the winner or loser of the game. Examples of a prop bet include the first player to score in the game, over/under specific statistics or whether the game will go to overtime.

# R

**REAL TIME ODDS** - Current lines that are constantly being updated by the sportsbook.

**RUNLINE** - A spread in a baseball game.

# **S**

**STEAM** - A quick update in a line due to heavy wagering on one side.

# **T**

**TEASER** - A bet where spreads change in favor of the bettor by a certain amount of points. This decreases payouts but the bettor has better chance of winning the bet than a regular parlay.

**TOTAL** - Wagering on whether you believe the total points scored will be over or under the number determined by the sportsbook.

# **U**

**UNIT** - Typically 2-4% of your bankroll. This differs from person to person. For example, if your bankroll is \$500, your unit for a single bet could be \$10.

# **W**

**WAGER** - A bet.