

# HOW TO BET BASKETBALL



To bet on basketball, tell the ticket writer the bet number of the team you wish to bet and the amount you wish to wager. The payout, unless stated otherwise, is figured at odds of 10/11. This means that a wager of \$11 would win \$10 and return \$21. This is called a straight bet. For wagering purposes US pro basketball results are official after 43 minutes of play. Collegiate, WNBA, NBA Summer League and European basketball are official after 35 minutes of play.

**POINT SPREAD:** When betting on basketball, the team you bet on must “cover the spread.” This means the team must win or not lose by a predetermined margin of points.

## EXAMPLE:

BET #	TEAM	LINE	TOTAL	MONEY LINE
201	Warriors	-3		-150
202	Sixers		198	+130

**NOTE:** The bottom team is always listed as the home team unless otherwise noted.

The point spread is always placed to the immediate right of the team that is favored. In this example, if you bet the Warriors, the Warriors must win by 4 points for you to win your bet. If you bet the Sixers, any of the following will declare you a winner:

- (a) The Sixers win the game.
- (b) The Sixers lose the game by less than 3 points.

If the Warriors win by exactly 3 points, then the wager is declared a push and all money is refunded to both sides of the bet. If you bet a parlay and you get a push, parlay reverts say a 3 team parlay with a push to a 2 team parlay etc.

Point spreads change constantly. The listed point spread the time you make your bet may be different from the point spread when the game starts. The point spread that is listed on your ticket is your official spread.

**TOTAL:** Total points scored in a game. Also called the Over/Under.

You may wager that the total score of the game will be more or less than the number listed. It makes no difference which team covers the spread. Simply add the final score

of each team. The payout, unless stated otherwise, is figured at odds of 11/10. Overtime counts towards Total Points Scored.

**BASKETBALL PARLAYS:** More than one team on the same bet.

You may combine several teams into one wager. All teams and/or totals must cover the point spread to win the bet. Basketball parlays are figured out by calculating the payout for the first game, based on the money line, then applying that amount to the next game and so-forth.

Any game that results in a push reduces the parlay one team. A two-team parlay would become a straight bet.

**OFF THE BOARD PARLAYS (FOR ALL SPORTS):** These wagers are calculated using true odds payoffs. If you bet four teams off the board and all of them are listed at -110, your payout would be 13.3 for 1, which is more generous than the parlay card payout of 12 for 1.

**BASKETBALL TEASERS:** A wager that improves the point spread, but at reduced odds. We offer 6, 6.5, 7 and 10-point teasers on pro football, 6.5, 7, 7.5 and 10 points teasers in college football. "Teasing" the point spread is done by adding points to an underdog or by subtracting points from a favorite. This increases the probability of winning your bet but decreases the odds of the parlay.

ALL BASKETBALL	5 PTS	5 ½ PTS	6 PTS
2 TEAMS	-115	-125	-140
3 TEAMS	+160	+150	+130
4 TEAMS	+260	+220	+200
5 TEAMS	+450	+400	+350
6 TEAMS	+700	+600	+500
7 TEAMS	+900	+800	+700
8 TEAMS	10/1	+900	+800
9 TEAMS	15/1	12/1	10/1
10 TEAMS	20/1	15/1	12/1