

Sports Pool House Rules Sample – Square Board

An event pool is where each ticket includes a pre-selected result of an upcoming event, or in the case of sports pools, a series of sporting events. The winner is determined by having the ticket with the selection closest to the actual event results.

Before a licence will be issued for this type of raffle, your organization must submit the house rules for the event. House Rules must include at a minimum:

- Specify the period or series of sport events covered by the pool. Sports pools cannot be based on the outcome of a single sporting event;
- The ticket sales period and deadline entries cut-off date must be clearly stated and received prior to the start of the event pool;
- The source of information or judge of the official result;
- How winners will be determined and the prizes that will be awarded. For sports pools, this would include how points accumulate
- The process to be used to deal with ties (i.e., no ticket matching the winning result or other disputed results). Tie breakers must be based on the entry and not a random event; and
- A sample entry form demonstrating the predicted result is clearly stated.

Sample:

One square board sports pool based on the first, second, third and fourth quarter of the 2020 National Football League (NFL) Super Bowl game. 100 squares sold at 1 square for \$5. All ticket sales must end before the start of the Super Bowl game.

Each purchased square is placed on the board in a column and the row will be assigned a random number.

One team will be assigned to the row of numbers with the other being assigned the column numbers. Squares not purchased will not be included and aren't assigned a number. Each prize will be determined by the last number of the score for each team at the end of each quarter. The score is verified on NFL.com.

Total value of all prizes is \$450.



Prizes:

- First Quarter - \$50;
- Second Quarter - \$125;
- Third Quarter - \$50; and
- Fourth Quarter - \$225.

In the event of a tie, the prize will be split evenly between the parties with the same results.