

SPORTS BETTING



Whether you're a rookie or experienced sports bettor, here are some tips that you can bring to your game plan.



Your Guide to Healthy Play
for Sports Betting

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HEALTHY PLAY TIPS

FOR SPORTS BETTING

Set your time & money limits before you start

Deciding how much money and time you want to spend before you play is a good way to keep the games fun and enjoyable. Set a limit and stick to it. To help you do this, check out yourbestbet.ca.

Don't chase losses

When you've already lost, chances are your losses will only get larger. Continuing to play when you've already lost your budgeted amount is a surefire way to spend more money than planned.

Be aware that wins are unpredictable

No matter what you do, you cannot influence the outcome of a game. Backing a winner always involves some chance and winning cannot be influenced by anything you do.

Take breaks

Stepping away for a break or a walk is a great way to collect your thoughts, cool down and then decide if you should stop playing for that day. It may also prevent you from spending more than you had planned.

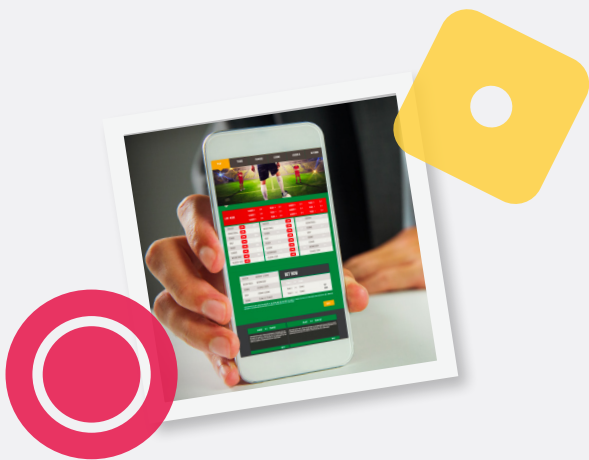
Never borrow money to gamble

Don't spend money already budgeted for other things, like rent or groceries. Stick to a gambling budget. If you spend your budgeted amount, stop gambling.

Limit alcohol or substance use

Gambling while under the influence of alcohol or other substances can impair your judgement.

This brochure can help you manage your play by providing healthy play tips and giving you other information that can help you make more informed decisions.



You may know a lot about sports,
but so do the oddsmakers.

HOW SPORTS BETTING WORKS

Each game has its own set of rules and betting options. To play, choose from the selections made available for wagering on each game, bet on the outcomes you think will occur, and if you get your pick(s) right, the amount you win is determined by multiplying the odds on the game(s) [set by professional odds makers] by the amount you have wagered.

UNDERSTANDING THE ODDS

There are many misunderstandings about how sports betting works, and how you can 'beat' the system to win more often; however, the outcome of a sporting event is never certain, no matter how much you know about the teams.

DECIMAL BETTING ODDS: What are they? Decimal odds show the amount that your wager will be multiplied by, should you win.

For example: If the odds are 2.00 and your bet is \$5, your payout would be \$10. BUT: your wager is included in the payout calculation, so really your win, or profit, would be \$5.

DYNAMIC ODDS: Lots of factors, including weather, playing conditions, athlete injury, and other bets placed, can change at any time. When you place your bet, your odds are locked in. Someone else placing their bet at a different time could have different odds.

For example: If a star athlete is pulled from play one hour before the game starts, the odds of that team winning may go down and the odds of the other team winning may increase. As a result, someone who placed a bet at this point (one hour before the game) may have different odds than someone who placed a bet the day before, when the star athlete planned to play.

UNDERSTANDING THE BETS

MONEYLINE: This is a bet based on the odds of who will win or lose a game, match, or race.

POINT SPREAD: This is a bet based on whether a team wins or loses by the number of handicap points assigned to the favoured team.

OVER/UNDER: This is a bet on whether the combined total score goes over or under a certain number.

PROPS: This is a bet on events that happen during a sporting event. For example, will the quarterback throw more than two touchdowns.

FUTURES: This is a bet on an event, series, or an award that will finish in the future. This is different from a wager on the outcomes for a single game, as it is completed in the future, not the day the wager is placed.

PARLAY: This is when a player makes multiple wagers (at least two) and ties them into the same bet. If any bets in the parlay lose, then the entire parlay loses. If all wagers win, the bettor gets a bigger payout.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SPORTS BETTING

People who know a lot about sports may think they can use that knowledge to their advantage for placing bets.

The challenge is that the oddsmakers know a lot too. They have access to detailed statistics and sophisticated systems for generating odds.

They study the players' health, team matchups, the weather and anything else that may influence the outcomes. They then incorporate those factors into the odds of a particular bet.

Don't be fooled, chance still plays a big part. No matter your skill level, you can't control the many variables that determine outcomes, and the odds are always set in favor of the house.

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