

# FAQ for SportsBook

## Version 1.1

### What is SportsBook?

Come in, come in. Welcome to SportsBook. If you've been looking for a place where you can indulge your cyber-betting fantasies without risking a thing, take a seat. A virtual betting parlor, SportsBook is the closet thing you can get to hanging around a bookie's joint without suffering the risk of getting your kneecaps smashed if you don't pay up on time for making lousy bets.

The great thing about making iBets in our virtual bookie joint is this: You're always playing with our "money." Each day that you check into the SportsBook cyber-betting parlor, we'll front you 50 iCoins and challenge you to pick the winners in some upcoming sporting events.

If you're really good at picking winners, you can "cash out" at the end of the week with a heap of iCoins, which we'll transfer automatically into your iwin account, so that you can use them to enter contests and drawings as you see fit.

We award the Top Ten individual players a bonus of 1,000 iCoins each for their performance in picking the week's winners; we give each member of a Top Ten group a bonus of 500 iCoins for their excellent picking.

*[insert screen capture of Last Week's winning players and groups. Spell it like this: Last Week's, not like this: Last Weeks. The correct form is possessive; the current usage on the web page is plural. It's wrong.]*

In addition to handing out a big heap of iCoins every week, we also award the very best SportsBook player of the week \$200 in real money. Now, that's the kind of currency that will make you friends in Las Vegas. If you go alone, though, remember to wear your shin guards, just in case.

Of course, if you're a wimp and you merely want to hoard those iCoins we give you every week rather than iBet on the outcome of exciting sporting events, we won't stop you. But that's no fun! So, if our bouncer gives you dirty looks, you deserve them, because SportsBook is a place to have a good time and to enjoy yourself. It's a fantasy betting parlor where you can indulge yourself in doing something that you may not be able to do in the real world.

Think about it: Where else can you parlay the few hundred iCoins we give you each week out of the generosity of our hearts into a whopping bundle without fear of losing a thing? Only here, in our virtual bookie joint. So, let loose. Enjoy yourself. After all, it's our "money" you're playing with.

You do have to bring your own cigars, though.



## **Am I eligible to play SportsBook?**

To place iBets in SportsBook, you need to be at least eighteen (18) years of age and a legal resident of the United States or Canada (except Quebec). If you win a monetary prize, you will be expected to provide proof of age and residency.

Since some localities have determined that it is illegal to participate in gambling activities --even participation in a virtual, entertainment format like ours-- SportsBook is void where prohibited or restricted by law. Also, since we cannot possibly track which communities prohibit or restrict your participation in SportsBook, the burden will be up to you to determine the legality of SportsBook in your jurisdiction. If all of this is clear to you, then don't bother to read the Official Rules. [make the phrase, "read the Official Rules," a hypertext link to the Official Rules]

In case there is any dispute regarding the legality of your participation in SportsBook or your right to claim any prize from iwin.com, the dispute shall be resolved in a court of law located in Los Angeles, California, where, fortunately, we can still run a virtual bookie joint like SportsBook without fear of getting raided.

By the way, that doesn't mean we want you to move here. Real estate in California is way too expensive already, and we've had more than our share of teeming masses, thanks anyway. Stay home; play SportsBook from there.



## What can I win by playing SportsBook?

We award the Top Ten individual players a bonus of 1,000 iCoins each for their performance in picking the week's winners; we give each member of a Top Ten group a bonus of 500 iCoins for their excellent picking as a team.

On top of that, if you're the very best player for the week, you can win \$200 in real money, along with the ton of iCoins you earned by making some really daring iBets.

*[insert screen capture of SportsBook home page, featuring the "Welcome" message and the list of top players and groups.]*

Every Sunday night at midnight, when we begin a new week in SportsBook, we transfer the coins you won by playing SportsBook from your SportsBook account into your iwin account. We then reset everybody's SportsBook account to zero, and a new weekly contest begins to see who can be the top individual player, as well as which groups can be the best performers.

What it boils down to is this: every week, you can snag a really big pile of iCoins that you can use for entering our regular contests and drawings. You can also use those iCoins to enter drawings and to win prizes reserved exclusively for SportsBook players. And, if you're really good, you can grab \$200 in cash, too.

To be a winner, you gotta pick the winners. Think you can handle that?

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## **What do I need to do in order to play SportsBook?**

You need to be a member of iwin, and you need to sign up separately with SportsBook to give us your Player Profile. That's it.

You see, even virtual bookies like us are very particular about whom we admit to our establishments. We run a respectable virtual bookie joint here. No cyber-riffraff allowed. Accordingly, we need to see your references before we'll let you play. The only reference that we care about is the one that comes from iwin.com.

Oh, we'll let you peek in and browse the joint, but to place iBets and get in on the cyber-action in our SportsBook, you must first be a member of iwin.com. We need you to be able to tell us that "iwin sent me," before our security guards will let you through the door. So, in case you haven't done that yet, you better register for iwin.com at iwin's home page. [insert link to iwin's registration page.] Natch-U-R-L-ly.

If iwin accepts your registration, then you're OK. At least for us to let you in our joint to look around. To place iBets, however, you must still sign up separately with us for our SportsBook. We need to create a "Player Profile" on you.

*[insert screen capture of a player profile page, filled in with data from an imaginary player.]*

For instance, we need to know what to call you while you're visiting our fine establishment. Despite our high standards, we ain't that fussy about what you call yourself, but you still gotta have a handle that's different from your boring e-mail address.

No offense to the ladies who grace us with their presence, but a lot of the guys in here like to call themselves "jockstrap" something or other. As long as they don't dress like they call themselves, we don't care one little athletic supporter bit.

Besides giving us a unique screen name that you'll use while you're in SportsBook, we also want to know what your favorite team is, as well as your favorite sport. Not that we want to take unfair advantage, but, if you're going to be partial to iBetting on one team or another, we'd like to know when to tilt the odds in our favor. (Just kidding! All our odds-making comes by way of the official odds-makers in Las Vegas. You get the odds they give us.)



## How do I get started playing SportsBook?

Before you can get started in SportsBook, you need to be already registered as a member of iwin.com. If you're not yet registered with iwin, then click here [insert link to iwin Registration page] to sign up. Once you've got an account with iwin.com, come back to this page for help in getting started in SportsBook.

Assuming that you are already registered (and logged-in) to iwin, click on the SportsBook tab in the toolbar menu.

*[insert screen capture featuring the SportsBook button.]*

This will take you to the SportsBook Welcome Page, where you can sign up by clicking on the link called "Open Your Account." (You can also click on the link called "Sign Up for SportsBook." Both links will take you to the same SportsBook registration page, where we need to gather some information about you for a Player Profile.)

*[insert screen capture featuring the SportsBook Welcome page. Circle both the Open Your Account link and the Sign Up for SportsBook link, with arrows flowing from those links to copy saying: "To sign up, click either here, or here".]*

At the SportsBook Player Profile page, type in a "Screen Name" that you would like to be called.

*[insert screen capture of a player profile page, filled in with data from an imaginary player.]*

You can use up to 16 characters. Mixing letters (A-z) and numbers (0-9) is OK. Mixing capital letters and lower case letters is also OK; our system is case sensitive. The underscore character (\_) is OK; spaces are not. Use something other than "Jockstrap." That's been done.

Enter your true age. Remember, you need to be at least 18 to play SportsBook, so don't waste your time hanging around here if you're not. You'll get wrinkles soon enough after your pimples disappear. We all do.

Tell us your favorite sport and your favorite team. We know everybody loves a winner, so don't be boring and tell us you're yet another Yankee fan. The Buffalo Bills are way over-due for a Super Bowl, you know. Show some real class! Pull for the underdogs!

If you really need to read the boring legal stuff that governs placing iBets in our classy, virtual bookie joint, then click on the "terms and conditions" button that links to the Official Rules. [create link to the Official Rules.] Otherwise, just click on the "I Accept" button.

If you skip reading the fine print, however, don't be surprised when a big moving van comes to your house someday and cleans out everything in it. We said we wouldn't break your kneecaps; we didn't promise not to take you to the cleaners.

After you've signed up for SportsBook, you need to have some iCoins to make iBets with. The iCoins you have in your iwin account don't work here; they cannot be transferred into your SportsBook account.

The only currency you can use in SportsBook are those iCoins we give you as a Daily Bonus. To find out how to get your handout, check out the "How Do I Collect My Daily Icoins?" FAQ. [insert link to the "How Do I Collect My Daily Icoins?" FAQ.]

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## How do I collect my free daily iCoins?

All you have to do is ask.

In SportsBook, we deposit 50 iCoins each day as long as you visit the SportsBook site and you click on the link called “Daily Bonus.” It’s the easiest handout you’re ever going to get.

To get your free daily iCoins:

Click on the SportsBook tab to go to the SportsBook home page.

*[insert screen capture featuring the SportsBook button]*

At the SportsBook home page, click on the link to My Stats.

*[insert screen capture of the SportsBook home page, featuring (by circling, or by using an arrow) the My Stats link.]*

The My Stats link takes you to a page that summarizes your current SportsBook statistics, namely:

- My Bank -- the amount of iCoins you currently have in your SportsBook account
- My Standings -- your ranking this week, as compared with other players
- My Profile -- your SportsBook screen name, along with your favorite sport and favorite team
- My Groups -- the groups you have joined or created.

*[insert the My Stats page as it looks before a player requests the Daily Bonus. Include some realistic details of an imaginary player filled into each field, that is, he/she has a nominal current balance, has some iBets outstanding, and belongs to some groups.]*

Underneath the “My Bank” section, you should notice an animated graphic, alternately flashing “Click Here” and “Daily Bonus.”

*[insert two screen captures, two CLOSE UPs of the “My Bank” portion of the My Stats page, featuring the animated graphic in both its “Click Here” state, and in its “Daily Bonus” state. If only one state is preferred, then use the “Daily Bonus” state.]*

Bingo! Here’s your free iCoins! Click on the “Daily Bonus” animated graphic to have your 50 free iCoins deposited into your SportsBook bank account.

Sometimes, we’re so graceful in depositing free iCoins into your SportsBook that you may not even notice that we did it! If your SportsBook My Stats page does not immediately change to indicate that we’ve just slipped the loot into your account, then click on your browser’s “Refresh” (or “Reload”) button to trigger our system to send you an updated page with your new balance, magically increased by 50.

*[as proof that the Daily Bonus does work, insert a screen capture of the My Stats page of our same imaginary player, this time with his/her My Bank incremented by 50 iCoins. We want to show that the animated Daily Bonus has been replaced by the infusion of iCoins.]*

Wouldn’t we all like to see real money deposited into our accounts like that? Ah, life should be so easy!

Enough wishful thinking. Go place your iBets. Pick some winners.



## **How do I transfer iCoins from SportsBook to my iwin account?**

Hold on, there, partner! You don't transfer the iCoins from your SportsBook account to your iwin account. We do.

Every Sunday night at midnight we take the iCoins in your SportsBook account, and we move them over to your main iwin account. We reset the balance in your SportsBook account to zero, and we begin the competition for a new week of SportsBook iBetting.

You get all the iCoins you won with your iBets, plus any bonuses for being a top player during the week that just ended.

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## **How do I place a bet?**

You place all your bets from the "Place an iBet" page.

To get there, click on the "Place an iBet" link from any other page in SportsBook.

*[Insert screen capture of featuring the "Place an iBet" link from the SportsBook home page.]*

At the "Place an iBet" page, there is a pull-down menu which lists the currently available sports you can place an iBet on.

*[insert screen capture of the "Place an iBet" page, featuring the "Change Sport" pull-down menu, either by circling it, or by using a pointed arrow.]*

Using the "Change Sport" pull down menu, pick your sport.

Your screen will update to display the schedule of upcoming events in that sport, including the date, the time, the opposing teams, the point spread, and the over/under target. (In the case of baseball, we don't provide a point spread; we provide odds.)

Using the “Type of iBet” pull down menu, pick the type of iBet you want to make.

*[insert screen capture of the “Place an iBet” page, featuring the “Type of iBet” pull-down menu, either by circling it, or by using a pointed arrow.]*

You can make two types of iBets: a straight iBet, or a parlay iBet. (For more information on the types of iBets you can make, [click here](#).)

*[Derrick: create a link to the FAQ called “What kinds of iBets can I make?”]*

The type of iBet you select governs all the picks you make on the page at this particular time; you cannot mix and match straight iBets and parlay iBets in a single iBetting session.

After you’ve decided what type of iBet to make, fill in the amount that you want to iBet.

*[insert screen capture, featuring the “Number of iCoins for iBet.”]*

This amount will be applied to each and every iBet you make on this page at this time. You can’t make an iBet for 10 iCoins on one game and 50 iCoins on another game during any single iBetting session.

After you’ve decided on how much to iBet, look over the list of available games and make your picks.

*[insert screen capture featuring a list of scheduled football games.]*

You can pick either team to win, or you can pick the combined “over/under” score to be greater or less than the given target.

As an example of the picks you can make, let's take a game from a typical schedule for an upcoming slate of professional football games -- Tampa Bay Buccaneers against the Atlanta Falcons.

Our Las Vegas odds-maker thinks that Tampa Bay has a better team than Atlanta, so he makes them the favorite by 7.5 points. That means, if you pick Tampa Bay to win, they must score at least 8 points more than Atlanta in order for you to win your iBet.

For any sporting event, you can pick either team to win, or you can make an "over/under" iBet, or you can do both: you can pick one team to win, and, on the same game, you can make an over/under iBet.

When you make an over/under iBet, you're predicting that the combined score of both teams will either be over or under the target given by our odds-maker. In the case of the Tampa Bay versus Atlanta game, the combined score target is 40 points. If you think the combined score of both teams will be 41 points or over, use the pull down menu to select "Over." If you think the combined score will be 39 points or less, select "Under."

If the combined score turns out to be the target itself, in this case, 40 points, the bet is considered a "push," or a tie. When this happens, nobody wins. You get your iBet back.

The payoff for a correct over/under iBet is the same as a straight iBet: even money. If you iBet 10 iCoins and win, you'll get 20 iCoins back: the 10 you bet and the 10 you win.

When you're done making your iBets, click on the Submit Picks button.

*[insert screen capture featuring the Submit Picks button in context with its surrounding graphic elements.]*



## **What kinds of bets can I make?**

First of all, you do understand that SportsBook is a virtual bookie joint, not a real casino, so you can't make any real bets in our SportsBook here, and you're not using real money, right? You're only making fantasy bets using our play money: you're making iBets using iCoins. It's just for fun.

That being understood, you can make two types of iBets: a straight iBet, or a parlay iBet.

For the enlightenment of those unfamiliar with virtual bookie joints like SportsBook, a straight iBet has absolutely nothing to do with gender orientation. In a straight iBet, you are attempting to predict the outcome of a single sporting event. If you make a straight iBet predicting that the Yankees will beat the Mets on a specific day, and the Yankees do outscore the Mets that day, you have won your straight iBet. A straight iBet is not dependent on the outcome of any other iBet; it is only dependent upon itself.

In a parlay iBet, however, all the iBets are dependent upon each other. In order to win a parlay iBet, all your predictions must be correct. If any one of your picks is incorrect, you lose your parlay iBet.

Because there is a higher risk involved in correctly predicting the outcome of several sporting events compared to just one event, the payoff in parlay iBetting is much higher than in straight iBetting. Parlay iBetting is an "all or nothing" form of iBetting. You can win big, but you could also lose your entire iBet if only one of your picks turns out to be incorrect.

In parlay iBetting, the amount of your win is based on how many correct picks you make. You can make a maximum of 6 picks in a parlay iBet. We use a multiplication factor based on the power of 2 to determine what your iBet payoff will be. It works out like this:

*[create a three-column table with a heading called "Parlay iBetting Pay-out Table."]*

Parlay iBetting Pay-outs

If you iBet	and you correctly pick	then you would win	which works out to a multiplication factor of
10 iCoins	1 winner	Not applicable	Not applicable
	2 winners	40	4
	3 winners	80	8
	4 winners	160	16
	5 winners	320	32
	6 winners	640	64

Now you should get an idea how some players can reap several thousand iCoins off a successful parlay iBet!

In contrast to the multiplication factor used in calculating the payoff for a parlay iBet, straight iBets pay even money. For instance, if you iBet 10 iCoins in a straight iBet and you win, you get 20 iCoins back: the 10 you bet and the 10 you win.

Now that you know the difference between the two types of iBets, click here to learn how to place your iBets.

*[Derrick: create a link to the FAQ called "[How do I make a bet?]" This link will make it convenient for those players who had to interrupt their reading of that FAQ to deter here and learn more about the types of iBets; now they can return directly to where they left off.]*



## **What are the odds? How do the odds work?**

We use an official Las Vegas odds-maker to determine who the favorite is in any game, what the point spread is, and what the odds are.

We only give odds in baseball; in all other sports we use the point spread method of determining who is believed to have a better chance of winning a particular game, and by how many points.

The point spread system is an odds-makers' method in which you can pick a weaker team to win an iBet, even though they could actually lose the game by scoring less points than the favored team. Under the point spread system, the odds-maker allocates a specific number of points by which he thinks the stronger team will win the game. If you pick the favored team, they must beat the underdog team by the amount of points indicated in the point spread in order for you to win your iBet. It doesn't matter or not whether the favored team actually won the game. In order for you to win your iBet, the favorite team must beat the underdog team by at least the amount of the point spread. If they don't, then the underdog team is considered to be the winner for the purposes of deciding which team won the iBet.

Let's use an example in which you pick the favorite. Say our odds-maker picks the Tennessee Titans over the Pittsburgh Steelers "by 8." That means the point spread is 8 points, so, if you pick Tennessee to win your iBet, then Tennessee must outscore Pittsburgh by 8 points or more for you to collect on your iBet.

Now let's use an example in which you pick the underdog. Pretend our savvy odds-maker picks the New Orleans Saints over San Francisco 49ers "by 5.5" points. No way, you say, so you pick San Francisco to win. Well, San Francisco doesn't actually have to win the game for you to collect on your iBet. In reality, San Francisco could lose the football game; but you would still win your iBet if New Orleans does not beat them by 6 points or more.

In baseball, we don't use the point spread method. We give odds.

Each team is given odds in the form of a ratio indicating their chances of winning the game; the odds also determine the amount of the pay-out, if

you make a correct pick. Next to the odds, in parentheses, we list the multiplication factor used in determining the amount of the pay-out.

*[insert a screen capture featuring a list of baseball games, with the odds and multiplication factor indicated.]*

We use 100 iCoins as our odds-making basis, and we indicate the odds of each team's chances of winning the game in relation to a 100 iCoins iBet.

We indicate who the favored team is by giving them negative odds. If a team is given negative odds of -200, and they won the game, that means you would have had to iBet 200 iCoins to collect 100 iCoins.

We give positive odds to the underdog team. If a team is given positive odds of 200, and they won the game, then you would win 200 iCoins for your iBet of 100 iCoins.

As an example, let's take a game in which the New York Yankees are favored over the Baltimore Orioles.

As the favored team, the Yankees are given negative odds of -140. If you think the Yankees will win the game --and, according to statistics, the chances are that they will-- then to compensate for the probability that the Yankees will actually win, you have to wager more iCoins that you can win back. In this case, the negative odds of -140 dictate that you must iBet 140 iCoins in order to get back 100, if the Yankees win.

As the underdog team, the Orioles are given positive odds of 130. If you think the Orioles can topple the mighty Yankees, then you need to be compensated for taking such a foolish risk. The way we compensate you is by awarding you more iCoins than you wagered. In this case, if the Orioles win the game, then the positive odds of 130 dictate that we will pay you 130 iCoins for every 100 iCoins that you iBet.

By the way, you don't have to make iBets in full 100 iCoin increments. We just use 100 iCoins to make the math easy.

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## How do I check on my bets?

To check your current iBets for the week, you first have to be in SportsBook, so click on the SportsBook tab in the toolbar menu to get there.

*[insert screen capture featuring the SportsBook button.]*

In SportsBook, click on the link for “My iBets.”

*[insert screen capture featuring the “My iBets.” link in SportsBook.]*

You’ll see a complete list of your iBets for the current week.

*[insert screen capture of an imaginary player’s current iBets.]*

By using the pull down menu next to the “For the week ending” prompt, you can view your iBets in previous weeks, all the way back to a point when you’d probably prefer to forget about them.

*[insert screen capture of the portion of the My iBets page that deals with the name of the player and the pull down menu. Like a Close Up in a movie, just show this excerpt of the page.]*



## How do I check the standings?

You can check your own standings in relation to other SportsBook players for the current week's competition by clicking on the SportsBook tab...

*[insert screen capture of the button tab toolbar, featuring the SportsBook button]*

...and, once you're inside the SportsBook by clicking on the link there to go the My Stats page.

*[insert screen capture featuring the My Stats link. Circle it, or use an arrow to highlight it.]*

On the My Stats page, we'll show you your current SportsBook Bank Account balance, how many iBets you have outstanding, as well as your current ranking compared to the other players in the joint. Your My Stats page will also list the groups you're in and your rankings within your own groups.

*[insert screen capture of an imaginary players My Stats page, featuring the My Bank and the My Standings areas.]*

If you want a more detailed look at the Overall Standings of how other players are doing, click on the "Standings" link.

*[insert screen capture of the button tab toolbar, featuring the SportsBook button, and underneath it, the Standings link. Circle the Standings link, or use an arrow to highlight it.]*

When you first arrive at the Overall Standings page, you'll see a list of the top fifty SportsBook players for the current week. Your name, score, and rank will be listed there, too, so you can see how you're measuring up to the competition so far.

*[insert screen capture of the Standings page.]*

If you're really curious how someone accumulated their iCoins this week, you can click on their name to see his Player Profile and his iBetting strategy. If you learn anything from this exercise, you'll soon find out that the top players don't rake in the big iCoins by making "Straight" iBets.

*[insert screen capture of a high performing player's player profile and betting strategy for the week. Use as an example someone who has done very well by primarily (maybe even exclusively) using the PARLAY method of placing bets. Maybe there's one straight bet to get some capital going, but that's it.]*

You remember the tip Dustin Hoffman got in the movie, "The Graduate"? Yeah, well, that secret word might fly in Hollywood, where everything is plastic anyway, but it ain't the tip that works too well in our cyber-bookie joint. What works here is "Parlay." Did we whisper that loud enough in your ear?

Hey, we're giving you the play money. The least you can do is be smart enough to play with it! Whatta ya gonna lose? A few lousy iCoins. This is the only place you can spend 'em anyway. Just do it.

In addition to checking out the overall standings for the current week, you can also display the results of previous weeks' iBetting, as well as the cumulative statistics of the Lifetime top players.

*[insert screen capture of the Standings page, featuring only the top portion that includes the title, e.g. Overall Standings for the Week Ending xx/xx/2000, the radio buttons, the pull down menus, and the "Get Standings" button.]*

To peek into the historical archives of our cyber-bookie joint without tripping over a mountain of IOU's in the dark back room (or worse!), use the pull down menu to select the time period you want, click in the radio button to specify individual or group performance records, and click on the "Get Standings" button.

*[insert screen capture of the Lifetime top players to date. Impress the hell out of everyone else.]*

How some of our players managed to accumulate over 50,000 iCoins hanging out in our virtual bookie joint blows even us away, but, as they say: When you're hot, you're hot. As much as we like their company, however, we do wish they have another life.



## What's a group?

A group is a clique of SportsBook players who met on the Internet, fell in love, and decided to reserve one small corner of our cyber-bookie joint all to themselves, where they can smoke virtual cigars and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of 5-parlay iBets versus 6-parlay iBets.

You believe that one? Then, let me sell you this great swampland in Florida.

Actually, a SportsBook group is a collection of players who have teamed up together to see not only how well they can compete against each other, but also to try to rack up some big iCoin bonuses by outperforming other groups in the weekly SportsBook competition. (Remember that 500 iCoins bonus for being a member of a Top Ten performing group? Well, here's where you can get a piece of that action!)

There are three (3) types of groups: Private, Semi-Private, and Public. The groups all function in exactly the same way; they only differ in the restrictions placed on admittance to the group. You may create any type of group you like, but you may not necessarily be able to join every group that you want, because membership is restricted in the Private and Semi-Private groups

In a Private group, the founder of a group has the sole authority to decide who may, or may not, become a member of the group. Private groups are good opportunities for families, or for people who share a common interest, to have all their scores organized in one place for easy tracking. Private groups are ideal for running office pools among your co-workers, as well as for managing other admission-by-invitation-only competitions among friends.

In a Semi-Private group, any member of the group may approve the admission of any other player into that group, no matter who founded the group. Semi-Private groups are great vehicles for slipping your iBuddies into a group so that you can each keep an eye on how the other is doing, while trying to optimize your collection of iCoins.

In contrast to the emotionally traumatizing experiences facing you when you apply to join a Private or Semi-Private group, there are no restrictions of any kind to join a Public group. Any player can join a Public group. No discrimination of any kind is allowed, including discrimination based on height, weight, driving record, fashion cluelessness, singing ability, or just plain iBetting ineptitude. We, the hard-working employees at iwin.com who make all this fun and enjoyment possible for you, had to create this Public groups category, because none of you would let any of us join your Private or Semi-Private groups. So, there! Take that, you ungrateful losers!

There is a limit of 100 players in any group, no matter what kind of group it is designated as. Each player may join a maximum of five (5) groups. Being a “groupie” may be OK for rock bands, but, in our joint, we strive to keep our psychological dependencies down to a dull roar.

To learn how to join a group, click here.

*[insert link to the FAQ “How do I join a group?” I think we should break up the two FAQ’s because of the length.]*



## How do I join a group?

To join a group, you first have to be in SportsBook, so click on the SportsBook tab in the toolbar menu to get there.

*[insert screen capture featuring the SportsBook button.]*

In SportsBook, click on the link for “Join a Group.”

*[insert screen capture featuring the “Join a Group” link in SportsBook.]*

On the “Join a Group” page, use the pull down menu to display a list of groups, sorted alphabetically, and sub-sorted by type of group.

*[insert screen capture of the “Join a Group” page, featuring the Select a Group section.]*

Check the type of group you want to join, or leave all three boxes checked to see all the groups beginning with a certain letter of the alphabet. Click on “Go” to activate the search in our database, and standby patiently, because it could take a moment or two to round up all the dirt on these groups.

You’ll get a listing like this:

*[insert screen capture showing the results of a typical search for all types of groups. No particular letter is necessary, but choose one that displays all three varieties of group types in the screen capture.]*

Look over the list of Group Names, and click on one you’d like to consider joining. A “Group Detail Page” window will open up that looks like this.

*[insert screen capture of the Group Detail Page of a Group that appears in the previous screen capture.]*

Read over the description; pay attention to the group's performance history. Click on the Founder's screen name to learn more about the person who started this group. Note the number of members, because obviously the more members in a group, the greater the chance that you can associate yourself with a top performing group, if only by sheer volume of players. After considering all these factors, if this is a group that you would like to join, then click on the "Join This Group" button.

*[screen capture, Close Up of the JOIN THIS GROUP button.]*

If this is a Public group, you will be immediately accepted; if not, you will be informed that your application's "status is pending approval."

If this is not a group that you want to join, or if it is already filled to the brim with the maximum of 100 players, then close the window and resume your search for another group to join.

Psst! Want a hot tip? Since giving tips is encouraged in our cyber-bookie joint --especially when it's a sure thing-- you might want to consider going to the "Standings" page to check who the top performing groups are. If you're lucky, you may be able to squeeze yourself into one of them. Chances are that those groups are already filled up, but you can always try. Clicking on the group's name will take you to the same Group Detail window that you can access from the "Join a Group" page, so, if the group is not yet filled up and you want to join it, just go ahead and click on the Join This Group button.

Psst! Psst! Hey, we've got another tip about some swampland in Florida. You interested in that one?

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## How do I create a group?

Although iwin.com employees are permitted to originate new Public groups so that we can be assured of a place where we'll be accepted in a group no matter what, we cannot initiate the formation of Private or Semi-Private groups. We cede that responsibility to the ego-maniacs and the control freaks among the rest of you.

Until now, we have come to think of the originator of a new group as the “founder” or the “owner.” You may have seen both those terms on our pages from time to time. However, as our site evolves, and as we learn a big, new word every day, we may eventually call you the “manager” or even the baby-sitter, if a group turns out to be especially hard to handle.

We thought of calling you the “creator,” but as Los Angeles types, we are reminded that the credit for creating something is reserved for those god-like people in Hollywood who come up with hit TV shows. Too bad for you, huh?

If you really do want to have your own show in SportsBook, though, we're only too glad to oblige.

To create a group, you first have to be in SportsBook, so click on the SportsBook tab in the toolbar menu to get there.

*[insert screen capture featuring the SportsBook button.]*

In SportsBook, click on the link for “Join a Group.”

*[insert screen capture featuring the “Join a Group” link in SportsBook.]*

At the “Join a Group” type in the Name of your group in the “Create a New Group” section.

*[insert screen capture of the “Join a Group” page, featuring the “Create a New Group” section.]*

This site is all about having fun, and we do appreciate the imagination and creativity our players display with some of the group names they come with. But, please, be just a little grown-up about the letters and numbers you string together to form the name of your group. Believe it or not, a few of us do know some naughty words when we see them, and we don't want them to show up in a list of group names. In short, if you cross the line into profanity or pornography, we'll be only too glad to toss your cyber-behind right out our virtual front door.

The same guidelines apply to the Description field. Type in something that gives other players a clue as to what your group's common interests are. You might want to attract people from the same town, or fans of the same team, or employees in the same building. Open a vein: let your imagination run wild.

With the Name and Description fields filled in, select the type of group you want to create; then click on the Go button.

Public groups allow anyone in who wants to get in. Since they are not exclusive, public groups can get filled up to the maximum. Since you would like as many as people as possible making iBets, having a standing room only crowd in your group can be a good thing indeed.

Semi-Private groups allow a new member in, only if one of the members approves his application for membership.

Private groups reserve all rights exclusively to the founder of the group. The founder may approve of, or reject, any player's application for membership into the group for any reason whatsoever. The founder may also eject a member from a group for any reason whatsoever.

If you create a new private group, you have complete and absolute control over whom you allow into your group, as well as how long you let them hang out with you in your little corner of our virtual bookie joint. If someone does not contribute to your group's success, you can exercise your right to break their cyber-knee caps by filling in the radio button next to their name in your membership roster, and chucking them right out.

You like that kind of power? Well, tell those muscle-bound lugs who guard the doors of real bookie joints to move over. Who needs bouncers like them when you've got radio buttons and a mouse?



## **This group's a dud! How do I leave?**

Groucho Marx once said something like he'd never want to join any group that would have him.

And here you are, you've been had. You know it; they know it. OK, it's time to split.

On your My Stats page, click on the name of the Member Group you want to abandon in the lurch.

*[insert a screen capture of the My Stats pages, featuring the Groups section. Use a circle, or an arrow saying click here, to tell players how to open up the group membership page.]*

You'll get a group membership page that looks something like this.

*[insert a screen capture featuring the membership list of a Private group. Make sure that the name of our imaginary player shows up in the screen capture, so that we can see a radio button in the "Remove" column next to his name. It would also be good to show, in the Member Class column, players who are Members, Applicants, as well as the Owner (Founder?). We'd like to show the complete range of possibilities in the Member Class column.]*

The group membership page displays the list of members in the group, their classification, and what actions you can take, depending on the type of group, and whether you are the founder of the group, or a member, or an applicant whose admission to membership status is pending approval.

The founder of a group has complete control over who gets in and who stays in. If the founder doesn't want someone to remain in a group, the

founder can say “You’re Toast!” by clicking the radio button in the Remove column.

Likewise, if you’re a member of a group that’s going nowhere, you can bail out by clicking the radio button in the Remove column next to your name, and then clicking on the Edit Group button at the bottom of the page to save the changes.

You don’t even have a write them a Good-bye-and-No-Thanks-for-the-memories note. Getting a divorce should be this easy.



## How do I change my user/account information?

To make changes in your SportsBook Player Profile, you first have to be in SportsBook, so click on the SportsBook tab in the toolbar menu to get there.

*[insert screen capture featuring the SportsBook button.]*

In SportsBook, click on the link for “My Stats.”

*[insert screen capture featuring the “My Stats.” link in SportsBook.]*

At the My Stats page, click on the button, “Edit Profile.”

You will end up at the Player Profile page where you first signed up for SportsBook.

*[insert screen capture of our imaginary SportsBook player, with arrows showing that any field can be altered.]*

Here you can change the information in any field. You can call yourself something else; you can dump that former favorite team that caused big losses in your SportsBook Bank account this week; you can decide that you hate football and you love tiddlywinks; you can even make yourself out to be younger or older than you really are. Hey, we told you it’s a fantastic bookie joint, didn’t we?

When you’re done giving yourself yet another persona, click on the “Save Changes” button.

Your new identity will appear in your My Stats page, and all our records will be updated to reflect the fact that you will henceforth be visiting our cyber-bookie joint under yet another assumed name. We’ll hold your markers in the vault, though, just in case you plan to skip town.

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## **What about game rainouts, postponements, cancellations, etc.?**

If a regularly scheduled sports event is canceled for any reason, we will consider all iBets placed on that event to be null and void. You won't win or lose any iCoins.

If a game is rained-out or postponed after having been partially completed, we shall only consider the score valid when, in our sole discretion, a significant amount of game play has occurred.

If it rains on your computer, all iBets are off. We suggest that you fix your roof, or, at the very least, stop playing SportsBook outdoors. Getting your computer wet is a very bad idea. It could catch a cold, maybe even pneumonia, or a virus. Then you wouldn't be able to visit our virtual bookie joint anymore, and we'd really, really miss you.

