

HOW TO PLACE A BET AT THE WILLIAM HILL RACE AND SPORTS BOOK

Whether you are a first-time sports bettor or an experienced player, there are many betting options available on William Hill's wagering menu.

Those wishing to place a bet or multiple bets can do so with the ticket writer at the sports book counter. You will have a betting slip you can fill out, or simply let the ticket writer know which bet you'd like to place.

WHAT TYPES OF BETS CAN YOU MAKE?

Sports wagering has moved beyond the days of just betting on who you think will win. But before you try your chances at more advanced propositions, take a look at how the general sports wagers work.

THE POINT SPREAD BET

The point spread is the primary way people bet on football and basketball games. Instead of betting on the predicted "winner" of the game, you are betting that a particular team will win by more than or lose by less than a specific number of points set by the oddsmakers (the line). For example, let's say Penn State is playing Maryland in College Football, and Penn State is favored by 3 points.

You can either bet on Penn State, meaning Penn State must win the game by more than 3 points. This would be betting on the "favorite".

You can also bet on Maryland, meaning Maryland must lose by less than 3 points. This would be the "underdog" bet.

If Penn State wins exactly by 3 points, it is considered a "push", and bettors on either side are refunded their bet.

MONEY LINE BETS

Money line is typically used for bets on baseball, but the William Hill Race and Sports Book will post money line wagers for football and basketball games as well.

When you place a money line bet, you are making a "straight" bet on which team will win the game. For example, let's say the Boston Red Sox are playing the Washington Nationals. The Red Sox are the favorite, and the price is -200. The underdog is the Nats, and they are priced at +180.

This means if you want to bet on the favorite, you must bet \$200 to win \$100. Conversely, if you decide to bet the underdog (Washington), if you bet \$100 you will win \$180.

Money line bets can be particularly lucrative if the underdog has an upset victory.

TOTALS BET (OVER/UNDER)

Totals, which are better known as over/under bets, are not a bet on a particular team to either win or cover the spread. Totals are a bet on the total points scored during the game.

For example, let's say Clemson is playing Duke in College Basketball. The over/under number is 150, meaning you can either bet that the total points scored in the game will be over 150, or under 150.

Like point-spread bets, you will typically have odds of 10/11, or bet \$11 to win \$10 plus your original bet.

PARLAYS AND FUTURES BETS

Parlays and futures bets offer players an opportunity to place a small wager with a large potential payout.

Parlays are a bet on multiple games within a single betting ticket. To play a parlay, you must select two or more sides, money line, or totals bets. The larger your parlay ticket, the greater the potential payout if you win all the games selected. However, you must win all selected wagers to get a payout.

Futures bets are wagers on future events. The most common example is futures bets on the winner of the Super Bowl or World Series. Because these bets can be made months in advance, before the odds-makers can determine the likely participants/winners of these events, you can get odds such as the Boston Red Sox winning the World Series at 80-1 (meaning an \$8000 win on a \$100 bet). Futures bets are also available on horse racing events such as the Kentucky Derby.

OTHER TYPES OF WAGERS

William Hill Sports Book offers other types of wagers on select professional and college sporting events. These include point spreads and totals bets on specific quarters or halves of the game, as well as proposition bets on certain events occurring during the game.

Select games on the William Hill wagering menu may also offer "InPlay" wagering, meaning you can make specific proposition bets while a game is playing live. These can add to the excitement of watching and betting on sporting events.

"InPlay" wagering is not available on every game, but typically there are plenty of opportunities daily on the wagering menu.