LEARN THE BASICS · THE ACADEMY

The Betting Academy: Learning Paths Map

Eight paths from beginner to advanced, in a sensible order, with the free guides and calculators that go with each one.

INSIDE

- Six core paths plus Model Lab and Responsible Betting
- Lessons in each path
- Matching free guides and calculators
- A suggested order for beginners

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> You do not need to learn everything at once. Start at **Path 01**, read **Path 08** early, and move down only when the last idea feels easy. Lessons are being written now, so each topic is marked as in development until it is published.

A sensible order for a new bettor

01 Start Here: odds, the vig, units

02 Responsible Betting: set limits before you wager

03 Avoid Traps: the common mistakes

04 Find Value: fair price, no-vig, expected value

05 Manage Risk: stake size and drawdowns

The model and market paths come after you can explain the first five in your own words.

The eight paths

PATH 01 · BEGINNER

Start Here

Odds, the vig and the honest basics.

- What odds mean
- Implied probability
- The vig (built-in margin)
- Units and bankroll basics
- Why most bettors lose

Pairs with: Start Here guide; Odds cheat sheet; Implied Probability calculator

PATH 02 · BEGINNER

Avoid Traps

The habits and myths that cost bettors the most.

- “Locks” and fake certainty
- Chasing losses
- Parlay math
- Recency bias and fandom
- Fake records

Pairs with: Avoid Traps cheat sheet; Parlay Odds calculator

PATH 03 · INTERMEDIATE

Find Value

Compare a price with a fair price.

- Fair odds and no-vig markets
- Expected value
- Line shopping and best price
- Closing line value (CLV)

Pairs with: Fair Odds guide; Expected Value guide; Line Shopping & CLV guide; No-Vig, EV, Hold and CLV calculators

PATH 04 · INTERMEDIATE

Manage Risk

Size stakes so a bad run does not end the game.

- Units and bankroll rules
- Fractional Kelly basics
- Correlation
- Drawdowns and loss limits

Pairs with: Units, Bankroll & Kelly guide; Kelly and Bankroll planner calculators; Pre-Wager Checklist

PATH 05 · INTERMEDIATE

Read the Market

Understand why prices move and when to act.

- Open, current and close
- Key numbers
- Liquidity
- Bet now, wait, monitor or pass

Pairs with: Half-Point & Key Numbers guide; Half-Point calculator; Decision Card Anatomy

PATH 06 · ADVANCED

Build a Process

How an independent number is built and challenged.

- Power ratings
- Injuries and situational factors
- Model uncertainty
- How Willy evaluates a wager

Pairs with: How It Works; Methodology; Meet Willy Walters

PATH 07 · ADVANCED

Model Lab

Transparent modeling examples, with the warts shown.

- Backtesting and its limits
- Calibration
- Overfitting
- Versioning a model

Pairs with: Methodology; Results Ledger & Grading Standard

PATH 08 · EVERY LEVEL

Responsible Betting

Lesson Zero. Read it first, and again later.

- Set limits before you start
- Never chase losses
- Know the warning signs
- Where to get help

Pairs with: Responsible Betting guide; Bet & Price Log

Lessons in development · coming soon. Guides and calculators listed above are on the Resources page; calculators marked "coming soon" there are released as they are published.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Six core paths: Start Here, Find Value, Build a Process, Manage Risk, Read the Market, Avoid Traps.**
- **Two extra paths: Model Lab (advanced) and Responsible Betting (every level).**
- **Each lesson teaches an idea, calculates it, and shows how it applies to a decision card.**

Open the academy

Browse every path and the glossary on the Learn hub.

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