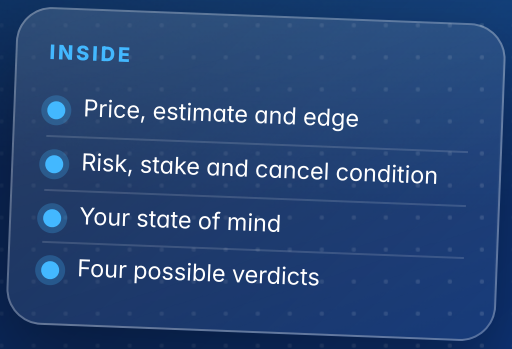
Win More Wagers

CHECKLIST

MANAGE RISK · DECISION DISCIPLINE

# The Pre-Wager Checklist

Twelve questions to answer on paper before any wager. If you cannot answer them, the answer is pass.




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> A checklist cannot make a bet win. It can stop you from placing a bad one in a hurry. Print it, and fill it in **before** you wager.

| | Check | Question | My answer |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ | **1. Price** | What is the exact price and number, at which book, and what time is it now? | |
| ☐ | **2. Break-even** | What win rate does this price need? (See the cheat sheet.) | |
| ☐ | **3. Fair price** | What is the no-vig probability from a fair two-way market? | |
| ☐ | **4. My number** | What is my estimated probability, and what is it based on? | |
| ☐ | **5. Uncertainty** | How much would I trim my estimate for being wrong? What is the shrunken number? | |
| ☐ | **6. Edge** | Is my shrunken number above the break-even rate at the posted price? | |
| ☐ | **7. Best price** | Have I compared at least three books for the same number? | |
| ☐ | **8. Unknowns** | Which injuries, lineups or weather are still unresolved? | |
| ☐ | **9. Stake** | Is the stake in units, within my cap, and within my daily limit? | |
| ☐ | **10. Correlation** | Does this overlap with anything I already have open? | |
| ☐ | **11. Cancel condition** | What single event would cancel this wager? Have I written it down? | |
| ☐ | **12. State of mind** | Am I calm, rested and not chasing a loss or betting my team? | |

## Choose a verdict

VERDICT

**Bet now**

Every check passes and the price may worsen.

VERDICT

**Wait**

It qualifies, but timing favors patience.

VERDICT

**Monitor**

An important unknown is unresolved.

VERDICT

**Pass**

Thin edge, bad price, high uncertainty, or I am not calm.

**THE RULE**

**If checks 2, 4, 6 or 11 are blank, the verdict is Pass.** Passing is a valid, expected outcome, and a week with no wagers is a perfectly good week.

# Worked example (fictional game, made-up numbers)

Away Team +3 at -105 at Book A, 10:42 AM PT. This is an illustration of how to fill the sheet, not a recommendation.

| # | Check | Filled in |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Price | +3 at -105, Book A, 10:42 AM PT |
| 2 | Break-even | 51.2% (105 ÷ 205) |
| 3 | Fair price | Reference market -116 / +105 → 52.4% no-vig |
| 4 | My number | 55.3% (from my own independent model) |
| 5 | Uncertainty | Trim by 1 point → 54.3% |
| 6 | Edge | 54.3% vs 51.2% break-even → +3.1 pts: passes |
| 7 | Best price | Checked 4 books: -105 is best |
| 8 | Unknowns | Starting cornerback: questionable |
| 9 | Stake | 0.75 units, within my 1-unit cap |
| 10 | Correlation | No other open wagers on this game |
| 11 | Cancel condition | Cornerback out AND line moves below +2.5 |
| 12 | State of mind | Calm, rested, no open losses to recover |

**Verdict:** **Bet now** Every check passed on paper. If the cornerback news arrives first, the cancel condition applies.

## Next step

Log the price you took and compare it with the close. See the Bet & Price Log template.

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