

Survivor/Knockout Game

A survivor pool lasts the entire season and requires fans to pick the winner of one game per week (ignoring the point spread). You can only pick each team once - if your pick loses the fan is knocked out of the pool.

Example of play: NFL survivor pool

On Tuesday morning fans in the pool receive an email asking them to make their pick for that week. The link takes them to a page that displays all the games for the week with any team they have already chosen disabled. They have to choose one team (that they haven't chosen before) and submit their choice. Choices cannot be edited. After all the games finish for that week they receive an email with their results and their basic standings.

Before the season starts there is a single page advertizing the game – which links to a page where fans can make their pick for week one. Making the first week's pick means the fan is participating – fans must be logged in to participate.

The survivor page displays a number of things (updated as the season progresses):

- List of fans participating. Once the season starts this list is split into two: surviving fans and eliminated fans (sorted by date eliminated)
- Tabs for each week that shows which picks participating fans made each week, the results of those games and which fans were eliminated
- “Challenge your friends” button until the game starts
- A running conversation for each week (like an article or forum post) that allows fans to talk about the upcoming games or the results of the week
- A link to make your choice for the upcoming week if you are participating and haven't made a choice.

After the season ends the page displays all the fans that played sorted by their “final rank” (who survived or when the fan was knocked out). There is a credibility bonus based on when you were eliminated – all participants get some credibility boost – the longer you last the more your credibility boost gets multiplied.