

# profootballsidekick.com NFL 2026 Pre-Season Super Bowl Bets Analysis

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## SCREEN 2: STATS SCREEN

Goal: Eliminate teams based on our formula to shrink the field from 32 to a manageable number for Screen 2: Final Screen

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

**1. Coach, QB, Roster Grades:** Our subjective grades.

**2. Division Weakness Grades:** Our grades based on our subjective view of the competitive level in each teams' division. A weaker division promotes a higher probability of teams achieving Division Championships, Wild Card births and home field playoff games.

**3. 2026 Schedule Strength (low numbers indicate tougher schedules:** Teams with a higher level of competition in the regular season have a higher probability of achieving a playoff birth or home field advantage in the playoffs. See the 2025 Detroit Lions and New England Patriots as examples.

**4. DVOA Rank:** Aaron Schatz, ftnfantasy.com uses a proprietary, complex analytical formula to grade teams on every play success and rank teams throughout the year based on a concatenated score. It measures yards gained, % yards gained toward 1st downs, 3rd/4th down efficiency, fumbles, length of scoring drive, TD complexity, strength of opponents, consistency and much more. It diminishes grade weight during blowout scores. It then ranks the teams 1-32 (1 is highest) based on the score.

**5. Free Agency / Draft Grades:** Offseason grades play a big role in team roster quality upgrades or downgrades. See the last several seasons of Baltimore and Philadelphia roster improvement and high grades for examples of this.

**6. Rush yards per game/Average Per Rush:** Studies show teams finishing in the bottom 3rd of the league the prior year have difficulty making to the Super Bowl.

**7. Salary Cap Space:** Teams affording a spending spree in free agency are in the best position to improve rosters. See New England in 2025 for an example of this.

### EVALUATION & GRADES

\* spotrac.com projection

#### AFC

SCREEN 2 AFC TEAMS	COACH GRADE	QUARTER BACK GRADE	ROSTER GRADE	DIVISION WEAKNESS GRADE	2026 SCHED STRENG	2025 DVOA RANK	FREE AGENCY GRADE	DRAFT GRADE	RUSH YPG/ YDS PER RUSH	SUPER BOWL ODDS
Los Angeles Chargers	A+	B+	B+	C-	9	17	C-	B+	12th / 13th	16-1
Denver Broncos	A+	C	A	C-	15	7	C	C+	16th / 13th	20-1
Cincinnati Bengals	C+	A+	B-	B	30	21	A-	B	20TH/29TH	22-1
Kansas City Chiefs	A+	A+	B	C-	5	15	D+	B	25th / 20th	18-1

#### NFC

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Los Angeles Rams	A+	A+	A	C-	13	2	A	D+	7th / 6th	+550
Detroit Lions	B-	B+	B	C	27	3	D+	B-	14th / 6th	17-1
Green Bay Packers	B	B+	B	C	3	11	C-	B+	15th / 24th	22-1
Philadelphia Eagles	D	C	A	A	23	14	C	A	18th / 20th	19-1
San Francisco 49ers	A	B-	B	C-	18	10	A	C+	24th / 30th	17-1