

profootballsidedkick.com NFL 2026 Pre-Season Super Bowl Bets Analysis

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SCREEN 1: PRELIMINARY SCREEN

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

ELIMINATION CRITERIA

- 1. Strong Enough Roster:** We eliminate teams based on our subjective view of whether the team roster is good enough to win the Super Bowl.
- 2. Strong Enough Quarterback:** We eliminate teams based on our subjective view of whether the team quarterback is good enough to win the Super Bowl based on past performance and playoff experience.
- 3. Weak/1st Time NFL Coaches:** We eliminate teams with weak or first time head coaches. Only 2 out of 60 or 3.3% of Super Bowl winners had first time head coaches (Don McCafferty, Balt, 1971 & George Seifert, SF, 1990).
- 4. Not in 2025 Super Bowl:** Super Bowl winners return to the Super Bowl 30% of the time ( 18 of 60) and the loser only 11.7% (7 of 60) so we fade Seattle some & definitely New England. Super Bowl teams face loss of coaches, loss of free agents, frequently get tougher first place schedules & targets on their backs the following year.
- 5. Preseason Super Bowl Odds:** Super Bowl winners preseason odds were 22-1 or lower 22 of 26 times or 84.6% so we eliminate teams with preseason odds greater than 22-1.

ELIMINATION ANALYSIS

AFC							
	STRONG ENOUGH ROSTER	STRONG ENOUGH QUARTERBACK	NOT WEAK/ NOT 1ST TIME HEAD COACH	NOT IN 2025 SUPER BOWL	SUPER BOWL ODDS ARE 22-1 OR LOWER	NUMBER OF THE 5 CRITERIA MET	TEAM MET ALL 5 CRITERIA
Los Angeles Chargers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	IN
Denver Broncos	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	IN
Kansas City Chiefs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	IN
Cincinnati Bengals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	IN
New England Patriots	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	4	OUT
Baltimore Ravens	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4	OUT
Buffalo Bills	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4	OUT
Houston Texans	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	OUT
Jacksonville Jaguars	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	3	OUT
Indianapolis Colts	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	3	OUT
Tennessee Titans	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	2	OUT
New York Jets	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	2	OUT
Pittsburgh Steelers	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	2	OUT
Miami Dolphins	No	No	No	Yes	No	1	OUT
Las Vegas Raiders	No	No	No	Yes	No	1	OUT
Cleveland Browns	No	No	No	Yes	No	1	OUT

NFC							
	STRONG ENOUGH ROSTER	STRONG ENOUGH QUARTERBACK	NOT WEAK/ NOT 1ST TIME HEAD COACH	NOT IN 2025 SUPER BOWL	SUPER BOWL ODDS ARE 22-1 OR LOWER	NUMBER OF THE 5 CRITERIA MET	TEAM MET ALL 5 CRITERIA
Los Angeles Rams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	IN
Detroit Lions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	IN
Green Bay Packers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	IN
Philadelphia Eagles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	IN
San Francisco 49ers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	IN
Chicago Bears	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	4	OUT
Seattle Seahawks	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	4	OUT
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	3	OUT
Atlanta Falcons	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	3	OUT
Minnesota Vikings	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	3	OUT
Dallas Cowboys	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	3	OUT
Washington Commanders	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	3	OUT
New Orleans Saints	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	2	OUT
New York Giants	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	2	OUT
Carolina Panthers	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	2	OUT
Arizona Cardinals	No	No	No	Yes	No	1	OUT