***2025 VictorsTailgate Picks Rules***

* 12 games will be selected per week during the regular season and conference championships (15 weeks)
* Points will be awarded to those who select the winner of each game based upon the number of people selecting the losing team (e.g. if 12 people select team A and 18 people select team B, team A would provide 48 points [30 base points + 18 bonus] to those that selected team A if they were to win and team B would provide 42 points [30 base points + 12 bonus] to those that selected team B if they were to win)
* UM and MSU games will always be included and will be against the spread if the spread is greater than 9 points
* A “best bet” will be selected each week by each participant and will be worth 2x if selected correctly (following the same point system as mentioned above)
* Submissions are typically DUE by **4pm ET** on the Thursday preceding the weekend’s games
* Bowl games **(**[**for info on the 12-team college football playoff system click here**](https://www.espn.com/college-football/story/_/id/40204947/how-does-college-football-playoff-work-rules-dates-format-selection-committee-voting)**)**
  + Regular bowl games are worth the same amount as a regular season game
  + The CFP first round games involving seeds 5-12 will be worth 1.5x the points of a regular season game
  + The four quarterfinal games will be worth 2x the points of a regular season game
  + The two semifinal games will be worth 2.5x the points of a regular season game
  + The National Championship Game will be worth 3x the points of a regular season game
  + NOTE: the selection of all first round and quarterfinal CFP game results will occur with the other bowl games. A separate selection of semifinal and national championship winners will be solicited after the CFP quarterfinals is complete.
* Absenteeism
  + Expulsion will occur if selections are not provided for two straight weeks – yikes, don’t do this!
  + If selections are not provided for any two weeks, that participant is on probation for the remainder of the season.  Any additional abstentions on providing picks while a participant is on probation during that season will result in expulsion.
  + This is to ensure that the point system is not compromised week-by-week by those that do not participate
  + For weeks that are not submitted, the ‘favorite’ according to odds makers will automatically be selected and no best bet will be selected