

THE GOLDEN RULES FOR PRO FOOTBALL RANKINGS

1. Each team receives **1** point for each victory.
2. Each team is penalized **1** point for each defeat.
3. Each team receives **.5** for each victory of each team it defeats. This total continues throughout the season as teams defeated earlier in the season gain victories later.
4. Each team loses **.5** for each loss of each team that defeats it. This total also continues throughout the season.
5. A margin of victory bonus is awarded as follows:

# wins of defeated team	Point Margin			
	7-9	10-17	18-27	>27
12+	.5	1	1.5	2
9-11	0	.5	1	1.5
7-8	0	0	.5	1
5-6	0	0	0	.5

6. A margin of loss penalty is deducted as follows:

# losses of winning team	Point Margin		
	10-17	18-27	>27
11+	-.5	-1	-1.5
8-10	0	-.5	-1
Less than 8	0	0	-.5

7. A road win bonus is awarded as follows:

# wins of home team	Bonus
12+	1.5
9-11	1
6-8	.5
Less than 6	0

8. A home loss penalty is deducted as follows:

# losses of visiting team	Penalty
10+	1.5
7-9	1
5-6	.5
Less than 5	0

9. The total of the points gained or lost by a team from items **1-8** above is divided by the number of games the team has played. The resulting quotient is the team's ranking score. If teams are tied in ranking score, they are ranked according to the number of wins of the teams they defeated.