

NFL History, Business, and Key Players

Your Name:

1. Which year did the American Professional Football Association (APFA) officially change its name to the NFL?

- ☐ A. 1921
 - ☐ B. 1922
 - ☐ C. 1923
 - ☐ D. 1920
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2. All 32 NFL franchises are currently valued above \$4 billion.

- ☐ A. True
 - ☐ B. False
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3. What was the name of the agreement that led to the creation of the Super Bowl?

4. The NFL's most significant differentiator is its robust national model, where nearly all broadcast, sponsorship, and merchandising income is divided equally among all 32 franchises.

5. Which of these teams were among the original 10 teams that formed the American Professional Football Association (APFA) in 1920?

- ☐ A. Decatur Staleys
 - ☐ B. New York Giants
 - ☐ C. Dallas Cowboys
 - ☐ D. Green Bay Packers
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6. The NFL holds games exclusively within the United States.

- ☐ A. True
 - ☐ B. False
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7. Which iconic coach is known for leading the Green Bay Packers to five NFL Championships and having the Super Bowl trophy named after him?

8. The NFL's largest source of revenue comes from rights.

9. Which NFL team has never appeared in a Super Bowl?

- ☐ A. Cincinnati Bengals
 - ☐ B. Minnesota Vikings
 - ☐ C. Detroit Lions
 - ☐ D. Arizona Cardinals
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10. Jim Thorpe was not only the NFL's first president but also its biggest star in the early years.

- ☐ A. True
 - ☐ B. False
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11. What is the primary purpose of the NFL's salary cap system?

12. The permanent adoption of the 'dynamic kickoff' formation aims to reduce the likelihood of high-speed collisions by limiting player movement before the kick is

13. Which two NFL teams are tied for the most Super Bowl wins?

- ☐ A. San Francisco 49ers and New York Giants
 - ☐ B. Dallas Cowboys and Green Bay Packers
 - ☐ C. Kansas City Chiefs and Baltimore Ravens
 - ☐ D. New England Patriots and Pittsburgh Steelers
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14. The NFL is legally registered solely as an 'entertainment business'.

- ☐ A. True
 - ☐ B. False
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15. What player initiated the National Anthem protests in 2016 to protest against unfair treatment by police?

16. Automated spotting via 8K cameras for first downs is expected to reduce delays and controversy related to traditional measurements.

17. Which former player is widely considered the greatest wide receiver in NFL history?

- ☐ A. Larry Fitzgerald
 - ☐ B. Calvin Johnson
 - ☐ C. Jerry Rice
 - ☐ D. Randy Moss
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18. The Super Bowl was initially named the NFL Championship Game.

- ☐ A. True
 - ☐ B. False
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19. What major health concern continues to dominate the conversation around player welfare in the NFL?

20. The Dallas Cowboys are consistently ranked as the most valuable sports team globally, with a valuation of \$10.32–11 billion in

21. Which of these coaches is known for leading the Miami Dolphins to the only perfect season in NFL history?

- ☐ A. Don Shula
 - ☐ B. Bill Belichick
 - ☐ C. George Halas
 - ☐ D. Paul Brown
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22. Regular season overtime rules in the NFL now guarantee both teams a possession, mirroring postseason rules.

- ☐ A. True
 - ☐ B. False
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23. What nickname was given to Walter Payton for his graceful running style and toughness?

24. The NFL was founded in 1920 in, Ohio.

25. Which of the following is NOT a primary revenue stream for the NFL?

- ☐ A. Player salaries
 - ☐ B. Ticket sales
 - ☐ C. Merchandising and licensing
 - ☐ D. Sponsorships and advertising
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26. The 'tush push' play in the NFL was banned in the 2025 rule changes due to safety concerns.

- ☐ A. True
 - ☐ B. False
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27. What is the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) primarily concerned with in the NFL?

28. Joe Namath gained fame for leading the New York Jets to victory in Super Bowl, proving AFL teams could compete with NFL teams.

29. Which NFL team did Jim Brown revolutionize the running back position for?

- ☐ A. New York Giants
 - ☐ B. Chicago Bears
 - ☐ C. Cleveland Browns
 - ☐ D. Green Bay Packers
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30. The NFL has seen increasing involvement from private equity in team ownership in recent years.

- ☐ A. True
 - ☐ B. False
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31. Who was nicknamed 'The Minister of Defense' for his dominant pass-rushing skills?

32. The NFL's business success is built on revenue from broadcasting rights, sponsorships, merchandising, and sales.

33. Which of the following is a common criticism regarding NFL officiating?

- ☐ A. Inconsistent enforcement of penalties
 - ☐ B. Lack of rule changes
 - ☐ C. Too many technology improvements
 - ☐ D. Lack of controversy in calls
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34. The NFL has decreased its presence on TV and online in recent years to focus more on live attendance.

- ☐ A. True
 - ☐ B. False
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35. What is the term for the legal issue concerning former NFL players and long-term brain damage?

36. In the early years of the NFL, football was often more popular than professional football.

37. Match the notable NFL player with their primary achievement or characteristic:

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| 1. Barry Sanders | <input type="text"/> | A. One of the game's greatest cornerbacks and return specialists |
| 2. Lawrence Taylor | <input type="text"/> | B. Known for his elusive running style and highlight-reel plays |
| 3. Tom Brady | <input type="text"/> | C. Revolutionized defensive play as an outside linebacker |
| 4. Peyton Manning | <input type="text"/> | D. Known for his football intelligence and pre-snap adjustments |
| 5. Deion Sanders | <input type="text"/> | E. Holds record for most Super Bowl wins by a player |
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38. Which current NFL team was originally known as the Decatur Staleys?

- ☐ A. Arizona Cardinals
 - ☐ B. Green Bay Packers
 - ☐ C. Chicago Bears
 - ☐ D. Cleveland Browns
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39. The NFL's salary cap system prevents runaway player costs and helps maintain competitive balance.

- ☐ A. True
 - ☐ B. False
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40. What is the main driver behind the constant increase in NFL franchise valuations?
