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Failurenaire: How to Draft the Best Fantasy Football Team (Standard Scoring)

“Because PPR is for nerds, and you draft like a legend — or die trying.”



Intro: What is Standard Scoring?

Before we break tables with draft-day picks, let's define the game.

Standard scoring = The old-school way. No fluff, no extra points for catches.

Action	Points
Rushing TD	6 pts
Receiving TD	6 pts
Passing TD	4 pts
10 rush/rec yards	1 pt
25 pass yards	1 pt
Fumbles/INTs	-2 pts
Receptions	0 pts (because this ain't PPR, bruh)

So this format **values touchdowns and yards** above everything else. No cute 12-catch, 43-yard, 0-TD games earning someone 20 points. That means **you chase volume + red zone usage + TD upside**.

Failurenaire's Standard Scoring Draft Strategy

✓ 1. Know Your League Settings (AKA: Don't Be a Draft-Day Jabroni)

Checklist:

- How many teams? (10–12 team leagues change value depth)
- How many starters at each position?
- Any flex spots?
- 4-pt or 6-pt passing TDs?
- Are kickers and defenses involved or are we civilized?

 *You wouldn't enter a WWE match blindfolded. Know your battlefield.*

✓ 2. Draft Running Backs Like They're Gold

In standard scoring, **RBs win leagues**. You want guys who:

- Get 15–25 touches per game
- Are goal-line monsters
- Aren't in a 3-man committee

Top targets (2025 edition):

- Jonathan Taylor
- Breece Hall
- Bijan Robinson
- Derrick Henry (still stiff-arming souls)

- Nick Chubb (TD machine if healthy)
- Rachaad White (sneaky high-volume guy)

 Avoid: RBs in pass-heavy offenses unless they score a ton.

✓ 3. Get an Alpha WR1, Then Chill

You don't need a 12-catch slot guy in standard. You need the guy who goes 4 catches for 103 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Target WRs with:

- Deep ball potential
- Red zone targets
- WR1 status on their team

Top examples:

- Ja'Marr Chase
- Amon-Ra St. Brown
- Tyreek Hill
- Garrett Wilson
- Drake London (breakout watch)
- DK Metcalf (sleeper if Geno holds up)

Wait until Round 4–5+ for WR2/3s — the drop-off isn't as harsh as RBs.

✓ 4. Wait on QB (Unless You're Getting Mahomes or Allen)

QBs score more overall, but **the gap between QB6 and QB12 isn't massive**. Don't waste early picks unless it's a game-breaker.

QB Targets:

- Patrick Mahomes (only early-round worth grabbing)
- Josh Allen
- Jalen Hurts
- Jordan Love (sleeper with upside)
- Anthony Richardson (cheat code rushing)

📌 Grab a late QB if you loaded up on RBs early.

✅ 5. Don't Be First to Draft a TE (Unless You Hate Joy)

One guy gets the edge every year (Kelce, maybe Bowers in 2025), but the rest are mostly **streaming material with the occasional spike game.**

Tight End Strategy:

- Kelce or Bowers if they fall to Round 3
 - Otherwise? Wait until Round 8–12
 - Stream if necessary — ride the hot hand
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✅ 6. Load Your Bench with Lottery Tickets, Not Boring Vets

You don't win titles with "safe floor" guys. You win by hitting on breakout stars.

Late-round targets:

- Rookie RBs behind injury-prone starters
- WR2s in explosive offenses
- Dual-threat QBs

- Suspended/injured guys with Week 6–10 returns

Examples:

- Marvin Harrison Jr. (if he's not going top 3 already)
 - Zamir White
 - Rashee Rice (if reinstated)
 - Any RB behind Aaron Jones or D'Andre Swift
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✅ 7. Wait Until Your Final 2 Picks for Defense & Kicker

Don't be *that* jabroni drafting the Cowboys D in Round 9.

DST Strategy:

- Stream based on matchups
- Target defenses playing rookie QBs in Week 1
- Avoid defenses in high-scoring divisions (AFC West = shootouts)

Kicker Strategy:

- Grab a kicker on a high-scoring offense
 - Indoor stadium? Bonus points for weather-proof points
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✅ 8. Mock Draft Like a Psycho

Practice your draft over and over — 10 times minimum. Try different slots (pick 1, 6, 12). Test strategies.

Use tools like:

- FantasyPros
 - Sleeper App
 - ESPN, Yahoo, or Underdog (best ball = good reps)
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✓ 9. Have a Mid-Draft Plan B

Every draft punches you in the face. Be ready.

Plan B tips:

- If you miss elite RBs, go WR-heavy and stockpile mid-round RBs
 - If your league goes QB-crazy early, wait even longer
 - If someone steals your sleeper — steal their backup
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✓ 10. After the Draft: Work the Waiver Wire Like a Fiend

Week 1–4 is **where champions are made**.

Checklist:

- Drop dead weight fast
 - Stash breakout players BEFORE they go off
 - Target injured handcuffs, breakout rookies, and QBs on fire
 - Don't waste #1 waiver on kickers or one-hit wonders
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More Tips

- Draft for **upside**, not name value
- **Running backs are your religion** in standard
- Stay ahead on waivers — *everybody's team looks good on draft day*
- Never draft a player just because your buddy in Round 4 called dibs in the group chat
- Stay irrationally confident. You're a fantasy god in your own head — act like it



Failurenaire's Round-by-Round Fantasy Draft Strategy (Standard Scoring)

"Standard scoring? Standard domination. Let's eat."



Quick Goals Recap for Standard Scoring:

- Prioritize **RBs with TD upside & volume**
 - WRs should be **explosive**, not just volume-dependent
 - QBs and TEs? Wait unless elite value drops
 - No early defenses or kickers — ever
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Pre-Draft Prep

- Know your **league rules & roster settings**
- Do 5–10 **mock drafts** in your draft spot
- Have **tiers** not just rankings — you want to draft based on drop-offs, not name hype

- Don't draft drunk... until Round 9



ROUND-BY-ROUND STRATEGY

Round 1 (Pick 1–12)

Target: Elite RB or Alpha WR

Top RBs: Breece Hall, Jonathan Taylor, Bijan Robinson, Nick Chubb

Top WRs: Ja'Marr Chase, Tyreek Hill, Amon-Ra St. Brown

💡 *RB > WR in standard. Take a WR only if the top 3–4 RBs are gone.*

Round 2

Target: RB or top WR left on the board

Best-case: You start RB-RB or RB-WR

Names: Rachaad White, Josh Jacobs, DK Metcalf, Garrett Wilson

📌 Don't get cute. Take a stud who scores TDs.

Round 3

Target: WR2 or RB3 (if value falls)

Names: Chris Olave, DeVonta Smith, Travis Etienne, Drake London

Avoid: TE or QB unless a total stud falls (like Mahomes/Hurts)

Round 4

Target: Flex-worthy RB/WR with boom potential

Names: James Conner, Terry McLaurin, Aaron Jones

💡 If QB1s are still sliding (Burrow, Richardson), now's the time

Round 5

Target: WR3 or QB1

Names: Christian Watson, DJ Moore, Jordan Love (sleeper QB), Keenan Allen

Strategy: If you don't have a QB yet, this is prime time

Round 6

Target: Value WRs or first TE

Names: George Pickens, Dallas Goedert, Gabe Davis, David Njoku

💡 Don't reach. TE should be a bonus, not a reach.

Round 7

Target: RB4 with potential or high-upside WR

Names: Tank Bigsby, Courtland Sutton, Jayden Reed

Also: This is the "I forgot this guy existed" round. Stay sharp.

Round 8

Target: Handcuffs or lottery tickets

Names: Zamir White, Elijah Mitchell, Michael Wilson

💡 You're not drafting floor here — swing for upside

Round 9–10

Target: Backup QB/TE or elite handcuff

Names: Juwan Johnson (TD machine), Kenny Pickett (bye week plug), Tyler Allgeier

Pro Tip: If your starter gets hurt, these guys will matter

Round 11–12

Target: High-upside rookies or WRs with QB upgrades

Names: Any 2025 rookies in good offenses, breakout WR3s like Josh Downs or Jalin Hyatt

💡 *Win leagues with these picks — not Rounds 1–2*

Round 13–14

Target: Defense & Kicker

Defense Tips:

- Look at Week 1 matchup (vs. rookie QBs = \$\$\$)
- Stream each week unless you land a top 3 unit

Kicker Tips:

- Pick kickers in dome stadiums
- Kickers on explosive offenses (49ers, Cowboys, Lions)

Round 15 (If you have one)

Target: Wild card pick

Names: Injured stars returning midseason, suspended players, or your favorite lottery ticket

💡 This is your YOLO pick — go off-vibes if you must

Draft Day Power Tips

-  Stay flexible — adapt to position runs
 -  If you miss a tier, pivot. Don't chase
 -  Fade hype players in bad offenses (sorry, Patriots fans)
 -  Save your “my guys” for Rounds 8–14
 -  Draft with confidence, not desperation
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Bonus: Ideal Build Example (12-Team Standard)

Position	Player Type
QB	Dual-threat mid-round guy
RB1	Stud bellcow
RB2	High-volume bruiser
WR1	Big-play WR on elite team
WR2	Touchdown-dependent flyer
TE	Mid-round TD threat
Flex	RB or WR lottery ticket
DEF	Week 1 streamer
K	Dome boot on good offense
Bench	2 RBs, 2 WRs, 1 QB/TE max