

Metrics glossary

Definitions for the ranking signals, sample thresholds and validation terms used in our guide.

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TERM	DEFINITION
Source rank	The authored baseline placement before current production and editorial point adjustments.
Consensus	A combined order from multiple ranking lists, subject to their different depths and coverage.
Board points	Model points used to sort prospects; not a probability, salary estimate or official scouting grade.
Production rating	A position-aware statistical comparison requiring the model's complete factor set.
Percentile	Relative placement in a comparison group; it does not express confidence or predict professional success.
Unrated	Required evidence is unavailable. For NFL board production, the adjustment is neutral rather than a zero-performance penalty.
Editorial adjustment	A bounded independent evaluation signal that changes points without becoming reported production data.
Depth-chart coverage	Available eligible players within authored position slots; model order is not an official coaching chart.
Ranked need	An independently prioritized team position need based on active coverage and available player ratings.
Value delta	Overall pick number minus current board rank; positive values indicate availability beyond board placement.
Clamp	Limit a calculated value to a stated minimum and maximum.
Pick score	NFL board-value points plus ranked-need bonus, limited to the 0-70 scale.

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Class score	The displayed 0–70 conversion of a draft class's average pick score, not the raw average itself.
Snapshot	A dated retained dataset or published edition; its continued availability does not make it live.
Partial coverage	A source or dataset provides only part of the expected evidence.
Provisional	A result awaiting sufficient source coverage or verification; missing evidence is not treated as a confirmed zero.
PPG / RPG / APG	Basketball points, rebounds and assists per game.
SPG / BPG	Basketball steals and blocks per game.
PA / AB	Baseball plate appearances and at-bats; these are different sample measures.
IP	Baseball innings pitched, used as a pitcher sample threshold.
OPS	Baseball on-base percentage plus slugging percentage, an offensive-rate measure.
AVG / HR / RBI / SB	Baseball batting average, home runs, runs batted in and stolen bases.
ERA / WHIP	Pitcher earned-run average and walks plus hits per inning pitched; lower values generally indicate better performance.
K/9	Pitcher strikeouts per nine innings.
Identity match	Joining a player to the correct school or club and provider record, rather than assuming a name alone is unique.
Provenance	A record of where evidence came from and how it was obtained; public availability alone does not establish redistribution rights.