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Setup Overview

Your game setup can take less than one minute, if you simply want to select one of our pre-built **Ready-Made Games**.

Or you can take your time and design your **own custom game** experience!





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Ready-Made Games: Selecting

From the Ready-Made Games Center, you can **join any demo game**, to check it out.

• Depending upon the nature of the game and the time of year, the game may or may not let you fill in your selections or view standings.

Find a game you like? Click to select the game!

If you've already designed a prior game with your branding and optional sponsors, you can simply assign that design to this new game.

You can also assign a previously used design to this game later on, if you'd like.





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Ready-Made Games: Customizing

Once selected, you can click your game's "Setup" button to **customize it further**, by visiting these sections:

- Properties
- Design
- Prizes

Other sections allow for more advanced customizations.





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Properties Design Prizes	STATUS This game is currently on Live Mode Game Cost Breakdown INTERNAL NAME 1						
Timelines	AUGUSTA 2020 FANTASY GOLF						
Gameplay	UNIQUE URL 🕧						
Picks	augusta2020fantasygolf						
Standings	MAXIMUM END-USERS 🅧						
Registration	Level 1 (Up to 3000)						
Rules	TOPICS ()						
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Game Setup: Properties

In the **Properties** section, you can:

- Change the URL for the game.
- Adjust default settings for language and timezone.
- Activate or deactivate other advanced features.
- Add a link to your Privacy Policy
 - Forecaster Games displays its own
 Privacy Policy on every page as well.





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Game Setup: Design

In the **Design** section, you can:

- Upload logos for your own brand and for optional sponsors
 - Customize the branding for the online game, as well as for automated email reminder and confirmation messages
- Change the colors and fonts used
- Change the game title and other promotional text and graphics

The drop-down in the top left corner lets you switch among sections.







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Game Setup: Prizes

In the **Prizes** section, you can:

- List what prizes (if any) you'd like to offer. Many types of prize options are available:
 - Overall prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.
 - Individual prizes for each Game Period.
 - For example, a fantasy football game is typically broken up into 17 individual Game Periods, corresponding to each week in the regular season.
- To help boost engagements by participants all season long, you can also offer "Raffle Tickets" as prizes.
 - Higher-ranked participants can earn more raffle tickets than those ranked lower.
 - At the end of the season, use our software to run the raffle, or print out all the tickets earned and draw the winner(s) from a hat!





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Other Advanced Customizations

Other sections allow for more advanced customizations, including:

- **Timelines:** Adjust the dates and deadlines used in the game.
- **Gameplay:** Modify the game's scoring system.
- **Picks:** Change which sports teams, athletes, categories, and other selections can be made by game participants.
- **Standings:** Add additional composite standings that can be used to support prize categories.
- **Registration:** Determine the questions all participants must answer while registering for a game. Use any of our default questions, or add your own custom questions.
- **Rules:** Specify who can participate in a game, and who can qualify for prizes. Go with our default rules template, or replace it with your own custom rules.





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Properties	AUGUSTA 2020 FANTASY GOLF / Setup / Timelines						
Design Prizes	REGISTRATION START	R	EGISTRATION E	ND			
Timelines	October 19, 2020 4:00 PM		October	19, 2021 4:0	00 PM		
Picks							
Standings Registration	egistration Combined game period duration: 14.58 days						
Rules	AUGUSTA 2020 FANTASY GOLF RDS 1-2						
Duplicate	Augusta 2020 Fantasy Golf Rds 1-2						
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"Unlocking" Ready-Made Games

In general, Clients who select Ready-Made Games leave them in their "Locked" states. This enables Forecaster Games staff members to make remote adjustments to Timeline, Gameplay, or Picks settings if necessary.

In situations where you'd like to customize the game in a way that our staff would not, then you may want to "Unlock" one or more of these sections, which then simultaneously:

- Enables you to make changes to Timelines, Gameplay, or Picks.
- Prevents Forecaster Games staff members from making further remote changes.





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Types of Ready-Made Games "Locks"

There are five types of Locks in a Ready-Made Game, accessed in two sections:

- Timeline Locks:
 - Registration Lock
 - Overall Game Period Lock
 - Individual Game Period Locks (one per Period)
 - These locks control both the Date-and-Time settings for the Game Period, as well as the Picks settings for that particular Game Period.
- Gameplay Locks:
 - Settings Lock
 - Scoring System Lock





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New Custom Game

If instead of using our Ready-Made Games, you'd like to build your own game from scratch, click "Create New Custom Game".

- Identify your Game Topic(s): which sports leagues, for example, or which entertainment events your game is about.
- Identify your Game Type(s):
 - **Pick'em:** Participants try to pick the winners for sporting events, entertainment, elections, and more.
 - **Fantasy:** Participants try to pick who will perform best on the field, and manage their own fantasy team.
 - **Quiz'em:** Set up your own questions and answers, covering whatever topic you'd like. Ask any questions that your participants will have fun trying to predict the answer for!
 - Multiple-choice, checkbox, short-answer questions
 - Remember that you'll have to go back to this section and fill in all the correct answers, once they are known.
 - **Rank'em:** Participants rearrange all the potential answers to predict their eventual order
 - Great for all sorts of games, as well as for marketing-related questionnaires!
 - Bracket: Participants choose the winners of a bracket-style tournament
 - Great for March college basketball tournaments, and more! Custom bracket showdowns can also be created.





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Picks	Fantasy				
Standings	Pick'Em				
Registration	Multiple Choice				
Kules	English				~
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Duplicate	New York (GMT-05:00)	~	12-hour format		~
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Custom Game Timelines

One early step when creating a New Game is to map out the Timelines:

- Each Game Period within the game can use its own Topic and Type, but most commonly, an entire game is devoted to just one Topic and Type.
- For each Game Period, you can configure:
 - Pick Period: When game participants are allowed to make their selections
 - Scoring Period: When the real-world activities (such as sporting events, awards ceremonies, etc.) are taking place that your participants are making their picks for.

Besides configuring the Timelines, you'll want to go through the rest of the customizations discussed above for Ready-Made Games.

You'll also want to configure your Gameplay and Picks options.





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Game Management: Overview

Once your game is up and running, you'll want to visit the "Manage" section in order to make the most of your game:

• Announcements:

• Communicate with your game participants by posting text announcements or embedding videos on any game page.

• Users:

 See who's registered for your game, and access their registration information.

• Analytics:

 See who's playing your game, and how often!

Prize Management:

 Confirm the eligibility of potential prize winners, and activate Winner Announcements that get emailed to game participants.







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Other Helpful Administrative Features

You'll find other great features in the top toolbar of your Dashboard:

• Game Marketing

 Once you've run one game, you can use our built-in tools to market additional games to those end-users.

• Game Credits

 In order to move a game out of Trial Mode (limited to 5 participants) and into Live Mode, you must purchase and spend Forecaster Games Credits.

• Your Profile

- Add additional users to your account
- \circ $\,$ Set up custom domains for your games $\,$
- View your account history







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