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SPRINT PRESENTS 2006 NFL PRO BOWL BALLOTING
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Teams Announced during Pro Bowl Selection Show Wednesday, December 21 on ESPN

Today fans can begin voting to select players for the 2006 Pro Bowl, the NFL's annual All-Star Game, with balloting on Sprint wireless phones, on NFL.com and in stadiums sponsored by Sprint, the NFL announced today.

Balloting for the Pro Bowl, which will be played in Hawaii on Sunday, Feb. 12 and televised by ESPN, will conclude Dec. 13. The teams will be announced at 7 p.m. (ET) Wednesday, Dec. 21 on the 2006 Pro Bowl Selection Show on ESPN.

In addition to casting ballots on NFL.com and in stadiums, fans can cast their Pro Bowl ballot by sending a text message from a Sprint wireless phone to vote for their favorite players at each position. Standard text messaging charges apply.

Fans who vote for their Pro Bowl players then will be able to enter for a chance to win a trip to the Pro Bowl in the 2006 NFL Pro Bowl Sweepstakes presented by Sprint. The Grand Prize includes an all-expense-paid trip to the game in Honolulu as well as exclusive experiences such as the chance to meet and talk football with Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback **JOHN ELWAY**, attend practice, take a tour of Aloha Stadium, obtain pregame sideline passes and more.

The AFC and NFC All-Star squads are made up of the consensus votes of fans, players and coaches. Each group's vote counts one-third towards determining the 43-man rosters that represent the American Football Conference and National Football Conference in the Pro Bowl. NFL players and coaches will cast their votes Dec. 19-20.

The NFL is the only sports league that combines voting by fans, coaches and players to determine its all-star teams. It was the first professional sports league to offer online all-star voting in 1995.

Indianapolis Colts quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** topped all players in fan voting last season, while Philadelphia Eagles quarterback **DONOVAN MC NABB** was the fans' top NFC choice.

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Following is a breakdown of positions and corresponding number of players who will be selected in each conference (43 per conference):

OFFENSE

Wide Receivers (4)

Tight Ends (2)

Tackles (3)

Guards (3)

Centers (2)

Quarterbacks (3)

Running Backs (3)

Fullback (1)

DEFENSE

Ends (3)

Interior Linemen (3)

Outside Linebackers (3)

Inside Linebackers (2)

Cornerbacks (3)

Safeties (3)

Need Player (1-Coach's Choice)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter (1)

Placekicker (1)

Kick Returner (1)

Special Teamer (1)

Throughout the season fans can get the latest NFL information from NFL Mobile on Sprint wireless phones. NFL Mobile provides a first-of-its-kind package of programming designed specifically for wireless, giving fans exclusive access to NFL content and original programming. The package includes NFL Network, exclusive video- and audio-on-demand highlights from NFL Films, and up-to-the-minute team/player scores, stats and injury reports.

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