

# NFL HISTORICAL TIMELINE

## THE FOUNDATION & PRE-MERGER (1920 - 1959)

YEAR	KEY EVENT	SIGNIFICANCE
1920	APFA Founded	Inception of the American Professional Football Association.
1922	Name Change	Officially renamed to the National Football League (NFL).
1933	First Championship	League splits into two divisions; first title game held.

## THE SUPER BOWL ERA (1960 - 1999)

YEAR	KEY EVENT	SIGNIFICANCE
1966	AFL-NFL Merger	Agreement to play a common championship game.
1967	Super Bowl I	Green Bay Packers defeat KC Chiefs in Los Angeles.
1970	Formal Integration	AFL and NFL officially merge into one 26-team league.

## MODERN EXPANSION (2000 - PRESENT)

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>KEY EVENT</b>	<b><i>SIGNIFICANCE</i></b>
<b>2002</b>	Realignment	League expands to 32 teams with the Houston Texans.
<b>2021</b>	Schedule Change	Introduction of the 17-game regular season format.