

The Green Bay Packers is a professional football team in the National Football League (NFL). It is in the National Football Conference (NFC) north division with the Detroit Lions, Minnesota Vikings, and Chicago Bears. The Packers play their games at Lambeau Field, which opened in 1957 and is the oldest continuously operating football stadium in the NFL.

The Packers were founded in 1919 by Curly Lambeau and George Whitney Calhoun. Lambeau obtained the money to pay for uniforms from his employer, the Indian Packing Company – a meat packing company with facilities in several locations, including Green Bay, Wisconsin. The company agreed to pay for the uniforms if Lambeau named the team the “Packers.” At first, the Packers functioned more like a club team and played other teams in Wisconsin and Michigan. In 1921, the Packers joined the newly formed American Professional Football Association. The franchise was revoked, however, when it was discovered that the Packers used college players in a game, which was illegal. The transgression was reported by Chicago Staleys head coach George Halas, giving birth to the timeless rivalry between the Packers and what would soon become the Chicago Bears. The Packers were soon reinstated with new investors, who formed the Green Bay Football Corporation. The Green Bay Football Corporation, which still runs the team today, is the only publicly-owned, non-profit franchise in American professional sports. A non-profit corporation is a company that uses its profits to further its mission rather than paying shareholders. Currently, there are over 360,000 Packers shareholders. Furthermore, Green Bay, Wisconsin, is the smallest American city home to a professional franchise.

As of 2018, the Packers have won 13 league championships, including four super bowls. The Packers are frequently cited as one of America’s most popular sports franchises. It is the only franchise in the NFL with a yellow helmet.

**1. What is NOT true about the Green Bay Packers?**

- A. The team plays in the oldest continuously operating football stadium in the NFL
- B. The team is in the NFC North Division
- C. It joined the American Professional Football Association in 1919
- D. It once had its franchise revoked for cheating

- 2. What was the effect of George Halas reporting the Packers?**
- A. The Packers became one of the most successful sports franchises
  - B. The Packers were forced to move from Green Bay
  - C. A rivalry between the Packers and Bears was born
  - D. The Packers built Lambeau Field

- 3. Which best describes the structure of this passage?**
- A. Cause and effect
  - B. Main idea with details
  - C. Compare and contrast
  - D. Chronological

- 4. Which of the following would be an example of the operations of a non-profit corporation?**

- A. A company that pays its shareholders
- B. A company that invests its money in other companies
- C. A company that invests its money in its mission
- D. A company that seeks to purchase other companies

- 5. What is a “transgression” as used in the sentence below?**

The transgression was reported by Chicago Staleys head coach George Halas, giving birth to the timeless rivalry between the Packers and what would soon become the Chicago Bears.

- A. Disappointment
- B. An action against rules
- C. A crime
- D. An unfortunate event

- 6. The Green Bay Packers are a unique professional sports team for several reasons. In which of the following ways are the Packers not unique?**

- A. The Packers play in Green Bay, Wisconsin
- B. The Packers play in the NFC north division
- C. The Packers are a publicly owned sports franchise
- D. The Packers have yellow helmets

**7. What is implied in the sentence below?**

The Packers play their games at Lambeau Field, which opened in 1957 and is the oldest football stadium continuously operating football stadium in the NFL.

- A. The Packers have been playing since 1957
- B. The Packers have the oldest stadium in the NFL
- C. Lambeau Field was probably named after Curly Lambeau
- D. There may be older stadiums that are no longer operating