

Stonebridge Men's Club March Madness Pool



Welcome to the 12th Annual Stonebridge Men's Club March Madness Bracket Pool. This pool is open to Stonebridge residents and their friends and relatives.

Last year we had 150 participants.

This will be an exciting year as the Tournament will be completely up for grabs. There are no dominant teams

For many sports fans, March Madness (a.k.a. NCAA Championship Basketball Tournament) is the Most Exciting Sporting Event of the Year. Even non-sports fans are easily swept up in the enthusiasm of underdog victories and the possibilities of long-shots. Following a team, trash-talking with friends, and putting a little money down, adds to the fun and can help foster a sense of community among friends and neighbors.

The pool will be run on a website called: WWW.tournamentpools.com

This site has been operating for over 25 years. They have a full-time staff that provides excellent customer service, has a deep, reliable website, and extremely fast score and standings updates.

POOL FORMAT

This is a Pick-The-Bracket Pool where you pick all 63 games in the NCAA Men's Division 1 Basketball Tournament. You earn points for every winning pick, and the person with the most points at the end wins.

WHO CAN JOIN

Only residents of Stonebridge 'and' their friends/relatives are welcome to join this pool. Upon signing up on the website you must indicate which Stonebridge resident referred you. If you are a resident, write your own name.

SCORING

You earn points by correctly predicting the winners of each tournament game. There are 6 rounds and a total of 63 games (32 games in the first round, 16 games in the second round, etc.). Points are scored for winning a game as follows:

Round 1 1 point

Round 2 2 points

Round 3 4 points

Round 4 8 points

Round 5 16 points

Round 6 32 points

POINT SPREADS

This pool does not use point spreads. Wins are determined on a straight win basis.

TIEBREAKERS

The pool standings are based on points. The person with the most points wins. If 2 or more people have the same points, the first tiebreaker is total game wins. The person with the most wins earns the first tiebreaker. The second tiebreaker, if needed, will be total points in the final game.

ENTRY DEADLINE

The deadline for making your picks in the pool is Thursday March 16, 2023 at tip-off of the first game which will be around noon. You may enter and change your picks up until this time.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is \$25 (same as last year) which must be paid by check made payable to Ira Cutler or ***Venmo @ira-cutler. Checks must be placed in the bottom part of the mailbox at either my home, 52 Drawbridge Drive or Lew Cashman 8 Cricket Court. If you are not a Stonebridge resident, please have your Stonebridge contact follow these instructions. Do not mail your check within 5 days of the deadline, as it might not arrive by the deadline.

YOUR ENTRY FEE PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 16, 2022. NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM--NO EXCEPTIONS. If you enter the pool and your payment has not been received, your entry will be dropped from the pool.

The play-in-games on Tuesday and Wednesday March 14-15 are not included on the pick sheets and don't count for the pools. The Round of 64, our "Round 1", starts on Thursday March 16.

PRIZES

The entry fee is \$25 and the website charges a fee of \$1 per entry. The balance (\$24 per entry) goes towards the prizes as follows:

1st Place: 35% of the total collected
2nd Place: 25% of the total collected
3rd Place: 20% of the total collected
4th Place: 15% of the total collected
5th Place: 5% of the total collected

For example: if there are a total of 150 entries, the prize would be $150 \times \$24 = \3600 . 1st place would be \$1260, etc.

CONFIRMING PICKS

It is your responsibility to confirm that your own picks are accepted by the website. You can do this in a number of ways, including the pick confirmation email and by returning to the pick sheet to see that your selections are pre-filled. The picks shown on the website after the deadline has passed are your FINAL picks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING THE STONEBRIDGE 2023 POOL

If you were in the pool last year, just go to the website and follow prompts to rejoin.

If you are new, you need to be a member and logged in at www.TournamentPools.com. Click on the link below (or copy it in your browser and you will be guided through the process for joining this pool, including registering).

<http://www.tournamentpools.com/pools.cfm?p=2&poolid=22297&pwd=monroe>

The pool ID # is 22297 and the Pool Password is Monroe (if you use above link properly, you will not need to input this).

Or contact Ira Cutler at Irac51@aol.com to secure an invitation

At this time you'll create your own individual screen name and password.

In addition to your name, email address and phone number, you'll also need to complete a box called reference. If you're a Stonebridge resident, put down your own name. If you are not a Stonebridge

resident, please indicate who referred you. It must be a Stonebridge resident. Joining this pool and the website is pretty easy but it can be confusing to first-time users. Please sign up ASAP rather than waiting till the last minute. Of course, you can make or change your picks at the last minute if you choose to do so.

After you register you and the pool administrator (me) will receive a confirming email. If you do not receive one, your entry was not confirmed.

Please email or call me if you have problems or questions: Ira Cutler, 609-619-3025, irac51@aol.com