

# THE SEASONS FLY BY

It seems like hardly any time has passed at all since Mahomes threw that short pass to the endzone, ending THAT season. And a new one is here. It's March and you all know what that means. Fasten your seatbelts, it's our quickest moving and most popular pool - - March Madness! Let's get right to the specs.

It starts less than 3 weeks from now as I write this. That's March 21<sup>st</sup> for the real games. We have filled 3 pools the last couple of years and expect to do the same this year so a quick response on this one is best to secure your spot(s). If you desire multiple entries let us know when you reply. We will fill them one at a time and let you know where you stand. Details next.

30 Naismith's to enter. 16 players fill a pool. Reply yes(hopefully) and tell us how many pools you want in on. No promise you will get in all three if that's your desire, we open it to everyone in from last year and take duplications as needed to fill the pools. Bob will keep you posted on the status of entries. All Naismith's must be in to Bob or myself by or BEFORE March 21<sup>st</sup>. I accept cash, checks or Zelle. Bob takes various forms of electronic transactions or cash. Check in with him and he will go over the options. To the mechanics we go.

This IS NOT like most of the bracket pools you see all over America. You DO NOT have to pick all the games. None in fact. And I know for me, that's a GOOD thing. Your teams are selected for you randomly, you just have fun rooting them home.

The selected teams for the tournament will be announced March 17. Bob will conduct the random drawing. He will have at least one other person in the pool present at the drawing. Each player draws one team in each of the four brackets in each pool. So, you all start with 4 chances to win. An email will be sent after the drawing to all participants with who has what teams to start the tournament. This is a "cover" pool so in order to advance if you have the favorite your team has to win AND

cover the spread for you to move on to the next round with that team. Point spread ties go to the winner (favorite). If you have the underdog, there are two ways to advance. Your team wins the game outright and you move on with them. Or your team loses the game BUT covers the point spread. If that occurs, you inherit the team that beat your team, and you have a new team to root for in the next round. The lines for the games will be sent to all via email every day there are games. We use the Bet MGM line-day of game.

There are a lot of games the first four days of the tournament. We cannot update the brackets game by game. Bob will send out updated brackets after each weekend of the tournament so you will have a picture of who is alive, in how many brackets and who you play against next. I will attach a brief (I know - brief and I should not be used in the same sentence) verbal recap with some hopefully witty observations, just to feel like I'm contributing to the experience. Most days it will be me sending the lines out. So, I am doing something to earn my keep after all.

All right! I know — Dom, you are already too long. What are the friggin' prizes?! Ah yes - the important part! BOTH players that make the finals (I think it's April 7<sup>th</sup>) in EACH pool win prizes. Winner takes home 330 Jokic's, the runner up nets 102 Curry's. Fun fact - last year for the first time in my memory a player played against HIMSELF in the finals in one of the pools. It was the very fortunate Tony Mascio. Had U Conn all the way as they covered every game (very rare) and inherited San Diego St somewhere along the line. Fun night for Tony! The same cover rule applies in the final game regarding the point spread. Point spread tie and the favorite (they DID win the damn game after all) gets the lions share. The dog gets the bone.

That's it kids. Let us know, have fun with it, and remember to support your local bookmaker by betting these games along the way. I know I will, he needs the dough!