

WUSA9 2024 Bracket Challenge Contest

OFFICIAL RULES

1. **NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR TO WIN. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR ODDS OF WINNING. SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.**
2. **Eligibility.** Subject to the additional restrictions below, the “WUSA9 2024 Bracket Challenge” (the “Contest”) is open to legal U.S. residents (excluding Puerto Rico) in District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania who are 14 years or older at the time of entry. Employees and contractors of WUSA9, TEGNA Co. Inc., T-Mobile, MetFest and We Monetize, Inc (“Sponsors”), and each of their respective affiliated companies, and advertising and promotional agencies, and the immediate family members of, and any persons domiciled with, any such employees or contractors, are not eligible to enter or to win.
3. **How To Enter.** The Contest will begin at 7:00 p.m. (E.T.) on Sunday, March 17th, 2024 and end at 11:59 p.m. (E.T.), Monday, April 8th, 2024 (the “Contest Period”).

Text Message Entry: Send a text message to **(629) 217-2929** with "**BRACKET**" in the body of the text message. You must have a text messaging two-way capable handset and digital service in order to enter via text message. Entrants will be sent a text message confirming entry. Entrants will be charged standard messaging rates for text messages sent and received from their handset according to the terms and conditions in their wireless calling plan. Text messaging and wireless service are not available in all areas. Message and data rates may apply.

Internet Entry: Enter by visiting www.wusa9.com/bracketchallenge and filing out the required information. Your computer must accept cookies, or any successor or similar technology, which may be used for the purpose of entry tracking. Ad blocking software on your computer needs to be disabled so that it doesn't interfere with processing your entry. Complete the entry form and any other required fields and then submit your entry by clicking on the "SUBMIT" button. By entering, you agree to receive e-mails from Sponsor or those directed by Sponsor. You can opt-out of the receipt of such e-mails by following the directions on the Sweepstakes website or in any email received from Sponsor.

All entries must be submitted by 11:59 a.m. (E.T.) Thursday, March 21st, 2024. By entering, you agree to the terms of these Official Rules.

Maximum one (1) entry per person. Sponsor will not be responsible for failure to receive entries due to transmission failures or technical failures of any kind, including, without limitation, malfunctioning of any network, hardware or software, whether originating with sender or Sponsor.

4. **Winner Selection** Nine (9) Winners will be selected from among all eligible entries, to be held on or about **Monday, April 8th, 2024, at the conclusion of The Men's College Championship Game.** Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received. Gift Cards may be redeemed one (1) time.

Tournament Information

The Men's College Basketball Tournament starts runs March 21st, 2024 at Noon ET and runs through the Championship game ending April 8th, 2024 at Midnight ET. The Sunday prior to the start of the Men's College Basketball Tournament is called "Selection Sunday". Selection Sunday occurs March 17th, 2024. On Selection Sunday, Selection Committee will announce the bracket pairings for the first-round games. There will be several "play-in" games prior to the start of the

tournament. Winners of these games qualify for the final four spots in the Men's College Basketball Tournament. However, for this contest, the winner of each "play-in" game will be named the "Play-in Winner", so it is not necessary to guess the winner of any "play-in" game.

Shortly after the bracket pairings are announced on March 17th, 2024, the complete bracket pairings will be available for all players. At this time, each player will be allowed to login and make their selections for their chance to win the contest. The deadline to make selections is March 21st, 2024 at the tip-off of the first scheduled game. All picks must be successfully saved by or before this deadline.

Making Your Selections

Players can make their selections by going to the selection page. >From this screen, players will make their selections. To make your team selections, simply click the team name to advance them to the next round. If you make a mistake, you can select the opposite team in the previous round or you can also choose the reset button and start over again. It's that easy. After you have completed the bracket, you must click the save button to confirm and store your bracket. Once you click the save button, your picks will display as stored.

Selecting Teams Close To The Deadline

Any player attempting to make team selections close to the deadline risks the chance of not getting in his/her changes on time. We are not responsible for late entries, server congestion, faulty Internet connections, etc., which may cause the changes to your picks to not be made.

Winning the Game

Players are ranked according to their cumulative point score. The player with the most points at the end of the game is the cumulative points winner. There may or may not be a prize for the cumulative points winner. Please visit the Prize section to see what prizes (if any) are being awarded for this contest. In the event of a tie between two (2) or more entries, the winning entry will be determined by the following tiebreakers, in order of listing:

Tiebreaker #1 - Closest To Total Points Scored In Final Game (Based On Absolute Value)

Tiebreaker #2 – If two players have the same value for Tiebreaker #1, advantage goes to the player who over-predicted (predicted more points)

- Tiebreaker #3** – Most Correct Picks For All Rounds
- Tiebreaker #4** – Most Correct Picks In Round 1
- Tiebreaker #5** - Most Correct Picks In Round 2
- Tiebreaker #6** - Most Correct Picks In Round 3
- Tiebreaker #7** - Most Correct Picks In Round 4
- Tiebreaker #8** - Most Correct Picks In Round 5
- Tiebreaker #9** - Most Correct Picks In Round 6
- Tiebreaker #10** – Bracket Having The Highest Risk Percentage
- Tiebreaker #11** – Random Drawing

Tiebreaker #1 calculation: If in the final game there are 100 points scored, and you predicted 88 total points, this tiebreaker's value will be 12. If you predicted 113, your tiebreaker will be 13. This value is determined by how many points you are under or over the official total points scored in the final game.

Tiebreaker #2 calculation: If in the final game there are 100 points scored, and you predicted 88 total points, and someone else you are tied with predicted 112 total points, advantage goes to the user who selected 112 because they over-predicted.

Tiebreaker #10 calculation: Each bracket is evaluated using the exclusive risk assessor, which computes the risk of each chosen upset versus historical tournament results. The bracket that is deemed riskiest by this methodology wins this tiebreaker.

Any further ties are left as ties in the standings. The tie-breaking system below represents the only tiebreaking system. In all cases, an entry that does not win a tiebreaker is eliminated from consideration.

Round Tiebreakers

Players are ranked according to their cumulative round score also. The player with the most points at the end of the round wins that particular round. In the event of a tie between two (2) or more entries, the winning entry will be determined by the following tiebreakers, in order of listing:

- Tiebreaker #1** - Most Correct Picks For All Rounds
- Tiebreaker #2** – Most Correct Picks In Each Previous Round, Individually, Starting With Round 1.
- Tiebreaker #3** – The Bracket With The Highest Risk Percentage
- Tiebreaker #4** - Random drawing

Tiebreaker #2 calculation: If we are in round 3, we will look at how many correct picks there were in round 1. If there is a tie, we will look at how many correct picks were in round 2. If there is still a tie, we will look at how many correct picks were in round 3.

Tiebreaker #3 calculation: Each bracket is evaluated using the exclusive risk assessor, which computes the risk of each chosen upset versus historical tournament results. The bracket that is deemed riskiest by this methodology wins this tiebreaker.

In all cases, an entry that does not win a tiebreaker is eliminated from consideration.

Contest Scoring

The Bracket Challenge is scored using the scoring chart below.

ROUND	GAMES	POINTS	TOTAL
#1	32	1	32
#2	16	2	32
#3	8	3	24
#4	4	4	16
#5	2	5	10
#6	1	10	10
			63 total games
			124 total points

Players are ranked on the Standings page. The winner of the Bracket Challenge is determined by the highest point total after the completion of the final game of the tournament.

Prizing Information

Any Participant(s) who select(s) a valid perfect bracket (the correct selection of all 63 matchups) prior to the start of tournament (start date varies each year), will receive \$10,000. Payment will be in two equal disbursements of \$5,000 US Dollars by Certified Check. The first payment will be within 60 days of receiving valid user ID forms (detailed in the winner information section below). The second payment will be dispersed 6 months from the first payment. Multiple users with valid perfect brackets will split the prize.

Scoring Disputes

The contest operator will post the scores shortly after every day's games for each round, unless unforeseen complications arise. If you have a scoring dispute, please contact us using the menu. Disputes are accepted until 24 hours after the tournament officially ends. Any disputes arriving after this time will not be addressed. The contest operator reserves the right to deny any scoring inaccuracies at any time due to circumstances beyond our control. It is each player's responsibility to confirm their own selections. Players should verify their selections on the "my brackets" page.

Special Reserved Rights

Any player caught or suspected of system tampering, game interference or breaking our terms and conditions, may be removed without a refund or further compensation from our contest at any time and without notice. We also reserve the right to pursue legal and criminal action upon those member(s).

Winning Strategy

There is a great deal of strategy that goes into the bracket challenge game. Some players wish to select their favorite teams. Some players will want to pick the highest ranked teams to meet in the finals. There are many different strategies that have won. College Hoops is a great sport, so whatever your strategy, remember to have fun and enjoy the game.

Eligibility

Please see the "Prize" area inside the contest for prize information and winner terms and conditions set by your media partner.

General Conditions

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Rules/Winners Information

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Notification

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Internet Problems

If for any reason the Internet portion of the program is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, terrorism, work stoppage, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of the game operator, which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this contest, the game operator reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest. In such event, the game operator further reserves the right to award prizes to the player with the most points as of the termination date.

Technology Problems

The game operator assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries or transactions. The game operator is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, servers, or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mail entry or transaction to be received on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any Web site, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to participant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation or downloading any materials in this contest.

Caution: any attempt by a contestant to deliberately damage any web site or undermine the legitimate operation of the game is a violation of criminal and civil laws and should such an attempt be made, the game operator reserves the right to seek damages from any such contestant to the fullest extent permitted by law.

In the event of a dispute, entries made by Internet will be declared made by the authorized account holder of the e-mail address submitted at time of entry.

"Authorized account holder" is defined as the natural person who is assigned to an e-mail address by an Internet access provider, on-line service provider or other organization (e.g., business, educational institution, etc.) that is responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address.

In the event that any legal or regulatory authority challenges the contest, the game operator reserves the right to discontinue or modify the Contest, or to disqualify participants residing in the affected geographic areas. The game operator shall have no liability to any players who are disqualified due to such an action.

Email Change Of Address Policy

It is the sole responsibility of the Entrant to ensure their email address is current. Failure to maintain a valid email address may result in that user's disqualification and the forfeiture of any prizes won in conjunction of this contest.

False Registration

The game operator reserves the right to disqualify any user who has registered with non-valid or false information. To qualify for any prize, users must have valid registration information by the contest ending date. Any information that is inaccurate or misleading will result in that user's disqualification and the forfeiture of any prizes won in conjunction of this contest.

Disclaimer

The contest operator and this Web site, are in no way connected with, affiliated with or endorsed by the NCAA, or any of its affiliated teams, players, or players union. All references to any basketball name or term is purely nominative and not intended to imply any connection, affiliation, or endorsement.

5. **Prizes and Odds.** Nine (9) Winners will each receive Gift Cards: (1st) \$1,500.00 (AVR: \$1,500.00 Value.), (2nd) \$500.00 (AVR: \$500.00 Value.), (3rd) \$350.00(AVR: \$350.00 Value.), (4th) \$250.00(AVR: \$250.00 Value.), (5th) \$200.00(AVR: \$200.00 Value.), (6th) \$ 150.00(AVR: \$150.00 Value.), (7th) \$100(AVR: \$100.00 Value.), (8th) \$75.00(AVR: \$75.00 Value.), (9th) \$50.00 (AVR: \$50.00 Value.)
6. **Winner Notification and Acceptance.** Winner(s) will be notified on or about **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**, at the telephone number used for entry, email address or mailing address provided on Winner's entry form. Sponsor will call during regular business hours at number provided on entry form and will leave no messages. Failure to reach Winner by phone after three (3) attempts or return of email as undeliverable may result in disqualification of Winner, forfeiture of his or her interest in all prizes, and selection of a substitute winner from among all remaining eligible entries. Winner may waive his or her right to receive prizes. Prizes are nonassignable and nontransferable.

No substitutions allowed by Winner. Prizes are not redeemable for cash. Prizes and individual components of prize packages are subject to availability and Sponsor reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value. Winner is solely responsible for reporting and payment of any taxes on prizes. To claim the prize winner must present a valid photo identification. Winner will be required to complete an affidavit of eligibility/liability and publicity release (except where prohibited by law) which must be returned as instructed by Sponsor. Failure to complete, sign and return the affidavit of release, or to comply with any term or condition of these Official Rules, may result in a Winner's disqualification, the forfeiture of his or her interest in the prize, and the award of the prize to a substitute winner. Delivery of the prize will be arranged following Sponsor's receipt of the fully executed affidavit of release. Except where prohibited, acceptance of any prize constitutes Winner's consent to the publication of his or her name, biographical information and likeness in any media for any commercial or promotional purpose, without limitation the Internet, or further compensation. Prizes not won and claimed by eligible winners in accordance with these Official Rules will not be awarded and will remain the property of Sponsor.

7. **Participation.** By participating, entrants agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of Sponsor. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify persons found tampering with or otherwise abusing any aspect of this Sweepstakes as solely determined by Sponsor. In the event the Sweepstakes is compromised by tampering or other causes beyond the reasonable control of Sponsor which corrupts or impairs the administration, security, fairness or proper operation of the Sweepstakes, Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to suspend, modify or terminate the Sweepstakes. Should the Sweepstakes be terminated prior to the stated expiration date, Sponsor reserves the right to award prizes based on the entries received before the termination date. In the event of a dispute, all text message entries will be deemed to have been submitted by the owner of the wireless phone from which the entry is sent and all online entries will be deemed to have been submitted by the owner of the ISP account from which the entry is sent. For these purposes, an ISP account holder shall mean the natural person assigned to such ISP account by the Internet access provider, online service provider or other organization responsible for assigning ISP addresses for the domain associated with such ISP account. Any questions regarding the number of entries submitted or the owner of an ISP account shall be determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion, and Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any entries by persons determined to be tampering with or abusing any aspect of the Sweepstakes. Tickets are subject to availability, restrictions, limitations, and cancellations. Sponsor is not responsible for the operation of Jiffy Lube Live including closings, schedule changes, or cancellations.
8. **Construction.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these rules shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. In the event that any such provision is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, these rules shall be construed in accordance with their terms as if the invalid or unenforceable provision was not contained therein.
9. **Sponsor.** The WUSA 9 Bracket Challenge is sponsored by WUSA9, TEGNA Co. Inc., T-Mobile, MetFest and We Monetize, Inc. The decisions of Sponsor(s) regarding the selection of winners and all other aspects of the Contest shall be final and binding in all respects. Sponsor(s) will not be responsible for typographical, printing or other inadvertent errors in these Official Rules or in other materials relating to the Contest. For the name of Winners (available after **Tuesday, April 30th, 2024**, or a copy of these Official Rules, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "Winner /Official Rules" (as applicable), "WUSA9 2022 Bracket Challenge", 4100 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20016. If you have any questions regarding this Sweepstakes, please contact Darlene Dyer at (202)-895-5933 or ddyer@wusa9.com.