Greetings NFB Jayhawk members and supporters,

Welcome to the NFB Jayhawk Chapter Bracketology fundraising Project, a screenreader accessible NCAA Division 1A men's basketball tournament pool conducted by and for the benefit of the Jayhawk Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind  of Kansas. The following paragraphs contain need-to-know information for how you can participate in this exciting event that will enable you to have a lot of fun picking winners and losers in this annual sporting event known as March Madness while helping us to raise much needed funds we need to press on with the ongoing work of the NFB. The Jayhawk NCAA Bracketology participant with the highest cumulative point total wins a fabulous fifty dollar ($50.00) gift certificate from the Salty Iguana Mexican Restaurant with five convenient locations in Lawrence, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, and Independence Missouri Thee Salty Iguana’s most popular appetizer is the Iguana dip, a zesty but not too spicy cheese dip. Some favorite entrees include the Prairie Village Burrito, the dream cheese enchiladas, and the Double Trouble Enchiladas. The Salty Iguana is a proud and enthusiastic supporter of our Kansas Jayhawks and is the host location of Hawk Talk, coach Bill Self’s weekly call-in talk show during basketball season.

About Your Donation. You may contribute to the NFB Jayhawk Bracketology Pool by any of the following:

1. Send your cash, check or money order to Ron Miller, 20792 W. 123rd Court, Olathe, KS 66061.
2. You may donate electronically via PayPal to rob.tabor@sbcglobal.net. Please remember to click the Friends and Family link to prevent your contribution from being reduced by PayPal’s transaction fee. In the purpose field please state that it is a donation to the NFB Jayhawk Chapter to be in compliance with PayPal’s policies.

Here are the steps you will need to get ready to participate in our accessible NCAA tournament pool.

1. Launch your favorite web browser and log onto the web address below:

http://terrillthompson.com/ncaa/index.php

2. Click or press Enter on the link for "the pool".

3. Now click "create an account" and you will be presented a standard web form which prompts you to enter your email address, a password, and a user name or "screen name" which from now on will be displayed on screen instead of your real name being displayed in bracket progress reports. Make sure to check the checkbox labeled "Include your user name in tournament rankings", or I will not get reports of your bracket standings and point totals. I must have record of your screen name to enable the automated points tracking system to associate you and will enable me to sort our pool participants from among other users of this site. At this time there is no pool group management feature in the pooltracker online system.

4. After creating your account, I need you to tell me your screen name , your predicted margin of victory in the title game, the total points scored in the title game, the heist points scored by a player in the title game, and (for Jayhawk Chapter members) the names of participants you recruited into the pool if any. You may communicate these items of information by sending a reply to this email or by telephone at either my landline or mobile number shown at the bottom after my close. IF you have previously participated in this project, your account information is retained and still effective. If you have forgotten your screen name I advise you to contact me immediately as I have also retained record of it. However, I do not have access to any participant passwords except my own but the online system provides for password recovery or new password creation.

Your predicted margin of victory, total points scored in the title game, and most points by an individual player in the title game are the sequenced tiebreakers in case your total points tie with another Jayhawk Chapter NFB Bracketology participant. Remember, the top point producer may or may not be a championship team member.

As you will see on logon, this online bracket pool entry system was chosen for its specific design which makes it fully usable by persons who are blind or who have low vision and make use of screen readers and other assistive technologies such as refreshable braille display devices and screen image magnifying software.

This website, created by Terrill Thompson, a highly experienced assistive technology training manager and website developer, contains helpful information for navigating the website and other helpful information for customizing the user interface for your own comfort and preferences and other enhancements including links to live radio play by play radio broadcasts of all 63 games. This information is found in the help and features pages..

Last but not least, I will convene an informational teleconference call on Monday, March 14 at 7:00pm CDT to give more detailed information about the NCAA tournament bracketing process which I suppose could be called the NFBK version of bracketology. This will give everyone an opportunity to have questions answered before submitting brackets in the system. The numbers to call to join the teleconference call are

Toll free 8664768702 or

Regular number 9162334200. We encourage you to use the regular number if your phone service plan has unlimited long distance calling. In either case the access code is 950655#.

On behalf of the officers and entire membership of the Jayhawk Chapter of the NFB of Kansas I would like to express my deepest thanks for your financial support and for doing your part in turning this fundraising endeavor into a fun-raising one. For more information about the mission and life-changing work of NFB, I cordially invite you to visit our national website at

https://nfb.org/

we also welcome you to log onto our state affiliate website at

http://nfbks.org/

I wish you the best of success in predicting tournament winners including the national NCAA men's D1A basketball champion, but most of all I hope you have a lot of fun participating in our fun-filled accessible tournament pool.

With warmest regards,

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