

## NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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- I. Beer & Liquor Establishments—in a beer and liquor establishment gambling by way of filling in NCAA Basketball Tournament brackets is not allowed. Sports Betting Pools are allowed for **individual games** of the tournament, but must follow the Sports Betting Pool guidelines. To see examples of a Sports Betting Pool visit our website at: <http://www.dia.iowa.gov/SportsBettingGuidelines.pdf>
1. All pools must be in a grid format. Participants select a square on a grid. Each grid normally has either 25 or 100 squares. There are numbers along the left side and along the top of the grid. These numbers usually represent the last digit of the score of each team at the end of the half or the end of the game. The winner is determined by where the numbers cross on the grid.
  2. All pools must only be for one game or event.
  3. The pool and rules of the pool, including the cost per participant and the amount of the winnings must be publicly displayed on or near the pool.
  4. No participant may wager more than \$5 and the maximum winnings to all participants from the pool shall not exceed \$500. Participants are allowed to purchase more than 1 square as long as they aren't wagering a total of more than \$5.
  5. The rules of the game must be conspicuously displayed on or near the pool, including the cost per participant and the amount of the prizes.
  6. The game is conducted in a fair and honest manner.
- The establishment must have posted in plain sight a current two-year Social Gambling license, which costs \$150. A copy of the grid format and the rules of the pool must accompany the application for a Social Gambling license.
  - All participants in the Sports Betting Pool must be 21 years of age or older, and be in the establishment for reasons other than gambling.
  - No participant is participating as an agent of another person.
- II. All other locations including offices and other businesses—in all locations other than Beer & Liquor Establishments gambling on NCAA Basketball Tournament brackets is allowed as long as all rules and regulations are adhered to.
- No participant wins or loses more than a total of \$50 in one or more games at any time during any period of 24 consecutive hours.
  - All participants in the gambling are individuals, and no participant may participate as the agent of another person.
  - The game is conducted in a fair and honest manner.
  - There is no minimum age to participate.
- III. Legal basis
- Iowa Code 99B.6 and 99B.12
  - Administrative Rules 481—IAC—102