

How to join the SHMT Fair Oaks Madness

Step 1 - Go to the ESPN website and create a Username and Password

Step 2 - Fill out your bracket on March 17th! (both mens and womens)

Step 2 - Follow your teams and cheer them on! Trash talk is optional and encouraged

Step 1 - Login and Join the SHMT Fair Oaks Madness Group

Instructions to create a login and join:

Before we get started. If you have more than one person in your family that wants to play and create their own bracket, there is the ability to create multiple brackets under one Username. So don't feel the need to create a unique Username for every player unless you want to.

A.Okay here we go! Use these instructions to go to the SHMT Fair Oaks Madness bracket website

1. Either use these [women's tournament link](#) and [men's tournament link](#) and click join group or go to www.espn.go.com and select NCAAW in the red drop down menu, select bracketology from across the top, and then select "Women's Tournament Challenge".
2. In roughly the middle of the page click the big button labeled "Create a Bracket Now!" This will direct you to begin the sign in process and follow the instructions on the website.
3. Type in your email address and click next.
4. Type in all of the requested information. You'll need to fill in all of the fields to move to the next step.
5. At the bottom, deselect any updates that you don't want before you select "Finish".
6. Select "Finish".
7. At the top, go to "My Groups", Scroll to the bottom and under "All Groups" type the name of our Group "SHMT Fair Oaks Madness".
8. The Password to get into our group is "JESUS".
9. You should now be on the SHMT Fair Oaks MADness webpage.
10. You should see your username under the heading "Owner" and your first bracket under the column labeled "Bracket". Your first bracket will be labeled "Your Username 1".
11. Please modify this bracket name to something that will identify you to the rest of the group.
12. Go to this [link](#) and donate \$20 for every bracket you make. Don't forget to select Sr High Mission Trip from the drop down menu when making your donation.

13. Select NCAAM from the drop down menu and then select the NCAAM Tournament Challenge. Or use the Men's Tournament Link from instruction a.
14. In Roughly the middle of the page click the big button labeled "Create Bracket Now"
15. Repeat steps 7-12
16. At this point you are done until March 17th at which time you can start filling out your bracket as soon as the NCAA tournament teams are announced that evening. Don't forget to logout.

B. If you want to create another bracket for yourself or another person in your family look for the black tab labeled "My Bracket". If you place your cursor over this tab, you will see the name of your first bracket and immediately under that, a selection for "Create an Additional Bracket". Select this.

1. Type in the name for the bracket. I chose to put my name but you can name it anything you want. Just remember what you named it.
2. Click on "Create a Bracket"
3. Select under My Current Groups "SHMT Fair Oaks Madness"
4. If for some reason it doesn't show up, then click on "Don't see the group you're looking for?" and do a search for SHMT Fair Oaks Madness.
5. Click the button labeled "Join Group"
6. You should see the new bracket name in the list.
7. Go to this [link](#) and donate \$20 for every bracket you make. Don't forget to select Sr High Mission Trip from the drop down menu when making your donation.
8. At this point you are done until March 17th.
9. Repeat for as many brackets as you desire. Remember all proceeds go to the Senior High Mission Trip. So knock yourself out!

Step 2 - Fill out your bracket on March 17th!

You've already created a Username and Password, so you're ready to go. If you haven't, go back to Step 1 and do that first.

Remember, there's no trick to picking your bracket. If you want some help, pull out the Monday/Tuesday sport section of your favorite newspaper and see what the "experts" have to say, many will have their own brackets filled out. You're ready to fill out your bracket.

1. Use the ESPN link in Step 1 to get to the login screen. Click on the "login to ESPN" just to the right of the "Get Started Button.
2. Enter your Username and Password and click "Sign In"
3. Place your cursor on the black tab labeled "My Brackets". You should see all of the brackets that you created when you went through the sign in process.
4. Select the bracket that you want to work on (you may have just one). You will be directed to the bracket with all of the teams filled in for the first round.

5. **At this point just follow the directions shown on the webpage and select the teams that you want to pick to go to the next round. Do this until you complete the entire bracket and you have an overall winner.**
 6. **You will need to pick what you think the final score will be (as a tiebreaker) and then you can select submit.**
 7. **You're done! Sit back and watch your teams. We'll fill out a bracket at church so everyone can see the results**
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We will use the list created by the website to keep track of the number of participants. So be sure to keep track of all of your brackets. Remember the minimum donation is \$20 per bracket, there is no maximum donation.

You can pay the bracket fee online at <https://onrealm.org/FairOaksPresbyt/-/form/give/now>, making sure to select "Sr High Mission Trip" From the pull down menu. You may also pay by check to Fair Oaks, noting the SHMT Fair Oaks Madness", and send it to the church office. Make sure to include your name!