

The 2026 GOPT March Madness Contest

- All GOPT Members are required to participate.
- Each GOPT Member will draft 17 teams.
- All tournament teams will be available to be drafted 3 times each.
- Members will be able to choose their draft position.
- Order of draft position choice will be determined via reverse order of last year's final standings. New entrant, No Limit, will select his draft position 6th (on spot above middle position).
- Members can select any draft position which hasn't been previously selected.
- The draft will be snake style with even number rounds occurring in reverse order from odd numbered rounds.
- Draft Order selection will take place on Monday, March 16, with the first selection being due at 8:00 AM. After the first pick, members will have 1 hour to announce their draft position. Members will announce via the group chat and can provide a prioritized list if they won't be available at their decision time. If a member misses their deadline they will be given the highest remaining draft position.
- The draft will open on Tuesday, March 18, with the first selection being due by 8:00 AM. For each subsequent pick, contestants will have 1 hour to make a pick. Members will announce via the group chat and can provide a prioritized list if they think they won't be available at the time their pick becomes due. Once 9:00 PM passes, the draft clock will pause following the first pick made after 9:00 PM. The member "on the clock" at that time will have their deadline extended to 8:00 AM the next day. If a member misses their deadline, they will be given a pick based on the "Standard Proxy Protocol."
- The Miles Rule: Those with citizenship in Florida, and those residing in Florida at the time of the draft are allowed to pressure fellow contestants in to picking quicker than the 1 hour allotted to them.

- The Standard Proxy Protocol – A member not making their pick prior to their deadline will be given the top available team among those teams in the region(s) where the member has the fewest teams at the time of the pick. The team selected will be the highest team from the region(s) per the pre-tournament RPI Ranking.
- Standard Scoring:
 - First Four Victory = 1 point
 - Round of 64 Victory = 3 points
 - Round of 32 Victory = 5 points
 - Round of 16 Victory = 8 points
 - Quarterfinal Victory = 11 points
 - Semifinal Victory = 15 points
 - Finals Victory = 20 points
- Big Balls Bonus – The member whose team’s seedings sum to the highest number will be given a 4-point bonus. If two or more teams are tied in that category, they will split the 4 points evenly.
- No trading of teams or picks.
- Tiebreaker – Drop the points scored of the first round draft pick of each member involved in the tie and re-add the points. If that doesn’t break the tie, remove the draft point of the team drafted in each subsequent round until the tie is broken.
- Teams may score points or lose prior to being drafted. Points scored before being drafted will count, and there will be no provision for teams losing prior to being drafted. All teams will be drafted.

Awards & Penalties

Awards and Penalties will be assigned per the following table:

FINISH	AWARD / PENALTY
1st	5 Beer Bitch Tokens & 3 "F Off" Anti-Beer Bitch Tokens
2nd	4 Beer Bitch Tokens & 2 "F Off" Anti-Beer Bitch Tokens
3rd	3 Beer Bitch Tokens & 1 "F Off" Anti-Beer Bitch Tokens
4th	2 Beer Bitch Tokens
5th	1 Beer Bitch Tokens
6th	
7th	
8th	
9th	
10th	1st Pick Sully Cooler O' Drink* & First Round - Pickle Cotton Candy Anchorman **
11th	2nd Pick Sully Cooler O' Drink* & Second Round - Pickle Cotton Candy Anchorman **
12th	3rd Pick Sully Cooler O' Drink* & Final Round - Pickle Cotton Candy Anchorman ** & Double Hunge Floatie***

- Beer Bitch Tokens (BBT) - Upon presentation, the recipient must fetch the beer of choice for the presenter within a 2 minute time frame. Can be used anywhere/anytime at sanctioned GOPT home events. BBTs do not expire.
- "F Off" Anti-Beer Bitch Tokens (FOABBT) - Upon presentation, the presenter is immune to a presented BBT. Can be used anywhere/anytime at sanctioned GOPT events. FOABBTs do not expire.
- Failure to Fetch a beer will institute Ultimate Beer Bitch Protocol:
 - Bring 1 four/six pack per person to next poker night following penalty failure.
 - Four/Six pack can be specified by person as long as it is a common beer that has availability in the tri-state area.

*Sully Cooler O' Drink will be random alcoholic beverages. They will not be beyond expiration date. Drink must be finished prior to the end of poker night and prior to any other beverage being consumed.

**Pickle Cotton Candy Anchorman - First round eats what they want but must be at least 1 TBSP, 2nd round eats what they want but must be at least 1 TBSP. Anchorman must finish the Cotton Candy. Cotton Candy can be brought in the Official Card Box to multiple poker nights until it is finished (Max 4 attended poker nights).

***Pool Floatie must be worn during all poker hands at the Double Hunge or next attended poker night. Damage to Floatie or any type of deflation will result in activation of the Ultimate Beer Bitch Protocol. Pool floatie will be provided.

- If a Beer Bitch Token is countered by an "F Off" Anti-Beer Bitch Token, the "F Off" Anti-Beer Bitch Token is considered used, but the Beer Bitch Token is still valid but must be used immediately.
- If a Beer Bitch Token is countered by an "F Off" Anti-Beer Bitch Token, the counterer is immune for the life of that specific Beer Bitch Token.
- No transfers.
- All ties will be broken by standard contest protocol described above.
- All rule interpretations and clarifications are at the sole discretion of the Penalty Czar (Moe).