

MARKETING... MARCH MADNESS

For many basketball fans, the NCAA Tournament is the biggest sporting event of the year. For the NCAA, its schools, and the cities that host games, March Madness is big business. Using the template provided to you in Google Slides, you should locate information and create the following slides:

Title Slide—March Madness Project; Your Name/Hour; Appropriate Graphic(s)

Slides 2-6—Select FIVE (5) teams in the NCAA Tournament and find the following information: Hint: the following website will help with some of the information below. Once you find the team you are looking for, click on the "Roster" link: http://www.cbssports.com/collegebasketball/teams/

- College
- Location
- Coach
- Current Record
- NCAA Region and Seed
- Picture of their logo/mascot
- Go to https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/ and find the following information: Tuition Fees for In-State and Out of State students and ACT Score needed to get in

Slide 7—Competitive Advantage—Select ONE (1) of the teams you chose earlier. Visit the website for your chosen school. What are TWO competitive advantages for a student athlete (or anyone) to attend your school? It could be location, possible college majors, elite athletics, etc.

Slide 8—Tournament Changes—In a normal year (pre-COVID), the NCAA Tournament is played all over the country. This year, games are only played at SIX stadiums. Where will the games be played? (The Arena and City)

Slide 9—Broadcasting Rights—What TV network(s) have the rights to broadcast the NCAA Tournament? How much did they pay for these rights and how long does the contract last?

Slide 10—Tournament Sponsors—Name 10 companies that sponsor March Madness

Slide 11—College Athletic Sponsorship Contracts—Locate the top three athletic companies who sponsor/outfit various teams in March Madness. Place their logos in the boxes below.

Slide 12—Sports Drink Sponsorships—You always see winning teams dousing the head coach in Gatorade after winning the big game. It has become iconic to see the orange Gatorade jug and green cups on the sideline. In 2019, the NCAA partnered with a different brand. Who was it and what color jugs, cups, etc. were used? Also, who are some of the famous athletes that endorse this brand?

Slide 13—NCAA Tournament Gear—In the 2019 NCAA Tournament, you can see every team wore the same style of T-shirt before and during games. What was written across the front and what company made it?

Slide 14—Athlete Compensation—Everyone makes money off the NCAA Basketball Tournament (except for the players). Do you think they should get some form of compensation (either while they are in school or once they leave) to benefit from the money they help generate for their school and the NCAA? **Please make sure to fully answer this question in complete sentences.**



Money & March Madness PBS Video

Directions: While viewing the Frontline video about March Madness answer the following questions:

- 1. How many people tune into watch the NCAA tournament games?
- 2. What is the only sporting event bigger than NCAA March Madness?
- 3. How much of NCAA revenue comes from the men's basketball tournament?
- 4. How much money and how long is the current contract for March Madness with CBS & Turner Broadcasting?
- 5. Who was the first company (in 1977) to supply shoes and t-shirts to colleges and pay them for wearing them?
- 6. How many national championships does the NCAA host?
- 7. What is the real value of a star quarterback on a big-time college team?
- 8. What percent of college basketball players make it to the NBA?
- 9. How much residual do NCAA players receive from products that include their image?
- 10. What former player is leading the class action lawsuit against the NCAA to give players compensation for the use of their image?