

# Domino's Pizza Celebrates National Bracket Day(TM) by Asking Fans to Vote for the Champion Pizza

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## Facebook vote and Pizza Tracker help Domino's celebrate its first year as Official Pizza of NCAA(R) March Madness(R)

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**Domino's Pizza** (NYSE: DPZ), **the recognized world leader in pizza delivery and Official Pizza of NCAA March Madness**, will give fans a chance to follow the advancements, the upsets, the final four and an eventual champion - pizza champion, that is. Domino's celebrates today's National Bracket Day by launching its *Domino's Pizza Bracket* on Facebook, as well as a special Domino's NCAA March Madness Pizza Tracker.

Popular Domino's pizza combinations are the stars of this version of "The Big Dance(**R**)"- and the bracket-style vote is sure to reveal some tasty competition and surprises. Just the same as in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship(**R**), you never know who will easily advance, or who is poised to pull off a stunning upset over a more popular, higher-seeded choice.

"Domino's is very excited for our first taste of NCAA March Madness as the Official Pizza of the NCAA," said Chris Brandon, Domino's Pizza spokesperson. "National Bracket Day wouldn't be complete without pizza, so we have come up with a tournament of our own to be decided by basketball and pizza fans alike."

The *Domino's Pizza Bracket* features each pizza "competitor" seeded based on popularity, and placed in the region appropriate to its toppings. As fans vote, certain pizzas will advance, eventually leading to the crowning of the champion pizza, coinciding with the week of the NCAA Men's Final Four(**R**). The bracket is available for viewing today, and voting will begin on Thursday.

"We are confident that each pizza is ready for the challenge, will play hard and show good sportsmanship," Brandon said. "But seriously, this is a very cool way to interact with our fans, and we can't wait to follow the action and see the results."

In addition, Domino's fan-favorite Pizza Tracker will also receive a March Madness makeover, including hoops-themed visuals and sound effects that can all be experienced by ordering online at www.dominos.com.

The 2011 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship tips off in primetime with the NCAA FIRST FOUR(TM) on truTV Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 16 and concludes for the 30th consecutive year on CBS with the FINAL FOUR(R) and national championship game on Saturday, April 2 and Monday, April 4, respectively. For the first time in the tournament's 73-year history, all of the games will be available live in their entirety across four national television networks: CBS, TBS, TNT and truTV.

#### About Domino's Pizza(R)

Founded in 1960, Domino's Pizza is the recognized world leader in pizza delivery. Domino's is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "DPZ." As of the fourth quarter of 2010, through its primarily locally-owned and operated franchised system, Domino's operated a network of 9,351 franchised and Company-owned stores in the United States and over 65 international markets. Domino's Pizza had global retail sales of over \$6.2 billion in 2010, comprised of over \$3.3 billion domestically and over \$2.9 billion internationally.

In June 2010, Pizza Today named Domino's its "Chain of the Year" - making the company a two-time winner of the honor. In late 2009, Domino's debuted its 'Inspired New Pizza' - a permanent change to its hand-tossed product, reinvented from the crust up. Helped by the launch of its *Domino's Smart Slice* school lunch pizza in late 2010, Domino's Pizza is collaborating with the *Alliance for a Healthier Generation* to serve healthier school foods and beverages in the United States. In 2011, Domino's was ranked #1 in Forbes Magazine's "Top 20 Franchises for the Money" list.

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