

# FatBracket

CALCUTTA  
PLAYERS  
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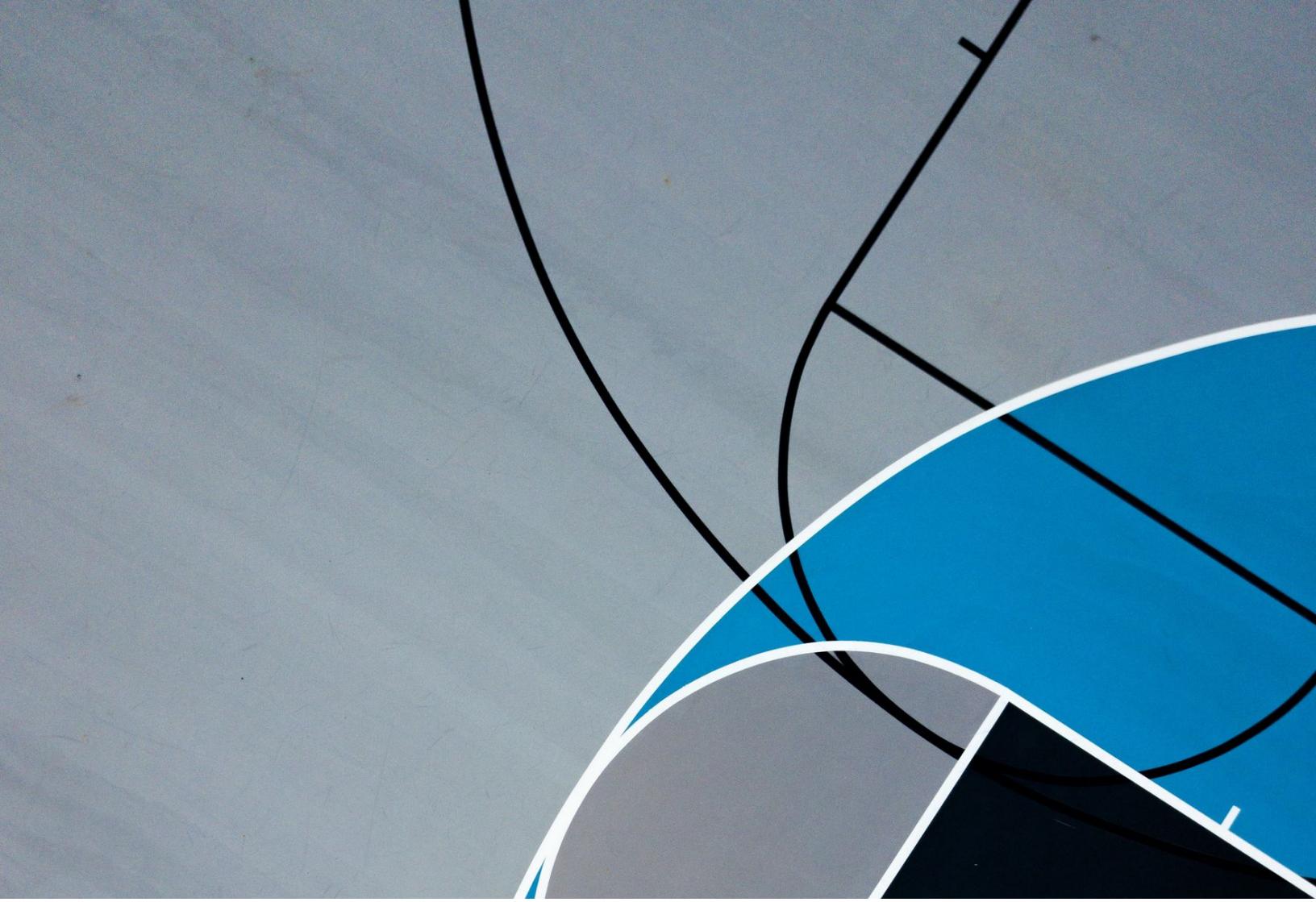
Complete **rules**  
and regulations

**PROPS:** Winning  
blowout specials  
and upsets

Strategies, reading  
the room, and  
successful bidding



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# CREDITS



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# CALCUTTA

## 2023 RULLES

FatBracket Calcutta is a live auction of all 68 teams participating in the NCAA Men's College Basketball tournament. FatBracket is not associated in any way with the NCAA or the tournament and does not give back to the academic community nor provides any public service of any kind. This is our brand promise. The sole purpose of FatBracket is for entertainment, primarily for old married men.

### Calcutta Organization

The auction is separated into two rounds:

- 60 teams seeded 3-16
- 8 teams seeded 1-2

### Bidding Process and Limits

The auctioneer states the starting bid and bidding increments. It is solely at the auctioneers discretion to accept a bid lower than being sought. Once a team has been claimed by a FatBracket player, the player must confirm the team and winning bid amount before the auction continues.

Players may bid any amount they choose on teams. To create balance in the first round of the auction, once a player expends more than 400, they may not bid on any more teams in the first round.



*Example: Player TYWEBB has acquired three teams for a total of 400. TYWEBB may continue to bid any amount desired on remaining teams. teams*

All players regardless of surpassing the 400 bid limit in round 1 or not may bid any amount they choose on teams in round 2: The #1 and #2 seeds.

### Team Dividends

Dividends are earned by players based on their acquired teams' performance. There are two ways to receive dividends:

- Winning games once the field of 64 is established
- Props including the First Four, Blowout Specials and Biggest Upsets

### Win Dividends (86% of Total)

Every time a team wins, they receive additional dividends. Those dividends grow in size as teams. The table below shows the cumulative dividend distributions once the tournament is over by team and as a percentage of the total. Notice when reading the table that while 32 teams win their first game, only 16 teams finish the tournament with just one win.

WINS	ROUND	PERCENT	TEAMS	TOTAL
1	3rd	0.5%	16	8.0%
2	Sweet 16	2.0%	8	16.0%
3	Elite 8	3.0%	4	12.0%
4	Final Four	6.0%	2	12.0%
5	Finals	12.5%	1	12.5%
6	Champion	25.5%	1	25.5%

### Prop Dividends (14% of Total)

Prop bets include the First Four play-in games of the tournament typically played on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Biggest Blowout and Biggest Upsets. in the games played in round 2 (formerly Round 1) played on Thursday and Friday. At the conclusion of the Friday games, when the field of 32 is set, the Props are awarded to players per the following table. total. Notice when reading the table that while 32 teams win their first game, only 16 teams finish the tournament with just one win.



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WINS	ROUND	PERCENT	TEAMS	TOTAL
First Four	Round 1	0.5%	4	2.0%
Blowout 1	Round 2	3.0%	1	3.0%
Blowout 2	Round 2	2.0%	1	2.0%
Blowout 3	Round 2	1.0%	1	1.0%
Upset 1	Round 2	3.0%	1	3.0%
Upset 2	Round 2	2.0%	1	2.0%
Upset 3	Round 2	1.0%	1	1.0%

Blowouts are calculated by the largest differential in points between the winning team and losing team. The team LOSING by the most points claims the Blowout 1 dividend. The team losing by the second most points claims Blowout 2 and the team losing by the third most points claims Blowout 3. Should a tie occur, the teams and dividends are pooled and split equally.

*Example:*

Duke 92, Winthrop 43 (49 point loss: B1 3.0%)

Maryland 78, DePaul 36 (42 point loss splits B2 and B3 1.5%)

Kansas 84, VCU 42 (42 point loss splits B2 and B3 1.5%)

UCLA 82, San Francisco 42 (40 point loss. No dividend)

The biggest upsets are based exclusively on tournament seeding. Teams seeded 9 - 16 are eligible to receive this prop's dividends. Should a tie occur, the teams and dividends are pooled and split equally.

*Example: (From 2021)*

#15 Oral Roberts beat #2 Ohio St (U1, 3.0%)

#14 Abilene Christian beat #3 Texas (U2 2.0%)

#13 North Texas beat #4 Purdue (U3 Split (0.5%)

#13 Ohio beat #4 Virginia (U3 Split (0.5%)



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FOR WINNING AT FATBRACKET

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