

# Our Sports Pool

## Non-Subscriber User Guide



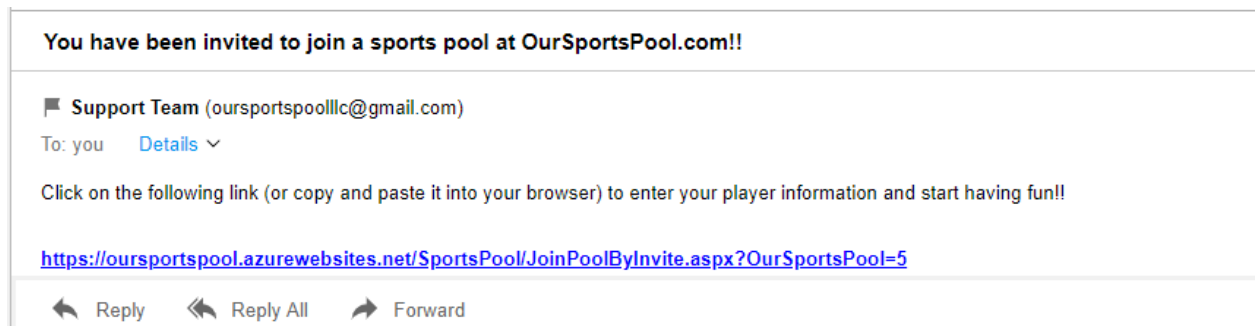
This information is presented to describe how the application handles non-subscribing members who wish join a pool in the Our Sports Pool application.

## Non-Subscribing Members

A non-subscribing member is a person who is permitted access, and who may submit ballots in Our Sports Pool as a result of having been invited by a subscribing member. **These persons participate and are not charged.** The Administrators who invite these members are limited to the number of invitees based upon the level of the subscription for which they've paid.

There are two ways that non-subscribers are registered in Our Sports Pool:

1. A paying member has entered your e-mail address in the Sports Pool application (invite friends module) and has invited you to participate. The email that is sent from the application is formatted specifically for the pool from which the email is sent.



When you click the link in the e-mail you are taken to the page in the Our Sports Pool application where you may enter your registration information. The Pool Invitation page is preformatted with the pool information for the pool from which the invite is sent. **Note: we do not sell, nor will we share your information with anyone.** The information that you enter is solely for marketing and data analysis by Our Sports Pool LLC.

## Join Pool by Invitation

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[Save](#)

<b>Pool Name:</b>	<input type="text" value="Stevie NCAA Football"/>
<b>LastName:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>FirstName:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Email:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Phone:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Address1:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Address2:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>City:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>State:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Zip:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Screen Name:</b>	<input type="text"/>

The **E-mail** address that is entered here will become your **login**, and initially your **password**.

The **Screen Name** that you enter is used to identify you to others within the application.

**NOTE:** Be careful in selecting your screen name, as you will not be able to change it later. The person who sent you this invitation will be alerted once this information has been entered and saved. Your access to the application is dependent upon the administrator's approval.

Once approved, you may access the Our Sports Pool application with the credentials that are indicated above, and you will be allowed to submit weekly ballots for the pool(s) for which access is authorized.

2. You have accessed the Our Sports Pool Welcome Page and you have selected the option "Join an Existing Pool".



When you select this option, you are presented a page where you can select the pool that you wish to join.

The screenshot shows a web page titled "Search for and join an existing pool" in a blue header. Below the header is a white area with a "Return to Welcome page" button. The main content area contains four numbered steps: "Step #1: Choose the league type of the pool you wish to join from the drop down list.", "Step #2: Enter a pool name if you know the name of the pool you wish to join, otherwise leave blank to return a list of all pools.", "Step #3: Click the 'Search' button to return a list of pools to join.", and "Step #4: Click the 'Join Pool' link next to the pool you would like to join." Below the steps is a form with a "League Type:" dropdown menu showing a list of options: "<-Select->", "<-Select->", "NCAA Football", "NCAA Basketball", "NFL Football", and "NBA Basketball". To the right of the dropdown is a "Pool Name" input field and a "Search" button. At the bottom of the page is a dark footer with the text "Sports Pool And InformationTracker (SPIT) - Copyright @ Our Sports Pool LLC."

You must first select the type of league that you wish to join, then press search. This will return a list of the public and private pools that are available. See the illustration below:

**Search for and join an existing pool**

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**Step #1:** Choose the league type of the pool you wish to join from the drop down list.

**Step #2:** Enter a pool name if you know the name of the pool you wish to join, otherwise leave blank to return a list of all pools.

**Step #3:** Click the 'Search' button to return a list of pools to join.

**Step #4:** Click the 'Join Pool' link next to the pool you would like to join.

League Type: NCAA Football ▼

Pool Name:  [Search](#)

[Next](#)

Select A Pool	Pool Name	Pool Owner Email Address	Members Count	Pool Type
<a href="#">Join Pool →</a>	Our Sports Pool-NCAA Football	FranklinJoe3@aol.com	10	Open Pool \$5.00 Charge
<a href="#">Join Pool →</a>	Stevie NCAA Football	Steven.Swinson@flhealth.org	19	Free-Approval Reqd
<a href="#">Join Pool →</a>	Cummings Game Time	Henry.Cummings@comcast.net	5	Free-Approval Reqd
<a href="#">Join Pool →</a>	Kit's NCAA Football	KitGoodner@gmail.com	1	Free-Approval Reqd
<a href="#">Join Pool →</a>	Burt's NCAA Football	BurtEdmond@aol.com	2	Free-Approval Reqd

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The public pools that appear on the list may be joined anytime, and by anyone, for a nominal fee. These pools are owned and operated by Our Sports Pool LLC. The private pools (free pools) are owned and operated by subscribers who have paid to own and operate a pool. Participation in any of the free pools require the approval of the Pool Administrator. When you submit a request to join a free pool, the appropriate administrator is notified. The administrator will then approve or deny your request.


When you have selected the pool you wish to join, you are presented a page to enter your registration information.

**Join Pool Request Page**

[Return to Pool Search Page](#)      [Return to Welcome Page](#)

Pool Name: Stevie NCAA Football	
First Name:	Last Name:
Email:	Phone: (888) 888-8888
Address1:	Address2:
City:	State: ▼
ZipCode:	Display Name:

[Terms of Service](#)  I agree, I have read the terms of service by clicking this checkbox:

I'm not a robot  [Privacy](#) [Terms](#)

[Submit Request](#)

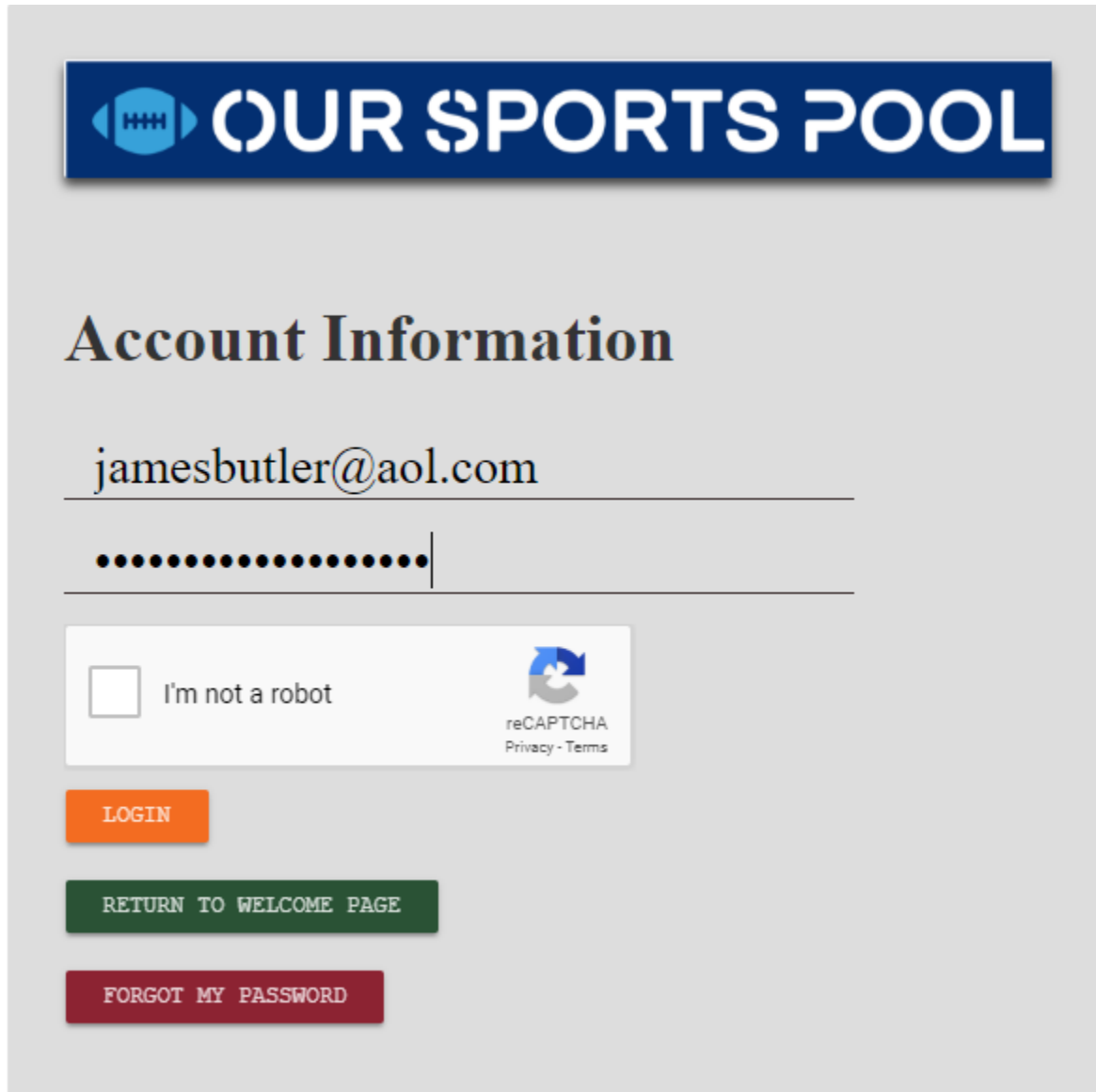
The **E-mail** address that is entered here will become your **login**, and initially your **password**. The **Screen Name** that you enter is used to identify you to others within the application. **NOTE:** Be careful in selecting your screen name, as you will not be able to change it later. The person who will respond to this request will be alerted when you have entered and saved this information. Your access to the application is dependent upon the administrator's approval.

If you have chosen one of the pools operated by Our Sports Pool LLC, you will be taken to the Pay Pal page to submit your payment.

# Application Log In

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You must log in to the application with the credentials that were provided to you as described in the previous section (Your E-Mail Address).




**OUR SPORTS POOL**

## Account Information

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LOGIN

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FORGOT MY PASSWORD

When you have successfully logged in for the first time, the system prompts you to enter your security question and answer. Be certain that you enter a security question and answer that you can remember as it may prove essential in unlocking your account should you forget your password.

**Update Security Question and Answer**

Please enter your security question and answer below. You will need it to reset your password in the event it is forgotten.

Question: Last 5 digits of your Social Security Number

Answer: 5306†

Update

Press the update button to save your security question and answer, then select "My Pools" from the menu at the top of the page. The system will then take you to the current weeks game list for the week that is set by your pool administrator.


## League Selection Window


When you log in to the application, the system defaults the league selection window to a league to which you have access. Leagues to which you do not have access are greyed out. You may switch to any league that is accessible to you.


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### My Sports Pool(s) - Weekly Voting Ballot

**League Selection:**

**NFL Football**  


**NBA Basketball**  


**NCAA Football**  


**NCAA Basketball**  


When a league is selected, the system displays the pools in that league, in which you are a participant. There is no limit to the number of pools that you may participate in for any given league. The "Approved Membership Pools" window is shown below.

My Approved Membership Pools:				
Select Pool	Pool Name	Administrator Screen Name	League	
<a href="#">Pool ↻</a>	Prez NFL Pigskin	The Prez	NFL Football	
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When a pool is selected from this window, the matchups the pool administrator entered are displayed for the default week's ballot. The pool administrator, in addition to determining the matchups, also sets the week to default as pool members access the pool. By default, each week's ballot is locked, and remains so, until the pool administrator unlocks it. No votes may be cast by anyone until the pool administrator deems the ballot ready, complete, and open for voting.

Prez NFL Pigskin Pool: Make Your Selections					
Select Game Ballot Week: <span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Week 1-Pre Season</span>		<a href="#">View Pool Members</a>	<a href="#">Message Board</a>	<a href="#">Winners Report 📄</a>	
Scheduled	Game Date	Locked	Your Choice	Correct Pick?	
Chicago Bears AT Baltimore Ravens	08/02/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
Carolina Panthers AT Buffalo Bills	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
Chicago Bears AT Cincinnati Bengals	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
Tampa Bay Buccaneers AT Miami Dolphins	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
Cleveland Browns AT New York Giants	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
Pittsburgh Steelers AT Philadelphia Eagles	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
New Orleans Saints AT Jacksonville Jaguars	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
Washington Redskins AT New England Patriots	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
Los Angeles Rams AT Baltimore Ravens	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
Tennessee Titans AT Green Bay Packers	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
Houston Texans AT Kansas City Chiefs	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	
Dallas Cowboys AT San Francisco 49ers	08/09/2018	Y	<a href="#">Select One</a> ▼	No	

The week selection box (circled above) allows you to select a ballot from any previous or future week. If a ballot exists for the selected week, the matchups for that week are displayed in the ballot selection window.



# Working with your ballot

When the pool administrator releases a ballot for voting, an "N" (unlocked) appears alongside each matchup upon which a member may cast a vote. The winner drop-down may then be used to select the team believed will win the matchup. The selections are saved immediately. Matchups for which no selection is made are displayed in "Blue", while matchups where a winner is selected are displayed in "Green". Anytime you change a selection, your change is displayed in "Yellow".

Prez NFL Pigskin Pool: Make Your Selections				
Select Game Ballot Week: Week 1-Pre Season		View Pool Members	Message Board	Winners Report
Scheduled	Game Date	Locked	Your Choice	Correct Pick?
Chicago Bears AT Baltimore Ravens	08/02/2018	N	Baltimore Ravens	No
Carolina Panthers AT Buffalo Bills	08/09/2018	N	Carolina Panthers	No
Chicago Bears AT Cincinnati Bengals	08/09/2018	N	Select One	No
Tampa Bay Buccaneers AT Miami Dolphins	08/09/2018	N	Select One	No
Cleveland Browns AT New York Giants	08/09/2018	N	Cincinnati Bengals Chicago Bears	No
Pittsburgh Steelers AT Philadelphia Eagles	08/09/2018	N	Select One	No
New Orleans Saints AT Jacksonville Jaguars	08/09/2018	N	Select One	No

You are allowed to make, or change a selection, up until midnight the day before a game is played. Once the game date equals the current date, the row associated to that selection is locked. For example, in instances where a Thursday game may be locked, the games that will be played on Saturday remain available to cast a vote. The ballot is considered "OPEN" until all games are played.

# Scoring

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The following section describes how the software scores matchups.

1. As the administrator adds matchups to the schedule, he determines the point value to assign to each one. The administrator is forced to assign at least 1 point to each matchup, but he can vary the value of each of the matchups at his discretion.
2. The administrator may **optionally** include a bonus that is based on team rankings for NCAA Football and NCAA basketball.

Team Matchup Combined Rating < 11 – Bonus 3 Points

Team Matchup Combined Rating < 26 – Bonus 2 Points

Team Matchup Combined Rating < 51 – Bonus 1 Point

Alabama #1 Plus Auburn #5 = 6 (3 Points Awarded)

Georgia #3 Plus LSU #12 = 15 (2 Points Awarded)

Notre Dame #15 Plus Oklahoma #17 = 32 (1 Point Awarded)

Bonus is awarded when match winner is correctly decided

3. The administrator may **optionally** include a bonus for NCAA Football that is based on FBS teams playing FCS teams. Correctly selecting the FCS team to beat an FBS team (3 Points)

NOTE: The bonuses (2 and 3) are options that are available in the Administrator setup and can be changed at any time. By default, these options are set to "off". In addition, the administrator may select to turn on one or both these options to recalculate the scoring in the event of a tie.

The administrator has the discretion to manage the ballot and the scoring using the available options, but loses this control once the schedule is unlocked and a member has made a selection on a matchup. The ballot scheduling and other options are then unavailable to the administrator.

## Calculating the Ballots

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Game scores are processed automatically by the software upon completion of the day's games. When the system determines that all games on the ballot have scores, it automatically begins calculating scoring for the pool. Points are assigned to each person submitting ballots based upon the information provided in the section "Scoring" and orders the ballots by game score.