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Maui Jim Maui Invitational Reveals 2022 Tournament Bracket

Prestigious, early season college basketball Tournament returns to Maui after two years of COVID relocation

(Chicago, IL) Aug 1, 2022 – The [Maui Jim Maui Invitational](#) today revealed the official 2022 Tournament bracket in preparation for the Tournament's return to the Lahaina Civic Center this Nov. 21 – 23. Monday's matchups will feature Texas Tech squaring off against Creighton, with Louisville taking on Arkansas in the top half of the bracket. In the bottom half of the bracket, Ohio State will face San Diego State, and Cincinnati will go head-to-head against Arizona. All 12 games of the Maui Jim Maui Invitational will be televised on ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPNU, and also available on the ESPN App.

"Finalizing the Maui Jim Maui Invitational bracket signals to fans and teams everywhere that college basketball season is upon us, but this year feels even more exciting," said Tournament Chairman, David Odom. "While we've been able to keep the magic of Maui alive the last two years on the mainland, returning to our rightful home on the island has never felt so good - and we're bringing an incredible field of teams to help us celebrate that homecoming!"

The Maui Jim Maui Invitational has become synonymous with buzzer beater finishes and epic upsets, setting the tone for the trajectory of these top programs and the season as a whole. The teams that have participated throughout the event's history own 70 of the 82 NCAA Championships. Seven schools have gone on to win the National Championship after competing in Maui earlier that season.

Six of this year's eight programs made the 2021-22 NCAA tournament, with Texas Tech and Arizona advancing to the Sweet 16 and Arkansas making it to the Elite Eight. Arizona and Cincinnati are also two of the top 12 all-time winningest schools in NCAA history, while Louisville (39), Arkansas (34), Ohio State (31), and Creighton (23) are in the top 50 nationally for most NCAA Tournament appearances. Additionally, San Diego State is coming off back-to-back NCAA March Madness selections with plans to keep that momentum going.

This year's field also features six teams that will be making a return appearance in Maui while Creighton and Texas Tech will be making their first-ever appearance. Arizona is the only returning program to have earned a Maui Jim Maui Invitational Championship Title, having done so in 2000 and 2014.

Matchup History

Texas Tech vs. Creighton

Series record: Creighton leads 3-1

Last matchup: Nov. 29, 2019 (Creighton 83, Texas Tech 76)

Notes: Both Texas Tech and Creighton will be making their inaugural appearance at the Maui Jim Maui Invitational in 2022.

Louisville vs. Arkansas

Series Record: Louisville leads 4-3

Last Matchup: Nov. 17, 2009 (Louisville 96, Arkansas 66)

Notes: Louisville will be making its fourth appearance at the Maui Jim Maui Invitational following the 1989, 2000 and 2004 Tournaments. The Cardinals rank in the top 10 nationally for all-time NCAA Tournament wins holding 61 victories. This year will be Arkansas' fourth appearance in the Tournament following the 1991, 2005, 2013 Tournaments. The Hogs have earned 33 NCAA Tournament berths, have advanced to the Elite Eight in back-to-back years, while also owning the 1994 NCAA Championship Title.

San Diego State vs. Ohio State

Series record: San Diego State leads 2-1

Last matchup: Nov 11, 2003 (San Diego State 83, Ohio State 61)

Notes: San Diego State will make its fifth appearance at the Maui Jim Maui Invitational following participation in the 1989, 2003, 2014 and 2018 Tournaments. Ohio State is returning to the Tournament for its fourth appearance, its first since 2003. The Buckeyes also participated in the 1993 and 1988 Tournaments.

Arizona vs. Cincinnati

Series Record: Arizona leads 2-0

Last Matchup: Feb. 11, 1996 (Arizona 79, Cincinnati 76)

Notes: The 2022 Tournament will be the Wildcats' eighth trip to Maui following their appearances in 1993, 1997, 2000, 2005, 2009, 2014 and 2018. Arizona holds a 14-8 record at the Tournament, including Championship Titles in 2000 and 2014. Cincinnati is making its second appearance, having previously appeared in 2009.

For more information or to purchase tickets for this year's tournament, visit mauiinvitational.com or follow us on social media ([Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#)).

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About the Maui Jim Maui Invitational

In December 1982, then No. 1 ranked Virginia, led by National College Player of the Year Ralph Sampson, played little-known NAIA Chaminade University in Honolulu while on the way back from a trip to Tokyo. The Silverswords stunned Virginia 77-72 in one of the greatest upsets in college basketball history. Two years later, in 1984, [Chaminade University](#) hosted the first [Maui Jim Maui Invitational](#) and it has proven to be the premier early-season college basketball tournament for 35 years running. Each year, the Maui Jim Maui Invitational attracts the top programs, best-known coaches and most outstanding players to compete in an exciting atmosphere at the [Lahaina Civic Center](#) near the beautiful beaches of [Maui](#).

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Maui Jim sunglasses block 100 percent of harmful UV rays and eliminate reflected glare, while enhancing color, clarity and detail. Maui Jim sunglasses have earned the Skin Cancer Foundation Seal of Recommendation as an effective UV filter for the eyes and surrounding skin.

In 2018, Maui Jim expanded further into the eyewear space, offering eyeglasses structurally and stylistically engineered to balance aesthetics with fit and integrity. Maui Jim offers two proprietary clear lenses: Maui Blue Light Protect™, to shield eyes from bothersome blue light from digital screens, and Maui High Contrast™, which offers better resolution and crisper details. Frames for both sunglasses and eyeglasses utilize the highest-quality materials such as durable titanium, lightweight nylon, and richly-colored acetate, all manufactured in Italy or Japan. For more information, visit MauiJim.com or on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) at @OfficialMauiJim.

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