

# IT'S TIME FOR THE MARCH MAMMAL MADNESS



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Will you pick the champion?

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## Marsupials (Pouched mammals)



## Monotremes (Egg-laying mammals)



## Placental (Have placenta)

**NOTE: This year's challenge may include animals that are not mammals!**

**ANIMAL MAMMAL**

## What is the March Mammal Madness?

It's like the NCAA tournament, but with animals! You'll research the animals and use the rankings to pick the winners of each match.

**Fill in your worksheet (on the back of the bracket)  
as we go over the introduction.**

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## How are the winners determined?

Each animal's **weaponry**, armor, **fight** style, temperament, motivation, and any special **skills** are used to estimate the **probability** of a win. However, **upsets** can happen with a lower-ranked (#s) animal besting a higher-ranked one.

Assume that the combatants represent the most prime-aged, **premium** specimen of that species, but keep in mind other **factors** may affect their performance in a battle.

### Examples:

- *If a species must battle in an ecology that is horrible for it- a cold adapted species is battling in a tropical forest - could change the outcome.*
- *If an animal gets injured in a previous round this will carry over into the next round. Also hiding or running away counts as a forfeit.*
- *Some animals may not be "battle ready" due to overeating on a prey species the night before, recovering from a migration trip, or fighting an infection.*
- *An animal could be ambushed by a predator while it is distracted by prey or recovering from a previous fight.*

**#OneAndDone**

The single elimination bracket battle favors the strongest teams until you get out to the semi-finals. Oh and just like the hunger games- it's up or out. As soon as a species **loses, it's out of the tournament.**

**What is an "upset"?**

This is when a low ranked team beats a high ranked team. 9 beating 8 isn't a super impressive upset. In the actual NCAA tournament upsets happen when a 12 will beat a 5 or an 11 will beat a 6, once every few years a 15 will beat a 2 in the first round.

**What do you need to do?**

**Research** the animals for each match using the links on your teacher's website and **predict** who will win in each of the match-ups in round one, round two, and so on - all the way out to your prediction who wins IT ALL! Every **blank** should be completed!

**Am I able to change my "picks"?**

No changes are allowed once you turn in your bracket. Do your research and pick the animal you think will win each round.

**How will we know which animals win?**

Your **teacher** will share the battle results at the start of **class** the day after the rounds. You can also follow the battles on the MMM2020 Facebook page as well as at Twitter using **#2020MMMk12.**

**Scoring occurs at the end of the tournament with points allocated as follows:**

*Wild Card = 1 point*

*Round 4 = 5 points each*

*Round 1 = 1 point each*

*Round 5 = 6 points each*

*Round 2 = 2 points each*

*Championship = 13 points*

*Round 3 = 3 points each*

*Prizes will be awarded to the based on the number of points earned by the end of the tournament. Other prizes will be awarded for other accomplishments and events to be announced later!*

**All brackets must be turned in by 3:00 PM on Friday, 3/6 to earn a grade AND to be eligible for prizes!**

Go to [mrstomm.com](http://mrstomm.com) → More → Mammal Madness  
to find links you can use to help you pick to fill in ALL blanks!

Tiny Terrors

▲ Wild Card Winner  
▲ Round 1 Winners  
▲ Round 2 Winners  
▲ Round 3 Winners  
▲ Round 4 Winners  
▲ Champion 13 Points

Round 5  
Winners  
8 Points

Champion  
13 Points

# Questions?

No changes will be allowed to brackets after 3:00 PM on Friday!

## #2020MMM Tournament Schedule

Bracket Drops	Feb 28	Friday
Wild Card	March 9	Monday
Division Dogs-ish vs Cats-ish	March 11	Wednesday
Division Tiny Terrors	March 12	Thursday
Division AnthroPOSCENE	March 16	Monday
Division Double Trouble	March 18	Wednesday
Round 2: Dogs-ish vs Cats-ish & Tiny Terrors	March 19	Thursday
Round 2: AnthroPOSCENE & Double Trouble	March 23	Monday
Sweet Sixteen	March 25	Wednesday
Elite Trait	March 26	Thursday
Final Roar	March 30	Monday
CHAMPIONSHIP!!!	April 1	Wednesday

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