

Official Rules for the Canes Country 2017 Playoff Pick ‘Em Contest

1. **Eligibility:** The Canes Country 2017 Playoff Pick ‘Em Contest (the “Contest”) is open only to legal residents of the United States (excluding territories and possessions) or Canada (excluding Quebec) who, at the time of entry, are at least eighteen (18) years of age and are registered members of <http://www.sbnation.com/nhl/teams/carolina-hurricanes> (the “Contest Site”). Employees, independent contractors, interns, officers, directors, and agents of Sponsor, other companies associated with the Contest, the judges, as well as the immediate family members (spouse, parents, siblings, and children, and their respective spouses) and household members of any of the foregoing are not eligible to enter.
2. **Sponsor:** The Contest is sponsored by Vox Media, Inc., 1201 Connecticut Avenue NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC, 20036 (“Sponsor”).
3. **Agreement to Official Rules:** By entering the Contest, you indicate your full and unconditional agreement to, and acceptance of, (a) these Official Rules and (b) Sponsor’s decisions, which are final and binding. Winning a prize is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth herein.
4. **Entry Period:** The Contest begins on April 10, 2017 at 7:00pm (ET) and ends on June 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm (ET) (the “Entry Period”). Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will not be eligible. Sponsor’s computer is the official time-keeping device for the Contest.
5. **How to Enter:** To enter the Contest, you must be a registered user of the Contest Site. There is a limit of one (1) entry per person/user name for the Contest Site. Entries will not be acknowledged.
 - a. Becoming a Registered User; Pay Entry Fee. Visit the Contest Site and if you are not already a registered user of the Contest Site, click “Sign Up” and register as a member of the Contest Site (which is free). Once registered, login to the Contest Site with your account username and password.
 - b. Pay Entry. Pay the entry fee of \$5 (“Entry Fee”) to the Contest Site’s registered PayPal account (sbcanescountry@gmail.com) and include your Contest Site username as a ‘note’ on the payment.
 - c. Submitting an Entry. Throughout the Entry Period, Sponsor will make written posts relating to the Contest and will ask individuals to submit entries (each a “Contest Post”, and together the “Contest Posts”) (*i.e.* one Contest Post for each round of the ‘2017 Stanley Cup Playoffs’ (the “Series”). Once each Contest Post is live on the Contest Site, entrants will be able to submit an entry (“Entry”) by posting a comment to the respective Contest Post. The Entry must include the following predictions for the designated round of the Series: (i) the winning team of the respective round of the Series; and (ii) the number of games that will occur in each round of the Series. To post a comment, click on the “Add Yours” text button at the top of the comment field for the Contest Post. There is a limit of one

(1) entry per person/e-mail address. Multiple Entries will not be acknowledged. The use of an agency or any automated system to enter is strictly prohibited and Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any entries received through such methods, as determined by Sponsor, in its sole discretion. Entries must be submitted before the official start time of first game in the respective round in the Series, and may not be edited after the official start time of such first game.

6. **Winner Selection.** The object of the Contest is to accurately predict the winning team of each round in the Series, and the number of games in each round of the Series. Points for correctly predicting the winning team will be awarded to entrants as follows: one point for the first round; two points for the second round; four points for the third round; and eight points for the fourth round. Entrants that correctly predict the winning team will also be eligible to earn five additional points for correctly predicting the number of games in each round of the Series. At the end of the final game of the Series, the entrant with the most points will be named the winner. If it is still impossible to determine a single winner after this round, then the entrant that was the first to submit an Entry in response to the first Contest Post (from the tiebreaker pool) will be named the winner.
7. **Notification and Requirements of Potential Winners:** Sponsor will attempt to notify potential winners within five (5) business days of the date of selection. If a potential winner does not respond within three (3) business days after the notice is sent, the Sponsor will select an alternate potential winner in his/her place according to the Judging Criteria. Only three (3) alternate potential winners will be contacted. Except where prohibited, a potential winner may be required to complete and return an affidavit of eligibility and liability/publicity release. If a potential winner is a minor, his/her parent or legal guardian will be required to sign the documents on his/her behalf. If a potential winner fails to sign and return these documents within the required time period, an alternate potential winner may be selected in his/her place according to the Judging Criteria. Only three (3) alternate potential winners may be contacted.
8. **Prize(s):** One (1) prize will be awarded: a gift-card to the value of Fifty United States Dollars (USD \$50.00) (*i.e.* approximately \$66 Canadian Dollars) (“Prize”). Even if there are less than ten Entrants to the Contest, the winner will still receive the Prize. Sponsor will mail the Prize to the postal address provided by winner (or email address, if the Prize can be in digital format). A winner is responsible for paying any applicable income taxes and any and all other costs and expenses not listed above. Any prize details not specified above will be determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. A prize may not be transferred and must be accepted as awarded. You may not request cash or a substitute prize; however, Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize with another prize of equal or greater value if the prize is not available for any reason, as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. All amounts received by Sponsor from the Entry Fee (less the amount paid towards the Prize) shall be donated by the Contest Site to the MS Society in honor of Brian Bickell.
9. **General Conditions:** In the event that the operation, security, or administration of the Contest is impaired in any way for any reason, including, but not limited to fraud, virus, or other technical problem, Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, either: (a) suspend the

Contest to address the impairment and then resume the Contest in a manner that best conforms to the spirit of these Official Rules; or (b) award the prize(s) according to the procedures set forth above from among the eligible entries received up to the time of the impairment. Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual it finds to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or to be acting in violation of these Official Rules or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. Any attempt by any person to undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest may be a violation of criminal and civil law, and, should such an attempt be made, Sponsor reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. Failure by Sponsor to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. Proof of sending any communication to Sponsor by mail shall not be deemed proof of receipt of that communication by Sponsor. In the event of a dispute as to any online entry, the authorized account holder of the e-mail address used to enter will be deemed to be the participant. The “authorized account holder” is the natural person who is assigned to an email address by an Internet access provider, online service provider, or other organization responsible for assigning email addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address. The Contest is subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited.

10. **Release and Limitations of Liability:** By participating in the Contest, you agree to release and hold harmless Sponsor, its parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents (the “Released Parties”) from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Contest or receipt or use of any prize, including, but not limited to: (a) unauthorized human intervention in the Contest; (b) technical errors related to computers, servers, providers, or telephone, or network lines; (c) printing errors; (d) lost, late, postage-due, misdirected, or undeliverable mail; (e) errors in the administration of the Contest or the processing of entries; or (f) injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from entrant’s participation in the Contest or receipt or use of any prize. You further agree that in any cause of action, the Released Parties’ liability will be limited to the cost of entering and participating in the Contest, and in no event shall the Released Parties be liable for attorney’s fees. You waive the right to claim any damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct, or indirect damages.
11. **Privacy and Publicity:** Any information you submit as part of the Contest will be used for purposes of this Contest and treated in accordance with Sponsor’s [Privacy Policy](#). Except where prohibited, participation in the Contest constitutes an entrant’s consent to Sponsor’s use of his/her name, likeness, voice, opinions, biographical information, and state of residence for promotional purposes in any media without further payment or consideration.
12. **Disputes:** Except where prohibited, you agree that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, the Contest or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the appropriate court located in Washington, DC. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, your

rights and obligations, or the rights and obligations of Sponsor in connection with the Contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Washington, DC, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules (whether of Washington, DC or any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than Washington, DC.

13. **Third Party Platforms:** If this Contest is hosted, administered, or operated on a third party platform, including without limitation a social media platform (e.g. Facebook or Twitter) ("Third Party Platform"), then by participating in this Contest, entrants hereby release and agree to hold harmless such Third Party Platform from any and all liability, loss or damages arising from or in connection with the awarding, receipt, and/or use or misuse of prizes or participation in any prize-related activities. Unless otherwise stated to the contrary in these Official Rules, this Contest is not sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, any Third Party Platform.
14. **Results:** To request a winners list, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to 1201 Connecticut Avenue NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20036, Attn: Contest. Requests must be received within four (4) weeks of the end of the Entry Period.