2024 Maryland Chapter Stock Pickers’ Contest Rules and Entry Form

1. Each Maryland Chapter club or individual member is allowed one entry.
2. To win, you and/or your club must be a member of Maryland Chapter throughout the contest period. Maryland Investment Clubs are defined as having one Maryland Chapter member of the club designated as the BI club contact. Many club members in the Maryland Chapter DO NOT have a club contact designated. If you are not sure who your club contact is contact the Maryland chapter (contact@maryland.betterinvesting.net).
3. Prize structure: If 12 or more entries are received, prizes will be:
 $100 (first place), $50 (second place) and $25 (third place).

If less than 12 but at least 7 entries are received, only a first-place prize of $25 will be awarded. Chapter volunteers may participate, but not win prizes.
Prize(s) will be presented at the Maryland Chapter Annual Meeting in September.
4. The contest will proceed if the Maryland Chapter receives a minimum of 7 entries.
5. Contest begins on Saturday, January 27th and runs through Saturday, August 24th with two trading days on Saturday April 6th and Saturday June 15th. **All Buy/Sell orders must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Contest Start date and Trading Days**.
6. There is no entry fee for the contest. but any contribution to the chapter will be appreciated and can be used to help with the contest operation costs. (Contribution instructions are at the end of the Rules)
7. Each entrant has a virtual $50,000 to invest in a portfolio of stocks. If stock purchases exceed available cash, transactions will be executed in the order on the Entry (or Trading Day) form until funds are exhausted.
8. All portfolios must contain a minimum of 5 and maximum of 15 stocks with no single stock making up more than 25% of the total investment. (Whole shares only.)
9. Stock prices will be taken from Yahoo Finance as of the last trading day closing prior to the start of the contest and the two trading days. Contest status summaries will be reported every two weeks during the contest, again using last trading day closing prices from Yahoo Finance
10. Dividends will be added to the portfolio cash total on the “Pay Date” if owned on the “Ex-Dividend Date”. At the end of the contest, any “accrued” dividends (“Ex-Dividend Date” up to the end of the contest and “Pay Date” after the close of the contest), will be include in the portfolio total. Dividend data will generally come from dividend.com.
11. Important: **Contestants are responsible** for alerting contest officials to any unusual circumstances involving the companies in their portfolios. Such situations would include: “Special” dividends, stock splits, spin-offs and mergers.
Regular dividends for the companies in the contest will be monitored by contest officials.
12. Numbers of shares purchased or resulting from a split or spin-off will be truncated to whole shares and cash for partial shares added to appropriate entrants account(s)
13. Use the Contest entry form (last page) to enter. Entries may be submitted early, but all prices will be corrected as per Rule #9. All entries must be received by 4PM, Saturday January 27th.

Maryland Chapter Accepts Donations Using:

**Check**

(made out to “**NAIC Maryland Chapter**”) and mailed to:

 NAIC Maryland Chapter
 902 Nottingham Way
 Ellicott City MD 21043

OR

**Bank ZELLE AP**

Log on and activate and use the Zelle function. It is one of the most popular services and is over a decade old, and many banks use it. There is no cost to send funds from most banks.
To send the Maryland Chapter a donation, open your bank App, click on Zelle and add Maryland Chapter email for donations only: **bimdchapter@gmail.com** as a recipient.

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Club Contact or Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BI Individual or Club number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Alias used as contest ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
(Used for contest summaries sent to contestants and published in the chapter newsletter)

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Note: If above table cannot be completed as a machine-readable table, please send table data in comma separated variable (csv) format.

Example:

1. ABC Company, ABC,100, $15

2, XYZ Company, XYZ,50, $375

Email completed entry and any other Stock Picker’s communications to:

“StockPickers@maryland.betterinvesting.net”