

Election Odds: Joe Lieberman a good bet for Vice Presidential pick

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Joe Lieberman seems to be a hot name among republicans on the short list of John McCain's prospective vice presidential candidates. With the Republican National Convention less than three weeks away, (Sept. 1-4 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.) the game of vice presidential betting has begun. Before an announcement is made, online sportsbook Bodog (Bodoglife.com) has listed odds on all the vice presidential candidates chances of selection.

Lieberman is currently listed at Bodog as a 15/1 odds longshot to join the GOP ticket, but with all the banter, we [Point-Spreads.com] expect Lieberman's odds to improve soon.

Lieberman, who ran for Vice President on the Al Gore ticket in the 2000 election, is attractive to republicans for his conservative stance on issues and his ability to attract the Jewish vote. The ConnecticutIra. senator, an Independent Democrat, crossed the political aisle to endorse McCain. Lieberman is a supporter of the War in Iraq.

At 5/6 betting odds, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney is whom oddsmakers consider McCain's front-runner for running mate. Since suspending his presidential campaign in February, Romney has been a strong supporter of McCain's campaign.

"There's nobody who represents me better today than Mitt Romney," said John McCain of his former rival's efforts to promote his candidacy.

Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty is also considered to be on McCain's short list of possible running-mates. Bodog has odds on Pawlenty's nomination for Vice President at 3/1.

Top Vice Presidential candidates and betting odds

Mitt Romney 5/6

Tim Pawlenty 3/1

Charlie Crist 7/1

Rob Portman 8/1

Bobby Jindal 10/1

Mike Huckabee 10/1

Condoleeza Rice 12/1

Joe Lieberman 15/1 (good betting value)

Lindsay Graham 15/1