

Is howdysports.com a scam? TrustSniffer's high-risk assessment: 0/100

howdysports.com

Verdict

0

OUT OF 100

CRITICAL RISK

howdysports.com shows high-risk / scam indicators.

This assessment found strong scam indicators. Do not pay, sign in, or share personal details with this site.

Sensitive Interaction Risk

Governance Risk

Assessed 2026-08-21 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

HowdySports - a sports news/blog site publishing articles on tennis, WWE, NBA and football with standard site navigation, login/password interface and cookie notice; appears to be an ad-supported editorial site.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	5 flagged it VirusTotal	RISK
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	5.8 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2018 Public history exists	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WE1	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://howdysports.com/>



What howdysports.com served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-21. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Sensitive Interaction Risk.
- Domain age: 3 to 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2018.
- At least one reputation service TrustSniffer consulted had flagged this domain at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

HowdySports is a sports news and entertainment website presenting articles and commentary on tennis, WWE, NBA, football, and related sports topics. Its visible model appears to be ad-supported editorial publishing, with standard navigation, cookie notices, and a login/password interface rather than financial or deposit-taking services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

Contradictory external security signals materially outweigh the benign appearance of the homepage. The domain is reported on a confirmed blacklist, and multiple external detections classify it as malicious or suspicious. No distinct legal-entity identity contradiction or brand-impersonation finding was identified, and the page content itself contains no explicit scam or financial-service promotion; however, the presence of a login interface creates a sensitive interaction surface that should not be treated as safe merely because the visible content resembles a conventional sports blog.

EVIDENCE

- External reputation evidence: the domain is marked as blacklisted, with 5 malicious and 2 suspicious detections among evaluated results.
- Homepage: presents sports-news content and includes a login/password form.
- Homepage behavior: no hidden forms, wallet activity, clipboard manipulation, or suspicious inline scripts were observed.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents About Us, Contact, Privacy Policy, and Terms and Conditions pages, but the available evidence does not independently verify the real-world operator behind the publication. No financial-services activity or licensing claim is identified, so the principal regulatory issue is identity and disclosure verification rather than evidence of an unlicensed financial offering. A valid transport certificate and mainstream hosting infrastructure establish technical protections, not legal status or operator legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Domain registration: registered 2020-10-29 and approximately 5.81 years old; registrar is GoDaddy.com, LLC; expiration is 2027-10-29.
- Hosting: served from AS13335, CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US.
- Transport security: TLS certificate issued by WE1, validation level DV, valid to 2026-10-09T06:45:28+00:00.
- Site navigation: exposes About Us, Contact, Privacy Policy, and Terms and Conditions pages.

What to Verify Next

Before any login or other sensitive interaction, an enterprise review should obtain an independent confirmation that the domain is intentionally operated by the publisher represented on the site and that the published contact channels are authentic. Security teams should also validate the blacklist findings through their own current threat-intelligence and endpoint-control processes, preserve relevant indicators for monitoring, and review the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy for accountable operator details, data-use commitments, and dispute mechanisms. If the site is required for ordinary reading, access should remain isolated from credential entry and other authenticated activity until those checks are complete.

EVIDENCE

- About Us and Contact pages: use the stated organizational and contact information as the basis for independent operator verification.
- Terms and Conditions page: review governing-entity, dispute, and accountability provisions before permitting authenticated use.
- Privacy Policy page: assess whether data collection and account handling are sufficiently attributable and specific for the intended access model.
- Homepage login interface: treat any request for credentials as requiring prior approval from the organization's security process.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **critical risk for sensitive interaction**. The available evidence does not support treating the site as a trustworthy destination for login, credential submission, or other consequential activity, despite its conventional editorial presentation and absence of visible financial-service features.

Infrastructure Integrity

Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection is present, and all observed addresses are Cloudflare edge infrastructure, including AS13335; the origin server was not observable in this analysis. This reduces direct exposure of the underlying host and is a mitigating control, but it cannot offset the external reputation contradiction or establish legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Access should be restricted to controlled, non-interactive viewing unless and until independent ownership, reputation, and operational checks produce an approved basis for broader use.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-21 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

2 findings contributed to this verdict, raised by registration and ownership, analysis engine, behaviour in a sandbox, external reputation.

01 Governance Risk

- Registration details are held behind a privacy service, so no operator is named publicly. This is common and legal, and it also means there is nobody to check.

Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_PRIVATE
- The registration record withholds contact details for the operator.

Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_HIDDEN

02 Sensitive Interaction Risk

- The analysis matched a pattern TrustSniffer treats as a direct threat to a visitor.

Analysis engine signal:direct_threat
- The page rewrote itself after it was interacted with, so what a visitor first sees is not what they end up on.

Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DIFF_AFTER_INTERACTION
- The structure of the page changed sharply while it was loading.

Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DENSITY_SPIKE
- An external threat feed lists this domain: either Google Safe Browsing marked it malicious, or a significant number of malware engines flagged it.

External reputation rule:EXT_BLACKLIST_CRITICAL

Identity verification

Status

UNVERIFIED

Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	25%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of howdysports.com.

- The request stayed on howdysports.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under GoDaddy.com, LLC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-10-29. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2018-08-08. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	GoDaddy.com, LLC
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2606:4700:3035::6815:331a
Name servers	ARYA.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM, LOU.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-10-09
Domain age	5.81 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-10-29
Archive first seen	2018-08-08
Archive snapshots	Not counted (archive lookup incomplete)
Reputation	VirusTotal: 5 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about howdysports.com at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that

evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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