

## Projected 2026 NCAA Basketball Tournament Bracket

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| First Round             | Second Round  | Sweet 16                | Elite 8      | Final Four | Championship | Final Four | Elite 8      | Sweet 16                        | Second Round  | First Round               |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| March 19 - 20           | March 21 - 22 | March 26 - 27           | Mar. 28 - 29 | April 4    | April 6      | April 4    | Mar. 28 - 29 | March 26 - 27                   | March 21 - 22 | March 19 - 20             |
| 1 Arizona               |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Michigan 1                |
| 16 Vermont/UMES         |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Merrimack 16              |
| 8 Villanova             | San Diego     |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 | Buffalo       | SMU 8                     |
| 9 Utah State            |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Georgia 9                 |
| 5 Florida               |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | North Carolina 5          |
| 12 Tulsa                |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Liberty 12                |
| 4 Virginia              | Tampa         |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 | San Diego     | Texas Tech 4              |
| 13 High Point           |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | NC-Wilmington 13          |
| 6 Saint Louis           |               | <b>West</b><br>San Jose |              |            |              |            |              | <b>Midwest</b><br>Chicago       |               | St. John's 6              |
| 11 New Mexico           |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Ohio St./San Diego St. 11 |
| 3 Gonzaga               | Portland      |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 | Philadelphia  | Purdue 3                  |
| 14 California Baptist   |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Wright State 14           |
| 7 Kentucky              |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Louisville 7              |
| 10 Miami (FL)           |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Miami (OH) 10             |
| 2 Illinois              | St. Louis     |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 | St. Louis     | Iowa State 2              |
| 15 Austin Peay          |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | East Tennessee State 15   |
| 1 Duke                  |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Connecticut 1             |
| 16 Navy/Bethune-Cookman |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Long Island 16            |
| 8 Texas A&M             | Greenville    |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 | Philadelphia  | Iowa 8                    |
| 9 Wisconsin             |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | NC State 9                |
| 5 Arkansas              |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Alabama 5                 |
| 12 Stephen F. Austin    |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Belmont 12                |
| 4 BYU                   | Portland      |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 | Tampa         | Kansas 4                  |
| 13 UC Irvine            |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Yale 13                   |
| 6 Clemson               |               | <b>South</b><br>Houston |              |            |              |            |              | <b>East</b><br>Washington, D.C. |               | Tennessee 6               |
| 11 UCLA                 |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Indiana/Seton Hall 11     |
| 3 Vanderbilt            | Greenville    |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 | Buffalo       | Michigan State 3          |
| 14 Troy                 |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | North Dakota State 14     |
| 7 UCF                   |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | Auburn 7                  |
| 10 St. Mary's (CA)      |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | USC 10                    |
| 2 Nebraska              | Oklahoma City |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 | Oklahoma City | Houston 2                 |
| 15 Portland State       |               |                         |              |            |              |            |              |                                 |               | UT Martin 15              |

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