

Projected 2026 NCAA Basketball Tournament Bracket

1-3-1 Sports

West
San Jose

Midwest
Chicago

South
Houston

East
Washington, D.C.

1-3-1 Sports

First Round
March 19 - 20

Second Round
March 21 - 22

Sweet 16
March 26 - 27

Elite 8
Mar. 28 - 29

Final Four
April 4

Championship
April 6

Final Four
April 4

Elite 8
Mar. 28 - 29

Sweet 16
March 26 - 27

Second Round
March 21 - 22

First Round
March 19 - 20

1 Arizona

16 Vermont/UMES

8 Villanova

9 Utah State

5 Texas Tech

12 Tulsa

4 Florida

13 High Point

6 Saint Louis

11 New Mexico

3 Gonzaga

14 California Baptist

7 UCF

10 Miami (OH)

2 Nebraska

15 Portland State

1 Duke

16 Navy/Bethune-Cookman

8 Texas A&M

9 Wisconsin

5 Arkansas

12 Stephen F. Austin

4 BYU

13 UC Irvine

6 Clemson

11 UCLA

3 Vanderbilt

14 Troy

7 Kentucky

10 Miami (FL)

2 Illinois

15 Austin Peay

Michigan

16 Merrimack

8 SMU

9 Georgia

5 Tennessee

12 Liberty

4 Virginia

13 NC-Wilmington

6 St. John's

11 Ohio St./San Diego St.

3 Purdue

14 East Tennessee State

7 Louisville

10 St. Mary's (CA)

2 Iowa State

15 Wright State

1 Connecticut

16 Long Island

8 Iowa

9 NC State

5 North Carolina

12 Belmont

4 Kansas

13 Yale

6 Alabama

11 Indiana/Seton Hall

3 Michigan State

14 North Dakota State

7 Auburn

10 USC

2 Houston

15 UT Martin