

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/NC Central

8 Texas A&M

9 Utah State

5 BYU

12 Stephen F. Austin

4 Gonzaga

13 UC Irvine

6 Clemson

11 New Mexico/Texas

3 Michigan State

14 California Baptist

7 Villanova

10 St. Mary's (CA)

2 Nebraska

15 Portland State

1 Duke

16 Navy/Bethune-Cookman

8 Iowa

9 Georgia

5 Alabama

12 Liberty

4 Texas Tech

13 NC-Wilmington

6 St. John's

11 Indiana

3 Kansas

14 East Tennessee State

7 Kentucky

10 Miami (FL)

2 Illinois

15 Austin Peay

Michigan

1

Merrimack

16

UCF

8

SMU

9

Tennessee

5

Belmont

12

Virginia

4

High Point

13

Saint Louis

6

UCLA

11

Vanderbilt

3

Troy

14

Louisville

7

Miami (OH)

10

Iowa State

2

Wright State

15

Connecticut

1

Long Island

16

NC State

8

Wisconsin

9

North Carolina

5

Tulsa

12

Florida

4

Yale

13

Arkansas

6

California/Ohio St.

11

Purdue

3

North Dakota State

14

Auburn

7

USC

10

Houston

2

UT Martin

15