Projected 2026 NCAA Basketball Tournament Bracket

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

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West
San Jose

1	Arizona	
16	UMBC/NC Central	San Diego
8	Texas A&M	
9	Utah State	
5	BYU	
12	Stephen F. Austin	Portland
4	Gonzaga	
13	UC Irvine	
6	Clemson	
11	New Mexico/Texas	Tampa
3	Michigan State	
14	California Baptist	
7	Villanova	
10	St. Mary's (CA)	Oklahoma City
2	Nebraska	
15	Portland State	

Midwest
Chicago

Michigan	1	
Merrimack	16	Buffalo
UCF	8	
SMU	9	
Tennessee	5	
Belmont	12	San Diego
Virginia	4	
High Point	13	
Saint Louis	6	
UCLA	11	Greenville
Vanderbilt	3	
Troy	14	
Louisville	7	
Miami (OH)	10	St. Louis
Iowa State	2	
Wright State	15	

South
Houston

1	Duke	
16	Navy/Bethune-Cookman	Greenville
8	Iowa	
9	Georgia	
5	Alabama	
12	Liberty	Portland
4	Texas Tech	
13	NC-Wilmington	
6	St. John's	
11	Indiana	Philadelphia
3	Kansas	
14	East Tennessee State	
7	Kentucky	
10	Miami (FL)	St. Louis
2	Illinois	
15	Austin Peay	

East
Washington, D.C.

Connecticut	1	
Long Island	16	Philadelphia
NC State	8	
Wisconsin	9	
North Carolina	5	
Tulsa	12	Tampa
Florida	4	
Yale	13	
Arkansas	6	
California/Ohio St.	11	Buffalo
Purdue	3	
North Dakota State	14	
Auburn	7	
USC	10	Oklahoma City
Houston	2	
UT Martin	15	

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