

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 UMBC/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 Connecticut

16 Long Island

8 NC State

9 Wisconsin

5 North Carolina

12 Liberty

4 Texas Tech

13 NC-Wilmington

6 Alabama

11 Indiana

3 Kansas

14 East Tennessee State

7 Kentucky

10 Miami (FL)

2 Illinois

15 Austin Peay

Michigan

Merrimack

UCF

SMU

Tennessee

Belmont

Virginia

High Point

Alabama

UCLA

Vanderbilt

Troy

Louisville

Miami (OH)

Iowa State

Wright State

Duke

Navy/Bethune-Cookman

Iowa

Georgia

St. John's

Tulsa

Florida

Yale

Arkansas

California/Ohio St.

Purdue

North Dakota State

Auburn

USC

Houston

UT Martin