

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

West Region:

- 1 Arizona
- 16 UMBC/Morgan St.
- 8 SMU
- 9 Texas A&M
- 5 Tennessee
- 12 Stephen F. Austin
- 4 Gonzaga
- 13 Hawaii
- 6 Louisville
- 11 Texas/Ohio State
- 3 Florida
- 14 California Baptist
- 7 Villanova
- 10 USC
- 2 Nebraska
- 15 Portland State

Midwest Region:

- 1 Michigan
- 16 Long Island
- 8 Utah State
- 9 UCF
- 5 St. John's
- 12 Belmont
- 4 Virginia
- 13 High Point
- 6 Clemson
- 11 Santa Clara/Missouri
- 3 Michigan State
- 14 East Tennessee State
- 7 Saint Louis
- 10 Indiana
- 2 Iowa State
- 15 Wright State

South Region:

- 1 Connecticut
- 16 Navy
- 8 NC State
- 9 Georgia
- 5 Alabama
- 12 Liberty
- 4 Texas Tech
- 13 NC-Wilmington
- 6 BYU
- 11 UCLA
- 3 Kansas
- 14 App State
- 7 Kentucky
- 10 Miami (FL)
- 2 Illinois
- 15 Austin Peay

East Region:

- 1 Duke
- 16 Merrimack/Beth-Cook
- 8 Wisconsin
- 9 Auburn
- 5 North Carolina
- 12 South Florida
- 4 Vanderbilt
- 13 Yale
- 6 Arkansas
- 11 Miami (OH)
- 3 Purdue
- 14 North Dakota State
- 7 Iowa
- 10 St. Mary's (CA)
- 2 Houston
- 15 UT Martin