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/Morgan St.	San Diego
8	SMU	
9	Texas A&M	
5	Tennessee	
12	Stephen F. Austin	Portland
4	Gonzaga	
13	Hawaii	
6	Louisville	
11	Texas/Ohio State	Tampa
3	Florida	
14	App State	
7	Villanova	
10	USC	Oklahoma City
2	Nebraska	
15	Portland State	

South
Houston

1	Connecticut	
16	Long Island	Philadelphia
8	NC State	
9	Georgia	
5	Alabama	
12	Liberty	Portland
4	Texas Tech	
13	NC-Wilmington	
6	BYU	
11	UCLA	Greenville
3	Kansas	
14	California Baptist	
7	Kentucky	
10	Miami (FL)	St. Louis
2	Illinois	
15	Austin Peay	

Midwest
Chicago

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

East
Washington, D.C.

	Duke	1
Greenville	UT Martin	16
	Wisconsin	8
	Auburn	9
	North Carolina	5
Tampa	South Florida	12
	Vanderbilt	4
	Yale	13
	Arkansas	6
Buffalo	Miami (OH)	11
	Purdue	3
	North Dakota State	14
	Iowa	7
Oklahoma City	St. Mary's (CA)	10
	Houston	2
	Navy	15

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