

Projected 2026 NCAA Basketball Tournament Bracket

1-3-1 Sports

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**

First Round **Second Round** **Sweet 16** **Elite 8** **Final Four** **Championship** **Final Four** **Elite 8** **Sweet 16** **Second Round** **First Round**

Midwest
Chicago

East
Washington, D.C.

South
Houston

West
San Jose

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1 Michigan **16** Long Island **8** Miami (FL) **9** UCF **5** Vanderbilt **12** Belmont **4** Virginia **13** Stephen F. Austin **6** Tennessee **11** USC/New Mexico **3** Kansas **14** Portland State **7** NC State **10** Georgia **2** Connecticut **15** South Alabama

1 Houston **16** Southeast Missouri St. **8** Iowa **9** SMU **5** Arkansas **12** Liberty **4** Texas Tech **13** NC-Wilmington **6** Saint Louis **11** Santa Clara/Ohio St. **3** Florida **14** East Tennessee State **7** Kentucky **10** Miami (OH) **2** Illinois **15** Austin Peay

Duke **1** Merrimack/Beth-Cook **16** Wisconsin **8** St. Mary's (CA) **9** St. John's **5** South Florida **12** Michigan State **4** High Point **13** Louisville **6** Auburn **11** Nebraska **3** North Dakota State **14** Clemson **7** Texas A&M **10** Iowa State **2** Wright State **15**

Arizona **1** UMBC/Howard **16** Utah State **8** Indiana **9** North Carolina **5** Yale **12** Alabama **4** Hawaii **13** BYU **6** Missouri **11** Gonzaga **3** California Baptist **14** Villanova **7** Texas **10** Purdue **2** Navy **15**