

Projected 2026 NCAA Basketball Tournament Bracket

1-3-1 Sports

Midwest
Chicago

East
Washington, D.C.

South
Houston

West
San Jose

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 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 East Tennessee State

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 Troy

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**

UC Irvine **13**

BYU **6**

Missouri **11**

Gonzaga **3**

California Baptist **14**

Villanova **7**

Texas **10**

Purdue **2**

Navy **15**