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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East
Washington, D.C.

Seed	Team	Site
1	Duke	Greenville
16	Southeast Missouri St.	
8	Iowa	
9	UCF	
5	Arkansas	Philadelphia
12	South Florida	
4	Michigan State	
13	High Point	
6	Louisville	Greenville
11	Auburn	
3	Kansas	
14	Portland State	
7	NC State	St. Louis
10	Miami (OH)	
2	Purdue	
15	Austin Peay	

South
Houston

Seed	Team	Site
1	Connecticut	Philadelphia
16	Merrimack	
8	Clemson	
9	Texas	
5	St. John's	Portland
12	Liberty	
4	Vanderbilt	
13	North Dakota State	
6	BYU	Oklahoma City
11	Missouri/Santa Clara	
3	Nebraska	
14	California Baptist	
7	Wisconsin	Oklahoma City
10	Texas A&M	
2	Houston	
15	App State	

Midwest
Chicago

Seed	Team	Site
1	Michigan	Buffalo
16	LIU/Bethune-Cookman	
8	Miami (FL)	
9	St. Mary's (CA)	
5	Alabama	Tampa
12	Belmont	
4	Virginia	
13	Stephen F. Austin	
6	North Carolina	Tampa
11	New Mexico/USC	
3	Florida	
14	East Tennessee State	
7	Kentucky	St. Louis
10	Indiana	
2	Iowa State	
15	Wright State	

West
San Jose

Seed	Team	Site
1	Arizona	San Diego
16	UMBC/Howard	
8	Utah State	
9	SMU	
5	Tennessee	San Diego
12	Yale	
4	Texas Tech	
13	NC-Wilmington	
6	Saint Louis	Portland
11	UCLA	
3	Gonzaga	
14	UC Irvine	
7	Villanova	Buffalo
10	Georgia	
2	Illinois	
15	Navy	

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