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.

1	Duke	Greenville	
16	Morehead St./Howard		
8	Iowa	Greenville	
9	Texas		
5	Arkansas	Greenville	
12	South Florida		
4	Kansas	Greenville	
13	Liberty		
6	North Carolina	Philadelphia	
11	TCU		
3	Michigan State	Philadelphia	
14	Austin Peay		
7	Kentucky	St. Louis	
10	Miami (OH)		
2	Purdue	St. Louis	
15	Navy		

Midwest
Chicago

1	Michigan	Buffalo	
16	Long Island		
8	UCF	Buffalo	
9	Clemson		
5	Alabama	Tampa	
12	Belmont		
4	Virginia	Tampa	
13	High Point		
6	Villanova	Portland	
11	Indiana/New Mexico		
3	Gonzaga	Portland	
14	California Baptist		
7	Saint Louis	Oklahoma City	
10	Texas A&M		
2	Houston	Oklahoma City	
15	Portland State		

South
Houston

1	Connecticut	Philadelphia	
16	Merrimack		
8	Miami (FL)	Philadelphia	
9	St. Mary's (CA)		
5	St. John's	Portland	
12	Stephen F. Austin		
4	Vanderbilt	Portland	
13	Hawaii		
6	Louisville	Buffalo	
11	Missouri		
3	Illinois	Buffalo	
14	North Dakota State		
7	Wisconsin	St. Louis	
10	Georgia		
2	Iowa State	St. Louis	
15	Wright State		

West
San Jose

1	Arizona	San Diego	
16	UMBC/Beth-Cookman		
8	Utah State	San Diego	
9	SMU		
5	Tennessee	San Diego	
12	Yale		
4	Texas Tech	San Diego	
13	NC-Wilmington		
6	BYU	Oklahoma City	
11	Santa Clara/Auburn		
3	Nebraska	Oklahoma City	
14	Troy		
7	NC State	Tampa	
10	UCLA		
2	Florida	Tampa	
15	East Tennessee State		

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