

Projected 2026 NCAA Basketball Tournament Bracket

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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	
1 Duke												Michigan 1		
16 Tennessee State												Long Island/Howard 16		
8 Saint Louis		Greenville											Buffalo 8	
9 Iowa												Clemson 9		
5 North Carolina												Missouri 5		
12 Yale		Portland											Arkansas 12	
4 Alabama												Belmont 4		
13 NC-Wilmington												Virginia 13		
6 Louisville												High Point 6		
11 Texas												Wisconsin 11		
3 Iowa State		St. Louis											SMU/Santa Clara 3	
14 Navy												Texas Tech 14		
7 Villanova												Hawaii 7		
10 NC State												Miami (FL) 10		
2 Michigan State		Buffalo											Miami (OH) 2	
15 Wright State												Florida 15		
1 Connecticut												Arizona 1		
16 Merrimack		Philadelphia											UMBC/Beth-Cookman 16	
8 Georgia												Utah State 8		
9 UCF												UCLA 9		
5 Vanderbilt												Tennessee 5		
12 South Florida		Tampa											Stephen F. Austin 12	
4 Kansas												Gonzaga 4		
13 Liberty												Utah Valley 13		
6 St. John's												Kentucky 6		
11 Ohio State		Greenville											VCU/New Mexico 11	
3 Purdue												Nebraska 3		
14 Troy												North Dakota State 14		
7 BYU												St. Mary's (CA) 7		
10 Texas A&M		Oklahoma City											TCU 10	
2 Houston												Illinois 2		
15 Central Arkansas												East Tennessee State 15		

East
Washington, D.C.

Midwest
Chicago

South
Houston

West
San Jose