

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
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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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1 Duke	16 Tennessee State	8 Georgia	9 Iowa	5 St. John's	12 Stephen F. Austin	4 Texas Tech	13 Utah Valley	6 North Carolina	11 Texas	3 Alabama	14 Troy	7 Villanova	10 NC State	2 Michigan State	15 Merrimack	1 Michigan	16 Long Island	8 UCLA	9 Saint Louis	5 Wisconsin	12 High Point	4 Kansas	13 Northern Iowa	6 Louisville	11 Missouri	3 Iowa State	14 North Dakota State	7 Miami (FL)	10 Ohio State	2 Connecticut	15 Queens	1 Arizona	16 UMBC/Howard	8 Utah State	9 UCF	5 Arkansas	12 South Florida	4 Purdue	13 Liberty	6 Kentucky	11 VCU/Stanford	3 Gonzaga	14 Hawaii	7 St. Mary's (CA)	10 Miami (OH)	2 Illinois	15 Wright State
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