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	Second Round	Sweet 16
1	Duke	Greenville	
16	UMBC		
8	Georgia		
9	Iowa		
5	St. John's	San Diego	
12	Stephen F. Austin		
4	Texas Tech		
13	Utah Valley		
6	North Carolina	Greenville	
11	Missouri		
3	Alabama		
14	Troy		
7	Villanova	Buffalo	
10	NC State		
2	Michigan State		
15	Queens		

South
Houston

Seed	Team	Second Round	Sweet 16
1	Florida	Tampa	
16	Lehigh/Beth-Cookman		
8	Clemson		
9	TCU		
5	Vanderbilt	Tampa	
12	Yale		
4	Virginia		
13	Hofstra		
6	Tennessee	Oklahoma City	
11	SMU/VCU		
3	Nebraska		
14	Wright State		
7	St. Mary's (CA)	Oklahoma City	
10	Texas A&M		
2	Houston		
15	Montana		

Midwest
Chicago

Seed	Team	Second Round	Sweet 16
1	Michigan	Buffalo	
16	Siena		
8	Utah State		
9	Saint Louis		
5	Wisconsin	Portland	
12	High Point		
4	Kansas		
13	Northern Iowa		
6	Louisville	St. Louis	
11	Santa Clara		
3	Iowa State		
14	North Dakota State		
7	Miami (FL)	Philadelphia	
10	Ohio State		
2	Connecticut		
15	Furman		

West
San Jose

Seed	Team	Second Round	Sweet 16
1	Arizona	San Diego	
16	Long Island/Howard		
8	UCLA		
9	UCF		
5	Arkansas	Philadelphia	
12	South Florida		
4	Purdue		
13	Liberty		
6	BYU	Portland	
11	Texas/Indiana		
3	Gonzaga		
14	Hawaii		
7	Kentucky	St. Louis	
10	Miami (OH)		
2	Illinois		
15	Tennessee State		

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