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.

First Round	Second Round	Sweet 16
1 Duke	Greenville	
16 Long Island		
8 Georgia		
9 Ohio State		
5 Wisconsin	Portland	
12 High Point		
4 Vanderbilt		
13 Sam Houston State		
6 Louisville	St. Louis	
11 Miami (OH)		
3 Iowa State		
14 North Dakota State		
7 Villanova	Buffalo	
10 NC State		
2 Michigan State		
15 Queens		

South
Houston

First Round	Second Round	Sweet 16
1 Florida	Tampa	
16 Lehigh/Florida A&M		
8 Clemson		
9 Iowa		
5 Texas Tech	San Diego	
12 McNeese		
4 Virginia		
13 Utah Valley		
6 North Carolina	Oklahoma City	
11 South Florida		
3 Nebraska		
14 Wright State		
7 St. Mary's (CA)	Oklahoma City	
10 Texas A&M		
2 Houston		
15 Idaho		

Midwest
Chicago

Second Round	First Round
Buffalo	Michigan 1
	Siena 16
	Utah State 8
	TCU 9
Philadelphia	Arkansas 5
	Yale 12
	Kansas 4
	Northern Iowa 13
Greenville	Tennessee 6
	0 11
	Purdue 3
	Troy 14
Philadelphia	Miami (FL) 7
	Santa Clara 10
	Connecticut 2
	Furman 15

West
San Jose

Second Round	First Round
San Diego	Arizona 1
	UMBC/Howard 16
	UCLA 8
	Saint Louis 9
Tampa	St. John's 5
	Akron 12
	Alabama 4
	Hofstra 13
Portland	BYU 6
	Texas/SMU 11
	Gonzaga 3
	Hawaii 14
St. Louis	Kentucky 7
	UCF 10
	Illinois 2
	Tennessee State 15

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