2026 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST ROUND MARCH 20-21 | SECOND ROUND MARCH 22-23 | SWEET 16® MARCH 27-28 | ELITE 8® MARCH 29-30 | NATIONAL SEMIFINALS APRIL 3

FIRST FOUR® — MARCH 18-19

COLUMBIA	Southern U. (19-13)	3/19, 7 p.m. ESPN2 — Samford (16-18)
AUSTIN	Missouri St. (22-12)	3/18, 9 p.m. ESPN2 — SFA (25-9)
IOWA CITY	Virginia (19-11)	3/19, 9 p.m. ESPN2 — Arizona St. (24-10)
DURHAM	Nebraska (18-12)	3/18, 7 p.m. ESPN2 — Richmond (26-7)

STORRS

- 1 UConn (34-0) — 3/21, 3 p.m. ABC — 16 UTSA (18-15)
- 8 Iowa St. (22-9) — 3/21, 5:30 p.m. ESPN2 — 9 Syracuse (23-8)

CHAPEL HILL

- 5 Maryland (23-8) — 3/20, 3 p.m. ESPNU — 12 Murray St. (31-3)
- 4 North Carolina (26-7) — 3/20, 5:30 p.m. ESPNews — 13 Western Ill. (26-5)

COLUMBUS

- 6 Notre Dame (22-10) — 3/21, 2 p.m. ESPN — 11 Fairfield (28-4)
- 3 Ohio St. (26-7) — 3/21, 11:30 a.m. ESPN2 — 14 Howard (26-7)

NASHVILLE

- 7 Illinois (21-11) — 3/21, 9:30 p.m. ESPN2 — 10 Colorado (22-11)
- 2 Vanderbilt (27-4) — 3/21, 7 p.m. ESPNews — 15 High Point (27-5)

COLUMBIA

- 1 South Carolina (31-3) — 3/21, 1 p.m. ABC — 16 Southern U./Samford
- 8 Clemson (21-11) — 3/21, 3:30 p.m. ESPN2 — 9 Southern California (17-13)

NORMAN

- 5 Michigan St. (22-8) — 3/20, 7:30 p.m. ESPNews — 12 Colorado St. (27-7)
- 4 Oklahoma (24-7) — 3/20, 10 p.m. ESPN — 13 Idaho (29-5)

FORT WORTH

- 6 Washington (21-10) — 3/20, 2:30 p.m. ESPNews — 11 South Dakota St. (27-6)
- 3 TCU (29-5) — 3/20, 12 p.m. ESPN — 14 UC San Diego (24-8)

IOWA CITY

- 7 Georgia (22-9) — 3/21, 1:30 p.m. ESPN2 — 10 Virginia/Arizona St.
- 2 Iowa (26-6) — 3/21, 4 p.m. ESPN — 15 FDU (30-4)

Fort Worth 1

3/23 — March 27 — 3/22 — March 29 — 3/23 — March 27 — 3/23

Sacramento 4

3/23 — March 28 — 3/22 — March 30 — 3/22 — March 28 — 3/23

LOS ANGELES

- UCLA (31-1) — 3/21, 10 p.m. ESPN — California Baptist (23-10) 16
- Oklahoma St. (23-9) — 3/21, 7:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Princeton (26-3) 9

MINNEAPOLIS

- Ole Miss (23-11) — 3/20, 3:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Gonzaga (24-9) 12
- Minnesota (22-8) — 3/20, 6 p.m. ESPNU — Green Bay (25-8) 13

DURHAM

- Baylor (24-8) — 3/20, 2 p.m. ESPN — Nebraska 75-56 11
- Duke (24-8) — 3/20, 11:30 a.m. ESPN2 — Col. of Charleston (27-5) 14

BATON ROUGE

- Texas Tech (25-7) — 3/20, 8:30 p.m. ESPNU — Villanova (25-7) 10
- LSU (27-5) — 3/20, 6 p.m. ESPN — Jacksonville (24-8) 15

AUSTIN

- Texas (31-3) — 3/20, 4 p.m. ESPN — Missouri St. 85-75 16
- Oregon (22-12) — 3/20, 1:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Virginia Tech (23-9) 9

MORGANTOWN

- Kentucky (23-10) — 3/21, 2:30 p.m. ESPNU — James Madison (26-8) 12
- West Virginia (27-6) — 3/21, 5 p.m. ESPNU — Miami (OH) (28-6) 13

LOUISVILLE

- Alabama (23-10) — 3/21, 2:30 p.m. ESPNews — Rhode Island (28-4) 11
- Louisville (27-7) — 3/21, 12 p.m. ESPN — Vermont (27-7) 14

ANN ARBOR

- NC State (20-10) — 3/20, 8 p.m. ESPN — Tennessee (16-13) 10
- Michigan (25-6) — 3/20, 5:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Holy Cross (23-9) 15

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2026 WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR — PHOENIX

APRIL 5

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Complete bracket release during the NCAA Women's Basketball Selection Show Special on ESPN (March 15 at 8 p.m. ET).
March 18-19: First Four (host institution sites announced on the Selection Show).
March 20-21/22-23: First/Second Rounds (host institution sites announced on the Selection Show).
March 27-30 Regional Sites: Fort Worth and Sacramento.

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