

2026 NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT POOL

Welcome to the 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament pool. Pool participants will fill out the tournament bracket, selecting whom they think will win each game and each resulting game between winners in previous rounds until the final tournament winner emerges. There are currently 68 teams that start the single elimination tournament, so 67 games over a span of 7 rounds, taking about two weeks need to be played to determine the ultimate winner. The winner is the player who correctly picks the outcome of the most games. If there is a tie then the player with the TIE BREAKER closest to the Total points scored in the championship game is declared the winner.

HOW THE POOL WORKS...

- There will be a \$10.00 Entry Fee to play.
- Scoring: Each round will be given different point values:

First Four	0 pts
First Round Win:	1 pt
Second Round Win:	2 pts
Sweet 16 Win:	4 pts
Elite 8 Win:	8 pts
Final 4 Win:	16 pts
Pick Winner:	32 pts

- Underdog Scoring:

The pool uses a seed point bonus for underdog wins ONLY. When an underdog wins, the difference between their seed and the favorite team's seed is added to the points per round.

For example, if a 3 seed beats a 1 seed in the Sweet Sixteen round then 6 points will be awarded for a correct pick (4 round points + 2 seed points [3-1])

- Tie Breaker:

The tie breaker is used to break ties in total points scored to determine the FINAL standings.

- 1st TIE BREAKER: The Total Points Scored in the Championship Game
- 2nd TIE BREAKER: Picked Tournament Champion

- Picks:

A picksheet for participants to indicate their selections will be available on Monday, March 16, 2026.

** ANY GAME NOT FILLED IN WILL COUNT AS A LOSS **
ALL PICKS MUST BE RETURNED BY **12:00 NOON** THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2026 **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- Statistics/Standings (Visit the NCAA Tournament Pool Website):

*** Make your selections on-line and get the latest standings and tournament news. ***

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- Prize Money:

First 3 participants with the most points receive prizes.

- 1st Place 60% of Prize Fund
- 2nd Place 30% of Prize Fund
- 3rd Place 10% of Prize Fund
- Last Place \$10.00 (Initial Investment)