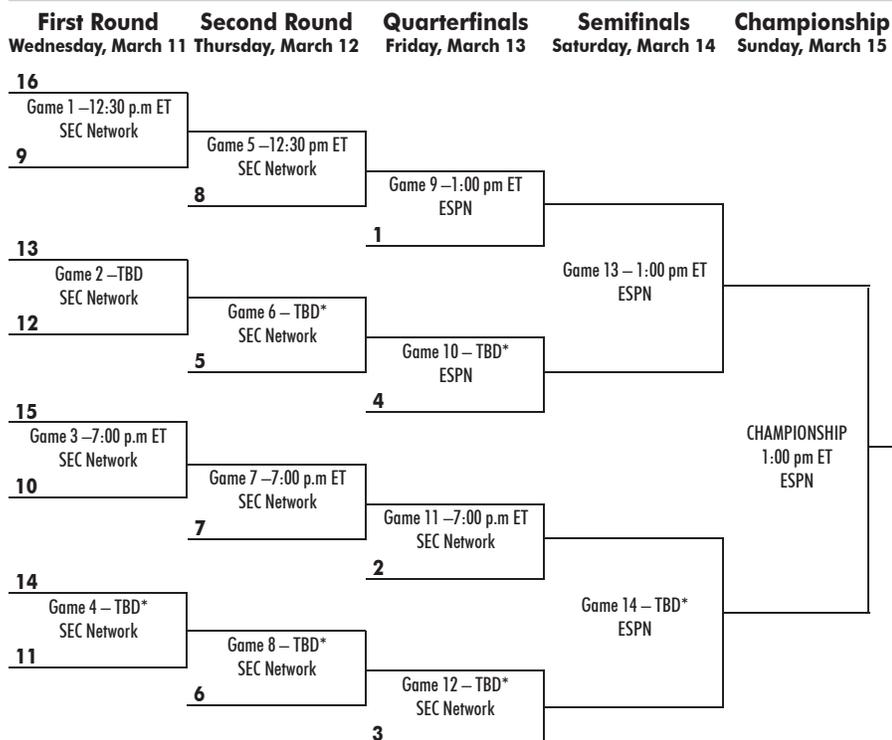


**2026 SEC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT • BRIDGESTONE ARENA • NASHVILLE, TN**



The winner of the 15-game SEC Men’s Basketball Tournament receives the league’s automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The tournament seeds are determined by the 18-game conference schedule during the regular season. Teams are seeded 1-14 based on their regular season conference finish.

Atlanta served as host of the inaugural SEC Tournament played following the 1932-33 season and did so again after the 1933-34 season. The event was held every year through 1952, with the exception of 1935. After a 26-year layoff (1953-78), the tournament was renewed in 1979. The 2020 tournament will be the 61st in league history and the 42nd since the renewal.

The event has helped set the stage for SEC teams in the NCAA Tournament, as 27 of the tournament champions since the tournament resumed in 1979 have advanced to at least the Sweet 16. Twenty of those teams have gone on to the Elite Eight, 12 to the Final Four and three have been crowned national champion. Six of the last 15 SEC Tournament champions have advanced to the Final Four with three of those teams winning a national championship. The SEC Tournament Champion has failed to win at least one NCAA Tournament game only four times.

Kentucky leads the league with 31 SEC Tournament titles. Alabama is second with seven, while Tennessee and Florida are tied for third with four. Mississippi State has three championship trophies while Auburn, Georgia, Ole Miss and Vanderbilt have two. Arkansas, LSU and former league member Georgia Tech have each won one SEC Tournament championship.

**Future SEC Tournament Dates**

March 10-14, 2027	*March 10-14, 2032
March 8-12, 2028	*March 9-13, 2033
March 7-11, 2029	*March 8-12, 2034
March 13-17, 2030	*March 7-11, 2035
*March 12-16, 2031	

\*option to extend current agreement to 2035

**SEC Tournament Tie-Breaker Procedures**

Teams will be seeded No. 1 through No. 16 in the bracket based upon the final regular season Conference standings. Teams that finished No. 1 through No. 4 in the final regular season standings shall receive first and second-round byes and teams that finish No. 5 through No. 8 will receive first-round byes.

1. **Two-Team Tie:** The following procedure will be used in the following order until the tie is broken:

- A. Won-lost results of head-to-head competition between the two teams.
- B. Won-lost percentage of the two teams versus the highest seed (and proceeding through the lowest seed, if necessary).
- C. Head-to-head point differential (points scored minus points allowed) between the two tied teams.
- D. NCAA NET ranking (most recent available NET ranking before the Conference Tournament).

2. **Three-Team Tie (or more):** When three or more teams are tied, the following procedure will be used in the following order until the tie is broken. If two teams remain tied after a tiebreaker provision, the two-team tiebreaker formula will be used.

- A. Best winning percentage of games played among the tied teams (Example: Team A is 3-1, Team B is 2-2 and Team C is 1-3 – Team A would be seeded highest, Team B second-highest and Team C lowest of the three).
- B. Best winning percentage of the tied teams versus the highest seed (and proceeding through the lowest seed, if necessary).
- C. Head-to-head point differential (points scored minus points allowed) between the two tied teams.
- D. NCAA NET ranking (most recent available NET ranking before the Conference Tournament).

*For the purpose of seeding, if an institution is precluded from participating in the tournament, such institution will automatically be seeded last. The No. 11 seed will then receive a bye. However, for the purpose of breaking ties, that team will remain where it finished in the regular-season standings BEFORE being seeded last.*

**The Road To Nashville** (Thru Games March 4)

Seed	Record	Games Remaining
1. Florida	15-2	at UK
2. <sup>1</sup> Alabama	12-5	AU
3. <sup>1</sup> Arkansas	12-5	at MO
4. Tennessee	11-6	VU
5. <sup>2</sup> Missouri	10-7	AR
6. <sup>2</sup> Vanderbilt	10-7	at UT
7. <sup>2</sup> Texas A&M	10-7	at LS
8. <sup>2</sup> Kentucky	10-7	UF
9. <sup>3</sup> Georgia	9-8	at MS
10. <sup>3</sup> Texas	9-8	OU
11. Auburn	7-10	at UA
12. Oklahoma	6-11	at TX
13. Mississippi State	5-12	UG
14. Ole Miss	4-13	SC
15. <sup>3</sup> LSU	3-14	AM
16. <sup>3</sup> South Carolina	3-14	at UM

**Tie-Breakers:**

1 – Alabama 2nd, Arkansas 3rd

1A. UA won head-to-head meeting with AR

2 – Missouri 5th, Vanderbilt 6th, Texas A&M 7th, Kentucky 8th

2A. Winning percentage among tied teams

Kentucky: MO 0-1, AM 0-1, VU 1-1 = 1-3 (.250)

Missouri: UK 1-0, AM 1-0, VU 1-0 = 3-0 (1.000)

Texas A&M: UK 1-0, MO 0-1, VU 0-1 = 1-2 (.333)

Vanderbilt: UK 1-1, MO 0-1, AM 1-0 = 2-2 (.500)

3 – LSU 15th, South Carolina 16th

1A. UG and TX split their head-to-head meetings

1B. Won-lost vs. No. 1 seed and descending

No. 1 Florida: UG 0-2, TX 0-1

No. 2 Alabama: UG 1-0, TX 1-0

No. 3 Arkansas: UG 1-0, TX 0-1

4 – LSU 15th, South Carolina 16th

1A. LS won head-to-head meeting with SC