

# Division I Women's Basketball

## 2025 Team Selection Principles & Procedures

- **First- and second-round sites** will be awarded to the top 16 seeded teams that submit a bid that meets the requirements for hosting.
- In the event that a top 16 seeded team does not submit a bid, or the bid does not meet requirements for hosting, the committee will select a host from the remaining submitted bids that meet the requirement for hosting. In order to adhere to the bracketing principles, it may not be possible to select the next highest seed to host.

# Examples

- EXAMPLE 1: A team on the 3 line cannot host. In the bracket, the 3, 6, 11 and 14 line are paired together in each region and assigned to the same first and second round site.
- EXAMPLE 2: A team on the 4 line cannot host. In the bracket, the 4, 5, 12 and 13 line are paired together in each region and assigned to the same first and second round site.



2025 NCAA DIVISION I

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



FIRST ROUND  
MARCH 21-22

SECOND ROUND  
MARCH 23-24

SWEET 16  
MARCH 28-29

ELITE 8  
MARCH 30-31

NATIONAL SEMIFINALS  
APRIL 4

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APRIL 4

ELITE 8  
MARCH 30-31

SWEET 16  
MARCH 28-29

SECOND ROUND  
MARCH 23-24

FIRST ROUND  
MARCH 21-22

## FIRST FOUR

MARCH 19-20



NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
APRIL 6

SEMIFINALS

SEMIFINALS

HOSTED BY  
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
AND TAMPA BAY SPORTS COMMISSION

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Complete bracket released during the NCAA Women's Basketball Selection Show Special on ESPN (March 18 at 8 p.m. ET).  
March 19-20: First Four (host institution sites announced on the Selection Show).  
March 23-24: Second Round (host institution sites announced on the Selection Show).  
March 28-29: Regional Sites: Birmingham and Spokane.

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# Examples

- EXAMPLE 1: Therefore, to adhere to the bracketing principles, the host would need to be a team on the 6, 11 or 14 line.
- EXAMPLE 2: Therefore, to adhere to the bracketing principles, the host would need to be a team on the 5, 12 or 13 line.

Each color identifies teams at a first- and second-round site.

SEED-LINE LIST

Teams in the same color could meet in regional semifinal.

Seed Line	REGIONAL	REGIONAL	REGIONAL	REGIONAL
1	1.	1.	1.	1.
2	2.	2.	2.	2.
3	3.	3. TEAM A – cannot host at home (EXAMPLE 1)	3.	3.
4	4.	4.	4. TEAM B – cannot host at home (EXAMPLE 2)	4.
5	5.	5.	5. Potential Host	5.
6	6.	6. Potential Host	6.	6.
7	7.	7.	7.	7.
8	8.	8.	8.	8.
9	9.	9.	9.	9.
10	10.	10.	10.	10.
11	11.	11. Potential Host	11.	11.
12	12.	12.	12. Potential Host	12.
13	13.	13.	13. Potential Host	13.
14	14.	14. Potential Host	14.	14.
15	15.	15.	15.	15.
16	16.	16.	16.	16.

Each Color (Lt. Blue/Dk. Blue/Lt. Green/Dk. Green) = First and Second Round Site  
YELLOW teams within a region could meet in the regional semifinal; WHITE teams within a region could meet in the regional semifinal.  
Winning teams from YELLOW and WHITE within a region will meet at the regional final.

# History

- 2015: Louisville's facility was unavailable to host. Louisville was seeded on the 3 line and South Florida (6 line) was selected to host.
- 2016: Michigan State's facility was unavailable to host. Michigan State was seeded on the 4 line and Mississippi State (5 line) was selected to host.
- 2017: Stanford's facility was unavailable to host. Stanford was seeded on the 2 line and Kansas State (7 line) was selected to host.