



2026 NCAA College Basketball Pool Rules



Input picks online and \$5.00 'donation fee' are due before the **12:15 (EST) Thursday March 19th** deadline.

- WEB SITE for the Pool -- <https://www.runyourpool.com/p/j/e1a3118fb34f458b901eb0ca05851990>
- If your first time ... sign up for a user id at the site, otherwise enter your username and password to access
- Pick all 63 games of the NCAA tournament in the online 2026 NCAA pool bracket.
- **We will not be making individual picks for the "First Four" play in games. (They will be considered "gimmies" basically)**
- After picking all games and entering a tiebreaker, click on the "Submit Picks" button and your picks will be sent to us (and a copy will be sent to you)

Pool Prizes & Awards – All money goes back to the winners !!!

1 st Place winner receives 50% of the total pot	6 th Place winner receives 5% of the total pot
2 nd Place winner receives 14% of the total pot	7 th Place winner receives 4% of the total pot
3 rd Place winner receives 8% of the total pot	8 th Place winner receives 3% of the total pot
4 th Place winner receives 7% of the total pot	9 th Place winner receives 2% of the total pot
5 th Place winner receives 6% of the total pot	10 th Place winner receives 1% of the total pot

*** **Note:** RunYourPool.com is a rate-based fee based on number of entries. Expecting \$500+ to be taken from the total pool pot to pay for the pool software.

Points Awarded -- Games picked correctly are given point values per round

Round 2 wins are worth	1	point each
Round 3 wins are worth	2	points each
Sweet Sixteen wins are worth	4	points each
Regional semi finals wins are worth	8	points each
Regional finals wins are worth	16	points each
Championship Game win is worth	32	points

Bonus 'Underdog Seed Difference' Points – Points awarded based on the seed differences of the two teams that are playing **only if you choose the underdog**. For example, if you pick a #15 seed to beat a #2 seed and the #15 seed wins, then you get 13 bonus points.

Tiebreakers ---pick a **TOTAL** score of the **FINAL** game for the first tiebreaker

1. Total points scored in the Championship Game (**closest** to actual total)
2. Total number of games picked correctly
3. Total number of 'Sweet 16' teams picked correctly
4. Total number of 'Second Round' teams picked correctly

"Donation Fees" -- Make sure that you get your **\$5.00 'donation fee' (per selection sheet)**. Please include your name, phone #, and email address on the entry sheet. *Enter as many times as you like, but each entry requires the "\$5 donation fee".*



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Scoring and Reports – all brackets and reports will be available at the <https://runyourpool.com> site.

Entry sheets will NOT be accepted after the 12:15pm (EST) on Thursday, March 19th.. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS, so get your donations and picks in early. **GOOD LUCK!!!!**