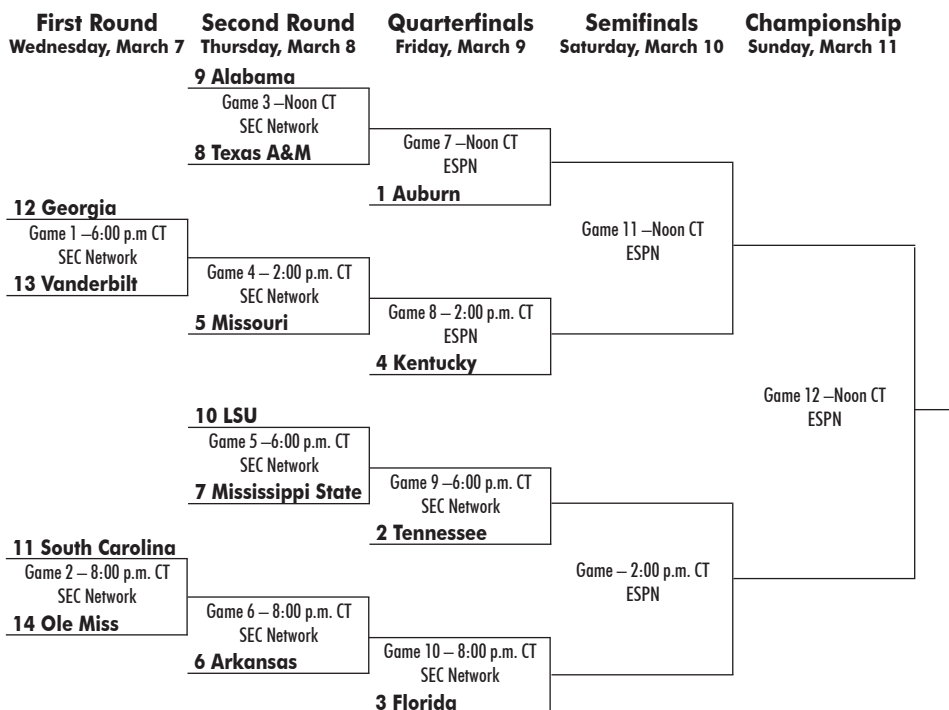


## 2018 SEC TOURNAMENT • SCOTTRADE CENTER • ST. LOUIS, MO



The Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament will be played on the western banks of the Mississippi River for the first time when St. Louis, Mo, plays host to the 2018 event.

Scottrade Center is a contemporary, 12-story glass and concrete structure located in the heart of downtown St. Louis. The home of the St. Louis Blues Hockey Club, Scottrade Center also features a full range of arena programming, including concerts, ice shows, family shows and other sporting events. Scottrade Center plays host to approximately 175 events per year, bringing nearly 2 million guests to downtown St. Louis annually and ranking it among the top arenas in the country.

The tournament has been played on the eastern banks of the Mississippi seven times with Baton Rouge (1938 and 1988), Memphis (1994 and 1997) and New Orleans (1996, 2003 and 2012) previously serving as hosts.

The winner of the 13-game tournament receives the SEC'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 2018 tournament will be the 59th in league history and the 40th since the renewal.

The event has helped set the stage for SEC teams in the NCAA Tournament, as 24 of the tournament

champions since the tournament resumed in 1979 have advanced to at least the Sweet 16. Three of the last 12 SEC Tournament champions have gone on to win the national championship. Since the renewal in 1979, the SEC Tournament Champion has failed to win at least one NCAA Tournament game only four times.

Kentucky leads the league with 30 SEC Tournament titles. Alabama is second with six, while Tennessee and Florida are tied for third with four. Mississippi State has three championship trophies while Georgia, Ole Miss and Vanderbilt have two. Arkansas, Auburn, LSU and former league member Georgia Tech have each won one SEC Tournament championship.

### SEC Tournament Media Credentials

Applications for media credentials to the 2018 SEC Men's Basketball Tournament are being accepted at [www.sportssystem.com/seccredentials](http://www.sportssystem.com/seccredentials).

Media outlets planning to cover the 2018 SEC Men's Basketball Tournament should complete and submit the registration form via the online system to the SEC Communications Department by Friday, March 2.

### Future SEC Tournament Dates & Sites

M7-11, 2018	St. Louis, MO (Scottrade Arena)
M13-17, 2019	Nashville, TN (Bridgestone Arena)
M11-15, 2020	Nashville, TN (Bridgestone Arena)
M10-14, 2021	Nashville, TN (Bridgestone Arena)
M9-13, 2022	Tampa, FL (Amalie Arena)
M8-12, 2023	Nashville, TN (Bridgestone Arena)
M13-17, 2024	Nashville, TN (Bridgestone Arena)
M12-16, 2025	Nashville, TN (Bridgestone Arena)

### The Road To St. Louis

Seed	Record	Games Remaining
1. \$Auburn	13-5	
2. \$Tennessee	13-5	
3. Florida	11-7	
4. ^Kentucky	10-8	
5. ^Missouri	10-8	
6. ^Arkansas	10-8	
7. #Mississippi St.	9-9	
8. #Texas A&M	9-9	
9. *Alabama	8-10	
10. *LSU	8-10	
11. %South Carolina	7-11	
12. %Georgia	7-11	
13. Vanderbilt	6-12	
14. Ole Miss	5-13	

\$—Auburn 1st & Tennessee 2nd

2A. Auburn won the only head-to-head meeting

^—Kentucky 4th, Missouri 5th & Arkansas 6th

3A. Win percentage vs. tied teams

Kentucky: 1-0 vs. AR, 1-1 vs. MO = 2-1

Missouri: 1-1 vs. AR, 1-1 vs. UK = 2-2

Arkansas: 0-1 vs. UK, 1-1 vs. MO = 1-2

#—Mississippi State 7th & Texas A&M 8th

2A. Mississippi State won the only head-to-head meeting

\*—Alabama 9th & LSU 10th

2A. Alabama won the both head-to-head meetings

%—South Carolina 11th & Georgia 12th

2A. South Carolina won the both head-to-head meetings

### SEC Tournament Tie-Break Procedures

Teams will be seeded No. 1 through No. 14 in the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament bracket based upon the final regular season Conference standings.

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 record of the two teams versus the No. 1 seed (and proceeding through the No. 14 seed, if necessary).

C) Coin flip by the Commissioner.

2. **Three-Team Tie (or more):** Won-lost record of the two teams versus the No. 1 seed (and proceeding through the No. 14 seed, if necessary).

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 No. 1 seed (and proceeding through the No. 14 seed, if necessary).

C) If two teams remain, coin flip by the Commissioner.

D) If three or more teams remain, draw by the Commissioner.

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.