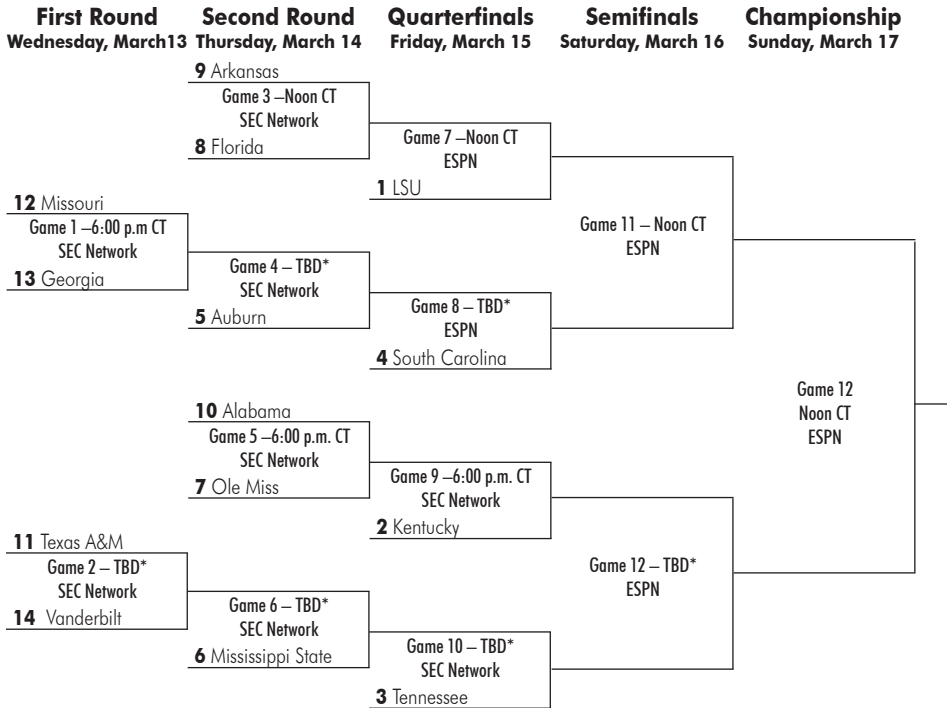


## 2019 SEC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT • BRIDGESTONE ARENA • NASHVILLE, TENN.



\*will start 25 minutes after the conclusion of the previous game

The Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament returns to Bridgestone Arena in Nashville in 2019. It will be the eighth time that the arena has served as the host of the SEC Tournament, having also hosted in 2001, 2006, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Also the home of the NHL's Nashville Predators, Bridgestone Arena has the distinction of being one of the busiest venues in the United States, hosting more than 13 million guests during that time. Seating capacity is approximately 19,395 for basketball games.

It was announced in November 2018 that the SEC extended its agreement with the Nashville Sports Council that could make Music City the home of the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament through 2035. Under the terms of the new agreement, the tournament will be played in Nashville through 2030, with the exception of 2022, with an option to extend the agreement through 2035.

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 25 of the tournament champions since the tournament resumed in 1979

have advanced to at least the Sweet 16. Three of the last 13 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 31 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 2019 SEC Men's Basketball Tournament are being accepted at [www.sportssystem.com/seccredentials](http://www.sportssystem.com/seccredentials). Media outlets planning to cover the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament should complete and submit the registration form via the online system to the SEC Communications Department by Thursday, March 7.

### 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):** 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 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.

### The Road To Nashville (Final)

Seed	Record	Games Remaining
1.	LSU	16-2
2.	\$Kentucky	15-3
3.	\$Tennessee	15-3
4.	^ South Carolina	11-7
5.	^ Auburn	11-7
6.	#Mississippi State	10-8
7.	#Ole Miss	10-8
8.	Florida	9-9
9.	%Arkansas	8-10
10.	%Alabama	8-10
11.	Texas A&M	6-12
12.	Missouri	5-13
13.	Georgia	2-16
14.	Vanderbilt	0-18

#### \$ Kentucky 2nd & Tennessee 3rd

- 2A. Kentucky and Tennessee split their head-to-head meetings
- 2B. Won-lost percentage vs. No. 1 seed...  
No. 1 LSU: UK 0-1, UT 0-1  
No. 4 South Carolina: UK 1-0, UT 2-0  
No. 4 Auburn: UK 2-0, UT 0-1

#### ^ South Carolina 4th & Auburn 5th

- 2A. South Carolina won the only head-to-head meeting with Auburn

#### # Mississippi State 6th & Ole Miss 7th

- 2A. Ole Miss and Mississippi State split their head-to-head meetings
- 2B. Won-lost percentage vs. No. 1 seed...  
No. 1 LSU: UM 0-1, MS 0-1  
No. 2 Kentucky: 0-1 UM, 0-2 MS  
No. 3 Tennessee: 0-1 UM, 0-1 MS  
No. 4 South Carolina: 0-1 UM, 1-1 MS

#### % Arkansas 9th & Alabama 10th

- 2A. Arkansas won the only head-to-head meeting with Alabama