

**2013 SEC Tournament**

March 13-17 • Bridgestone Arena • Nashville, Tenn

The 2013 Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament returns to Bridgestone Arena in Nashville. It will be the fourth time that the arena has served as the host of the SEC Tournament, having also hosted in 2001, 2006 and 2010. 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 over the past decade and a half, hosting more than 18 million guests during that time. Seating capacity is approximately 18,160 for basketball games.



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 2012 tournament will be the 52nd in league history and the 33rd since the renewal.

The SEC has shown extraordinary balance in the tournament, evidenced by the fact that a different school won the first seven titles after the renewal. The event has helped set the stage for SEC teams in the NCAA Tournament, as 21 of tournament champions since the tournament resumed in 1979 have advanced to at least the Sweet 16. Three of the last 15 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 27 SEC Tournament titles. Alabama is second with six, while Tennessee ranks third with four. Florida and Mississippi State each have three championship trophies while Georgia and Vanderbilt have two. Arkansas, Auburn, LSU, Ole Miss and former league member Georgia Tech have each won one SEC Tournament championship.

**FIRST ROUND - March 13 (Wednesday)**

Game 1	#12 vs. #13 [SEC Network]	6:30 p.m. CT
Game 2	#11 vs. #14 [SEC Network]	9:00 p.m. CT

**SECOND ROUND - March 14 (Thursday)**

Game 3	#8 vs. #9 [SEC Network]	Noon CT
Game 4	Game 1 Winner vs. #5 [SEC Network]	2:30 p.m. CT
Game 5	#7 vs. #10 [SEC Network]	6:30 p.m. CT
Game 6	Game 2 Winner vs. #6 [SEC Network]	9:00 p.m. CT

**QUARTERFINALS - March 15 (Friday)**

Game 7	Game 3 Winner vs. #1 [ESPNU]	Noon CT
Game 8	Game 4 Winner vs. #4 [ESPNU]	2:30 p.m. CT
Game 9	Game 5 Winner vs. #2 [SEC Network & ESPNU]	6:30 p.m. CT
Game 10	Game 6 Winner vs. #3 [SEC Network & ESPNU]	9:00 p.m. CT

**SEMIFINALS - March 16 (Saturday)**

Game 11	Game 7 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner [ABC]	Noon CT
Game 12	Game 9 Winner vs. Game 10 Winner [ABC]	2:30 p.m. CT

**FINALS - March 17 (Sunday)**

Game 13	Game 9 Winner vs. Game 10 Winner [ABC]	Noon CT
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**Future SEC Tournament Dates and Sites**

March 13-17, 2013	Nashville, Tenn. (Bridgestone Arena)
March 12-16, 2014	Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia Dome)
March 11-15, 2015	Nashville, Tenn. (Bridgestone Arena)
March 9-13, 2016	Nashville, Tenn. (Bridgestone Arena)
March 8-12, 2017	TBD
March 7-11, 2018	TBD
March 13-17, 2019	Nashville, Tenn. (Bridgestone Arena)

**The Road To Nashville**

Below is a breakdown of the 2013 SEC Tournament seeds and matchups if the season ended on March 7.

<u>Seeding</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Games Remaining</u>
1. Florida	14-3	1 - @UK
2. %Kentucky	11-6	1 - UF
3. %Missouri	11-6	1 - @UT
4. %Ole Miss	11-6	1 - @LS
5. %Alabama	11-6	1 - UG
6. Tennessee	10-7	1 - MO
7. &Arkansas	9-8	1 - AM
8. &Georgia	9-8	1 - @UA
9. &LSU	9-8	1 - UM
10. *Vanderbilt	7-10	1 - SC
11. *Texas A&M	7-10	1 - @AR
12. South Carolina	4-13	1 - @VU
13. \$Mississippi State	3-14	1 - AU
14. \$Auburn	3-14	1 - @MS

%—Combined records against tied teams: UK 2-1, UM 2-2, MO 2-2, UA 1-2. UK is No. 2 seed, UA is No. 5 seed. UM and MO split their two meetings. Record against No. 1 seed Florida: MO 1-0, UM 0-1.

&—Combined records against tied teams: AR 1-1, UG 1-1, LS 1-1. Record against No. 1 seed Florida: AR 1-1, UG 0-2, LS 0-1. Arkansas is the No. 7 seed. UG won the only head-to-head meeting with LS.

\*—VU won the only head-to-head meeting with AM

\$—AU and MS have not met yet this season. Record against seeds 1-3: both teams are winless. Record against No. 4 seed UM: MS 1-1, AU 0-2

**Opening Rounds Matchups** (Clinched in BOLD)

[12] South Carolina vs. [13] Mississippi State	Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. CT
[11] Texas A&M vs. [14] Auburn	Wednesday - 9:00 p.m. CT
[8] Georgia vs. [9] LSU	Thursday - Noon CT
[5] Alabama vs. Game 1 Winner	Thursday - 2:30 p.m. CT
[7] Arkansas vs. [10] Vanderbilt	Thursday - 6:30 p.m. CT
[6] Tennessee vs. Game 2 Winner	Thursday - 9:00 p.m. CT
Byes: [1] Florida, [2] Kentucky, [3] Missouri, [4] Ole Miss	

**SEC Tournament Tie-Breaker Procedures**

Teams should be seeded No. 1 through No. 14 in the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament bracket based upon the final regular season SEC standings. Teams that finished No. 1 through No. 4 in the final regular season standings shall receive a "bye" on the first day of the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament.

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. 12 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, it shall automatically be seeded last in its division. The No. 5 seed with the best record will then receive a bye. However, for the purpose of breaking ties, that team shall remain where it finished in the regular-season standings BEFORE being seeded last.