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**THE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR® STOPS AT SAP CENTER AT SAN JOSE  
MARCH 22 & 24 WHEN THE WEST COAST CONFERENCE HOSTS THE FIRST  
AND SECOND ROUNDS OF THE NCAA® MARCH MADNESS® TOURNAMENT  
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO NCAA SUBSCRIBERS OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 1  
TICKETS GO ON SALE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** - The [NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee](#) announced that the [West Coast Conference](#), in partnership with [SAP Center at San Jose](#) and the [San Jose Sports Authority](#), will host the 2019 [NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship](#) First and Second Rounds. The games will be played [March 22 and 24, 2019](#).

Tickets will be available to NCAA subscribers October 30-November 1. To hear about it first, sign up [here](#). Tickets go on sale to the general public Saturday, November 3 and will be available at the Threat Metrix ([@ThreatMetrix](#)) Ticket Office at SAP Center and online at [ticketmaster.com](#). Can't wait to purchase tickets? Purchase the NCAA Experience® official ticket and hospitality packages now through PrimeSport, the Official Ticket and Hospitality Provider of the NCAA. To view packages, click [here](#).

"The West Coast Conference is thrilled to once again partner with SAP Center at San Jose and the San Jose Sports Authority to bring the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament back to the Bay Area," said WCC Commissioner Gloria Nevarez. "We look forward to hosting this exciting event as March Madness returns to sunny San Jose for the First and Second Rounds."

The West Coast Conference, SAP Center at San Jose, and San Jose Sports Authority first partnered on the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship to host first and second rounds games of the tournament in 2013. As previously announced, the three organizations will partner again in 2021 to host the [2021 NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship First and Second Rounds](#).

"SAP Center at San Jose is proud to collaborate with our great partners at the West Coast Conference and San Jose Sports Authority to bring the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship back to San Jose," said John Tortora, Co-President of [Sharks Sports & Entertainment](#) and SAP Center at San Jose. "The unique partnership between the three organizations coupled with our great relationship with the [City of San Jose](#) makes SAP Center an ideal venue to host this event yet again. We look forward to hosting a great event in 2019."

2019 will mark the seventh time that SAP Center at San Jose has hosted the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. SAP Center also hosted the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament First and Second Rounds in 2010 and 2013. Additionally, the NCAA Men's Basketball West Regional was hosted in San Jose in 1997, 2002, 2007, and most recently in 2017. SAP Center at San Jose also hosted the NCAA Women's Final Four in 1999.

“We are honored to have been selected by the NCAA and the Men’s Basketball Committee to host the First and Second Rounds of the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Championship next March. We were thrilled to have hosted the Men’s Regionals in 2017 and to have the opportunity to bring the First & Second Round to San Jose next year and in 2021 is tremendous” said San Jose Sports Authority Executive Director John Poch. “Together with our partners at the West Coast Conference and SAP Center at San Jose, we are excited to once again present a world-class experience for the participating student-athletes and everyone attending the championship in San Jose.”

### **About the West Coast Conference**

The West Coast Conference was formed in 1952 and has evolved and grown to become a nationally recognized and competitive force in Division I intercollegiate athletics, with 15 conference-sponsored sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, women's beach volleyball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, women's rowing, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball. The WCC is characterized by the stability of its membership and its unique emphasis on combining excellence in athletics with excellence in academics. For more information, visit [WCCsports.com](http://WCCsports.com) or follow the West Coast Conference on Twitter @WCCsports.

### **About SAP Center at San Jose**

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, SAP Center at San Jose is the premier sports and entertainment venue in Northern California. Each year, SAP Center hosts approximately 175 events featuring professional and amateur athletes, Olympic athletes, Grammy award-winners, international recording artists, and a variety of performers who appeal to children and families alike. SAP Center at San Jose is home to the San Jose Sharks of the National Hockey and the San Jose Barracuda of the American Hockey League. For more information about SAP Center at San Jose and for a list of upcoming events, visit the SAP Center home page at [www.sapcenter.com](http://www.sapcenter.com).

### **About the San Jose Sports Authority**

The San Jose Sports Authority is a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the City of San Jose’s economic development, visibility and civic pride through sports. Serving as the City's sports commission since in 1991, the Sports Authority has provided leadership and support to attract and host hundreds of sporting events in San Jose and the South Bay. The Sports Authority also supports and operates community, youth and amateur sports programs, including the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame and the REACH Youth Scholarship Program. To learn more, visit [www.sjsa.org](http://www.sjsa.org).

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