

SEC Tournament

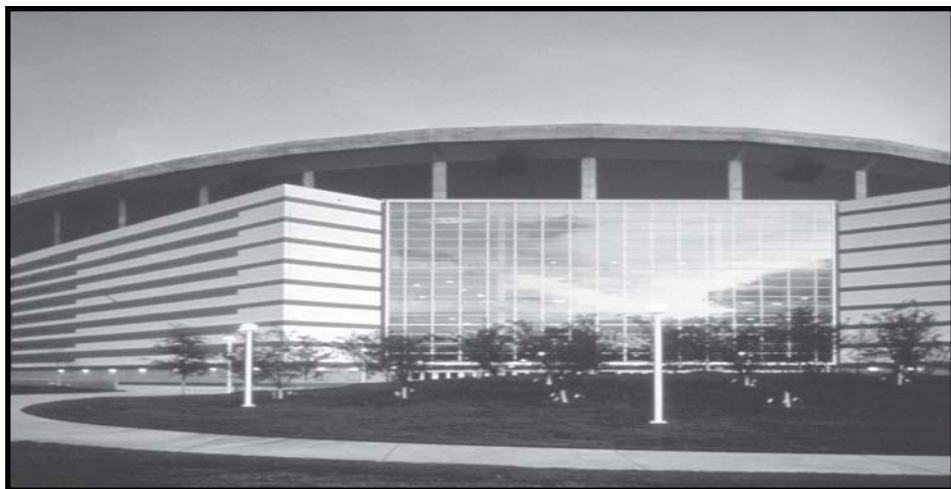
The 2008 Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament will be held in a familiar setting as the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga. again plays host to this event. The Georgia Dome, a world-class facility with basketball seating configuration of 26,000, serves as the site of the 12-team tournament for the eighth time in 11 years and the ninth time overall in league history. The SEC Tournament has been held at the Georgia Dome in 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2007 as well as the NCAA Tournament Final Four in 2002 and 2007. The 2008 event will mark the 12th time Atlanta has played host to the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament (1933, 1934, 1987, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007).

The winner of the 11-game tournament receives the SEC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The tournament seeds, conference championship and division titles are determined by the 16-game conference schedule during the regular season. Teams are seeded by their divisional finish and features Eastern Division-Western Division matchups in every game should the higher seed win each contest.

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 2008 tournament will be the 49th in league history and the 30th 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 22 of the last 28 tournament champions have advanced to at least the Sweet 16 with five of the last 12 going 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 three times.

Kentucky leads the league with 25 SEC Tournament titles. Alabama is second with six, while Tennessee ranks third with four, Florida three and Mississippi State has two championship trophies. Arkansas, Auburn, Georgia, LSU, Ole Miss, Vanderbilt and former league member Georgia Tech have each won one SEC Tournament championship.

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FIRST ROUND			
March 13 (Thursday)			
Game 1	Western #4 vs. Eastern #5 [LFS]		12:00 CT
Game 2	Eastern #3 vs. Western #6 [LFS]		2:15 CT
Game 3	Eastern #4 vs. Western #5 [LFS]		6:30 CT
Game 4	Western #3 vs. Eastern #6 [LFS]		8:45 CT
SECOND ROUND			
March 14 (Friday)			
Game 5	Game 1 Winner vs. Eastern #1 [LFS]		12:00 CT
Game 6	Game 2 Winner vs. Western #2 [LFS]		2:15 CT
Game 7	Game 3 Winner vs. Western #1 [LFS]		6:30 CT
Game 8	Game 4 Winner vs. Eastern #2 [LFS]		8:45 CT
SEMIFINALS			
March 15 (Saturday)			
Game 9	Game 5 Winner vs. Game 6 Winner [LFS]		12:00 CT
Game 10	Game 7 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner [LFS]		2:15 CT
FINALS			
March 16 (Sunday)			
Game 11	Game 9 Winner vs. Game 10 Winner [CBS]		12:00 CT
Future SEC Tournament Dates & Sites			
2009	March 12-15	St. Pete Times Forum, Tampa, Fla.	
2010	March 11-14	The Sommet Center, Nashville, Tenn.	
2011	March 10-13	Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.	
2012	March 8-11	New Orleans Arena, New Orleans, La.	