UIC TO JOIN MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will UIC officially become a member of the Missouri Valley Conference?
July 1, 2022

What does this mean for the remainder of UIC's 2021-22 athletic seasons?
UIC has been a member of the Horizon League since 1994 and the Flames will continue to compete for championships against its peers in the Horizon League throughout the remainder of the winter and spring seasons this year.

Who is the Missouri Valley Conference?
The second-oldest conference in NCAA Division I athletics, founded in 1907 and is celebrating its 115th season in 2021-22.

What institutions will be members of the MVC in 2022-23?
With the addition of the Flames, the MVC will be comprised of 12 institutions. The group includes: Bradley University, Belmont University, Drake University, University of Evansville, Illinois State University, Indiana State University, Missouri State University, Murray State University, University of Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and Valparaiso University. Belmont University and Murray State University will join UIC as new members on July 1, 2022.

What sports does the Missouri Valley Conference sponsor?
Men's: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Track & Field
Women's: Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball

The Missouri Valley Conference does not sponsor men's swimming/diving or men's tennis; where will those programs compete in 2022 and beyond?
UIC is aggressively pursuing opportunities for our student-athletes in those programs to continue to compete at a high level and pursue championships. We anticipate having news to share regarding conference affiliation for those programs in the coming months.

I am currently able to view UIC Athletics content live and on-demand using my ESPN+ subscription. Does the Missouri Valley Conference provide the same opportunity in 2022-23 and beyond?
Yes. The MVC – and its member institutions – broadcast hundreds of events annually on The Valley on ESPN, the conference's co-branded network available on ESPN+ and ESPN3 via the ESPN app. The MVC's relationship with ESPN extends through 2023-24.

What are other ways I can follow the Flames?
The MVC maintains an extensive linear broadcast package with media partners ESPN2/ESPNU and CBS Sports Network. Comprised of regional sports networks Bally Sports Midwest-Indiana-Kansas City and NBC Sports Chicago, the MVC Television Network is one of the conference's most visible and impactful marketing tools.

Are UIC teams eligible for postseason play right away?
Yes. UIC will be eligible for both MVC and NCAA postseason competition immediately upon joining for the upcoming 2022-23 academic and athletic year.