

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA FOOTBALL SCHEDULING TIMELINE



## 2009

### Not Classified

- 7-8 games against NCAA non-scholarship, junior college and prep schools
- No more than one road game
- USA does not count as a Division I game on their schedule or a victory towards a bowl game for opponents
- 40-50 student-athletes on scholarship

## 2010

### Not Classified

- 10-11 games
- Opponents will be from the NCAA Division I-AA/FCS, NCAA Division II, NAIA and junior-college levels
- More than half the games will be played at home
- USA does not count as a Division I game on their schedule or a victory towards a bowl game for opponents
- 70-80 student-athletes on scholarship

## 2011

### TRANSITIONAL NCAA I-AA/FCS Classification

- 12 games
- Opponents will be from the NCAA Division I-A/FBS, NCAA I-AA/FCS, NCAA Division II and NAIA levels
- Minimum of five home games
- USA counts as a Division I game on opponents' schedule towards FCS championship eligibility
- 85 student-athletes on scholarship

## 2012

### TRANSITIONAL NCAA I-AA/FCS Classification

- 12 games against NCAA Division I schools, all but one from the NCAA I-A/FBS level
- Minimum of five home games
- USA counts as a Division I game on opponents' schedule towards bowl game eligibility
- 85 student-athletes on scholarship

## 2013

### FULL NCAA I-A/FBS Classification

- Eligible to compete for the Sun Belt Conference championship and a berth in a bowl game
- 12 games against NCAA Division I schools, all but one from the NCAA I-A/FBS level
- Minimum of five home games
- USA counts as a Division I game on opponents' schedule towards bowl game eligibility
- 85 student-athletes on scholarship

## GENERAL SOUTH ALABAMA FOOTBALL SCHEDULING NOTES

- Head coach Joey Jones and his staff have approached putting together a schedule with a philosophy that will allow South Alabama to be competitive immediately.
- Each season in building a schedule, the opponents will be on a relatively equal level as it relates to skill level and number of scholarship players in the program. USA will eventually have the NCAA I-A (Football Bowl Subdivision) limit of 85 student-athletes on scholarship, but it can offer no more than 30 in one year from 2007-10 so the Jaguars will need at least two more seasons to reach that figure.
- The coaching staff always works within the parameters of NCAA rules as it pertains to the number of scholarships potential opponents offer based on their division level.
- South Alabama will not count as a Division I game for future opponents on their schedule until the 2011 season for NCAA Division I-AA (Football Championship Subdivision) schools and '12 for I-A/FBS schools due to a moratorium set by the NCAA. Thus, it is possible that USA may offer the same or more scholarships as a potential opponent in 2010 and '11 but not count as a victory toward bowl game or playoff eligibility those years.
- Scheduling opponents from the I-AA/FCS level has become more difficult since the approval came for those schools to play a 12th game — fewer open dates are available around conference schedules to be able to play USA.
- Unlike basketball where schedules are put together prior to the upcoming season, non-conference football schedules are done years in advance. Many potential opponents do not have any open dates prior to USA becoming an official NCAA I-A/FBS school in 2013.