



MAC ANNOUNCES 2016 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

2016 schedule features 17 November nationally televised games on ESPN2, ESPNU and CBS Sports Network

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Cleveland, Ohio – The Mid-American Conference announced the 2016 football schedule today. Highlighting the schedule will be 17 nationally televised games during late October and November slated for national television on ESPN2, ESPNU and CBS Sports Network as the conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions. ESPN3, which is available in more than 99 million homes, will also stream a select number of games late in the season.

An updated release of the MAC 2016 football schedule will be released in June with kick times and a television schedule for the first three weeks of the regular season and midweek games during late October and November. All other game kick times and television will be announced 12 days prior to the scheduled game.

The regular season will conclude with the 20th Marathon MAC Football Championship game on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:00 pm ET at Ford Field in Detroit on ESPN2. This will mark the 13th Marathon MAC Football Championship game at Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions, Super Bowl XL, and the 2009 NCAA Men's Final Four.

For the ninth year in a row, league schools will face a formidable non-conference slate of opponents from the following Football Bowl Subdivision conferences – ACC, Big Ten, Big 12 and SEC. In addition, the conference will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference, Conference USA, Mountain West Conference, Sun Belt Conference and Independent Army and BYU.

MAC programs will face eight non-conference foes that finished in the final AP Top 25 poll: Alabama (1), Ohio State (4), Iowa (9), Oklahoma State (20), Wisconsin (21), Tennessee (22), Northwestern (23) and Western Kentucky (24).

A total of seven non-conference games will feature a Big Ten opponent (Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Northwestern; Ohio State; Penn State; Wisconsin). The MAC will face foes from the ACC (2—Boston College, Virginia), SEC (3—Alabama, Missouri, Tennessee), Big 12 (2—Kansas, Oklahoma State); and Independent Army and BYU.

The MAC will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference (3—Cincinnati, Memphis, South Florida), Mountain West (6—Fresno State, Nevada, San Diego State, UNLV, Wyoming (2)), Conference USA (5—Charlotte, Florida Atlantic, Marshall, Middle Tennessee, Western Kentucky) and Sun Belt Conference (5—Arkansas State, Appalachian State, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Texas State).

This season the MAC will host 10 games against FBS non-conference opponents.

MAC Home Games vs. FBS Non-Conference opponents:

- Texas State (Sun Belt) at Ohio on Sept. 3;
- UNLV (Mountain West) at Central Michigan on Sept. 17;
- San Diego State (Mountain West) at NIU on Sept. 17;
- Fresno State (Mountain West) at Toledo on Sept. 17;
- Middle Tennessee (Conference USA) at Bowling Green on Sept. 17;
- Western Kentucky (Conference USA) at Miami on Sept. 17;
- Wyoming (Mountain West) at Eastern Michigan on Sept. 24;



- Georgia Southern (Sun Belt) at Western Michigan on Sept. 24;
- Appalachian State (Sun Belt) at Akron on Sept. 24;
- Army (Independent) at Buffalo on Sept. 24.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Founded in 1946, the Mid-American Conference is an NCAA Division I, 12-member conference that sponsors 23 championships and is one of ten members of the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS). With total enrollment of nearly 300,000 students, the league represents institutions of higher learning in five (5) states - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, and Ohio.

Current MAC schools that hold full membership and the year they joined are -- East Division: University of Akron (1992), Bowling Green State University (1952), University at Buffalo (1998), Kent State University (1951), Miami University (1947), Ohio University (1946). West Division: Ball State University (1973), Central Michigan University (1971), Eastern Michigan University (1971), Northern Illinois University (1975-86, rejoined in 1997), University of Toledo (1950), Western Michigan University (1947). The conference office is based in Cleveland, Ohio.

2016 MAC Football Schedule (composite by date)

All times listed ET

*Conference Game

Sep. 1 – Thursday

Presbyterian at Central Michigan

Sep. 2 – Friday

Ball State at Georgia State (or Sept. 3)

Sep. 3 – Saturday

Albany at Buffalo

Ball State at Georgia State (or Sept. 2)

Bowling Green at Ohio State

Kent State at Penn State

Miami at Iowa

Mississippi Valley State at Eastern Michigan

NIU at Wyoming

Texas State at Ohio

Toledo at Arkansas State

Virginia Military Institute at Akron

Western Michigan at Northwestern

Sep. 10 – Saturday

Akron at Wisconsin

Ball State at Indiana

Central Michigan at Oklahoma State

Eastern Illinois at Miami

Eastern Michigan at Missouri

Maine at Toledo

NIU at South Florida

North Carolina A&T at Kent State



North Carolina Central at Western Michigan
North Dakota at Bowling Green
Ohio at Kansas

Sep. 17 – Saturday

Akron at Marshall
Buffalo at Nevada
Eastern Kentucky at Ball State
Eastern Michigan at Charlotte
Fresno State at Toledo
Middle Tennessee at Bowling Green
Monmouth at Kent State
Ohio at Tennessee
San Diego State at NIU
UNLV at Central Michigan
Western Kentucky at Miami
Western Michigan at Illinois

Sep. 24 – Saturday

Appalachian State at Akron
Army at Buffalo
Ball State at Florida Atlantic
Bowling Green at Memphis
Central Michigan at Virginia
Gardner-Webb at Ohio
Georgia Southern at Western Michigan
Kent State at Alabama
Miami at Cincinnati
Western Illinois at NIU
Wyoming at Eastern Michigan

Sep. 30 – Friday

Toledo at BYU

Oct. 1 – Saturday

*Akron at Kent State
Buffalo at Boston College
*Eastern Michigan at Bowling Green
*Ohio at Miami
*NIU at Ball State
*Western Michigan at Central Michigan

Oct. 8 – Saturday

*Ball State at Central Michigan
*Bowling Green at Ohio
*Kent State at Buffalo
*Miami at Akron
*NIU at Western Michigan
*Toledo at Eastern Michigan



Oct. 15 – Saturday

- *Ball State at Buffalo
- *Bowling Green at Toledo
- *Central Michigan at NIU
- *Eastern Michigan at Ohio
- *Kent State at Miami
- *Western Michigan at Akron

Oct. 22 – Saturday

- *Akron at Ball State
- *Buffalo at NIU
- *Central Michigan at Toledo
- *Eastern Michigan at Western Michigan
- *Ohio at Kent State
- *Miami at Bowling Green

Oct. 27 – Thursday

- *Akron at Buffalo, TBA (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)
- *Ohio at Toledo, TBA (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

Oct. 29 – Saturday

- *Kent State at Central Michigan
- *Miami at Eastern Michigan

Nov. 1 – Tuesday

- *Bowling Green at NIU, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- *Western Michigan at Ball State, TBA (ESPN2, ESPNU)

Nov. 2 – Wednesday

- *Toledo at Akron, TBA (ESPN2)

Nov. 3 – Thursday

- *Buffalo at Ohio, TBA (CBS Sports Network)

Nov. 4 – Friday

- *Central Michigan at Miami, TBA (CBS Sports Network)

Nov. 8 – Tuesday

- *Eastern Michigan at Ball State, TBA (ESPN2/CBS Sports Network)
- *Western Michigan at Kent State, TBA (ESPN2/CBS Sports Network)

Nov. 9 – Wednesday

- *Bowling Green at Akron, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- *Toledo at NIU, TBA at Chicago's U.S. Cellular Field (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov. 12 – Saturday

- *Miami at Buffalo

Nov. 15 – Tuesday

- *Kent State at Bowling Green, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)



*Ohio at Central Michigan, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov. 16 – Wednesday

*Ball State at Toledo, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)

*NIU at Eastern Michigan, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov. 19 – Saturday

*Buffalo at Western Michigan

Nov. 22 – Tuesday

*Akron at Ohio, TBA (ESPNU/ESPN3)

*Ball State at Miami, TBA (ESPNU/ESPN3)

*Central Michigan at Eastern Michigan (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Nov. 25 – Friday

*Buffalo at Bowling Green (TV TBD)

*NIU at Kent State (TV TBD)

*Toledo at Western Michigan (TV TBD)

Dec. 2 – Friday

East Division Champion vs. West Division Champion

Marathon MAC Championship Game, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2)

At Ford Field in Detroit, Mich.

2016 MAC Football Schedule (composite by school)

All times listed ET

*Conference Game

EAST DIVISION

Akron

Sep.

3 Virginia Military Institute

10 at Wisconsin

17 at Marshall

24 Appalachian State

Oct.

1 *at Kent State

8 *Miami

15 *Western Michigan

22 *at Ball State

27 *at Buffalo, TBA (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

Nov.

2 *Toledo, TBA (ESPN2)

9 *Bowling Green, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)

22 *at Ohio, TBA (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Bowling Green

Sep.



3 at Ohio State
10 North Dakota
17 Middle Tennessee
24 at Memphis

Oct.

1 *Eastern Michigan
8 *at Ohio
15 *at Toledo
22 *Miami

Nov.

1 *at NIU, TBA ESPN2/ESPNU)
9 *at Akron, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
15 *Kent State, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
25 *Buffalo, TBA (TV TBD)

Buffalo

Sep.

3 Albany
17 at Nevada
24 Army

Oct.

1 at Boston College
8 *Kent State
15 *Ball State
22 *at NIU
27 *Akron, TBA (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

Nov.

3 *at Ohio, TBA (CBS Sports Network)
12 *Miami
19 *at Western Michigan
25 *at Bowling Green, TBA (TV TBD)

Kent State

Sep.

3 at Penn State
10 North Carolina A&T
17 Monmouth
24 at Alabama

Oct.

1 *Akron
8 *at Buffalo
15 *at Miami
22 *Ohio
29 *at Central Michigan

Nov.

8 *Western Michigan, TBA (ESPN2/CBS Sports Network)
15 *at Bowling Green, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
25 *NIU, TBA (TV TBD)

Miami



Sep.
 3 at Iowa
 10 Eastern Illinois
 17 Western Kentucky
 24 at Cincinnati
 Oct.
 1 *Ohio
 8 *at Akron
 15 *Kent State
 22 *at Bowling Green
 29 *at Eastern Michigan
 Nov.
 4 *Central Michigan, TBA (CBS Sports Network)
 12 *at Buffalo
 22 *Ball State, TBA (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Ohio

Sep.
 3 Texas State
 10 at Kansas
 17 at Tennessee
 24 Gardner-Webb
 Oct.
 1 *at Miami
 8 *Bowling Green
 15 *Eastern Michigan
 22 *at Kent State
 27 *at Toledo, TBA (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)
 Nov.
 3 *Buffalo, TBA (CBS Sports Network)
 15 *at Central Michigan, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
 22 *Akron, TBA (ESPNU/ESPN3)

WEST DIVISION

Ball State

Sep.
 2 or 3 at Georgia State
 10 at Indiana
 17 Eastern Kentucky
 24 at Florida Atlantic
 Oct.
 1 *NIU
 8 *at Central Michigan
 15 *at Buffalo
 22 *Akron
 Nov.
 1 *Western Michigan, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
 8 *Eastern Michigan, TBA (ESPN2/CBS Sports Network)



- 16 *at Toledo, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 22 *at Miami, TBA (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Central Michigan

Sept.

- 1 Presbyterian
- 10 at Oklahoma State
- 17 UNLV
- 24 at Virginia

Oct.

- 1 *Western Michigan
- 8 *Ball State
- 15 *at NIU
- 22 *at Toledo
- 29 *Kent State

Nov.

- 4 *at Miami, TBA (CBS Sports Network)
- 15 *Ohio, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 22 *at Eastern Michigan, TBA (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Eastern Michigan

Sep.

- 3 Mississippi Valley State
- 10 at Missouri
- 17 at Charlotte
- 24 Wyoming

Oct.

- 1 *at Bowling Green
- 8 *Toledo
- 15 *at Ohio
- 22 *at Western Michigan
- 29 *Miami

Nov.

- 8 *at Ball State, TBA (ESPN2/CBS Sports Network)
- 16 *NIU, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 22 *Central Michigan, TBA (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Northern Illinois (NIU)

Sep.

- 3 at Wyoming
- 10 at South Florida
- 17 San Diego State
- 24 Western Illinois

Oct.

- 1 *at Ball State
- 8 *at Western Michigan
- 15 *Central Michigan
- 22 *Buffalo

Nov.

- 1 *Bowling Green, TBA(ESPN2/ESPNU)



- 9 *Toledo, TBA at Chicago's U.S. Cellular Field (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 16 *at Eastern Michigan, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 25 *at Kent State, TBA (TV TBD)

Toledo

Sep.

- 3 at Arkansas State
- 10 Maine
- 17 Fresno State
- 30 at BYU

Oct.

- 8 *at Eastern Michigan
- 15 *Bowling Green
- 22 *Central Michigan
- 27 *Ohio, TBA (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

Nov.

- 2 *at Akron, TBA (ESPN2)
- 9 *at NIU, TBA at Chicago's U.S. Cellular Field (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 16 *Ball State, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 25 *at Western Michigan, TBA (TV TBD)

Western Michigan

Sep.

- 3 at Northwestern
- 10 North Carolina Central
- 17 at Illinois
- 24 Georgia Southern

Oct.

- 1 *at Central Michigan
- 8 *NIU
- 15 *at Akron
- 22 *Eastern Michigan

Nov.

- 1 *at Ball State, TBA (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 8 *at Kent State, TBA (ESPN2/CBS Sports Network)
- 19 *Buffalo
- 25 *Toledo, TBA (TV TBD)

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