



MAC ANNOUNCES 2017 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

2017 schedule features 22 late October and November nationally televised games on ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN3 and CBS Sports Network

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Cleveland, Ohio – The Mid-American Conference announced the 2017 football schedule today. Highlighting the schedule will be 22 nationally televised games during late October and November slated for national television on ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN3 and CBS Sports Network as the conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions.

An updated release of the MAC 2017 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 21st Marathon MAC Football Championship game at a date to be determined from Ford Field in Detroit. This will mark the 14th 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 10th 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, Pac-12, SEC and Notre Dame. In addition, the Conference will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference, Conference USA, Mountain West Conference, Sun Belt Conference and Independent Army.

Last year's MAC champion Western Michigan was ranked No. 15 in the final Associated Press Top 25 Poll. MAC programs will face six non-conference foes that finished in the final AP Top 25 poll: Clemson (1), USC (3), Penn State (7), Miami (20), Louisville (21) and San Diego State (25).

A total of nine non-conference games will feature a Big Ten opponent (Illinois; Michigan State (2); Minnesota; Nebraska; Northwestern; Penn State; Purdue; Rutgers). The MAC will face foes from the ACC (6—Boston College (2), Clemson, Louisville, Miami, Syracuse), SEC (1—Kentucky), Pac-12 (1-USC), Big 12 (3—Iowa State; Kansas (2)); and Independent Notre Dame and Army (2).

The MAC will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference (2— Cincinnati, Tulsa), Mountain West (2—Nevada, San Diego State), Conference USA (7—Charlotte, Florida Atlantic, Marshall (2), Middle Tennessee, UAB, Western Kentucky) and Sun Belt Conference (2—Idaho, Troy).

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

MAC Home Games vs. FBS Non-Conference opponents:

- Boston College (ACC) at NIU on Sept. 1;
- Charlotte (C-USA) at Eastern Michigan on Sept. 1;
- UAB (C-USA) at Ball State on Sept. 9;
- Cincinnati (American Athletic) at Miami on Sept. 16;
- Idaho (Sun Belt) at Western Michigan on Sept. 16;
- Iowa State (Big 12) at Akron on Sept. 16;
- Kansas (Big 12) at Ohio on Sept. 16;
- Tulsa (American Athletic) at Toledo on Sept. 16;
- Florida Atlantic (C-USA) at Buffalo on Sept. 23.



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.

2017 MAC Football Schedule (composite by date)

All times listed ET

*Conference Game

Aug. 31 – Thursday

Buffalo at Minnesota

Elon at Toledo

Rhode Island at Central Michigan

Sep. 1 – Friday

Boston College at NIU (CBS Sports Network)

Charlotte at Eastern Michigan

Sep. 2 – Saturday

Akron at Penn State

Ball State at Illinois

Bowling Green at Michigan State

Hampton at Ohio

Kent State at Clemson

Miami at Marshall

Western Michigan at USC

Sep. 8 – Friday

Ohio at Purdue

Sep. 9 – Saturday

Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Akron

Austin Peay at Miami

Buffalo at Army

Central Michigan at Kansas

Eastern Illinois at NIU

Eastern Michigan at Rutgers

Howard at Kent State

South Dakota at Bowling Green

Toledo at Nevada

UAB at Ball State

Western Michigan at Michigan State



Sep. 16 – Saturday

Bowling Green at Northwestern
Central Michigan at Syracuse
Cincinnati at Miami
Colgate at Buffalo
Idaho at Western Michigan
Iowa State at Akron
Kansas at Ohio
Kent State at Marshall
NIU at Nebraska
Tennessee Tech at Ball State
Tulsa at Toledo

Sep. 23 – Saturday

Akron at Troy
Ball State at Western Kentucky
Bowling Green at Middle Tennessee
Florida Atlantic at Buffalo
Kent State at Louisville
*Miami at Central Michigan
*Ohio at Eastern Michigan
Toledo at Miami (Fla.)
Wagner at Western Michigan

Sep. 30 – Saturday

*Akron at Bowling Green
*Ball State at Western Michigan
*Buffalo at Kent State
Central Michigan at Boston College
Eastern Michigan at Kentucky
Miami at Notre Dame
NIU at San Diego State
Ohio at UMass

Oct. 7 – Saturday

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

Oct. 14 – Saturday

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



Oct. 21 – Saturday

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

Oct. 26 – Thursday

- *Eastern Michigan at NIU (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)
- *Toledo at Ball State (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

Oct. 28 – Saturday

- *Buffalo at Akron

Oct. 31 – Tuesday

- *Bowling Green at Kent State (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- *Miami at Ohio (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov. 1 – Wednesday

- *Central Michigan at Western Michigan (ESPN2)

Nov. 2 – Thursday

- *Ball State at Eastern Michigan (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
- *NIU at Toledo (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)

Nov. 7 – Tuesday

- *Akron at Miami (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- *Bowling Green at Buffalo (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov. 8 – Wednesday

- *Eastern Michigan at Central Michigan (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
- *Kent State at Western Michigan (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
- *Toledo at Ohio (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)

Nov. 9 – Thursday

- *Ball State at NIU (CBS Sports Network)

Nov. 14 – Tuesday

- *Central Michigan at Kent State (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- *Ohio at Akron (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov. 15 – Wednesday

- *Eastern Michigan at Miami (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
- *Toledo at Bowling Green (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
- *Western Michigan at NIU (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)



Nov. 16 – Thursday

*Buffalo at Ball State (CBS Sports Network)

Nov. 21 – Tuesday

*Bowling Green at Eastern Michigan (ESPNU/ESPN3)

*Kent State at Akron (ESPNU/ESPN3)

*Miami at Ball State (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Nov. 24 – Friday

*NIU at Central Michigan (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

*Ohio at Buffalo (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

*Western Michigan at Toledo (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

TBA

East Division Champion vs. West Division Champion

Marathon MAC Championship Game, Time and Television TBA

At Ford Field in Detroit, Mich.



2017 MAC Football Schedule (composite by school)

All times listed ET

*Conference Game

EAST DIVISION

Akron

Sep.

- 2 at Penn State
- 9 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- 16 Iowa State
- 23 at Troy
- 30 *at Bowling Green

Oct.

- 7 *Ball State
- 14 *at Western Michigan
- 21 *at Toledo
- 28 *Buffalo

Nov.

- 7 *at Miami (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 14 *Ohio (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 21 *Kent State (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Bowling Green

Sep.

- 2 at Michigan State
- 9 South Dakota
- 16 at Northwestern
- 23 at Middle Tennessee
- 30 *Akron

Oct.

- 7 *at Miami
- 14 *Ohio
- 21 *NIU
- 31 *at Kent State (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov.

- 7 *at Buffalo (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 15 *Toledo (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
- 21 *at Eastern Michigan (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Buffalo

Aug.

- 31 at Minnesota

Sep.

- 9 at Army
- 16 Colgate
- 23 Florida Atlantic
- 30 *at Kent State

Oct.

- 7 *Western Michigan



14 *NIU
21 *at Miami
28 *at Akron
Nov.
7 *Bowling Green (ESPN2/ESPNU)
16 *at Ball State (CBS Sports Network)
24 *Ohio (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

Kent State

Sep.
2 at Clemson
9 Howard
16 at Marshall
23 at Louisville
30 *Buffalo
Oct.
7 *at NIU
14 *Miami
21 *at Ohio
31 *Bowling Green (ESPN2/ESPNU)
Nov.
8 *at Western Michigan (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
14 *Central Michigan (ESPN2/ESPNU)
21 *at Akron (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Miami

Sep.
2 at Marshall
9 Austin Peay
16 Cincinnati
23 *at Central Michigan
30 at Notre Dame
Oct.
7 *Bowling Green
14 *at Kent State
21 *Buffalo
31 *at Ohio (ESPN2/ESPNU)
Nov.
7 *Akron (ESPN2/ESPNU)
15 *Eastern Michigan (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
21 *at Ball State (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Ohio

Sep.
2 Hampton
8 at Purdue
16 Kansas
23 *at Eastern Michigan
30 at UMass
Oct.



- 7 *Central Michigan
- 14 *at Bowling Green
- 21 *Kent State
- 31 *Miami (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- Nov.
- 8 *Toledo (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
- 14 *at Akron (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 24 *at Buffalo (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

WEST DIVISION

Ball State

- Sep.
- 2 at Illinois
- 9 UAB
- 16 Tennessee Tech
- 23 at Western Kentucky
- 30 *at Western Michigan
- Oct.
- 7 *at Akron
- 21 *Central Michigan
- 26 *Toledo (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)
- Nov.
- 2 *at Eastern Michigan (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
- 9 *at NIU (CBS Sports Network)
- 16 *Buffalo (CBS Sports Network)
- 21 *Miami (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Central Michigan

- Aug.
- 31 Rhode Island
- Sept.
- 9 at Kansas
- 16 at Syracuse
- 23 *Miami
- 30 at Boston College
- Oct.
- 7 *at Ohio
- 14 *Toledo
- 21 *at Ball State
- Nov.
- 1 *at Western Michigan (ESPN2)
- 8 *Eastern Michigan (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
- 14 *at Kent State (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- 24 *NIU (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

Eastern Michigan

- Sep.
- 1 Charlotte



9 at Rutgers
23 *Ohio
30 at Kentucky
Oct.
7 *at Toledo
14 at Army
21 *Western Michigan
26 *at NIU (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)
Nov.
2 *Ball State (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
8 *at Central Michigan (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
15 *at Miami (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
21 *Bowling Green (ESPNU/ESPN3)

Northern Illinois (NIU)

Sep.
1 Boston College (CBS Sports Network)
9 Eastern Illinois
16 at Nebraska
30 at San Diego State
Oct.
7 *Kent State
14 *at Buffalo
21 *at Bowling Green
26 *Eastern Michigan (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)
Nov.
2 *at Toledo (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
9 *Ball State (CBS Sports Network)
15 *Western Michigan (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
24 *at Central Michigan (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

Toledo

Aug.
31 Elon
Sep.
9 at Nevada
16 Tulsa
23 at Miami (Fla.)
Oct.
7 *Eastern Michigan
14 *at Central Michigan
21 *Akron
26 *at Ball State (CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)
Nov.
2 *NIU (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
8 *at Ohio (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
15 *at Bowling Green (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)
24 *Western Michigan (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)



Western Michigan

Sep.

2 at USC

9 at Michigan State

16 Idaho

23 Wagner

30 *Ball State

Oct.

7 *at Buffalo

14 *Akron

21 *at Eastern Michigan

Nov.

1 *Central Michigan (ESPN2)

8 *Kent State (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)

15 *at NIU (ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network)

24 *at Toledo (ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3)

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