

NCAA 2017 – MAJOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL DIVISION

Regular Season Schedule Rules

In the new Major College Football Division (MCFD) the 11 game Regular Season is the foundation for the [Equal](#) status and Fair treatment for every School and Conference. Every Conference will hold an 8 game round robin schedule to determine its Champion thus providing the first 10 teams invited to the [National Championship Playoff Series](#).

The Non-Conference wins will be one factor in determining the 6 second place teams invited to the 16 team National Championship Playoff Series. The other factors are total wins, Second Place finish and head to head meetings between the 10 second place teams.

The following scheduling rules will be reviewed for modification after the first 4 years. Every team will be assigned to one of 3 Groups for the purpose of scheduling 11 regular season games during the 12 week season. (See the [Best, Next & Last](#) team list for the 3 Groups.)

The [No Patsy Rule](#) and [No Cupcake Rule](#) apply to the Regular Season game schedules.

- Rule 1: Every team will play an 8 game Conference schedule against the other Conference members with 4 home and 4 away Conference games each season.
- Rule 2: The Best 45 teams (Group 1) from the Power 5 teams & Notre Dame with the most Regular Season wins over the past 8 years will play [6 home games](#) each season.
- Rule 3: Every team will play one Non-Conference home & home series against a Sister Conference (*) team in their same Group or the next Group and a second Non-Conference home & home series with another Conference team in the same Group.
- Rule 4: The 45 Group 1 teams will play their 3rd Non-Conference game at home against one of the Group 2 or 3 teams as an away team for their 3rd Non-Conference game.

Notre Dame, AIR FORCE & NAVY are exempt from Rule 3 to play traditional opponents.
eg. Notre Dame's 2 home & home Non-Conference series may be against traditional opponents such as USC & Michigan and a third non-conference home game versus a traditional opponent in Group 2 like Purdue or Wake Forest.
eg. AIR FORCE will schedule its 2 home & home Non-Conference series versus NAVY & ARMY for the [Commander-in-Chief's Trophy](#) and a third non-conference away game with traditional opponents such as Michigan State or TCU.

(*) Sister Conferences are former divisions from the same Power 5 Conference.

Back to [Home Page](#)