

MAJOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL DIVISION

Regular Season Scheduling 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 11 teams invited to the [National Championship Playoff Series](#).

The Non-Conference wins will be one factor in determining the 5 second place teams invited to the National Championship Playoff Series. The other factors are total wins, Second Place finish and head to head meetings between the 11 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 round robin Conference schedule against its fellow Conference members with 4 home and 4 away Conference games each season.

Rule 2: The Best 50 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 and a second Non-Conference home & home series with any team in their same Group.

Rule 4: The 50 Group 1 teams will play a 3rd Non-Conference game at home against one of the Group 2 or 3 teams as their opponent.

Notre Dame & AIR FORCE will be exempt from Rule 3 to play teams of their choice.

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.

Note: 1 Group 3 team will play 2 non-conference away games vs Group 1 and a home game vs a former FBS.

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