

CONFERENCE USA



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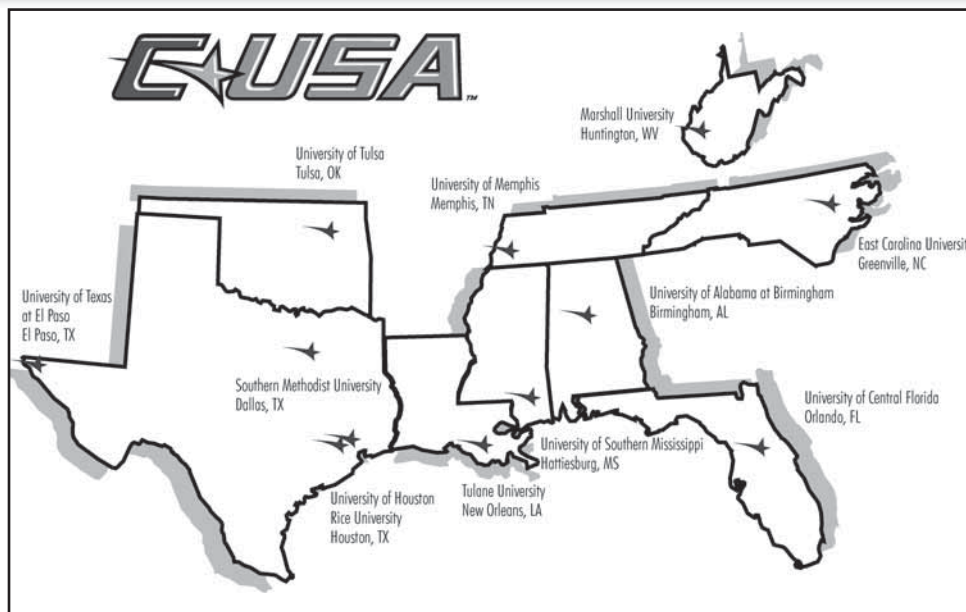


TEAM C-USA: DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE

Excellence every day. For Conference USA, dedication to excellence is a common thread in athletics, academics and in the community, and the guiding initiative for the league's promising future. Conference USA features 12 nationally prominent, tradition-rich members in East Carolina, Houston, Marshall, Memphis, Rice, SMU, Southern Miss, Tulane, Tulsa, UAB, UCF and UTEP. This combination enhances men's and women's programs that are steeped in athletic success and academic prowess. Together, we are dedicated to excellence, integrity and leadership in athletics, academics and in our communities.

All C-USA institutions sponsor Division I-A football, along with several other men's and women's athletic programs, many of which compete regularly for NCAA Championships. C-USA sponsors competition in 19 sports — nine for men (baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, tennis and indoor and outdoor track and field) and 10 for women (basketball, cross country, golf, softball, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field and volleyball).

The league sponsors numerous academic awards, including the Commissioner's Honor Roll and the Commissioner's Academic Medal, indicative of outstanding achievement in the classroom. C-USA annually awards six postgraduate scholarships, along with the Sport Academic Award, Scholar Athletes of the Year and the Institutional Academic Excellence Award.



champions in NCAA track and field competition, one national champion in diving and numerous NCAA individual and team competitors in cross country, golf, swimming, tennis and track and field. Overall, Conference USA teams and individuals have made 506 NCAA appearances.

SUCCESS OFF THE FIELD

C-USA institutions are among the nation's best in academic performance among student-athletes, bolstered by the fact that student-athletes at league schools have a higher graduation rate than the general student population. Among C-USA's 5,000 student-athletes, there are champions off the playing field as well. In 12 years, 105 student-athletes earned national *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America honors, while 338 were named All-District. In addition, more than 13,000 student-athletes have been named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll or received the Commissioner's Academic Medal, indicative of outstanding achievement in the classroom.

C-USA ON TV

C-USA enjoys significant television exposure through its partnerships with ESPN Inc. and College Sports Television Networks (CSTV). The league entered into long-term agreements with both ESPN and CSTV, which, combined, provides C-USA with significant national and regional exposure for football, men's and women's basketball, and all other conference sports. Additionally, the CSTV agreement includes video-on-demand, Internet, broadband, national over-the-air and satellite radio, and wireless distribution as well as corporate marketing rights, and website production through CSTV Online, a subsidiary of CSTV. The agreement with ESPN extends the conference's current regular season football package to include the broadcast of the conference's Football Championship Game. It also encompasses distribution of men's basketball and women's basketball on ESPN/ESPN2 and both tournament championship games.

C-USA IN THE COMMUNITY

The conference's footprint is concentrated with 12 members in nine states and a combined area population of nearly 17 million. More than 1.1 million living alumni represent C-USA schools across the nation. With a renewed commitment to community involvement, the conference has begun development of several initiatives to maintain strong ties in C-USA cities, as well as with fans and alumni across the country. C-USA schools also

C-USA STAFF

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 Softball: Lurline Hamilton
 Volleyball: Marcia Alterman

SUCCESS ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Conference USA performers have achieved great success in competition, placing the league among the top conferences in the nation.

Football

- ▶▶▶ Rated among the top seven conferences in the nation
- ▶▶▶ 38 teams have earned bowl bids
- ▶▶▶ Member of the Bowl Championship Series
- ▶▶▶ Bowl tie-ins with the AutoZone Liberty Bowl, GMAC Bowl, Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, Papajohns.com Bowl, R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl and Texas Bowl

Men's Basketball

- ▶▶▶ Consistently rated as one of the top basketball leagues in the country
- ▶▶▶ 73 postseason teams (41 NCAA and 32 NIT)
- ▶▶▶ Two Final Four teams
- ▶▶▶ Six Elite Eight NCAA Tournament teams
- ▶▶▶ One NIT Champion
- ▶▶▶ Four NIT semifinalists

Women's Basketball

- ▶▶▶ 40 NCAA Tournament appearances
- ▶▶▶ 28 WNIT appearances
- ▶▶▶ One team in the NCAA Sweet 16
- ▶▶▶ Two WNIT semifinalists

Baseball

- ▶▶▶ 39 NCAA appearances
- ▶▶▶ Four College World Series appearances in 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2001
- ▶▶▶ Nine Super Regional appearances
- ▶▶▶ Has produced at least four NCAA teams in each of the last six seasons

In addition, 28 volleyball teams, 39 men's and women's soccer teams and 17 softball teams have earned NCAA Tournament bids. C-USA has sent three men's soccer teams to the NCAA College Cup, five softball teams to the Women's College World Series and three volleyball teams to the Sweet 16. The league has also had three national



Britton Banowsky
Commissioner

serve as the league's Board of Directors. R. Gerald Turner of SMU will serve as chair of the Board for 2007-08.

A PROUD HISTORY: A PROMISING FUTURE

Conference USA was formed in 1995 and quickly emerged as one of the nation's top conferences. The conference unveiled its name, logo and commissioner on April 24, 1995 in Chicago. The league's charter members included Charlotte, Cincinnati, DePaul, Houston, Louisville, Marquette, Memphis, Saint Louis, Southern Miss, Tulane, UAB and USF. Eleven of the institutions began athletic participation in 1995, while Houston joined competition in the fall of 1996.

The league's headquarters were established in Chicago and after nine years, relocated to the current office in Irving, Texas. Britton Banowsky was named Commissioner in October 2002, succeeding Mike Slive, the league's first commissioner.

C-USA added East Carolina (September, 1996) and the United States Military Academy (March, 1997) as football members. ECU began league competition in 1997; Army in 1998 and UAB began football play in 1999. The league added TCU and ECU (1999) for all sports and they began competition in 2001. USF started C-USA football in 2003.

place a priority on giving back to their communities through volunteer service with local and national organizations.

GOVERNANCE

Along with the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC, Conference USA is one of the seven conferences having significant representation in the NCAA governance structure. The Presidents of the member institutions

After celebrating its 10th Anniversary during the 2004-05 season, C-USA began a new chapter in 2005-06 when its current membership came together to form the new look of the league.

Since its formation, C-USA has established a strong foundation, an identity and a history that reflects the league's national presence. Twelve years of remarkable history has reinforced the league's position in collegiate athletics, setting the course for the next decade and beyond.



2007 C-USA TELEVISION SCHEDULE

ESPN

Sept. 3	Texas Tech at SMU	3 p.m. CST
Sept. 27	Southern Miss at Boise State	6:30 p.m. CST
Oct. 3	Rice at Southern Miss	6:30 p.m. CST
Oct. 21	Southern Miss at Marshall	7 p.m. CST
Oct. 28	UCF at Southern Miss	7 p.m. CST
Nov. 4	SMU at Houston	7 p.m. CST
Dec. 23	Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl	7 p.m. CST
Dec. 29	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	3:30 p.m. CST
Jan. 6	GMAC Bowl	7 p.m. CST

ESPN 2

Aug. 30	Tulsa at Louisiana-Monroe	6 p.m. CST
Sept. 1	East Carolina at Virginia Tech	11 a.m. CST
Sept. 8	West Virginia at Marshall	10 a.m. CST
Sept. 15	Texas at UCF	2:30 p.m. CST
Sept. 21	Oklahoma at Tulsa	7 p.m. CST
Oct. 2	Marshall at Memphis	6:30 p.m. CST
Dec. 21	New Orleans Bowl	7 p.m. CST
Dec. 22	PapaJohns.com Bowl	Noon CST

ESPN OR ESPN 2

Sept. 29	LSU at Tulane	TBA
Dec. 1	C-USA Championship Game	TBA

ESPN U

Sept. 1	Marshall at Miami (Fla.)	11 a.m. CST
Sept. 8	UAB at Florida State	5 p.m. CST

ESPN 360

Sept. 1	UCF at North Carolina State	5 p.m. CST
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ESPN 2, ESPN U OR ESPN CLASSIC

Oct. 6	Tulane at Army	TBA
Nov. 17	Tulsa at Army	TBA

NFL NETWORK

Dec. 27	Texas Bowl	7 p.m. CST
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CSTV NATIONAL

Sept. 1	New Mexico at UTEP	9 p.m. CST
Sept. 8	North Carolina at East Carolina	5 p.m. CST
Sept. 15	BYU at Tulsa	8 p.m. CST
Sept. 22	Colorado State at Houston	3:30 p.m. CST
Sept. 22	SMU at TCU	7:30 p.m. CST
Sept. 29	UTEP at SMU	4:30 p.m. CST
Oct. 6	UCF at East Carolina	6:30 p.m. CST
Oct. 13	Rice at Houston	2:30 p.m. CST
Oct. 13	SMU at Southern Miss	6:30 p.m. CST
Oct. 20	North Carolina State at ECU	4:30 p.m. CST
Oct. 27	Rice at Marshall	4:30 p.m. CST
Nov. 3	Tulsa at Tulane	6:30 p.m. CST
Nov. 10	UCF at UAB	6:30 p.m. CST
Nov. 17	Southern Miss at UTEP	TBA
Nov. 24	UTEP at UCF	6:30 p.m. CST

CSS REGIONAL

Sept. 1	Ole Miss at Memphis	2:30 p.m. CST
Sept. 8	Mississippi State at Tulane	6 p.m. CST
Sept. 22	Memphis at UCF	2:30 p.m. CST
Nov. 3	Marshall at UCF	2:30 p.m. CST
Nov. 3	Southern Miss at UAB	6 p.m. CST
Nov. 10	Memphis at Southern Miss	3:30 p.m. CST
Nov. 17	UAB at Memphis	2:30 p.m.

2007 C-USA COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Tulsa at Louisiana-Monroe

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

East Carolina at Virginia Tech
Houston at Oregon
Marshall at Miami (Fla.)
Mississippi at Memphis
Nicholls State at Rice
UAB at Michigan State
UCF at North Carolina State
New Mexico at UTEP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Texas Tech at SMU

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

North Carolina at East Carolina
West Virginia at Marshall
Memphis at Arkansas State
Rice at Baylor
North Texas at SMU
Mississippi State at Tulane
UAB at Florida State
Southern Miss at Tennessee
UTEP at Texas Tech

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Southern Miss at East Carolina
Houston at Tulane
New Hampshire at Marshall
Jacksonville State at Memphis
Texas Tech at Rice
SMU at Arkansas State
BYU at Tulsa

Alcorn State at UAB
Texas at UCF
UTEP at New Mexico State

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Oklahoma at Tulsa

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

East Carolina at West Virginia
Colorado State at Houston
Marshall at Cincinnati
Memphis at UCF
Rice at Texas
SMU at TCU
Southeastern Louisiana at Tulane
Texas Southern at UTEP

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Southern Miss at Boise State

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

East Carolina at Houston
UTEP at SMU
LSU at Tulane
UAB at Tulsa
Louisiana-Lafayette at UCF

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Marshall at Memphis

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Rice at Southern Miss

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

UCF at East Carolina

Houston at Alabama
Tulane at Army
Tulsa at UTEP
UAB at Mississippi State

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

East Carolina at UTEP
Rice at Houston
Marshall at Tulsa
Middle Tennessee at Memphis
SMU at Southern Miss
Tulane at UAB
UCF at South Florida

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

North Carolina State at East Carolina
Houston at UAB
Memphis at Rice
Tulane at SMU
Tulsa at UCF

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Southern Miss at Marshall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

UAB at East Carolina
Houston at UTEP
Rice at Marshall
Memphis at Tulane
SMU at Tulsa

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

UCF at Southern Miss

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

East Carolina at Memphis

Marshall at UCF
UTEP at Rice
Southern Miss at UAB
Tulsa at Tulane

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SMU at Houston

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

East Carolina at Marshall
Houston at Tulsa
Memphis at Southern Miss
Rice at SMU
UTEP at Tulane
UCF at UAB

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Tulsa at Army
Marshall at Houston
UAB at Memphis
Tulane at Rice
UCF at SMU
Southern Miss at UTEP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Tulane at East Carolina
Texas Southern at Houston
UAB at Marshall
SMU at Memphis
Tulsa at Rice
Arkansas State at Southern Miss
UTEP at UCF

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

C-USA Championship Game

CONFERENCE USA BOWL PARTNERS

AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL

Conference USA is entering the 12th year with the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. For the second-straight year, the game will feature a C-USA team against a team from the Southeastern Conference.



The 49th annual AutoZone Liberty Bowl Game will be played on Saturday, December 29 at 3:30 p.m., and will be carried live on ESPN.

AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL QUICK FACTS

When: December 29 - 3:30 PM CST
 Where: Memphis, Tenn.
 Stadium: Liberty Bowl Memorial
 Capacity: 62,380
 Network: ESPN
 Opponent: SEC Selection
 Executive Director: Steve Ehrhart
 President: Bill Ray
 Associate Executive Director: Harold Graeter
 Telephone: 901-795-7700
 Web site: www.libertybowl.org

PAPAJOHNS.COM BOWL

Conference USA is in an agreement with the PapaJohns.com Bowl to provide a team through the 2009 contest. The C-USA representative will play an opponent from the Big East Conference at historic Legion Field, the home of UAB football.



The second annual PapaJohns.com Bowl will be played on Saturday, December 22 at noon and will be carried live on ESPN2.

PAPAJOHNS.COM BOWL QUICK FACTS

When: December 22 - Noon CST
 Where: Birmingham, Ala.
 Stadium: Legion Field
 Capacity: 73,000
 Network: ESPN2
 Opponent: Big East Selection
 Executive Director: Mark Meadows
 Manager, Sales & Marketing: Bo Kerr
 Manager of Special Events: Missy Betres
 Media Relations Director: Norm Reilly
 Telephone: 205-733-3776
 Web site: www.PapaJohnsBowl.com

TEXAS BOWL

Conference USA is guaranteed a spot in the Texas Bowl in Houston during the 2007 and 2009 seasons. Operated by Lone Star Sports & Entertainment, the bowl is played at the state-of-the-art Reliant Stadium, home of the NFL's Houston Texans. C-USA will face an opponent from the Big 12 Conference in years that it participates in the bowl.



The second annual Texas Bowl will be played on Friday, December 28 at 7 p.m., and will be carried live on the NFL Network.

GMAC BOWL

Conference USA will send a league team to Mobile, Ala., for the ninth-consecutive year to represent the conference in the annual GMAC Bowl. The opponent will come from the Mid-America Conference or the Western Athletic Conference.



The ninth annual GMAC Bowl Game will be played on Wednesday, January 6 at 7 p.m., and will be carried live on ESPN.

GMAC BOWL QUICK FACTS

When: January 6 - 7 PM CST
 Where: Mobile, Ala.
 Stadium: Ladd-Peebles Stadium
 Capacity: 42,000
 Network: ESPN
 Opponent: MAC or WAC Selection
 Chief Executive Officer: Mike Gottfried
 President: Jerry Silverstein
 Executive Officer: Frank Modarelli
 Media Relations Director: Kelley Wright
 Telephone: 251-635-0011
 Web site: www.gmacbowl.com

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Conference USA will be a part of the seventh annual R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl and will send a representative of the conference to the Louisiana Superdome for the December contest. For the seventh year in a row the opponent will come from the Sun Belt Conference.



The seventh annual R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl Game will be played on Friday, December 21 at 7 p.m., and will be carried live on ESPN2.

R+L CARRIERS NEW ORLEANS BOWL QUICK FACTS

When: December 21 - 7 PM CST
 Where: New Orleans, La.
 Stadium: Louisiana Superdome
 Capacity: 69,767
 Network: ESPN2
 Opponent: Sun Belt Conference Champion
 President/CEO: Jay Cicero
 Executive Director: Billy Ferrante
 Media Relations Director: Sam Joffray
 Operations Director: Alison Comeaux
 Telephone: 504-525-6778
 Web site: www.neworleansbowl.org

SHERATON HAWAII BOWL

Conference USA has agreements in place with seven different bowl games and is guaranteed a spot in six bowls for the 2007 season.

The AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis will have the first selection of Conference USA teams to face an opponent from the Southeastern Conference in its game. The second selection belongs to the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala., which will pair a C-USA team against an opponent from the Mid-American Conference or the Western Athletic Conference. The league will also provide teams for the Texas Bowl, the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl, PapaJohns.com Bowl and the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl this season.

Conference USA could also earn a seventh bowl spot this season if the Pac-10 is unable to supply a team for the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth, Texas. That bowl will be played on December 31 and includes a team from the Mountain West Conference.

After a one-year hiatus, Conference USA returns to provide a team for the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl. The annual bowl will feature an opponent from the Western Athletic Conference.



The sixth annual Sheraton Hawaii Bowl Game will be played on Sunday, December 23 at 7 p.m., and will be carried live on ESPN.

SHERATON HAWAII BOWL QUICK FACTS

When: December 23 - 7 PM CST
 Where: Honolulu, Hawaii
 Stadium: Aloha Stadium
 Capacity: 50,000
 Network: ESPN
 Opponent: Western Athletic Conference
 Executive Director: Jim Donovan
 Multi-Media Director: Dave Matlin
 Telephone: 808-983-1124
 Web site: www.sheratonhawaiibowl.com

BELL HELICOPTER ARMED FORCES BOWL

Conference USA will send a league team to the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl if the Pac-10 is unable to supply a bowl-eligible team and C-USA does qualify a seventh bowl-eligible team. The annual bowl will feature an opponent from the Mountain West Conference.



The fifth annual Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl Game will be played on Monday, December 31 at 7 p.m., and will be carried live on ESPN.

BELL HELICOPTER ARMED FORCES BOWL QUICK FACTS

When: December 31 - 7 PM CST
 Where: Fort Worth, Texas
 Stadium: Amon G. Carter Stadium
 Capacity: 44,008
 Network: ESPN
 Opponent: Mountain West Conference
 Executive Director: Tom Starr
 Media Relations Director: Tim Simmons
 Telephone: 303-678-8484
 Web site: www.fwbowl.com

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