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**Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame  
Announces 2014 Tip-Off Tournament Schedule  
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**SPRINGFIELD, MA** – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the field of teams and brackets for the 2014 Tip-Off Tournament. The annual NCAA men’s exempt tournament sponsored by the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will take place **Saturday, November 22** and **Sunday, November 23** at **Mohegan Sun Arena** in Uncasville, Connecticut highlighted by eight schools in two four-team brackets.

Teams scheduled to participate in this year’s Tip-Off tournament are: **Binghamton University** (AEC), **University of Notre Dame** (ACC), **Manhattan College** (MAAC), **Florida State University** (ACC), **United States Naval Academy** (Patriot League), **Providence College** (Big East), **Northeastern University** (CAA) and **University of Massachusetts** (Atlantic 10).

“We are thrilled about the great basketball programs participating in this year’s Tip-Off Tournament,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “It will be great to once again host the tournament at the Mohegan Sun and watch some exciting competition in November.”

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will continue to serve as the host conference for the annual event. The MAAC has developed a strong partnership with the Basketball Hall of Fame, including the opening of a MAAC exhibit in the Hall of Fame museum.

A pre-sale of tickets to all participating schools will start on May 5 at 10:00 a.m. EST via all Ticketmaster outlets and the Mohegan Sun Arena box office. General public tickets will go on sale Friday, August 7. For more information on tickets, please log onto [www.halloffametiipoff.com](http://www.halloffametiipoff.com).

**Springfield Bracket**

United States Naval Academy  
Northeastern University  
Manhattan College  
Binghamton University

**Naismith Bracket**

University of Massachusetts  
Florida State University  
Providence College  
University of Notre Dame

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## Tip-Off Tournament Schedule

### **Campus Round Schedule**

**November 14** - Binghamton University at University of Notre Dame

**November 15** - Manhattan College at Florida State University

**November 16** - United States Naval Academy at University of Notre Dame

**November 17** - Binghamton University at Providence College

**November 18** - Northeastern University at Florida State University

**November 19** - Manhattan College at University of Massachusetts

**November 20** - United States Naval Academy at Providence College

**November 26** - Northeastern University at Massachusetts

### **Saturday November 22 at Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, CT**

#### ***Naismith Bracket***

12:00 p.m. University of Massachusetts vs. University of Notre Dame

2:30 p.m. Providence College vs. Florida State University

#### ***Springfield Bracket***

5:30 p.m. Manhattan College vs. Binghamton University

8:00 p.m. United States Naval Academy vs. Northeastern University

### **Sunday November 23 at Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, CT**

#### ***Naismith Bracket***

12:00 p.m. University of Massachusetts vs. Florida State University

2:30 p.m. Providence College vs. University of Notre Dame

#### ***Springfield Bracket***

5:30 p.m. Consolation Game

8:00 p.m. Championship Game

### **About the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame:**

Located in Springfield, Massachusetts, the city where basketball was invented, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame promotes and preserves the game of basketball at every level – professional, collegiate, men and women.

### **About Mohegan Sun:**

[Mohegan Sun Arena](#) is now ranked consistently among the top venues in the world according to *Billboard Magazine*, *Pollstar* and *Venues Today*. It has won “Casino of The Year” at the Country Music Awards in 2008 & 2010 and in 2013, was voted “Arena Of The Year” at the G2E Global Gaming Conference in Las Vegas. Also in 2013, Mohegan Sun won “Casino of The Year” in 2 categories at the Academy of Country Music Awards. For more information on concerts and other great events at [Mohegan Sun](#), visit [mohegansun.com](#). For information on this week’s schedule, call the Entertainment and Special Events hotline at 1.888.226.7711, ext. 27163.

### **About the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference**

The MAAC, headquartered in Edison, N.J., consists of 10 member institutions: Canisius College, Fairfield University, Iona College, Loyola University Maryland, Manhattan College, Marist College, Niagara University, Rider University, Saint Peter's College and Siena College. For more on the conference, please visit [www.maacsports.com](http://www.maacsports.com).

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## **HEAD COACH COMMENTS**

### **Ed DeChellis, United States Naval Academy**

"We are very excited to be playing in the 2014 Hall of Fame Tip Off Tournament. The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame has assembled a great field and we look forward to competing."

### **Ed Cooley, Providence College**

"We are very excited to be participating in the 2014 Hall of Fame Tip Off at Mohegan Sun," Providence College Head Coach Ed Cooley said. "The tournament field will be very strong and should provide us with excellent competition as we prepare for our 2015 conference season."

### **Tommy Dempsey, Binghamton University**

"I was fortunate enough to participate in the Hall of Fame Tip Off event when I was coaching at Rider. It's a first-class event with a great field every year. We are excited to be part of the 2014 event."

### **Bill Coen, Northeastern University**

"We are excited to participate in the 2014 Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament. Massachusetts is the birthplace of basketball, so it is an honor for us to represent the Commonwealth and to help promote the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and its efforts to preserve the history of the game we love. The 2014 Tip-Off features strong programs with rich basketball histories. We look forward to a highly-competitive event."

### **Steve Masiello, Manhattan College**

"We're really excited to be a part of the Hall of Fame Tipoff Tournament. It has such a great tradition, it's a fun event. The field this year is as good as it's been -- teams like Florida State, Notre Dame, UMass. It gives us, a mid-major team, an opportunity to play some terrific road games and an opportunity to play at a neutral site event. It gives us a stage to show not only the Hall of Fame what we're capable of, but also show the country what our program and our brand is all about. It will be a very difficult tournament but something that we're excited about and looking forward to."

### **Leonard Hamilton, Florida State University**

"The Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament is a prestigious event that we are very honored to be a part of in 2014. It is an exciting tournament that allows us to play against top-flight competition and against teams that will challenge us because of the different styles of basketball played by each team in the event. We are also very excited to be a part of the event because the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame is such an integral piece of the game of basketball and we want our players to understand the history of the game that we all love so much."

**Derek Kellogg, University of Massachusetts**

"It's a great opportunity for our program to play in this event against some of the best teams in the country. It allows our fans in New England to watch us play games in a first-class facility at the Mohegan Sun Arena."

**Mike Brey, University of Notre Dame**

"We're thrilled to be part the 2014 Tip-Off Tournament in November and to bring Notre Dame back to the Northeast. This event has become one of the premier tournaments in November and we're excited to be playing Providence, a team that we know very well from our days in the BIG EAST Conference, and Massachusetts. It will be a great couple of days of basketball in the state of Connecticut. We'll have three players on our roster next year from the New England area and I know that they will be thrilled to return to the area and play in front of their families and friends."

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