



DECLARATION OF PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASON

This form is to be completed by the head coach of each sport and returned to the Compliance Office, along with a copy of the competition schedule, by August 1, prior to the academic year in order to declare the playing and practice season.

SPORT: _____ Academic Year: _____

This form is designed to match the playing season declaration on JumpForward. For reference, the NCAA bylaws pertaining to the declaration of playing a season are on page two of this form.

Date of Eligibility Meeting:		Date of First Practice:	
Date of First Contest: <i>(including scrimmages)</i>		Dates of Postseason Segment:	
# of Countable Contests: <i>(Championship & Other Segments)</i>		Number of Segments:	
First Contest of Championship Segment: (Segment 1)		First Contest of Nonchampionship Segment: (Segment 2)	

Segments of Playing Season	From (Date):	To (Date):	Total # of Days:
Off Season Segment 1 (8 hours):			N/A
Segment 1 (20 hours):			
Off Season Segment 2 (8 hours):			N/A
Segment 2 (20 hours):			
Off Season Segment 3 (8 hours):			N/A
NCAA Postseason Segment:			N/A
Total Segment Days: <i>*Segment 1 (20 hours) + Segment 2 (20 hours)</i>			

Designation of Week – For the purposes of the practice and playing seasons, the definition of a week at ULM has been designated to begin on Sunday and conclude on Saturday.

****Please attach a copy of the competition schedule. For sports other than basketball & football, please attach a calendar with countable dates of the playing season marked.***

Signature of Head Coach Date

Signature of Sport Supervisor Date

Signature of Compliance Office Date

Notes:

PLAYING & PRACTICE SEASON BYLAWS:

17.1.3 – Declaration of Playing Season: Each member institution shall determine the playing season for each of the sports referenced under Bylaw 17.02.17. Declaration of the institution's playing season in each such sport shall be on file in writing in the department of athletics prior to the beginning of the institution's playing season for that sport. Changes in the declaration for a particular sport are permissible and also shall be filed in writing in the office of the institution's athletics director.

For sport specific information, please refer to Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.

Basketball:

The length of an institution's playing season shall be limited to the period of time between the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.3.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.3.4).

Football:

The length of an institution's playing season shall be limited to the period of time between the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.9.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.9.4), except as provided in Bylaw 17.9.6 (out-of-season practice) (see Bylaw 17.9.3 for restrictions on first contest dates).

Baseball, Sand Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball: 132 Days

The length of an institution's playing season shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments. An institution's championship segment must consist of consecutive days and may exclude only required days off per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

Cross Country, Golf, Tennis: 144 Days

The length of an institution's playing season shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field: 156 Days

An institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field and participates in at least the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants required to count both sports in meeting division membership requirements is limited to a 156-day season for indoor and outdoor track and field combined, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.