**American Rivers Conference**

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**Sport Schedule Requests:**

1. 2025-26 Baseball
2. 2025-26 Softball
3. 2027 Men’s Tennis
4. 2028 Men’s Tennis
5. 2026 Football
6. 2027 Football

**Sport** (indicate whether Men’s/Women’s or both): Baseball

**Schedule Year(s)** (i.e. 2025 & 2026): 2026

**Teams**: 9

**Team Names**:

**Team Locations**:

**Conference Games**: #

**Play Dates**: X

**Play Locations** (if different than institutional location): Buena Vista, Coe, Loras, NWU

**Number Times Play Each Opponent**: 3

**Byes**: Yes

Based on historical scheduling patterns, diversify teams with byes on a midweek date (i.e., Dubuque or Loras would be good candidates for 2026).

Try to get first week weekend bye to teams without turf (or **away team**)

* Turf schools: Buena Vista, Dubuque, Nebraska Wesleyan, Simpson, Wartburg
* Non-turf schools: Central, Coe, Loras, Luther

Prioritize byes in first week for schools on spring break

Loras gets a bye on Easter weekend (April 3 and 4)

**Constraints**: (e.g., no more that 3 home or away games in a row, must have home game in last three games of conference play,

etc.)

Equal home/away games within a range of 2 games

No more than 2 home/away games in a row

Each team has at least one home contest in the last two dates of the season

Equalize (no more than 2) the number of opponents played coming off a bye

Pair teams that have the same final exam / commencement dates

Pair teams that have the same spring break dates

Local teams play on weekday dates

* Dubuque / Loras
* Central / Simpson
* Buena Vista / NWU

Long-distance teams play on weekend dates

* NWU vs Luther / Loras / Dubuque /Wartburg
* BVU vs Loras / Dubuque / Luther

Special Dates:

* Loras can’t play on Legacy Symposium (date TBD) April 17, 2024
* Wartburg RICE Day can’t play
* NWU date???

Switch sites from 2025 schedule

**Wishlist**: (e.g., try to put games with longer travel distances on weekends, etc.)

Avoid baseball / softball home contests on same weekday date

**Scheduling Notes**:

Schedule a conference call with our staff

Academic calendar for all schools

Year-over-Year schedule data

2025 schedule

2024 schedule

2.2. The conference schedule shall be a 24‐game round-robin, incorporating a three‐game series. All games shall be scheduled for nine innings. There shall be a single game and a doubleheader against each conference school. If the first game of the doubleheader is an extra-inning game (10 innings or more), the second game then will be played as a seven-inning game. There will be seven (7) three‐game series played on Fridays and Saturdays and two (2) three‐game series that shall be contested over two weekday dates (effective 6/1/2016). The midweek games shall be played on Tuesdays of alternate weeks. A Friday/Saturday weekend series shall have Sunday as its make-up day. A weekend series shifted to Saturday/Sunday shall have Monday as its make-up day. The first and second games of the weekend series shall be played under Rule 5.9 “Halted Game.” The final game of the weekend series shall be played under Rule 5.8 “Regulation Game.” All weekday series games shall be played under Rule 5.8 “Regulation Game.” 2.2.1. The final weekend doubleheader shall be on Friday with the single game scheduled on Saturday. (Adopted December 2022) 2.2.2. The conference office shall select four Tuesdays to be utilized for the two (2) three-game midweek series. The six Tuesdays between the seven (7) three-game series played on Fridays and Saturdays shall be utilized. If finals schedules permit, the conference office will not schedule on the first and last Tuesday of the season. The conference office may use the first and last Tuesday of the season if they present a more advantageous option in relation to finals schedules. A school or schools scheduled during a final exam period shall work together to find a mutually agreeable date, with conference competition taking precedence over non-conference competition. (Adopted December 2022)

**Sport** (indicate whether Men’s/Women’s or both): Softball

**Schedule Year(s)** (i.e. 2025 & 2026): 2026

**Teams**: 9

**Team Names**:

**Team Locations**:

**Conference Games**: #

**Play Dates**: X

**Play Locations** (if different than institutional location): BVU, NWU

**Number Times Play Each Opponent**: 2

**Byes**: Yes

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**Scheduling Notes**:

Each team shall be scheduled to play each other team in one varsity doubleheader.