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# CCHA ANNOUNCES 2006-07 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

**FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich.** — The Central Collegiate Hockey Association today announced the schedule for its 36th season of play, which spans 142 days and consists of 168 conference games.

The CCHA uses clusters, consisting of three groups of four teams, for scheduling. The teams that make up each cluster will face each other four times (twice at home and twice on the road). Each team will face the eight squads outside its cluster twice. The 2006-07 clusters are as follows:

UA	UM	MIA
UNO	MSU	OSU
BGSU	FSU	LSSU
ND	WMU	NMU

The defending regular-season champion Miami RedHawks will christen the league's newest facility, the Goggin Ice Center, when they welcome Colgate, Denver and Vermont to Oxford, Ohio on Oct. 6-7 for the annual Ice Breaker Invitational. The RedHawks, guided by Division I Coach of the Year Enrico Blasi, take on former Miami coach George Gwozdecky (a two-time winner of the award in 1993, with Miami, and in 2005) and his Denver Pioneers in their first game. On those same dates, Northern Michigan will play a pair of home games at the Resch Center in Green Bay, Wis., against defending national champion Wisconsin.

Conference action begins Friday, October 13 when the reigning Mason Cup champion Michigan State Spartans play host to Western Michigan and Lake Superior State faces off at Ohio State. Nebraska-Omaha will meet Colorado College and the host team, Alaska-Anchorage, October 13-14 at the Nissan Tournament before defending their Maverick Stampede title the following weekend against UMass Lowell in a field that also includes Niagara and Northern Michigan.

Eight of the league's 12 teams will travel to holiday tournaments December 29-30. Michigan and Michigan State will participate in the 42nd Great Lakes Invitational; host Ohio State is joined by fellow conference members Bowling Green and Miami in the third-annual Ohio Hockey Classic at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio; Ferris State is headed to the Mariucci Classic in Minneapolis; Lake Superior is a guest at the Badger Showdown while Western Michigan joins 2006 NCAA Tournament participants Cornell, Maine and New Hampshire at the Florida College Hockey Classic.

The CCHA playoff format will, once again, feature two rounds of action at campus sites. The CCHA Tournament will commence with the first round during the weekend of March 2-4 when the teams placing 5-6-7-8 during the regular season play host to the squads finishing 12-11-10-9, respectively. The second round of the postseason, or quarterfinals, takes place March 9-11, with the top four regular-season finishers hosting the first-round winners. Four teams will converge on Joe Louis Arena for the 26th annual CCHA Championship on March 16-17.

The NCAA Regionals are slated for March 23-25, and the season will conclude at the Savvis Center in St. Louis April 6-8, with the Frozen Four.

Other schedule highlights include:

Michigan and Michigan State meet at Joe Louis Arena on Saturday, February 10 as part of festivities surrounding the second annual 'Hockey Day in Michigan', which serves as a statewide celebration of the sport.

The Alaska Nanooks spend the month of October at home with six games, including the first two of four contests in their annual challenge with Alaska Anchorage for the Alaska Airlines Governor's Cup, which the Nanooks have won five straight times.

Notre Dame has games scheduled in a pair of NHL buildings. The Irish will join Air Force, Alabama-Huntsville and Army for matchups at the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, October 27-28, and face Robert Morris at Pittsburgh's Mellon Arena on January 5.

The Michigan Wolverines, who have qualified for the NCAA Tournament a record 16 straight times, play nine of their first 10 games at home with their first road test scheduled for November 3 at Michigan State.

Ohio State entertains Big Ten rival Minnesota at Value City Arena Oct. 20-21 marking the first time that the Golden Gophers have visited the Buckeye State. The Buckeyes will also participate in the Rensselaer Tournament during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Bowling Green and Notre Dame make an October 20-21 swing to the East Coast for encounters with Boston College and Providence.

A full composite schedule accompanies this release.

# 2006-07 Composite Schedule

as of 7/7/06

**All times are local (UNO is on Central Time, UAF is on Alaska Time)**

All times are local and are at 7:05 p.m. unless noted. All dates and times are subject to change.

\* - Non-conference game. # - Exhibition.

## **Saturday, September 30**

Toronto at Northern Michigan, #

## **Sunday, October 1**

Toronto at Ferris State, 2:35 p.m. #

Windsor at Miami, 7:35 p.m. #

## **Thursday, October 5**

Windsor at Bowling Green #

## **Friday, October 6**

Miami vs. Denver at Ice Breaker Tournament, 7:35 p.m. \*

Northern Michigan vs. Wisconsin, at Green Bay. \*

Union at Ferris State \*

Guelph at Ohio State #

Wilfrid Laurier at Michigan State #

Waterloo at Michigan, 7:35 p.m. #

Windsor at Notre Dame, 7:35 p.m. #

## **Saturday, October 7**

Northern Michigan vs. Wisconsin, at Green Bay \*

Union at Ferris State \*

Western Ontario at Alaska #

Lakehead at Lake Superior #

Miami vs. Colgate/Vermont at Ice Breaker Tournament, 7:35 p.m. \*

Wilfrid Laurier at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m. #

## **Sunday, October 8**

U.S. NTDP at Michigan, 5:05 p.m. #

## **Tuesday, October 10**

Manitoba at Nebraska-Omaha #

# *CCHA Composite Schedule as of 7/7/06*

## **Thursday, October 12**

Minnesota State at Notre Dame, 7:35 p.m. \*

## **Friday, October 13**

Lake Superior at Ohio State

Western Michigan at Michigan State

Air Force at Alaska \*

Mercyhurst at Ferris State \*

UConn at Bowling Green \*

Alabama-Huntsville at Michigan, 7:35 \*

Canisius at Miami, 7:35 p.m. \*

Nebraska-Omaha vs. Colorado College at Nissan Tourney, Anchorage \*

Northern Michigan at Michigan Tech \*

## **Saturday, October 14**

Lake Superior at Ohio State

Michigan State at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

Air Force at Alaska \*

Canisius at Miami \*

Mercyhurst at Ferris State, 5:05 p.m. \*

Connecticut at Michigan, 7:35 p.m. \*

Michigan Tech at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m. \*

Nebraska-Omaha vs. Alaska-Anchorage at Nissan Tourney \*

Notre Dame at Minnesota State \*

## **Sunday, October 15**

Alabama-Huntsville at Bowling Green, 2:05 p.m. \*

## **Thursday, October 19**

Miami at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

U.S. NTDP at Michigan State #

## **Friday, October 20**

Ferris State at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

Miami at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

Bowling Green at Providence \*

Lake Superior at Clarkson \*

Minnesota at Ohio State \*

Northern Michigan vs. UMass Lowell at Maverick Stampede Tournament, 5:05 p.m. \*

Niagara vs. Nebraska-Omaha at Maverick Stampede, 8:05 p.m. \*

Notre Dame at Boston College \*

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## **Saturday, October 21**

Western Michigan at Ferris State

Alaska-Anchorage at Alaska \*

Bowling Green at Boston College \*

Lake Superior at Clarkson \*

Minnesota at Ohio State. 8:05 p.m. \*

Northern Michigan vs. Nebraska-Omaha/Niagara at Maverick Stampede, 5:05/8:05 p.m.

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Nebraska-Omaha vs. Northern Michigan/UMass Lowell at Maverick Stampede,

5:05/8:05 p.m. \*

Notre Dame at Providence \*

## **Sunday, October 22**

Alaska-Anchorage at Alaska \*

## **Friday, October 27**

Bowling Green at Miami

Ferris State at Alaska

Western Michigan at Nebraska-Omaha

Ohio State at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

American International at Lake Superior, 7:35 p.m. \*

Northeastern at Michigan, 7:35 p.m. \*

Notre Dame vs. Army at Tampa, 8:05 p.m. \*

St. Lawrence at Michigan State \*

## **Saturday, October 28**

Ferris State at Alaska

Western Michigan at Nebraska-Omaha

Bowling Green at Miami

Ohio State at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

American International at Lake Superior, 5:05 p.m. \*

Northeastern at Michigan, 7:35 p.m. \*

Notre Dame vs. Air Force/Alabama-Huntsville at Tampa, 5:05/8:05 p.m. \*

Sacred Heart at Michigan State \*

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## **Friday, November 3**

Alaska at Nebraska-Omaha  
Lake Superior at Bowling Green  
Michigan at Michigan State  
Notre Dame at Ohio State  
Northern Michigan at Miami, 7:35 p.m.

## **Saturday, November 4**

Alaska at Nebraska-Omaha  
Lake Superior at Bowling Green  
Notre Dame at Ohio State  
Northern Michigan at Miami  
Michigan State at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Wayne State at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m. \*

## **Thursday, November 9**

Ferris State at Michigan State  
Western Michigan at Ohio State

## **Friday, November 10**

Michigan State at Ferris State  
Western Michigan at Ohio State  
Alaska at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Bowling Green at Notre Dame, 7:35 p.m.  
Miami at Lake Superior, 7:35 p.m.  
Nebraska-Omaha at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

## **Saturday, November 11**

Miami at Lake Superior  
Bowling Green at Notre Dame  
Alaska at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Nebraska-Omaha at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

## **Wednesday, November 15**

Minnesota-Duluth at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m. \*

## *CCHA Composite Schedule as of 7/7/06*

### **Friday, November 17**

Michigan at Ferris State  
Ohio State at Bowling Green  
Michigan State at Notre Dame, 7:35 p.m.  
Nebraska-Omaha at Miami, 7:35 p.m.  
Northern Michigan at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Wayne State at Lake Superior, 7:35 p.m. \*

### **Saturday, November 18**

Michigan at Ferris State  
Nebraska-Omaha at Miami  
Notre Dame at Michigan State  
Ohio State at Bowling Green  
Northern Michigan at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Wayne State at Lake Superior \*

### **Tuesday, November 21**

Western Michigan at Ferris State  
Michigan State at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Nebraska-Omaha at Minnesota State \*

### **Friday, November 24**

Lake Superior at Alaska  
Notre Dame at Nebraska-Omaha  
Bowling Green at Clarkson \*  
Miami at St. Lawrence \*  
Michigan at Wisconsin \*  
Michigan State at Minnesota \*  
Ohio State vs. Colgate at RPI Tournament, 4:05 p.m. \*

### **Saturday, November 25**

Lake Superior at Alaska  
Notre Dame at Nebraska-Omaha  
Bowling Green at St. Lawrence \*  
Miami at Clarkson \*  
Michigan at Minnesota \*  
Michigan State at Wisconsin \*  
Ohio State vs. Niagara/Rensselaer at RPI Tournament, 4:05/7:05 p.m. \*

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## **Friday, December 1**

Nebraska-Omaha at Bowling Green  
Ohio State at Michigan State  
Ferris State at Miami, 7:35 p.m.  
Northern Michigan at Lake Superior, 7:35 p.m.  
Western Michigan at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

## **Saturday, December 2**

Nebraska-Omaha at Bowling Green  
Ferris State at Miami  
Ohio State at Michigan State  
Alaska at Notre Dame  
Lake Superior at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Michigan at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

## **Sunday, December 3**

Alaska at Notre Dame

## **Friday, December 8**

Bowling Green at Alaska  
Lake Superior at Ferris State  
Miami at Ohio State  
Michigan State at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Notre Dame at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Bentley College at Nebraska-Omaha \*

## **Saturday, December 9**

Bowling Green at Alaska  
Lake Superior at Ferris State, 5:05 p.m.  
Ohio State at Miami  
Michigan State at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Michigan at Notre Dame, 7:35 p.m.

## **Sunday, December 10**

Bentley College at Nebraska-Omaha, 2:05 p.m. \*

## **Friday, December 15**

U.S. NTDP at Northern Michigan #

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## **Saturday, December 16**

Western Michigan at Wayne State, 7:35 p.m. \*  
U.S. NTDP at Lake Superior #

## **Friday, December 29**

Alaska at Alaska-Anchorage \*  
Ferris State vs. Massachusetts at Mariucci Classic, 5:05 p.m. \*  
Lake Superior vs. Providence at Badger Showdown, 5:05 p.m. \*  
Bowling Green vs. Miami at Ohio Hockey Classic, 5:05 p.m. \*  
Ohio State vs. Minnesota-Duluth at Ohio Hockey Classic, 8:05 p.m. \*  
Michigan vs. Michigan Tech at Great Lakes Invitational, 8:05 p.m. \*  
Michigan State vs. Harvard at Great Lakes Invitational, 4:35 p.m. \*  
Nebraska-Omaha at Princeton \*  
Western Michigan vs. Maine at Florida College Hockey Classic, TBA \*

## **Saturday, December 30**

Northern Michigan vs. Notre Dame at Ft. Wayne, Ind., 1:05 p.m.  
Alaska at Alaska-Anchorage \*  
Ferris State vs. Minnesota/Princeton at Mariucci Classic, 5:05/8:05 p.m. \*  
Lake Superior vs. Clarkson/Wisconsin at Badger Showdown, 5:05/8:05 p.m. \*  
Bowling Green vs. TBA at Ohio Hockey Classic, 5:05/8:05 p.m. \*  
Miami vs. TBA at Ohio Hockey Classic, 5:05 p.m./8:05 p.m. \*  
Ohio State vs. TBA at Ohio Hockey Classic, 5:05/8:05 p.m. \*  
Michigan vs. Harvard/Michigan State at Great Lakes Invitational, 4:35/8:05 p.m. \*  
Michigan State vs. Michigan/Michigan Tech at Great Lakes Invitational, 4:35/8:05 p.m. \*  
Nebraska-Omaha at Yale \*  
Western Michigan vs. Cornell/New Hampshire at Florida College Hockey Classic, TBD  
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## **Sunday, December 31**

Northern Michigan at Notre Dame, 4:05 p.m.

## **Friday, January 5**

Alaska at Ohio State  
Western Michigan at Bowling Green  
Ferris State at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Michigan State at Miami, 7:35 p.m.  
Nebraska-Omaha at Lake Superior, 7:35 p.m.  
Notre Dame vs. Robert Morris at Mellon Arena, Pittsburgh, 8:05 p.m. \*

## *CCHA Composite Schedule as of 7/7/06*

### **Saturday, January 6**

Ferris State at Northern Michigan  
Michigan State at Miami  
Nebraska-Omaha at Lake Superior  
Western Michigan at Bowling Green

### **Sunday, January 7**

Alaska at Ohio State , TBA  
Notre Dame at Robert Morris, 4:05 p.m. \*

### **Tuesday, January 9**

Bowling Green at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

### **Friday, January 12**

Alaska at Michigan State  
Bowling Green at Nebraska-Omaha  
Miami at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Northern Michigan at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Notre Dame at Lake Superior, 7:35 p.m.  
Ferris State at Wayne State \*

### **Saturday, January 13**

Alaska at Michigan State  
Bowling Green at Nebraska-Omaha  
Notre Dame at Lake Superior  
Miami at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Northern Michigan at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Ferris State at Wayne State \*

### **Tuesday, January 16**

Minnesota State at Nebraska-Omaha

### **Friday, January 19**

Lake Superior at Michigan State  
Michigan at Alaska  
Nebraska-Omaha at Ferris State  
Bowling Green at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Notre Dame at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Ohio State at Miami, 7:35 p.m.

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### **Saturday, January 20**

Lake Superior at Michigan State  
Miami at Ohio State  
Michigan at Alaska  
Nebraska-Omaha at Ferris State  
Bowling Green at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Notre Dame at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

### **Tuesday, January 23**

Ferris State at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

### **Wednesday, January 24**

Northern Michigan at Minnesota-Duluth

### **Friday, January 26**

Alaska at Bowling Green  
Northern Michigan at Nebraska-Omaha  
Ferris State at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Miami at Notre Dame, 7:35 p.m.  
Ohio State at Lake Superior, 7:35 p.m.  
Alabama-Huntsville at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m. \*

### **Saturday, January 27**

Alaska at Bowling Green  
Miami at Notre Dame  
Northern Michigan at Nebraska-Omaha  
Ohio State at Lake Superior  
Ferris State at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Alabama-Huntsville at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m. \*

### **Friday, February 2**

Miami at Alaska  
Michigan State at Nebraska-Omaha  
Notre Dame at Bowling Green  
Ohio State at Ferris State  
Lake Superior at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Michigan at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

## *CCHA Composite Schedule as of 7/7/06*

### **Saturday, February 3**

Miami at Alaska  
Michigan State at Nebraska-Omaha  
Northern Michigan at Lake Superior  
Notre Dame at Bowling Green  
Ohio State at Ferris State  
Western Michigan at Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

### **Friday, February 9**

Ferris State at Michigan State  
Michigan at Bowling Green  
Northern Michigan at Ohio State  
Alaska at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Lake Superior at Miami, 7:35 p.m.  
Nebraska-Omaha at Notre Dame, 7:35 p.m.

### **Saturday, February 10**

Lake Superior at Miami  
Nebraska-Omaha at Notre Dame  
Northern Michigan at Ohio State  
Alaska at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.  
Michigan State vs. Michigan, Joe Louis Arena, 7:35 p.m.

### **Tuesday, February 13**

Michigan State at Ferris State

### **Thursday, February 15**

Robert Morris at Miami, 7:35 p.m. \*

### **Friday, February 16**

Bowling Green at Ferris State  
Notre Dame at Alaska  
Ohio State at Nebraska-Omaha (at Civic Auditorium)  
Michigan at Lake Superior, 7:35 p.m.  
Michigan State at Western Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

### **Saturday, February 17**

Bowling Green at Ferris State, 5:05 p.m.  
Notre Dame at Alaska  
Ohio State at Nebraska-Omaha (at Civic Auditorium)  
Western Michigan at Michigan State  
Miami at Robert Morris \*

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## **Sunday, February 18**

Lake Superior vs. Michigan, Joe Louis Arena, 3:05 p.m.

## **Friday, February 23**

Michigan at Ohio State

Michigan State at Bowling Green

Nebraska-Omaha at Alaska

Ferris State at Notre Dame, 7:35 p.m.

Miami at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

Western Michigan at Lake Superior, 7:35 p.m.

## **Saturday, February 24**

Michigan at Ohio State

Bowling Green at Michigan State

Ferris State at Notre Dame

Nebraska-Omaha at Alaska

Miami at Northern Michigan, 7:35 p.m.

Western Michigan at Lake Superior

## **Friday-Sunday, March 2-4**

CCHA Tournament First Round

Best-of-Three series

(12 at 5, 11 at 6, 10 at 7, and 9 at 8)

## **Friday-Sunday, March 9-11**

CCHA Tournament Quarterfinals

Best-of-Three series

(Seeds 1-4 host the winners of the first round)

## **Thursday, March 15**

CCHA Awards at the Fox Theatre

## **Friday, March 16**

CCHA Championship Semifinals

(Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Mich.)

## **Saturday, March 17**

CCHA Third-Place Game & Championship

(Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Mich.)