

# 2008-09 MWC MEN'S BASKETBALL



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# MWC MEDIA SERVICES



## THE INTERNET - WWW.THEMWC.COM

The Official Mountain West Conference Web site is hosted by CBS College Sports Online. Each men's basketball box score will be made available on the Web site following each game. In addition to the latest Conference news, the MWC Web site also features:

- \* MWC Men's Basketball Standings
- \* Team-by-Team Statistics and Results
- \* Overall and Conference-Only Statistics (PDF available)
- \* Bi-Weekly Release (PDF available)
- \* Players of the Week
- \* Television Information
- \* MWC Championship Information
- \* Coaches Teleconference Audio

## STATISTICS/WEEKLY RELEASES

The Mountain West Conference will release updated statistics daily during the season and make them available on the MWC Web site ([www.TheMWC.com](http://www.TheMWC.com)). The MWC bi-weekly release will be updated and made available no later than 3 p.m. MT on Mondays and Fridays. You may obtain this information either on the Conference Web site or via e-mail.

## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

A Mountain West Conference Player of the Week will be released every Monday, beginning November 17. Nominations are submitted by the sports information offices and the winners selected by the MWC communications staff.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

The regular-season Mountain West Conference champion will be based on results in Conference games. The annual individual awards will be voted on by each of the nine head coaches and selected media. Following is a list of awards that will be presented in men's basketball:

- \* Player of the Week (Nov. 17 - Mar. 9)
- \* Regular-season Team Champion
- \* Coach of the Year
- \* Player of the Year
- \* Freshman of the Year
- \* Newcomer of the Year
- \* Defensive Player of the Year
- \* Sixth Man of the Year
- \* All-Conference Team  
(First, Second, and Third Team, five players each)
- \* All-Defensive Team

At the Conoco Mountain West Conference Championship, awards will be presented for the following:

- \* Team Tournament Champion
- \* All-Tournament Team (five players)
- \* Most Valuable Player

## MOUNTAIN WEST E-MAIL SERVICE

Information regarding Mountain West Conference basketball and any of the MWC's other sports will be e-mailed throughout the year to accredited media. To be added to the e-mail list please contact Kim Melcher in the Conference office (719-488-4050, [kmelcher@TheMWC.com](mailto:kmelcher@TheMWC.com)).

## MOUNTAIN WEST MEDIA PORTAL

A media-only Web site for the league's 19 sponsored sports is available at [www.themwc.cstv.com/media/mediaportal/mp-index.html](http://www.themwc.cstv.com/media/mediaportal/mp-index.html). The MWC Media Portal provides Conference news releases, online media guides, statistics, school game notes, rosters, schedules and a high-resolution photo and logo platform for the league and all member institutions. To access the MWC Media Portal, go to <http://themwc.cstv.com/media/media-portal-request.html> and complete the online request form to receive a username and password.

## WEEKLY COACHES TELECONFERENCE

The Mountain West Conference men's basketball coaches will participate in a weekly media teleconference each Monday, from January 5 - March 9, 2009. The call can be heard live via the MWC Web site or by calling the MWC Communications office for the call-in number. A replay of each teleconference also will be made available on the MWC Web site.

Below is the tentative call schedule for the 2008-09 season:

Time	Speaker
11:00 a.m. CT/10:00 a.m. MT/9:00 a.m. PT	Moderator opens call
11:02 a.m. CT/10:02 a.m. MT/9:02 a.m. PT	Steve Fisher, San Diego State
11:10 a.m. CT/10:10 a.m. MT/9:10 a.m. PT	Dave Rose, BYU
11:18 a.m. CT/10:18 a.m. MT/9:18 a.m. PT	Jeff Reynolds, Air Force
11:26 a.m. CT/10:26 a.m. MT/9:26 a.m. PT	Steve Alford, New Mexico
11:34 a.m. CT/10:34 a.m. MT/9:34 a.m. PT	Jim Christian, TCU
11:42 a.m. CT/10:42 a.m. MT/9:42 a.m. PT	Lon Kruger, UNLV
11:50 a.m. CT/10:50 a.m. MT/9:50 a.m. PT	Jim Boylen, Utah
11:58 a.m. CT/10:58 a.m. MT/9:58 a.m. PT	Tim Miles, Colorado State
12:06 p.m. CT/11:06 a.m. MT/10:06 a.m. PT	Heath Schroyer, Wyoming

## LISTEN TO MOUNTAIN WEST GAMES ON THE INTERNET

Air Force Academy	<a href="http://www.goairforcefalcons.com">www.goairforcefalcons.com</a>
BYU	<a href="http://www.byucougars.com">www.byucougars.com</a>
Colorado State	<a href="http://www.csurams.com">www.csurams.com</a>
New Mexico	<a href="http://www.golobos.com">www.golobos.com</a>
San Diego State	<a href="http://www.goaztecs.com">www.goaztecs.com</a>
TCU	<a href="http://www.gofrogs.com">www.gofrogs.com</a>
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<b>BYU</b>	
KSL 102.7 FM/1160 AM	.....Salt Lake City
Play-by-Play	.....Greg Wrubell
<b>COLORADO STATE</b>	
KLZ 560 AM	.....Fort Collins
Play-by-Play	.....Rich Bircumshaw
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	
KKOB 770 AM	.....Albuquerque
Play-by-Play	.....Scott Galetti
<b>SAN DIEGO STATE</b>	
KOGO 600 AM	.....San Diego
Play-by-Play	.....Ted Leitner
<b>TCU</b>	
KESN 103.3 FM	.....Fort Worth
Play-by-Play	.....Brian Estridge
<b>UNLV</b>	
ESPN 1100 AM	.....Las Vegas
Play-by-Play	.....Jon Sandler
<b>UTAH</b>	
KALL 700 AM	.....Salt Lake City
Play-by-Play	.....Mike Lageschulte
<b>WYOMING</b>	
KFBC 1240 AM	.....Cheyenne
Play-by-Play	.....Dave Walsh



# MWC 10TH ANNIVERSARY



2005 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl



2007 WNIT Championship

## MEN'S BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Home to the only institution with the No. 1 NBA and NFL draft picks in the same year (Utah's Andrew Bogut and Alex Smith, respectively, in 2005).
- The MWC has ranked among the top seven conferences nationally in attendance for nine consecutive years, and has combined to top the 1 million mark each season.
- For the first time in league history, two teams were ranked in the top-25 polls at the same time during the 2006-07 season. Additionally, three different teams were ranked in the top 25 at some point during that same season, which was also a league first.
- The MWC has ranked in the top 10 in RPI eight of its nine years as a league, finishing as high as sixth in 2002-03.
- Home to the 2005 winner of the Wooden and Naismith awards (Utah's Andrew Bogut).
- Six former MWC men's basketball student-athletes have been first-round NBA draft picks, including Utah's Andrew Bogut, who was the No. 1 pick in the 2005 draft.
- The MWC has sent multiple teams to the NCAA tournament eight of the nine years of its existence, receiving 20 bids overall.
- The MWC has had a team reach the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament twice in the past four years (Utah in 2005, UNLV in 2007).
- Air Force reached the semifinals in its first appearance in the NIT in 2007.
- UNLV's Lon Kruger is one of five coaches to take four different institutions (Kansas State, Florida, Illinois and UNLV) to the NCAA Tournament.



The Mountain West Conference will celebrate its 10th anniversary of athletic competition during the 2008-09 academic year. To recognize this significant milestone, the Conference and its member institutions will participate in a number of activities throughout the course of the year commemorating student-athletes, all-decade teams, accomplishments and moments of the past 10 years.

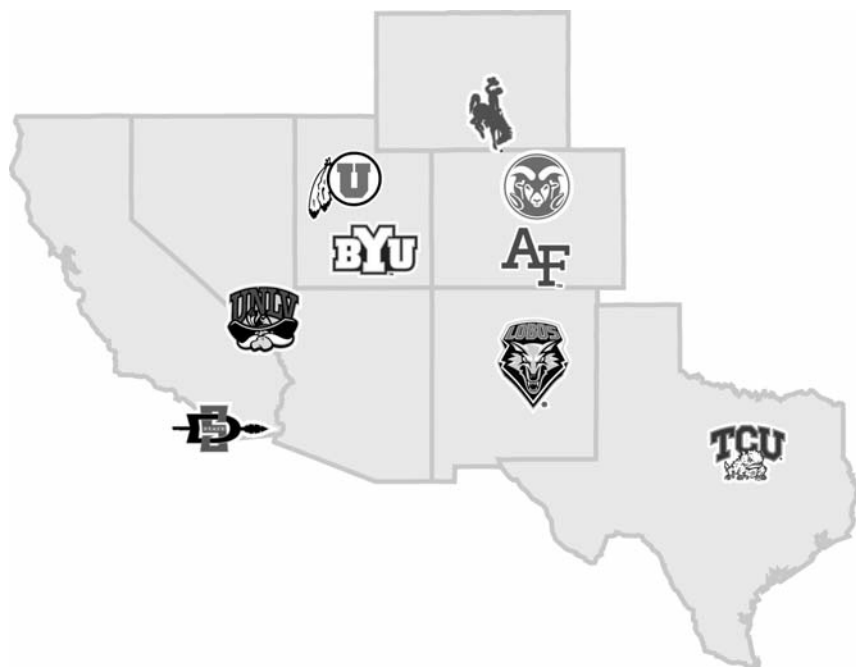
- A 10th anniversary logo has been created for use by the Conference and its member institutions in promotional activities and materials, as well as on retail merchandise and uniforms.
- Special 10th anniversary teams will be selected for each of the league's 19 sports by a voting panel comprised of Conference staff, institutional personnel, media members and fans.
- A special page on the Mountain West Conference Web site, [www.TheMWC.com/10](http://www.TheMWC.com/10), will be dedicated to the latest information and activities surrounding the 10th anniversary.

Founded: .....	July 1, 1999
Members: .....	Air Force, BYU, Colorado State, New Mexico San Diego State, TCU, UNLV, Utah, Wyoming
Team NCAA Championships: .....	3
Individual NCAA Championships: .....	19
NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winners: .....	28
Academic All-America Selections: .....	93
All-America Selections: .....	554

## MWC NOTABLES

- MWC footprint includes seven of the top 50 national TV markets.
- First to establish a television network dedicated solely to a collegiate athletic conference - MountainWest Sports Network (The Mtn.).
- MWC athletic programs have made \$536 million dollars worth of facility improvements over the last nine years.
- More than 10,000 hours of MWC programming have aired on The Mtn. since the network's launch on Sept. 1, 2006.
- First conference to experiment with coaches challenge in instant replay in football.
- First non-automatic-qualifying BCS conference to have a team participate in and win a BCS bowl game (Utah in 2004).
- One of only two conferences to claim the annual Bowl Challenge Cup more than once (2004, 2007) since the award's inception in 2002. In 2000, the MWC was the only league to post a perfect 3-0 bowl record.
- Wyoming women's basketball team captured the league's first WNIT Championship in 2007.
- BYU women's cross country became the first team to earn an NCAA National Championship as a member of the MWC, winning the crown in 1999, and adding two more titles in '01 and '02.
- Two MWC student-athletes have been named Rhodes Scholars (Jessica Mellinger, Wyoming women's golf in 1999, and Delavane Diaz, Air Force women's volleyball in 2003).
- Over 250 MWC events are televised annually on CBS College Sports Network, VERSUS and The Mtn.
- The MWC welcomed Texas Christian University as its ninth member institution on July 1, 2005.

# MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE



The Mountain West Conference sponsors 19 championship sports, including:

## WOMEN'S SPORTS

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Indoor Track and Field
- Outdoor Track and Field
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball

## MEN'S SPORTS

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Indoor Track and Field
- Outdoor Track and Field
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis

## MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE DEMOGRAPHICS

Institution	Location	Elevation	Population	Enrollment	Student-Athletes
Air Force	Colorado Springs, Colorado	7,163 feet	380,567	4,000	4,000
BYU	Provo, Utah	4,553 feet	105,439	33,278	565
Colorado State	Fort Collins, Colorado	4,800 feet	126,848	25,382	374
New Mexico	Albuquerque, New Mexico	5,000 feet	469,426	26,500	440
San Diego State	San Diego, California	46 feet	1,223,400	32,936	500
TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	612 feet	551,054	8,632	473
UNLV	Las Vegas, Nevada	2,030 feet	518,313	27,000	385
Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	4,657 feet	181,743	28,933	368
Wyoming	Laramie, Wyoming	7,220 feet	27,204	13,207	375

## MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE TELEVISION DEMOGRAPHICS

Institution	City/Market	DMA Rank	TV Households
Air Force	Colorado Springs/Pueblo	93	315,010
BYU	Salt Lake City	35	810,830
Colorado State	Denver	18	1,415,180
New Mexico	Albuquerque/Santa Fe	44	653,680
San Diego State	San Diego	27	1,026,160
TCU	Dallas/Fort Worth	5	2,336,140
UNLV	Las Vegas	43	651,110
Utah	Salt Lake City	35	810,830
Wyoming	Cheyenne/Scottsbluff	196	54,320

## MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE MILEAGE CHART (Listed in miles -- Source: Rand McNally TripMaker)

City	Alb	COS	FC	FW	Lar	LV	Provo	SLC	SD
Albuquerque	--	372	500	744	584	575	583	626	817
Colorado Springs	372	--	129	862	213	814	552	596	1,147
Fort Collins	500	129	--	929	92	809	512	475	1,142
Fort Worth	744	862	929	--	1,013	1,319	1,359	1,396	1,327
Laramie	584	213	92	1,013	--	778	420	383	1,111
Las Vegas	575	814	809	1,319	778	--	373	416	335
Provo	583	552	512	1,359	420	373	--	43	706
Salt Lake City	626	596	475	1,396	383	416	43	--	749
San Diego	817	1,147	1,142	1,327	1,111	335	706	749	--



# MOUNTAIN WEST STYLE GUIDE

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# MOUNTAIN WEST CHRONOLOGY



**May 26, 1998** - Led by the vision of former Colorado State University President Dr. Albert Yates, the Mountain West Conference is conceived when the presidents of eight institutions — Air Force, BYU, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, UNLV, Utah and Wyoming — meet in Denver and decide to form a new NCAA Division I-A intercollegiate athletic conference.

**June 2, 1998** - Reaffirmed the intention to form a new conference that would begin preliminary operation January 1, 1999, in preparation for the 1999-2000 seasons.

**July 1, 1998** - Established an executive committee to facilitate the transition. Named Dr. Al Yates, Colorado State University President, chair. Also named Dr. Merrill Bateman of BYU and Dr. Carol Harter of UNLV to the committee.

**October 15, 1998** - Named Craig Thompson Commissioner.

**October 26, 1998** - Named the new league the Mountain West Conference.

**December 4, 1998** - Selected Colorado Springs, Colo., as the headquarters for the Mountain West Conference office.

**January 4, 1999** - The Mountain West Conference office opened its doors for the first day of operation.

**January 10, 1999** - The new Mountain West Conference logo was unveiled.

**February 1, 1999** - Reached a seven-year agreement with ESPN, Inc., giving ESPN exclusive national and regional television rights to football and men's basketball, and the women's basketball championship game.

**June 7, 1999** - Announced three-year basketball and football agreements with the Las Vegas Convention & Visitor's Authority.

**July 1, 1999** - The MWC began official operation as the newest NCAA Division I conference.

**Sept. 16, 1999** - BYU defeats Colorado State 34-13 at LaVell Edwards Stadium in Provo, Utah in the first-ever MWC athletic event.

**November 22, 1999** - BYU women's cross country team captured the MWC's first national championship in Bloomington, Ind.

**December 18, 1999** - Utah posted the Conference's first Bowl victory with a 17-16 win over Fresno State in the EA Sports Las Vegas Bowl.

**February 29, 2000** - The MWC Board of Directors established the Dr. Albert C. Yates Distinguished Service Award. The award was designated for an individual who has served, supported and promoted the goals and ideals of the Mountain West Conference or a member institution.

**April 28, 2000** - The Mountain West Conference became eligible for automatic qualification consideration in all sports beginning with the 2000-01 season, as approved by the NCAA Board of Directors.

**December 31, 2000** - Colorado State defeated Louisville (22-17) in the Liberty Bowl to make the league's postseason record stand at a perfect 3-0. The MWC was the only Division I-A conference playing multiple bowl games to go undefeated in postseason play in 2000.

**August 24, 2001** - The Mountain West Conference approved the Pepsi Center in Denver to host its 2004-2006 basketball championships, marking the first time the event would be held at a neutral site.

**February 19, 2002** - Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl extended its agreement with the Mountain West Conference for an additional three years to play a team from the Pac-10 Conference.

**January 30, 2004** - The MWC announced the addition of TCU as the ninth member of the Mountain West, beginning with the 2005-06 academic year.

**March 10, 2004** - The MWC held its first basketball championship tournament on a neutral court, playing the first of three years at Pepsi Center in Denver.

**March 18-20, 2004** - The Mountain West co-hosted the first- and second-rounds of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championships at Denver's Pepsi Center with Colorado State.

**August 26, 2004** - Reached a seven-year agreement with College Sports Television (CSTV), giving the fastest-growing independent cable network exclusive broadcast rights to Mountain West Conference football and men's basketball, plus coverage for all other MWC sports, beginning in the fall of 2006. The exclusive agreement will incorporate all conference-related media and marketing rights, including all television, national over-the-air and satellite radio, video-on-demand, online and broadband and exclusive corporate sponsorship rights.

**September 13, 2004** - College Sports Television (CSTV) and the MWC enhanced their fully integrated multi-media partnership by announcing the advent of Mountain West Television Network, the first-ever regional sports network dedicated solely to an intercollegiate athletic conference, to be launched in 2006. The groundbreaking venture will ensure television

exposure for nearly every MWC football and men's basketball contest, and reconfirm the commitment to coverage of women's intercollegiate athletics.

**December 5, 2004** - Utah accepted an invitation to play in the 34th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. The Utes were the first non-automatic-qualifying BCS team to participate in a BCS bowl game after completing the regular season with a perfect 11-0 record and finishing sixth in the final BCS standings.

**January 1, 2005** - Utah posted a convincing 35-7 victory over Big East champion Pittsburgh in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, marking the first win by a non-automatic-qualifying BCS team in a BCS bowl game.

**April 11, 2005** - Utah sophomore center Andrew Bogut was honored as the recipient of the John Wooden Award, presented annually to the nation's best men's basketball player. Bogut swept several individual honors after leading the Utes to the NCAA Sweet 16, including the Naismith Award and Player of the Year honors from the *Associated Press*, the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA).

**April 23, 2005** - The San Francisco 49ers selected Utah junior quarterback Alex Smith with the first pick of the 2005 NFL Draft. Smith's selection as the overall number one pick is a first for both the University of Utah and the six-year old MWC.

**May 14, 2005** - UNLV senior golfer Ryan Moore was chosen as the Ben Hogan Award winner. The most prestigious award in men's college golf, the Hogan is presented annually to the top men's collegiate golfer.

**June 28, 2005** - The Milwaukee Bucks selected Utah sophomore center Andrew Bogut as the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 NBA Draft. Utah is the only school in history to have the No. 1 selections in the NFL and NBA drafts in the same year.

**July 1, 2005** - TCU officially became the ninth member of the Mountain West Conference. Founded in 1873, TCU will participate in 18 league-sponsored sports.

**August 2, 2005** - The Mountain West Conference signed a four-year agreement with the Las Vegas Bowl. Beginning in 2006, the Las Vegas Bowl will have the first selection from the MWC vs. a Pac-10 team.

**September 2, 2005** - The Mountain West Conference was one of nine leagues that experimented with instant replay in college football. The MWC was the only conference to utilize a coaches challenge as part of its system, an element that was ultimately adopted in the NCAA instant replay rule that was implemented in the 2006 season.

**October 13, 2005** - The Mountain West Conference Board of Directors approved a four-year deal to send the basketball championships to the Thomas & Mack Center/Cox Pavilion in Las Vegas beginning in 2007.

**April 18, 2006** - The Mountain West Conference and CSTV announced the launch of The Mtn. - MountainWest Sports Network. The Mtn. is the first sports network dedicated solely to an intercollegiate athletic conference. It will feature comprehensive coverage of the nearly 20 MWC men's and women's sports, local high school sports, Olympic sports, education and lifestyle content and original programming.

**July 19, 2006** - Comcast joins CSTV as partner in ownership of The Mtn.

**September 1, 2006** - The MountainWest Sports Network - The Mtn. launches from the Comcast Media Center in Denver.

**March 8, 2007** - The MWC Basketball Championships return to the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, establishing new attendance and revenue records.

**February 12, 2008** - CBS Sports announced a comprehensive reorganization of its college sports operations, incorporating the cable, broadcast and online activities of College Sports Television (CSTV) into its world-famous brand. Effective March 2008, CSTV will become the CBS College Sports Network.

**March 20-22, 2008** - The Mountain West co-hosted the first- and second-rounds of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championships at Denver's Pepsi Center with Colorado State.

**June 3, 2008** - DIRECTV, the nation's leading satellite television service provider, announces it will launch the MountainWest Sports Network - The Mtn. on Aug. 27. The Mtn. will be available on channel 616 on DIRECTV CHOICE and above packages for the states servicing MWC institutions (Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and the designated market areas of Dallas/Fort Worth and San Diego). Customers throughout the remainder of the country will be able to access The Mtn. with a subscription to DIRECTV's Sportspack.

**July 1, 2008** - The Mountain West Conference begins its 10th season of athletic competition.

**August 27, 2008** - DIRECTV launches the MountainWest Sports Network - The Mtn.



# MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

## THIS IS THE MOUNTAIN WEST

From its inception in 1999, the Mountain West Conference has been committed to excellence in intercollegiate athletics while promoting the academic missions of its member institutions. As the league celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2008-09, the MWC continues to cultivate opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the highest level, while fostering academic achievement and sportsmanship. Over its nine-year history, the MWC has been assertive in its involvement with the NCAA governance structure and has taken a leadership role in the overall administration of intercollegiate athletics.

Progressive in its approach, the MWC has marked several achievements over its first decade of existence, most notably becoming the first to establish a sports network dedicated solely to an intercollegiate athletic conference. The Mountain West was the first to experiment with the coaches challenge in the college football instant replay system and was the first non-automatic-qualifying BCS conference to participate in and win a BCS bowl game when Utah defeated Pittsburgh in the 2005 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. The Mountain West was also the first conference to have a member institution with No. 1 overall picks in both the NFL and NBA drafts in the same year (Utah's Alex Smith and Andrew Bogut, respectively).

The Mountain West Conference is noted for its geographic diversity. Some of the most beautiful terrain and landscapes in the nation can be found within Mountain West Conference boundaries, including the majestic Rocky Mountain range, which borders four MWC schools (Utah, BYU, Air Force and Colorado State). The high plains of Wyoming (elevation 7,220 feet – the highest Division I campus in the nation) contrast with the desert city of Las Vegas (the fastest growing metropolitan area in the West) and the Pacific Ocean locale of San Diego State. The southwestern flavor of New Mexico complements the western heritage and culture of Fort Worth, Texas, home of the MWC's newest member, TCU.

## HISTORY

The Mountain West Conference was conceived on May 26, 1998, when the presidents of eight institutions — Air Force, BYU, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, UNLV, Utah and Wyoming — decided to form a new NCAA Division I-A intercollegiate athletic conference. The split from the former 16-team conference re-established continuity and stability among the membership within the new league and signaled the continuation of its tradition-rich, long-standing athletic rivalries. Five of the MWC's eight original members have been conference rivals since the 1960s (BYU, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado State), while San Diego State (1978) and Air Force (1980) were longtime members as well. UNLV and TCU entered the fold in 1996 and the Rebels continued as one of the original eight institutions that formed the MWC in 1999. TCU rejoined the group with its first year of competition in the Mountain West in 2005-06, completing the Conference membership as it stands today.

When the MWC officially began operations on July 1, 1999, the new league had in place a seven-year contract with ESPN, giving the broadcaster exclusive national television rights to MWC football and men's basketball, and three-year agreements to send the league's football champion to the Liberty Bowl and a second team to the Las Vegas Bowl. Commissioner Craig Thompson also arranged a third bowl tie-in each of the first three years (1999 Motor City, 2000 Silicon Valley, 2001 New Orleans) before securing a four-year deal with the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco in 2002. An innovator in the postseason bowl structure, the MWC engineered many "firsts," as league teams have participated in five inaugural bowl games (2000 Silicon Valley, 2001 New Orleans, 2002 San Francisco (Emerald), 2005 Poinsettia, 2006 New Mexico), as well as placing the first non-automatic-qualifying BCS team into a BCS bowl game with Utah's appearance in the 2005 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

## 2007-08 IN REVIEW

The 2007-08 campaign provided several notable moments for Mountain West teams and individuals. The MWC sent a record five teams to bowl games and posted a 4-1 mark in those contests to capture the Bowl Challenge Cup for the second time in four years, registering the best win percentage among the 11 conferences that make up the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision. League champion BYU finished the season with an 11-2 record and national ranking for the second consecutive year, closing out the year at No. 14 in both the *Associated Press* and *USA Today* Top 25 polls. The Cougars also ended the season with the nation's longest active home and overall win streaks at 12 and 10 games, respectively.

BYU became the first team to claim back-to-back outright MWC regular-season men's basketball crowns while finishing the year with the nation's longest active home win streak at 47 games. UNLV captured the MWC Tournament title and earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season, advancing past the first round for the second straight year. BYU earned an at-large bid to NCAA postseason play, marking the eighth time in the last nine years the MWC has sent multiple teams to the NCAA Tournament. In women's basketball, Utah posted a perfect 16-0 mark en route to capturing its sixth MWC regular-season title. The Utes were ranked for seven straight weeks in the *Associated Press* and *USA Today* Top 25 polls, finishing the season at No. 18 in the final AP poll. Overall, the league sent four teams to the postseason, including three to the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year. TCU became the second Mountain West team in as many years to advance to the Elite Eight of the WNIT, following on the heels of the Wyoming Cowgirls, who claimed the 2007 WNIT Championship.

First-time MWC regular-season champion UNLV led a trio of women's volleyball teams into the NCAA Tournament, marking the eighth time in nine years the league has sent at least three squads into postseason play. BYU became the first MWC squad to advance to the NCAA regional finals and finished the season with a No. 12 ranking in the AVCA Top 25 poll. BYU clinched its fifth MWC Tournament title in women's soccer and earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, marking the Cougars' eighth appearance in nine years in the NCAA field. The Colorado State women's cross country team finished 15th at the NCAA Cross Country Championships, while the BYU men turned in a 22nd-place effort in the 2007 NCAA postseason.

Nineteen MWC student-athletes earned All-America honors at the 2008 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. The TCU 4x400 men's relay team finished second, while BYU's Kyle Perry took third in the 3,000-meter run, TCU's Jonathan Jackson recorded a third-place effort in the triple jump and Wyoming's Mark Korir placed fourth in the 5,000-meter run. On the women's side, San Diego State's Karoline Koehler finished third in the triple jump while the BYU distance medley relay team turned in a fifth-place effort.

Student-athletes from BYU and UNLV represented the MWC in the NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, while BYU, TCU and UNLV provided participants on the men's side in NCAA postseason action. Four MWC men's and women's golf teams each were invited to the 2008 NCAA Regionals, with three teams (San Diego State men, TCU women and UNLV women) advancing to the NCAA Championships. Multiple MWC women's tennis teams appeared in the NCAA Tournament for the seventh consecutive year with TCU and UNLV qualifying in 2008. TCU was the MWC entrant in the NCAA Men's Tennis Championship, while the MWC qualified another 10 men and women for individual postseason competition.

The league sent BYU and regular-season champion San Diego State to the NCAA Softball Tournament with the Cougars advancing to the regional finals for the second consecutive year, while the Aztecs finished the year with a No. 24 ranking in both the *USA Today/NFCA* and *ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate* Top 25 polls. TCU represented the league for the third straight year in the NCAA Baseball Championship. Seventeen MWC student-athletes earned All-America honors at the 2008 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. New Mexico's Katie Coronado and San Diego State's Stephanie Bagan finished second in the women's javelin and pole vault events, respectively, while Air Force's Nick Frawley tied for second and BYU's Leif Arrhenius placed fourth in the discus on the men's side.

## EXPOSURE

The MWC television package will reach a national audience in 2008-09 through a combination of telecasts on The MountainWest Sports Network (The Mtn.), CBS College Sports Network (formerly CSTV) and VERSUS. The Mtn. has been available to cable subscribers in the MWC footprint since it first aired in 2006-07 and became available nationally on DIRECTV on August 27, 2008.

On Aug. 26, 2004, College Sports Television (CSTV) and the Mountain West Conference announced a visionary partnership that revolutionized the college sports landscape. The landmark agreement was the first NCAA Division I football and men's basketball conference-wide deal for CSTV and provided the network exclusive rights to all Conference events, including cable and satellite television coverage, national over-the-air and satellite radio, video-on-demand and online broadcast rights.

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A succession of events since the fall of 2004 has improved the television model, including CSTV's merger with Comcast SportsNet to create The Mtn. – MountainWest Sports Network and CBS Corporation's purchase of CSTV. CBS acquired CSTV in January 2006, and on Feb. 12, 2008 incorporated CSTV's cable, broadcast and online activities into its world-famous brand as the CBS College Sports Network (CBS C). The Mtn. is co-owned by CBS College Sports Network and Comcast SportsNet.

The relationship with Comcast SportNet also delivered a new national broadcast partner in VERSUS. The MWC was the first exclusive college programming provider for the Comcast-owned entity, with football and both men's and women's basketball games. The CBS C/MWC partnership has guaranteed greater levels of television exposure for all league sports and has resoundingly met the fundamental goals of more exposure and preferred start times and dates.

In the summer of 2006, the centerpiece of this historic relationship was realized with the launch of The Mtn. – the first sports network dedicated to serving a single collegiate athletic conference. The Mtn. provides sports fans blanket coverage of MWC athletics across multiple sports, including football, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's Olympic sports. The Mtn. features more than just live games and has added its own original programming. Fans get a comprehensive array of news, features and analysis about their favorite MWC teams and players. In 2007-08, more than 250 MWC events were shown live on The Mtn., CBS C and VERSUS. CBS C is currently available in over 65 million homes, while VERSUS is in more than 73 million households.

The MWC has remained steadfast in its mission to promote the league's athletic events to national and regional television audiences and will continue to grow its new TV model. Previously, ESPN served as the league's inaugural official television partner, while in-house productions guaranteed coverage for several MWC Olympic sports. Through the league's first nine years, excluding institutional local packages, 1,200 football, volleyball, men's basketball and women's basketball events have aired on television, with 178 football games and over 159 men's basketball contests broadcast nationally-selected games from their respective championships televised in that span.

## EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Not only is the MWC committed to the highest academic standards for its member institutions, the league also launched an education initiative utilizing the platform of college athletics to provide a relevant teaching resource for Kindergarten-through-8th grade students. This web-based learning program is available to every public and private, elementary and middle school in the seven-state MWC region, impacting more than 6.5 million students. Designed by Learning Through Sports™, "Kid's College" captivates and motivates children using their favorite sports with Mountain West teams and mascots reinforcing skills taught in the classroom.

## ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM

From the outset, the MWC's member institutions were committed to creating academic relationships, as well as athletic competition. To that end, the chief academic officers of each institution meet on an annual basis and have explored academic exchange programs, library crossovers and shared research. In addition, the faculty athletics representatives routinely provide academic assistance and test-taking services for student-athletes visiting from fellow member institutions for competition.

## OPPORTUNITY

The MWC provides a first-class athletic and academic experience for more than 4,000 student-athletes each year. Over the past nine years, 36 student-athletes from Mountain West institutions have earned NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, and since the league's inception in 1999, an additional 18 student-athletes have been named MWC Student-Athlete of the Year and awarded league-sponsored postgraduate scholarships. Two student-athletes have earned distinction as Rhodes Scholars (Jessica Mellinger, Wyoming and Delavane Diaz, Air Force).

Conference student-athletes are also given a voice regarding pertinent issues within the MWC and NCAA governance structure through representation on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). The Mountain West Conference SAAC consists of 10 representatives; one student-athlete from each member institution and one faculty athletics representative. The committee reviews and reacts to legislation and to other topics referred by the Conference constituent groups or committees related to the student-athlete experience.

## ACHIEVEMENT

The MWC has produced 554 All-America selections among its 19 sponsored sports in the last nine years, including a league-record 84 All-America honorees in 2004-05. A total of 93 MWC student-athletes have also earned Academic All-America accolades in that span, while 28 MWC student-athletes have earned NCAA postgraduate scholarships. The MWC has sent at least 30 teams to NCAA postseason events each of the past nine years. Mountain West member institutions have captured a total of seven NCAA team championships over the last nine years. BYU owns the league's three national titles, with all three coming in women's cross country. The Cougars have also claimed two national championships in men's volleyball, while New Mexico and Utah each have one national crown in skiing. Additionally, the MWC has had several NCAA individual national champions in the sports of men's golf, indoor track and outdoor track.

MWC members have participated in 31 bowl games in nine years, led by Utah's 7-0 mark in postseason contests. The MWC has earned 39 postseason bids in men's basketball, including 20 NCAA Tournament appearances. MWC women's basketball has tallied 41 postseason bids, including 24 NCAA bids, four Sweet 16 appearances and one Elite Eight berth since 2000. Wyoming won the MWC's first WNIT championship in 2007 with a win over Wisconsin. In women's volleyball, the MWC has had 26 NCAA bids with seven Sweet 16 appearances. Women's soccer has earned 20 NCAA bids since 1999, including multiple berths in five of the last six years, with BYU advancing to the Sweet 16 in 2000 and the Elite Eight in 2003. MWC men's golf has had at least four representatives in the NCAA Golf Regionals each of the last nine years. In women's golf, the Conference sent four teams to the NCAA Regionals for the fourth consecutive year with two institutions (TCU and UNLV) moving on to the National Championships.

## SPORTSMANSHIP

Named a Sports Ethics Fellow by the Institute for International Sport in 1998, Commissioner Thompson has been a driving force for sportsmanship within intercollegiate athletics. As part of its continuing growth and development, the Mountain West Conference implemented an extensive Sportsmanship Initiative, developed by the league's Ethics and Sportsmanship Committee and ultimately endorsed by both the MWC Joint Council and MWC Board of Directors. The program is made up of several elements, which are both practical and philosophical in nature. While the MWC has significant penalties in place to deal with violations, the Sportsmanship Initiative is primarily promotional and educational in nature. The goal is to develop an environment that fosters appropriate behavior from all Conference constituencies.

In addition, the MWC has teamed up with Learning Through Sports™ to launch the award-winning STAR Sportsmanship - the first in a new, seven-part Character Development Series on CD-ROM. An interactive learning program for 6-to-14 year-old boys and girls, STAR Sportsmanship was recently honored with the BESSIE Award as best physical education software for upper elementary students. The program is based on an analysis of young athlete's needs and aptitudes, research literature and instructional content as well as extensive dialogue with coaches, parents, educators and young athletes. STAR Sportsmanship effectively provides young athletes the ability to apply the appropriate ethical attitudes and decision-making abilities in sports and in real-world social environments. It teaches courtesy, diligence, humility, integrity, respect and teamwork. The MWC also has partnered with mysportsmanship.com to help foster, promote and provide examples of good sportsmanship.

## LEADERSHIP

The Conference office and institutional administrators have aggressively pursued committee appointments within the NCAA governance structure and a visible vote for the MWC within the legislative process. Commissioner Thompson chaired the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee in the league's inaugural season, completing a five-year term. Thompson is also at the forefront of the recent evolution of the postseason format for NCAA Bowl Subdivision college football. Currently, the MWC is represented on 28 NCAA committees, including several sport committees, cabinets, the Division I Management Council and the NCAA Board of Directors.



# MOUNTAIN WEST COMMISSIONER

Craig Thompson was the Mountain West Conference's first employee when he was named Commissioner on Oct. 15, 1998. Ever since, Thompson has navigated the newest NCAA Division I conference through the ever-changing landscape of intercollegiate athletics. As the league enters its 10th season of competition in 2008-09, Thompson continues to create and improve the opportunities for MWC institutions and student-athletes to be successful both academically and athletically.

Since the Mountain West Conference opened its doors on January 4, 1999, Thompson has been committed to excellence in intercollegiate athletics, while promoting the academic missions of its member institutions. Progressive in its approach, the MWC has flourished under the guidance of Commissioner Thompson and continues to cultivate opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the highest level, while fostering academic achievement and sportsmanship. He has been instrumental in negotiating nearly \$230 million in television revenue, directed the league through expansion with the addition of Texas Christian University and has been an innovator in the postseason bowl structure as MWC teams have participated in five inaugural bowl games. Also, the MWC was the only conference to experiment with a coaches challenge element in its instant replay system and was one of two conferences to launch Kids College, STAR Sportsmanship and STAR Coaching for children ages 6-14.

His leadership and vision has helped the conference enhance its television revenue and exposure through revolutionary agreements with CBS College Sports Network (formerly CSTV) and Comcast to become the first major collegiate athletic conference to launch a dedicated sports channel featuring exclusive programming around its nine athletic programs, as well as conference news. This vision has guaranteed greater levels of television exposure for all MWC sports and has resoundingly met the fundamental goals of preferred start times, competition on select days of the week and enhanced revenue.

The advent of the new television model began with the league's partnership with CBS College Sports and an agreement giving the fastest-growing independent cable network exclusive rights to all Conference events through many means of media, including cable and satellite television coverage, national over-the-air and satellite radio, video-on-demand and online broadcast rights. A succession of events has improved the model, including the CBS purchase of the former CSTV and the merger with Comcast SportsNet to form the centerpiece of the relationship – The Mtn. – MountainWest Sports Network. The historic launch of The Mtn. on Sept. 1, 2006 has led to the formation of a second such network and perhaps more in the future.

Thompson has been instrumental in strengthening the position of the Mountain West in the current Bowl Championship Series (BCS) structure. In 2004, the inaugural step for all Mountain West teams was accomplished when the University of Utah finished the regular season with an 11-0 record and ranked sixth in the BCS standings. The Utes became the first team from a non-automatic-qualifying conference to play in a BCS game, defeating Big East champion Pittsburgh (35-7) in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on January 1, 2005. Thompson subsequently spearheaded an effort to provide better access into the BCS system and beginning with the 2006 season the MWC champion has now nearly tripled its opportunity to participate in a BCS bowl. In addition, annual BCS revenue has more than doubled.

Through its first nine years of competition, the MWC has participated in 31 bowl games. In an attempt to provide more opportunities, Thompson has helped create five new bowl games in which MWC members could participate. In 2007, the Mountain West Conference posted the best win percentage among the 11 conferences that make up the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision and claimed the 2007-08 ESPN Bowl Challenge Cup for the second time in four years. The MWC sent a record five teams into postseason action and finished with a 4-1 (.800) mark. The Mountain West earned its first Bowl Challenge Cup after registering a 2-1 record in bowl competition during the 2004 season and is the second conference (ACC) to win the trophy twice since the award's inception in 2002-03.

Prior to his current role, Thompson served as the commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference for nearly eight years and as the only commissioner of the American South Conference prior to the merger of the two leagues in 1991.

During his eight years at the Sun Belt, he spent the majority of his time addressing national trends and challenges in intercollegiate athletics, television exposure, issues relating to conference membership and promoting corporate involvement. In 1997-98, the Sun Belt instituted a comprehensive sportsmanship policy, which earned Thompson designation as a 1998 Sports Ethics Fellow by the Institute for International Sport. Under Thompson's leadership, the Sun Belt was active in expansion as it continued to strengthen its posture nationally, adding Florida International University and the University of Denver.

Thompson is an integral part of the national landscape in intercollegiate athletics, holding many prestigious NCAA posts. He is currently on the NCAA Football Board of Directors and a member of the BCS administration. Thompson also is a member on the College



Football Officiating Board of Managers, LLC, and on the Task Force on Commercial Activity in Intercollegiate Athletics. He also has served on the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee (1995-2000) and was appointed Chair of the committee in July 1999, completing his term September 1, 2000.

Over the tenure of his career, Thompson has been a member of the Executive Committee and the Director's Cup Committee of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), as well as the governing NCAA Council and various Council subcommittees. He has also played a prominent role in hosting numerous men's and women's NCAA postseason basketball tournaments in St. Louis, Atlanta, New Orleans and Denver.

Prior to its merger with the Sun Belt, Thompson served as the first and only commissioner of the American South Conference, which boasted an NCAA national champion in women's basketball during its first year. The American South also gained immediate national cable television exposure on ESPN and sent numerous teams into NCAA postseason play during the conference's four-year history.

Preceding his move to commissioner, Thompson served four years as the Director of Communications for the Metro Conference in Atlanta. While at the Metro, he directed the communications operations and administered conference championship events. Thompson originated the Metro Conference Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association, began a weekly radio program with over 300 affiliate stations, and originated a weekly satellite video program involving all Metro institutions. He also took on administrative duties such as coordination of officials, scheduling of tournament and regular-season play, and handling of legislative rules interpretations.

Thompson graduated from the University of Minnesota with an undergraduate degree in journalism. Following graduation, he spent two years as assistant sports information director at Kansas State University, earning numerous CoSIDA publication awards. He then spent three years as director of public relations and promotions for the NBA's Kansas City Kings.

Thompson and his wife, Carla, reside in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Thompsons have a son (Ted) and a daughter (Emma).

## ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

1998-present	Commissioner, Mountain West Conference
1991-98	Commissioner, Sun Belt Conference
1987-91	Commissioner, American South Conference
1983-87	Director of Communications, Metro Conference
1980-83	Director of Public Relations & Promotions, Kansas City Kings
1978-80	Assistant Sports Information Director, Kansas State University

## NCAA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2008-present	Task Force on Commercial Activity in Intercollegiate Athletics
2008-present	NCAA Football President
2007-present	College Football Officiating Board of Managers, LLC
2002-04	NCAA Men's Basketball Issues Committee
2000-present	NCAA Football Board of Directors
1999-00	NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee Chair
1995-00	NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee
1994-97	NCAA Basketball Officiating Committee
1989-92	NCAA Council
	NCAA Council Subcommittee to Review Reform Proposals (1991), NCAA Council Subcommittee to Develop a Division I-AAA Football Classification (1990-91), NCAA Council Subcommittee on Athletics Certification (1991-92)

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

2005	NCAA Football College Relations Committee
2002	Horizon Awards Voting Academy
2000-present	Lou Groza Award Voting
2000-present	Naismith Awards Voting
1999-present	USA Football Board of Directors
1998	Sports Ethics Fellow, Institute for International Sport
1994-98	Vice Chairman, Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation
1992-98	Directors' Cup Committee, National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. Executive Committee (1992-94).
1992-98	District III Chairman, NIT Advisory Committee
1991	National Advisory Committee, Atlanta Tipoff Club
1991-93	Division I-AAA Vice President, Collegiate Commissioners Association
1990-98	Selection Committee, Babe Didrikson Zaharias Award

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# MWC CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2008-09 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Sport	Site	Location
November 1, 2008	Men's and Women's Cross Country	Mission Bay	San Diego, Calif.
November 5-8, 2008	Women's Soccer	Johann Field	Las Vegas, Nev.
February 25-28, 2009	Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving	OKCCC Aquatic Center	Oklahoma City, Okla.
February 26-28, 2009	Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field	Cadet Field House	Colorado Springs, Colo.
March 10-14, 2009	Men's and Women's Basketball	Thomas & Mack Center	Las Vegas, Nev.
April 16-18, 2009	Women's Golf	Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Course	Seaside, Calif.
April 22-25, 2009	Men's and Women's Tennis	Albuquerque Tennis Center	Albuquerque, N.M.
April 30-May 2, 2009	Men's Golf	Omni Tucson National	Tucson, Ariz.
May 13-16, 2009	Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field	Louis S. Madrid Sports Complex	Laramie, Wyo.
May 19-23, 2009	Baseball	Lupton Baseball Stadium	Fort Worth, Texas

## MOUNTAIN WEST REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS

### MEN'S SPORTS

Baseball	0	1	NA	1	2	3	2	0	NA
Basketball	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	4	2
Cross Country	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Football	0	4	3	0	0	1	0	3	0
Golf	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swimming & Diving	0	6	NA	NA	NA	0	1	1	0
Tennis	0	3	NA	3	5	1	0	1	NA
Indoor Track & Field	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Track & Field	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>

Co- and multi-championships include men's basketball: 1999-00 UNLV, Utah; 2000-01 BYU, Utah, Wyoming; 2002-03 BYU, Utah. Football: 1999-00 BYU, Colorado State, Utah. Men's swimming & diving: 2004-05 BYU, Utah; 2006-07 BYU, UNLV. Men's tennis: 2001-02 BYU, San Diego State; 2002-03 BYU, New Mexico, San Diego State; 2007-08 New Mexico, TCU, Utah. Cross country, golf, indoor and outdoor track and field do not award regular-season champions.

### WOMEN'S SPORTS

Basketball	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	6	0
Cross Country	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golf	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soccer	0	4	NA	0	1	0	2	4	0
Softball	NA	2	1	0	5	NA	0	1	NA
Swimming & Diving	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	0
Tennis	0	3	0	1	2	3	1	0	0
Indoor Track & Field	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Track & Field	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volleyball	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	2	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>

Co- and multi-championships include women's basketball: 2003-04 New Mexico, Utah; 2004-05 New Mexico, Utah. Women's soccer: 1999-00 BYU, San Diego State, Utah. Women's swimming & diving: 2003-04 Colorado State, Utah. Women's tennis: 2002-03 San Diego State, UNLV; 2006-07 BYU, TCU. Volleyball: 2004-05 Colorado State, Utah. Cross country, golf, indoor and outdoor track and field do not award regular-season champions.

# MWC CHAMPIONSHIPS



## 2007-08 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Date	Sport	Location	Tournament Champion
October 27, 2007	Men's and Women's Cross Country	San Diego, Calif.	Men: BYU; Women: Colorado State
November 7-10, 2007	Women's Soccer	Provo, Utah	BYU
November 21-24, 2007	Women's Volleyball	Las Vegas, Nev.	UNLV
February 27-March 1, 2008	Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Men: UNLV; Women: BYU
February 28-March 1, 2008	Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Men: BYU; Women: TCU
March 11-15, 2008	Men's and Women's Basketball	Las Vegas, Nev.	Men: UNLV; Women: New Mexico
April 17-19, 2008	Women's Golf	Albuquerque, N.M.	New Mexico
April 23-26, 2008	Men's and Women's Tennis	Fort Worth, Texas	Men: TCU; Women: UNLV
April 24-26, 2008	Men's Golf	Tucson, Ariz.	Colorado State
May 14-17, 2008	Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field	Fort Worth, Texas	Men: BYU; Women: Colorado State
May 21-24, 2008	Baseball	Fort Worth, Texas	TCU

## MOUNTAIN WEST TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

### MEN'S SPORTS

Baseball	0	2	NA	0	1	3	3	0	NA
Basketball	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	1	0
Cross Country	1	8	0	0	NA	0	NA	NA*	0
Football	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golf	0	2	1	4	0	0	2	0	0
Swimming & Diving	0	5	NA	NA	NA	0	4	0	0
Tennis	0	1	NA	2	3	2	1	0	NA
Indoor Track & Field	0	8	1	0	NA	0	NA	NA*	0
Outdoor Track & Field	0	9	0	0	NA	0	NA	NA*	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

\*Utah eliminated its men's cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field teams after the 2004-05 academic year.  
The MWC does not sponsor a football championship.

### WOMEN'S SPORTS

Basketball	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	2	0
Cross Country	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Golf	NA	0	0	5	0	1	3 <sup>^</sup>	NA	0
Soccer	0	5	NA	0	0	0	2	2	0
Softball*	NA	2	1	0	0	NA	0	4	NA
Swimming & Diving	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Tennis	0	4	0	0	1	1	3	0	0
Indoor Track & Field	0	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Outdoor Track & Field	0	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Volleyball#	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	3	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

\*The softball championship was eliminated after the 2005-06 academic year.  
#The volleyball championship was eliminated after the 2007-08 academic year.  
<sup>^</sup>UNLV established its women's golf program and began MWC competition in 2001-02.



# MOUNTAIN WEST AWARDS

## FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



**APRIL THOMAS**  
COLORADO STATE  
CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD

April Thomas, a native of Aurora, Colo., graduated summa cum laude from Colorado State in May, 2008, with an undergraduate degree in biological sciences and a minor in business administration. She achieved a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 while competing on the women's cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field teams. Thomas lettered in all three sports during her career and this past November led the Rams to their first MWC Women's Cross Country Championship, finishing as the individual champion despite battling an injury the majority of the season leading up to the race. She was named to the Academic All-MWC teams in cross country and track and field for each of the last three years while also collecting three consecutive MWC Scholar-Athlete awards. A multiple All-MWC and Academic All-American selection, Thomas was also named to the Dean's List and President's Honor Roll all 10 semesters at Colorado State.

In addition to her academic and athletic pursuits, Thomas was involved in numerous outreach activities, most notably participating in a mentoring program for children. Thomas' leadership and performance at the 2008 MWC Outdoor Track and Field Championship assisted Colorado State in securing its first title for the women's outdoor track and field program as well.

## MALE STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



**JOE BROWN**  
TCU  
TRACK & FIELD

Joe Brown graduated from TCU in May, 2008, after posting a 3.678 grade point average while earning an undergraduate degree with a double major in marketing and entrepreneurial management. A walk-on to the Horned Frogs' track and field team as a freshman, Brown closed out his four-year collegiate career by winning the men's javelin title at the 2008 MWC Outdoor Track and Field Championship and earning All-American honors with a 10th-place finish in the men's javelin at the 2008 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. In recognition of his academic and athletic accomplishments, he was selected as the 2008 Dutch Meyer Male Scholar Athlete of the Year and was honored with the 2008 Chancellor's Award, two of the highest academic accolades presented to a TCU student-athlete.

Brown, an Overland Park, Kan., product, served as a Resident Assistant for three years while also administering campus tours and working with numerous community service and volunteer groups. In addition to earning Academic All-MWC and MWC Scholar-Athlete recognition for each of the last three years, Brown garnered Academic All-District and Academic All-American honors while also earning a position on the Dean's List and Athletics Director's Honor Roll during his enrollment at TCU.

## HAL ROTHMAN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD



**PETER FRENCH**  
AIR FORCE  
FENCING

Peter French has competed as a member of the Falcons' fencing team for two years. The sophomore product of Austin, Texas, routinely portrays the ideals of sportsmanship and competitive respect, and his character was never more evident than during a match at the 2008 Junior Men's Epee World Cup in Basel, Switzerland. During a bout to determine the top eight individuals and eventual selection to the world team, French struck the floor in a failed attempt for his opponent's foot. The scoring director did not observe the floor touch, and awarded a point to French. Immediately, French acknowledged the mistake and asked the director to remove a point from French's score – a gesture not usually exhibited in international competition. French emerged from the bout victorious and later finished third in the competition, leading to his selection to the world team.

In addition to his academic and athletic commitments, French maintains an active role in the fencing community, conducting weekly instruction classes with local youth to help them develop their fencing skills while instilling the ideals of sportsmanship, respect and integrity. He has been involved in house-building projects and sports camps in post-Katrina New Orleans and has also extended his community service role overseas, teaching English in a Latvian orphanage.

## MWC STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Established by the Mountain West Conference Joint Council in 1999, the Student-Athlete of the Year award is the highest honor presented to a student-athlete by the conference. The award is bestowed annually to the male and female who best exemplify the term "student-athlete" by achieving excellence in academics, community involvement and athletics. Criteria for the Student-Athlete of the Year award requires that nominees demonstrate leadership, character and conduct on and off the playing field. In addition to superior athletic achievement, candidates must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average. The winners receive a \$2,500 post-graduate scholarship. Previous recipients of the MWC Student-Athlete of the Year Award are listed below.

**1999-00**  
**Katarina Malec**  
UNLV  
Tennis

**Mathieu Amgwerd**  
New Mexico  
Tennis

**2000-01**  
**Liz Toman**  
Colorado State  
Track and Field

**John Greer**  
UNLV  
Football

**2001-02**  
**Shannon Bowles**  
Utah  
Gymnastics

**Teren Jameson**  
Utah  
Cross Country/Track & Field

**2002-03**  
**Theresa Kulikowski**  
Utah  
Gymnastics

**John Dayton**  
Air Force  
Swimming

**2003-04**  
**Delavane Diaz**  
Air Force  
Volleyball

**Sean Murray**  
New Mexico  
Baseball

**2004-05**  
**Lindsey Metcalf**  
BYU  
Volleyball/Track & Field

**Morgan Scalley**  
Utah  
Football

**2005-06**  
**Maja Kovacek**  
New Mexico  
Tennis

**Matt Karmondy**  
Air Force  
Swimming

**2006-07**  
**Blair Leake**  
Air Force  
Swimming

**Lars Loseth**  
New Mexico  
Skiing/Soccer

**2007-08**  
**April Thomas**  
Colorado State  
Cross Country/Track & Field

**Joe Brown**  
TCU  
Track & Field

## MWC HAL ROTHMAN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The MWC Hal Rothman Sportsmanship Award is given to the student-athlete who has distinguished himself through sportsmanship and ethical behavior. The student-athlete also must demonstrate good citizenship outside of the sports-competition setting and be in good academic standing.

In April, 2007, the MWC Joint Council voted to re-name the award in honor of Hal Rothman, a noted historian, author and longtime UNLV professor who served as the institution's faculty athletics representative on the MWC Joint Council from 2001-06. Rothman lost a courageous battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, on February 24, 2007.

**2005-06**  
**Katie Battazzo**  
Utah  
Soccer

**2007-08**  
**Peter French**  
Air Force  
Fencing

**2006-07**  
**Kevin Bretting**  
Wyoming  
Diving

# DIRECTIONS TO MWC ARENAS



## CLUNE ARENA - AIR FORCE

Located on Field House Drive

**From the North**, take I-25 South to Air Force Academy North Gate, and continue West through the North Gate for about two miles. Turn left on Parade Loop (second left after the B-52). Make first right on Field House Drive and that will lead you into the parking lot for the Cadet Fieldhouse which houses Clune Arena.

**From the South**, enter the Academy either off I-25 (Academy Boulevard exit) or from Academy Boulevard directly. Continue on the main road through Academy (Stadium Boulevard). Left on Parade Loop (second left past football stadium). Continue around Parade Loop to Field House Drive and turn left. Follow directions above from Field House Drive.

## MARRIOTT CENTER - BYU

Located at 1650 North University Parkway

**From Salt Lake City International Airport**, exit airport heading south on I-215. Merge with I-15 heading South. Go South on I-15 until exit 272 (University Parkway) in Orem. Go east on University Parkway through Orem until you reach University Avenue in Provo. Turn right (south) on University Avenue until you hit Marriott Center (on right).

## MOBY ARENA - COLORADO STATE

Located at the corner of Shields & Elizabeth on the west end of campus

**From Denver International Airport (DIA)**, take Pena Boulevard to I-70 West. Travel I-70 West to the I-25 exchange and head North. Go approximately 60 miles until you reach the Prospect exit (the second Fort Collins exit). Head West (left) on Prospect until you reach Shields Avenue. At Shields, turn right and continue for one-half mile. Moby Arena is at the intersection of Shields and Elizabeth Street.

## UNIVERSITY ARENA "THE PIT" - NEW MEXICO

Located on University Boulevard

**From Albuquerque Airport**, exit Airport at Yale Boulevard. Take Yale Boulevard to Gibson. Turn left on Gibson and then right on University. The Pit is on your left, approximately 1.5 miles from the airport.

**From I-25 (Heading South)**, exit at Cesar Chavez. Turn left and go one-half mile to University.

**From I-40 (Heading East/West)**, to I-25 south to Cesar Chavez. Turn left and go one-half mile to University.

## COX ARENA - SAN DIEGO STATE

Located on campus at 55th Street

**From Interstate 8**, take the College Avenue exit and go South (right). Turn right at Montezuma (second stop light at the top of the hill). Go to the second stop light (55th Street) and turn right. Follow road to the third stop light and curve down road to the right until you reach the stop sign. Parking is available in the parking structure on the left.

**From Lindbergh Field (airport)**, exit airport on Harbor Drive South. Turn left on Grape Street and then right on I-5 South. Exit on Highway 163 North and then again on to I-8 East. Exit at College Avenue driving South, turn right on Montezuma Avenue and right again on 55th Street.

## DANIEL-MEYER COLISEUM - TCU

Located on Stadium Drive

**From Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport**, Take the South Airport Exit to Highway 183 West. Highway 183 becomes Highway 121 South. Merge onto I-35 West and go South until you come to the Berry Street exit. Go West for approximately four miles on Berry Street until you reach the TCU campus. Continue West past University Drive and turn right (North) on Stadium Drive. Continue through one four-way stop sign and turn left at the second four-way stop to enter the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot.

**From East or West**, Take Interstate 30 until you come to the University Drive exit. Go South on University Drive for approximately one mile until you reach the TCU campus. Turn right (west) on Cantey Street (stoplight) and proceed to Stadium Drive (stop sign). Turn left (South) on Stadium Drive and proceed one block until you reach a stop sign. Turn right at the stop sign to enter the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot.

**From North or South**, Take I-35 West, until you come to the Berry Street exit. Go West for approximately four miles on Berry Street until you reach the TCU campus. Continue West past University Drive and turn right (North) on Stadium Drive. Continue through one four-way stop sign and turn left at the second four-way stop to enter the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot.

## THOMAS & MACK CENTER - UNLV

Located on Swenson Avenue

**From McCarran Airport**, exit airport via Swenson. Head North approximately a half-mile. Travel through stop light on Tropicana Avenue and turn right into the Thomas & Mack Center.

**From I-15 South**, exit East on Tropicana Avenue, take a left on Swenson Avenue and make first right into main entrance.

**From the Las Vegas Strip**, head East on Tropicana Avenue (approximately one mile), take a left on Swenson Avenue and make first right into main entrance.

## JON M. HUNTSMAN CENTER - UTAH

Located on South Campus Drive

**From Salt Lake City International Airport**, exit on to I-80 East. Take North Temple exit. At 300 West, turn right. Turn left on 400 South, which will eventually turn into 500 South. Continue heading East until you come to Guardsman Way/Campus Center Drive intersection, then turn left. Take a quick right at the three-way intersection onto South Campus Drive. Proceed east in front of the Jon M. Huntsman Center (silver dome) and take the first left.

**From I-15 North**, take 600 North exit. Turn left on to 600 North. Turn right at 300 West. Turn left on to 400 South, which will eventually turn into 500 South (follow above directions from this point).

## ARENA-AUDITORIUM - WYOMING

Located on Willet Drive

**From Cheyenne Airport to Laramie**, take I-80 West to Laramie (approximately 45 miles). Exit on to Grand Avenue. Take a right on to 30th (first stop light) and then go left on to Willet Drive and proceed to arena, which will be on the left.

**From Denver International Airport (DIA) to Laramie, via Cheyenne**, take I-70 West to 270 North. Take 270 North to 76 West. Take 76 West to I-25 North. Take I-25 North to Cheyenne. At Cheyenne, take I-80 West to Laramie. Take Grand Avenue exit into Laramie. Stay on Grand Avenue until you reach 30th Street. Turn right on 30th to Willet Drive. Turn left on to Willet Drive and go eight blocks to reach the Arena Auditorium.

**From DIA to Laramie, via Fort Collins**, take I-70 West to 270 North. Take 270 North to 76 West. Take 76 West to I-25 North. Take I-25 North to Fort Collins. Exit Mulberry Street and head west to College Avenue. Turn right on to College Avenue (which will turn into Hwy 287 North) and drive 66 miles to Laramie. In Laramie, turn right on to Grand Avenue. Continue on Grand Avenue to 15th Street and turn left. Take 15th Street to Willet and turn right. Go five blocks to reach the Arena Auditorium.



# MWC OFFICIATING & NCAA RULES



## BOBBY DIBLER COORDINATOR OF MWC MEN'S BASKETBALL OFFICIALS

Bobby Dibler enters his 10th year with the Mountain West Conference after working in a similar capacity at the Western Athletic Conference from 1992-98. Prior to his duties of coordinating officials for the conference, he was a WAC basketball official for 19 years. Dibler has also officiated in the Southwest Athletic Conference (1973-93), Big West Conference

(1982-93), Pac-10 Conference (1982-86, 1988-1993), Big Eight Conference (1981-82), and Missouri Valley Conference (1973-82). During his 20 years as an official, he has worked three NCAA Final Fours, 11 NCAA Tournament games and several NIT games. Dibler had also been employed with the Proctor and Gamble Distributing Company as an Account Executive/Operations Manager for 31 years before retiring in December 1999.

## 2008-09 MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL OFFICIALS

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Rick Batsell  
Kevin Brill  
Roosevelt Brown  
Dick Cartmell  
Jimmy Casas  
Newton Chelette  
Dan Chrisman  
Terry Christman  
Martin Cota  
Eric Curry  
Lonnie Dixon  
Brent Dugas  
K. C. Ely  
Darron George  
Mike Giarratano  
Doran Gotschall  
Bill Gracey  
David Hall  
Verne Harris  
Rick Hartzell  
Frank Harvey  
Byrne Haskins  
Ronnie Hernandez  
Bruce Hicks  
John Higgins  
Ed Hightower  
Wilson Holland  
Michael Irving  
Eddie Jackson  
Bobby Jacobs  
Bill Kennedy

Shawn Lehigh  
Mike Littlewood  
Glen Mayberry  
Randy McCall  
Casey McClellan  
Bobby McRoy  
D. G. Nelson  
Ken Nielson  
Tom O'Neill  
Tony Padilla  
Ruben Ramos  
Chris Rastatter  
Mike Reed  
Mark Reischling  
Stanley Reynolds  
Andy Rios  
Mike Scyphers  
Kelly Self  
Brian Shelley  
Brian Sorenson  
Larry Spaulding  
Bobby Staffen  
Winston Stith  
Milt Stowe  
Jim Stupin  
Scott Thornley  
Bobby Vetkoetter  
Steve Welmer  
Mark Whitehead

## 2008-09 NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES

### COURT AND EQUIPMENT 1-3.3.

The restraining line shall be a color that is different from that of the end lines. When space is not available for a 6-foot restraining line, the line should be marked using the maximum available distance. Non-playing personnel shall not be permitted in this area.

**Rationale:** Contributes to player safety in facilities where a 6-foot restraining line is not available.

**Commentary:** According to rule, the restraining line is located 6 feet from each end line and shall be a color different from that of the end lines. Non-playing personnel are prohibited in this area; providing for player safety. The rules change states that when 6 feet is not available on an end line, the restraining line should be marked using the available space. For example, when there is a maximum of 3 feet of available space from each end line, then the restraining line should be marked at 3 feet. However, when there is at least 6 feet of available space from an end line, the line is to be marked at 6 feet.

### THREE-POINT LINE 1-7 (MEN).

From the center of the basket to the outside edge of the three-point field goal line, the men's line shall be a distance of 20 feet 9 inches. The three-point field-goal lines shall be two separate solid 2 inch lines that contrast in color and have no form of embellishment or belt between the two lines. The lines may be the same color as or a different color from the free-throw lane boundary lines and the semicircles.

### COURT AND EQUIPMENT 1-14.3.

Effective 2009-10, movable rings shall be required and the rings may flex both to the front and the sides.

**Rationale:** Requiring movable rings standardizes the equipment to be used for all Divisions.

**Commentary:** In the past, movable rings were not required. Therefore, some institutions used permanent rings, creating inconsistencies in how the ball caromed off the rings. In addition, the downward force of a dunk or a player hanging on the ring caused the ring to lose its shape and/or height. Movable rings play differently and may maintain their shape and height longer than permanent rings.

### LOGOS 1-16.4.

There are no restrictions on NCAA, team or conference logos, names or abbreviations on the playing court, provided they do not obscure any of the required lines.

**Rationale:** Adds NCAA logos to the current practice that permits team and conference logos, names and/or abbreviations on the playing court.

### OFFICIALS JURISDICTION 2-4.4.

When all three officials leave the visual confines of the playing area at the end of the game, the officials' jurisdiction has ended and the score has been approved.

**Rationale:** Eliminates confusion as to when the officials' jurisdiction has ended and the score has been approved.

# 2008-09 NCAA RULES CHANGES



## 2008-09 NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES (continued)

### DUTIES OF TIMER 2-10.9.

Sound a warning horn 15 seconds before the expiration of the 20-second time limit to replace a disqualified player. The signal also shall be sounded at the end of the 20 seconds to replace a disqualified player.

**Rationale:** Makes the warning signal for a disqualified player consistent with the use of other warning signals.

**Commentary:** The 20-second time limit to replace a disqualified player was the only situation in which a warning horn sounded 5 seconds prior to expiration. The warning horn for all other time limits, such as those for timeouts and intermission, sounded 15 seconds prior to expiration. The rules change will now require a warning horn to be sounded 15 seconds before the expiration of the 20-second time limit to replace a disqualified player. This makes the rule more consistent with other warning signals. The change also applies to the 20-second time limit used for injury (women) blood, lost/displaced or irritated contact lenses.

### UNIFORMS 3-5.10.

Opposing team uniforms shall be of contrasting colors. The home team shall wear light game jerseys and the away team shall wear dark game jerseys. Note: This rule may be altered by mutual consent of the competing institutions.

**Rationale:** Helps officials to facilitate the identification of players and teams by requiring that the home team wear light and the away team wear dark.

**Commentary:** In the past, the uniform rule stated that opposing team uniforms shall be of contrasting colors and that the home team 'should' wear light while the away team 'should' wear dark. The rules change now **requires** that the home team wear light (not white) and the away team wear dark. The rule is not intended to define what 'light' is and what 'dark' is, but simply removes the option for home teams to wear dark and away teams to wear light. However, please note that this rule may be altered by mutual consent of the competing institutions to provide for special circumstances.

### UNIFORMS 3-5.13 (NEW).

The use of an arm sleeve, knee sleeve, and lower leg sleeve is permissible for medical reasons but its utilization shall be verified by either the individual's coach or team medical personnel.

**Rationale:** Permits the use of these sleeves for medical reasons but requires verification by the individual's coach or team medical personnel.

### UNIFORMS 3-6.1.

A single manufacturer's or distributor's normal logo, label or trademark may be worn on the game pants, and all other items of apparel excluding the game jersey (e.g. Warm-ups, socks, headbands, and wristbands). Game pants and warm-ups may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal logo, label or trademark, an institutional logo/mascot, or a conference logo/mascot.

**Rationale:** Removed the words t-shirts and towels from the list of items permitted to have a single logo.

**Commentary:** The rule lists items that may bear a single manufacturer's logo. T-shirts were removed because they were often confused with undershirts. An undershirt is any shirt worn under the game jersey and it is not permitted to bear a visible manufacturer's logo. Towels were removed because they need not be regulated in the rules book.

### GOALTENDING 4-34.3.

When the entire ball is above the level of the ring during a field-goal try and contacts the backboard, it is considered to be on its downward flight. In such a case, it is goaltending when that ball is touched by a player.

**Rationale:** Eliminates the judgment of whether or not a try contacting the backboard is on its downward flight.

**Commentary:** It is sometimes difficult to determine if a try is on its downward flight when it is above the ring and contacting the backboard. A ball on its downward flight during a field-goal try is one of the criteria for determining goaltending. The rules change eliminates making this determination. When a try contacts the backboard above the level of the ring, it is considered to be on its downward flight. It is important to note that this rule only applies to a try.

### TIMEOUTS 5-13.4.K.

Note: For all NCAA tournament games, the format described in Rule 5-13.4 may be used without the presence of paid advertising.

**Rationale:** Makes the format for use of timeouts consistent for all three Divisions in NCAA tournament games. The previous Note stated that only Division II Men were permitted to use the electronic-media timeout format without the presence of media (paid advertising).

**Commentary:** Electronic-media timeouts are only permitted when the use of paid advertising is present. When there is no paid advertising present – the electronic-media timeout format may not be used. The electronic-media timeout format guarantees the advertiser a paid advertising segment during a particular game as per the electronic media agreement. This Note is the only exception to the rule requiring that paid advertising be present to be able to use the electronic-media timeout format.

### FOUL AND PENALTIES (MEN) 10-3 & 10-4.

Reorganization of Rule 10-3 and 10-4 in reference to infraction and penalty.

**Rationale:** No change to the intent of the rule, however, infractions have been classified. Two classifications; Class A technical fouls are for unsportsmanlike conduct and will replace Direct Technical Fouls. Class B technical fouls deal with infractions of the rules that neither involve contact nor causes contact with opponent and fall below the limit of an unsportsmanlike act. Class B replaces Indirect Technical Fouls.



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