



Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Announces 2016 Tip-Off Tournament Schedule

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SPRINGFIELD, MA – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the field of teams and brackets for the 2016 Tip-Off Tournament. The annual NCAA men’s exempt tournament sponsored by the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will take place **Saturday, November 19** and **Sunday, November 20** at **Mohegan Sun Arena** in Uncasville, Connecticut. Eight schools will compete in two four-team brackets with campus round games leading up to the Mohegan Sun Arena contests.

Teams scheduled to participate in this year’s Tip-Off tournament are: **University at Albany** (American East Conference), **Brown University** (Ivy League), **University of Cincinnati** (American Athletic Conference), **Duke University** (Atlantic Coast Conference), **Grand Canyon University** (Western Athletic Conference), **Marist College** (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference), **Penn State** (Big Ten Conference) and **University of Rhode Island** (Atlantic 10 Conference).

“The Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament at Mohegan Sun has become one of the most competitive collegiate events in the month of November,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “With the combination of elite talent and schools in close proximity to the venue, we’re sure to have a great crowd and tremendous atmosphere for the fans.”

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

General public **tickets will go on sale Friday, September 9 at 10am ET via all Ticketmaster outlets** and the Mohegan Sun Arena box office. Pre-sales for participating schools begin Wednesday, May 11. Broadcast information and game times will be announced at later date. For more information, please visit www.halloffametipoff.com.

Naismith Bracket

University of Cincinnati
Duke University
Penn State
University of Rhode Island

Springfield Bracket

University at Albany
Brown University
Grand Canyon University
Marist College

Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament Schedule

Campus Round Schedule

November 11

Grand Canyon University @ Duke University
Marist College @ Penn State
Brown University @ University of Cincinnati

November 12

University at Albany @ Duke University

November 14

University at Albany @ University of Cincinnati
Marist College @ University of Rhode Island

November 15

Grand Canyon University @ Penn State

November 16

Brown University @ University of Rhode Island

Saturday, November 19 at Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, CT

Naismith Bracket

Duke University vs. Penn State
University of Cincinnati vs. University of Rhode Island

Springfield Bracket

Marist College vs. Brown University
Grand Canyon University vs. University at Albany

Sunday, November 20 at Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, CT

Naismith Bracket

Consolation Game
Championship Game

Springfield Bracket

Marist College vs. Grand Canyon University
Brown University vs. University at Albany

Quotes from Participating Head Coaches

"We are excited to once again be competing in the Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament at Mohegan Sun. We will have the opportunity to play against arguably the best team in the country and preseason #1 in Duke and also against Cincinnati, who I expect to compete for the American Conference Championship. The weekend at Mohegan Sun is a lot of fun and the Hall of Fame staff runs a first class event!" - Will Brown, University at Albany

"Everyone in our program is excited for the great opportunity to play in the Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament at the Mohegan Sun. It allows us to compete against some terrific programs that have had recent success and appear to be headed for strong seasons in 2016-17. It also allows our alumni and fans the opportunity to see us play three games within one hour of our campus." - Mike Martin, Brown University

"We are thrilled to be invited to participate in the Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament and represent the University of Cincinnati. The field of teams is extremely competitive and the Hall of Fame always does great things for college basketball. It should be a fun event." - Mick Cronin, University of Cincinnati

"Each year, we try to put ourselves in an outstanding non-conference schedule against talented competition. To be able to do so in an event run by the Basketball Hall of Fame is an honor for our program. The Hall of Fame does a great job with this tournament, and we're excited to take part this year." - Mike Krzyzewski, Duke University

"It's an honor for us to participate in the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament this fall. It will be a great experience for our student-athletes to have the opportunity to play against some of the best teams across the country and we look forward to competing." - Dan Majerle, Grand Canyon University

"It's an honor to play in an event associated with the Basketball Hall of Fame. The competition and venue at Mohegan Sun will once again provide our program and fans with a wonderful overall experience. We look forward to representing Marist and the MAAC in this prestigious event." - Mike Maker, Marist College

"We look forward to the opportunity to play in the 2016 Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament at Mohegan Sun Arena. The tournament boasts a strong field and will provide an exceptional test for our team early in the season. This event is sure to be among the highlights of our non-conference schedule." - Pat Chambers, Penn State University

"The Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament will once again feature an outstanding field and the games will provide our program with a tremendous challenge early on in the season. We are excited to participate in this Hall of Fame event!" - Dan Hurley, University of Rhode Island

About Mohegan Sun:

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

About the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference:

The MAAC, headquartered in Edison, N.J., consists of 11 member institutions: Canisius College, Fairfield University, Iona College, Manhattan College, Marist College, Monmouth University, Niagara University, Quinnipiac University, Rider University, Saint Peter's University and Siena College. For more on the conference, please visit www.maacsports.com.

About the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame:

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

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