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# THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

## "THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE"

The Southeastern Conference, with its storied 82-year history of athletic achievements and academic excellence, has built perhaps the greatest tradition of intercollegiate competition of any league in the country since its inception in 1933.

The 2014-15 academic year was another season to remember for the SEC as conference teams captured six national titles and five national runner-up finishes. The SEC has won consecutive national championships in equestrian, men's golf, gymnastics and softball.

- Since 2000, the SEC has won 101 team national championships for an average of more than six per year.
- The SEC finished in the top two in 11 of its 21 sponsored sports and in the top five in 20 of the 21 sports.
- 12 SEC teams participated in football postseason bowls with Alabama participating in the inaugural College Football Playoff.
- Five men's basketball teams and seven women's basketball teams were invited to the NCAA Tournament.
- Seven SEC teams advance to postseason play in baseball with Arkansas, Florida, LSU and Vanderbilt advancing to the College World Series.
- 178 SEC teams advanced to NCAA postseason competition.
- 53 SEC student-athletes garnered individual national championships.
- 543 individuals were awarded with First-Team All-America Honors.
- More than 3,300 student-athletes earned recognition on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.
- All 14 SEC schools placed in the top 66 of the NACDA Director's Cup rankings and half the league finished in the Top 25. Florida led the league with a fourth-place finish. Georgia placed 14th while LSU was 15th; Arkansas finished 16th, Texas A&M 17th, Kentucky 22nd and Alabama 25th.

A brief sport-by-sport summary of the 2014-15 year follows:

### BASEBALL

Seven teams were invited to NCAA play with Arkansas, Florida, LSU and Vanderbilt advancing to the College World Series in Omaha.

NCAA Tournament Participants:

Vanderbilt	CWS - Runner-up
Florida	CWS - t3rd
LSU	CWS - t5th
Arkansas	CWS - t7th
Texas A&M	Super Regionals
Ole Miss	Regionals
Auburn	Regionals

**SEC Champion:** LSU (27-10)

**SEC Tournament Champion:** Florida

**Coach of the Year:** Paul Mainieri, LS

**Player of the Year:** Andrew Benintendi, AR

**Pitcher of the Year:** Carson Fulmer, VU

**Freshman of the Year:** Alex Lange, LS

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Seth Heck, MS

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The SEC sent eight teams into postseason play with three combining to record a 7-4 record in the NCAA Tournament.

NCAA Tournament Participants:

Kentucky	Final Four
Arkansas	Second Round
Georgia	Second Round
LSU	Second Round
Ole Miss	Second Round

**SEC Champion:** Kentucky (18-0)

**SEC Tournament Champion:** Kentucky

**Coach of the Year:** John Calipari, UK

**Player of the Year:** Bobby Portis, AR

**Freshman of the Year:** Karl-Anthony Towns, UK

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Willie Cauley-Stein, UK

**Sixth Man of the Year:** Devin Booker, UK

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Levi Randolph, UA

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The SEC had seven teams earn bids to the 2015 NCAA Tournament.

NCAA Tournament Participants:

South Carolina	Final Four
Tennessee	Elite Eight
Kentucky	Second Round
Mississippi State	Second Round
LSU	First Round
Texas A&M	First Round
Arkansas	Second Round

**SEC Co-Champions:** South Carolina & Tennessee (15-1)

**SEC Tournament Champion:** South Carolina

**Co-Coaches of the Year:** Dawn Staley, SC & Vic Schaefer, MS

**Player of the Year:** Tiffany Mitchell, SC

**Freshman of the Year:** A'ja Wilson, SC

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Jordan Jones, AM

**Sixth Player of the Year:** Jennifer O'Neill, UK

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Aleighsa Welch, SC

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The SEC sent two teams to the 2014 NCAA Cross Country Championships, highlighted by Arkansas and Ole Miss both finishing in the top 30.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Arkansas	647	28th
Ole Miss	685	29th
Alabama		South Regional - 15th
Auburn		South Regional - 3rd
Florida		South Regional - 8th
Georgia		South Regional - 9th
Kentucky		Southeast Regional - 9th
LSU		South Central Regional - 18th
Mississippi State		South Regional - 14th
Missouri		Midwest Regional - 17th
Tennessee		South Regional - 10th
Texas A&M		South Central Regional - 7th
Vanderbilt		South Regional - 19th

**SEC Champion:** Arkansas

**Coach of the Year:** Chris Bucknam AR

**Runner of the Year:** Kemoy Campbell, AR

**Co-Freshmen of the Year:** Alex George, AR & Sean Tobin, UM

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Ty McCormack, AU

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Two SEC teams advanced to the 2014 NCAA Cross Country Championships, with Arkansas earning a fifth-place finish.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Arkansas	209	5th
Vanderbilt	598	28th
Alabama		South Regional - 3rd
Auburn		South Regional - 7th
Florida		South Regional - 5th
Georgia		South Regional - 8th
Kentucky		Southeast Regional - 12th
LSU		South Central Regional - 12th
Ole Miss		South Regional - 13th
Mississippi State		South Regional - 6th
Missouri		Midwest Regional - 6th
South Carolina		Southeast Regional - 18th
Tennessee		South Regional - 19th
Texas A&M		South Central Regional - 6th

**SEC Champion:** Arkansas

**Coach of the Year:** Lance Harter, AR

**Runner of the Year:** Dominique Scott, AR

**Freshman of the Year:** Karissa Schweizer, MO

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Grace Heymsfield, AR

### EQUESTRIAN

South Carolina won the NCEA National Championship, marking the 14th consecutive year that a team currently in the SEC captured the equestrian national title.

NCEA Championships Participants:

South Carolina	1st - National Champion
Georgia	2nd
Auburn	t-3rd
Texas A&M	Participant

**SEC Champion:** Georgia

**Coach of the Year:** Meghan Boenig, UG

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Allie Dusha, AU

**Equitation Over Fences Rider of the Year:**

Elizabeth Benson, AU

**Equitation On The Flat Rider of the Year:** Kylee Arbuckle, UG

**Horsemanship Rider of the Year:** Paige Stawicki, UG

**Reining Rider of the Year:** Lauren Garmon, UG

**Freshman Equitation Over Fences Rider of the Year:** Alex Desiderio, AM

**Freshman Equitation On The Flat Rider of the Year:** Addyson Cord, UG

## Freshman Horsemanship Rider of the Year:

Bailey Anderson, UG

## Freshman Reining Rider of the Year:

Harper, UG

## FOOTBALL

Seven SEC teams finished the season ranked in the Top 25 of the College Football Playoff Rankings.

Bowl Participants: (Bowl - Final AP/Coaches Ranking)

Alabama	CFP Sugar - 4/4
Mississippi State	Orange - 11/12
Missouri	Citrus - 14/11
Tennessee	TaxSlayer
Florida	Birmingham
Auburn	Outback - 22/23
Ole Miss	Peach - 17/19
Georgia	Belk - 9/9
LSU	Music City -rv/rv
Arkansas	Texas - rv/rv
Texas A&M	Liberty -rv/rv
South Carolina	Independence

**SEC Champion:** Alabama (7-1)

**SEC Coach of the Year:** Gary Pinkel, MO

**Offensive Player of the Year:** Amari Cooper, UA

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Shane Roy, MO

**Special Teams Player of the Year:** Marcus Murphy, MO

**Freshman of the Year:** Nick Chubb, UG

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Chris Conley, UG

**Jacobs Blocking Trophy:** La'el Collins, LS

## MEN'S GOLF

Nine SEC Men's Golf teams advanced to postseason play with LSU winning the national title.

NCAA Championships Participants:

LSU	National Champion
Georgia	t3rd
Vanderbilt	t5th
Auburn	12th
South Carolina	13th
Florida	t38th
Alabama	Noblesville Regional
Arkansas	New Haven Regional
Ole Miss	San Diego Regional

**SEC Champion:** LSU

**Coach of the Year:** Chuck Winstead, LS

**Golfer of the Year:** Hunter Stewart, VU

**Freshman of the Year:** Ben Schlotzman, AU

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Forrest Gamble, UM

## WOMEN'S GOLF

Eleven SEC Women's Golf teams advanced to the post-season with six making the NCAA Championships.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Tennessee	t5th
Arkansas	9th
Alabama	14th
South Carolina	17th
Texas A&M	18th
LSU	t20th
Auburn	San Antonio Regional
Florida	Raleigh Regional
Mississippi State	Raleigh Regional
Kentucky	South Bend Regional
Vanderbilt	St. George Regional

**SEC Champion:** Texas A&M

**Coach of the Year:** Kalen Anderson, SC

**Golfer of the Year:** Madelene Sagstrom, LS

**Freshman of the Year:** Maddie Szeryk, AM

**Co-Scholar-Athletes of the Year:** Justine Dreher, SC & Lucia Polo, UT

## GYMNASTICS

The SEC has placed at least two teams in the final top five 30 of the last 31 years and placed three in the top 10 23 consecutive years.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Florida	197.850	National Champion
Alabama	197.275	4th
Auburn	195.625	6th
Georgia	196.600	9th
LSU	196.550	10th
Arkansas	196.500	Morgantown Regional - 4th
Kentucky	195.450	Columbus Regional - 6th
Missouri	196.100	Norman Regional - 4th

**SEC Champion:** Alabama

**Co-Coaches of the Year:** Jeff Graba, AU & D-D

Breaux, LS

**Gymnast of the Year:** Kytra Hunter, UF

**Event Specialist of the Year:** Lloimincia Hall, LS

**Co-Freshman of the Year:** Paige Zaziski, AR &

Kennedy Baker, UF

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Katelyn Trevino, MO

## SOCCER

A record-tying eight teams appeared in the 2014 NCAA Tournament.

NCAA Tournament Participants:

Texas A&M	t3rd
Florida	Quarterfinals
South Carolina	Quarterfinals
Kentucky	3rd Round
Arkansas	2nd Round
Auburn	2nd Round
Missouri	2nd Round
Georgia	1st Round

**SEC Champions:** Texas A&M (9-1-1)

**SEC Tournament Champion:** Texas A&M

**Coach of the Year:** G Guerrieri, AM

**Offensive Player of the Year:** Shea Groom, AM

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Arin Gilliland, UK

**Freshman of the Year:** Savannah McCaskill, SC

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Laura Lee Smith, UA

## SOFTBALL

Eleven teams represented the league in the NCAA Tournament with Florida winning the national championship.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Florida	National Champion
Auburn	WCWS - t3rd
LSU	WCWS - t3rd
Alabama	WCWS - t5th
Tennessee	WCWS - t7th
Kentucky	Super Regionals
Georgia	Super Regionals
Missouri	Super Regionals
South Carolina	Regionals
Mississippi State	Regionals
Texas A&M	Regionals

**SEC Champion:** Florida (18-5)

**SEC Tournament Champion:** Florida

**Coach of the Year:** Clint Myers, AU

**Player of the Year:** Kelsey Stewart, UF

**Pitcher of the Year:** Lauren Haeger, UF

**Freshman of the Year:** Alexis Osorio, UA

**Co-Scholar-Athletes of the Year:** Haylie McCleney, UA & Devon Wallace, AR

## MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Seven SEC teams finished among the top 20 at the NCAA Championships.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Florida	248	5th
Georgia	208.5	7th
Auburn	182	9th
Alabama	176	10th
Missouri	132.5	11th
Tennessee	111	14th
South Carolina	51	19th
Texas A&M	4.5	38th

**SEC Champion:** Florida

**Swimming Coach of the Year:** Gregg Troy, UF

**Diving Coach of the Year:** Dave Parrington, UT

**Swimmer of the Year:** Kristian Gkolomeev, UA

**Diver of the Year:** Fraser McKean, AU

**Freshman Swimmer of the Year:** Caeleb Dressel, UF

**Freshman Diver of the Year:** Liam Stone, UT

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Nicolas Fink, UG

## WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Seven SEC teams finished among the top 20 nationally.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Georgia	452	2nd
Texas A&M	231	4th
Florida	129	9th
Tennessee	125	11th
Missouri	100	14th
Kentucky	95	16th
Auburn	66	18th
Alabama	31	29th
LSU	15	34th
Arkansas	2	44th

**SEC Champion:** Georgia

**Swimming Coach of the Year:** Jack Bauerle, UG

**Diving Coach of the Year:** Ted Hautau, UK

**Swimmer of the Year:** Sarah Henry, AM

**Diver of the Year:** Rebecca Hamperian, UK

**Freshman Swimmer of the Year:** Beryl Gastaldello, AM

**Freshman Diver of the Year:** Olivia Ball, UG

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Danielle Galyer, UK

## MEN'S TENNIS

Eight teams represented the SEC in the NCAA Championships.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Georgia	Quarterfinals
Texas A&M	Quarterfinals
Mississippi State	Second Round
Ole Miss	Second Round
Vanderbilt	Second Round
LSU	Second Round
Florida	First Round
Tennessee	First Round

**Co-SEC Champions:** Georgia & Texas A&M

**SEC Tournament Champion:** Texas A&M

**Coach of the Year:** Steve Denton, AM

**Player of the Year:** Gonzales Austin, VU

**Freshman of the Year:** Wayne Montgomery, UG

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Kyle Koch, SC

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Twelve SEC teams advanced to NCAA postseason action with Vanderbilt winning the national title.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Vanderbilt	National Champions
Georgia	Semifinals
Florida	Quarterfinals
Texas A&M	Round of 16
Alabama	Second Round
LSU	Second Round
Ole Miss	Second Round
South Carolina	Second Round
Mississippi State	Second Round
Arkansas	First Round
Auburn	First Round
Kentucky	First Round

**SEC Champion:** Florida

**SEC Tournament Champion:** Vanderbilt

**Coach of the Year:** Geoff Macdonald, VU

**Player of the Year:** Brooke Austin, UF

**Freshman of the Year:** Brooke Austin, UF

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Emily Zabor, UA

## MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Six SEC teams finished in the top-20 at the NCAA Indoor Championships with Florida placing as the national runner-up.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Florida	50	2nd
Arkansas	39	3rd
Texas A&M	33	4th
LSU	19	t7th
Georgia	12	t15th
Tennessee	11	17th
Ole Miss	7	t28th
Mississippi State	5	t38th
Alabama	5	t38th
Kentucky	5	t38th
Auburn	4	t46th
Missouri	4	t46th

**SEC Champion:** Florida

**Coach of the Year:** Mike Holloway, UF

**Runner of the Year:** Omar McLeod, AR

**Field Event Athlete of the Year:** Marquis Dendy, UF

**Freshman Runner of the Year:** Christian Coleman, UT

**Freshman Field Athlete of the Year:** KeAndre Bates, UF

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Maicel Uibo, UG

## WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Arkansas won the program's first NCAA Indoor Championship and four SEC teams finished in the top-five at the NCAA Championships.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Arkansas	63	National Champion
Georgia	37	3rd
Florida	36	4th
Kentucky	35	5th
LSU	18	t9th
Missouri	14	t15th
Texas A&M	14	t15th
Alabama	13	17th
Mississippi State	11	t21st
Tennessee	5	t38th
Vanderbilt	5	t38th
Auburn	4	t41st
Ole Miss	1	t52nd

**SEC Champion:** Arkansas

**Coach of the Year:** Lance Harter, Arkansas

**Co-Runners of the Year:** Dominique Scott, AR & Remona Burchell, UA

**Co-Field Athletes of the Year:** Sandi Morris, AR & Erica Bougard, MS

**Freshman Runner of the Year:** Brooke Feldmeier, UM

**Freshman Field Athlete of the Year:** Keturah Orji, UG

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Sandi Morris, AR

## MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Eleven SEC teams scored at the NCAA Outdoor Championships with Florida finishing as the national runner-up.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Florida	56	2nd
Arkansas	53	3rd
LSU	45	4th
Texas A&M	27	6th
Mississippi State	20	8th
Georgia	13	15th
Tennessee	10.5	18th
Alabama	8	t31st
Kentucky	5	t44th
South Carolina	3	t60th
Auburn	2.5	67th

**SEC Champion:** Florida

**Coach of the Year:** Mike Holloway, UF

**Runner of the Year:** Deon Lendore, AM

**Field Athlete of the Year:** Marquis Dendy, UF

**Co-Freshman Runners of the Year:** Kenzo Cotton, AR & Christian Coleman, UT

**Freshman Field Athlete of the Year:** Ioannis Kyriazis, AM

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Nathanael Franks, AR

## WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

All 14 SEC teams scored at the NCAA Outdoor Championships with five SEC squads placing in the top-10 nationally.

NCAA Championships Participants:

Kentucky	50	2nd
Texas A&M	47	3rd
Arkansas	43	4th
Georgia	41	5th
Florida	32	8th
LSU	26	11th
Mississippi State	15	18th
Alabama	10	t20th
South Carolina	10	t20th
Auburn	8	t28th
Vanderbilt	6	t35th
Missouri	3	t51st
Tennessee	3	t51st
Ole Miss	2	t59th

**SEC Champion:** Arkansas

**Coach of the Year:** Lance Harter, AR

**Runner of the Year:** Dominique Scott, AR

**Field Athlete of the Year:** Erica Bougard, MS

**Freshman Runner of the Year:** Brooke Feldmeier, UM

**Freshman Field Athlete of the Year:** Keturah Orji, UG

**Scholar-Athlete of the Year:** Jeannelle Scheper, SC

## VOLLEYBALL

The SEC sent five teams to the NCAA Tournament, marking the 25th straight year of sending at least two teams to NCAA postseason play.

NCAA Tournament Participants:

Florida	Quarterfinals
Alabama	Second Round
Kentucky	Second Round
LSU	Second Round
Texas A&M	First Round

**SEC Champion:** Florida (18-0)

**Coach of the Year:** Mary Wise, UF

**Player of the Year:** Alex Holston, UF

**Libero Player of the Year:** Jackie Napper, UK

**Freshman of the Year:** Rhamat Alhassan, UF

**Co-Scholar-Athletes of the Year:** Holly Pole, UF; Carly Kan, MO & Shelby Sullivan, AM

# 2014-15 SEC YEAR IN REVIEW

Sport	SEC Champion(s)	SEC Tournament Champion	NCAA Teams	Best National Finish (NCAAs and/or Poll)	First Team All-Americans	Individual National Champions
Baseball	LSU	Florida	7	Vanderbilt (2nd)	6	---
Men's Basketball	Kentucky	Kentucky	5	Kentucky (t3rd)	2	---
Women's Basketball	South Carolina	South Carolina	7	South Carolina (t3rd)	1	---
Men's Cross Country	Arkansas	---	2	Arkansas (28th)	1	0 winners in 1 event
Women's Cross Country	Arkansas	---	2	Arkansas (5th)	5	0 winners in 1 event
Equestrian	Georgia	---	4	South Carolina (Champion)	10	---
Football	Alabama	---	12	Alabama (4th)	12	---
Men's Golf	LSU	---	9	LSU (Champion)	3	0 winners in 1 event
Women's Golf	Texas A&M	---	11	Tennessee (t5th)	5	1 winner in 1 event
Gymnastics	Alabama	---	8	Florida (Champion)	17	2 winners in 2 of 5 events
Soccer	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	7	Texas A&M (t3rd)	2	---
Softball	Florida	Florida	11	Florida (Champion)	7	---
Men's Swimming & Diving	Florida	---	8	Florida (5th)	82	3 winners in 3 of 21 events
Women's Swimming & Diving	Georgia	---	10	Georgia (2nd)	96	1 winner in 1 of 21 events
Men's Tennis	Georgia	Texas A&M	8	Georgia & Texas A&M (Quarters)	14	0 winners in 2 events
Women's Tennis	Florida	Vanderbilt	12	Vanderbilt (Champion)	16	2 winners in 2 events
Men's Indoor Track & Field	Florida	---	12	Florida (2nd)	46	8 winner in 6 of 17 events
Women's Indoor Track & Field	Arkansas	---	13	Arkansas (Champion)	61	12 winners in 10 of 17 events
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	Florida	---	11	Florida (2nd)	77	11 winners in 7 of 21 events
Women's Outdoor Track & Field	Arkansas	---	14	Kentucky (2nd)	78	13 winners in 10 of 21 events
Volleyball	Florida	---	5	Florida (Quarterfinals)	2	---
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>178</b>	<b>6 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>53</b>

# SEC ALL-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

## BASEBALL (10)

1990	Georgia (52-19)
1991	LSU (55-18)
1993	LSU (53-17-1)
1996	LSU (52-15)
1997	LSU (57-13)
2000	LSU (52-17)
2009	LSU (56-17)
2010	South Carolina (54-16)
2011	South Carolina (55-14)
2014	Vanderbilt (51-21)

## MEN'S BASKETBALL (11)

1948	Kentucky (36-3)
1949	Kentucky (32-2)
1951	Kentucky (32-2)
1958	Kentucky (23-6)
1978	Kentucky (30-2)
1994	Arkansas (31-3)
1996	Kentucky (34-2)
1998	Kentucky (35-4)
2006	Florida (33-6)
2007	Florida (35-5)
2012	Kentucky (38-2)

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (8)

1987	Tennessee (28-6)
1989	Tennessee (35-2)
1991	Tennessee (30-5)
1996	Tennessee (32-4)
1997	Tennessee (29-10)
1998	Tennessee (39-0)
2007	Tennessee (34-3)
2008	Tennessee (36-2)

## WOMEN'S BOWLING (1)

2007	Vanderbilt (74-14)
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## BOXING (1)

1949	LSU (20)
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## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY (8)

1972	Tennessee (134)
1991	Arkansas (52)
1992	Arkansas (46)
1993	Arkansas (31)
1995	Arkansas (100)
1998	Arkansas (97)
1999	Arkansas (58)
2000	Arkansas (83)

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY (1)

1988	Kentucky (75)
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## EQUESTRIAN (3)

2013	Auburn
2014	Georgia
2015	South Carolina

## FOOTBALL (22)

1951	Tennessee (10-1/AP, UPI)
1957	Auburn (10-0/AP)
1958	LSU (11-0/AP, UPI)
1960	Ole Miss (10-0-1/FWAA)
1961	Alabama (11-0/AP, UPI)
1964	Alabama (10-1/AP, UPI)
1965	Alabama (9-1-1/AP, FWAA)
1973	Alabama (11-1/UPI)
1978	Alabama (11-1/AP, FWAA)
1979	Alabama (12-0/AP, UPI, FWAA)
1980	Georgia (12-0/AP, UPI, FWAA)
1992	Alabama (13-0/AP, UPI, USA Today, FWAA)

1996	Florida (12-1/AP, UPI, USA Today, FWAA)
1998	Tennessee (13-0/AP, USA Today, FWAA)
2003	LSU (13-1/USA Today, BCS)
2006	Florida (13-1/USA Today, BCS)
2007	LSU (12-2/USA Today, BCS)
2008	Florida (13-1/USA Today, BCS)
2009	Alabama (14-0/USA Today, BCS)
2010	Auburn (14-0/AP, USA Today, BCS)
2011	Alabama (13-1/AP, USA Today, BCS)
2012	Alabama (13-1/AP, USA Today, BCS)

## MEN'S GOLF (13)

1940	LSU (601-tie)
1942	LSU (590-tie)
1947	LSU (606)
1955	LSU (574)
1968	Florida (1154)
1973	Florida (1149)
1993	Florida (1145)
1999	Georgia (1180)
2001	Florida (1126)
2005	Georgia (1135)
2013	Alabama
2014	Alabama
2015	LSU

## WOMEN'S GOLF (4)

1985	Florida (1218)
1986	Florida (1180)
2001	Georgia (1176)
2012	Alabama (1171)

## GYMNASTICS (19)

1987	Georgia (187.90)
1988	Alabama (190.05)
1989	Georgia (192.65)
1991	Alabama (195.125)
1993	Georgia (198.00)
1996	Alabama (198.025)
1998	Georgia (197.725)
1999	Georgia (196.850)
2002	Alabama (197.575)
2005	Georgia (197.825)
2006	Georgia (197.750)
2007	Georgia (197.850)
2008	Georgia (197.450)
2009	Georgia (197.825)
2011	Alabama (197.650)
2012	Alabama (197.850)
2013	Florida (197.575)
2014	Florida (198.175)
2015	Florida (197.850)

## RIFLE (1)

2011	Kentucky
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## WOMEN'S SOCCER (1)

1998	Florida (26-1)
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## SOFTBALL (3)

2012	Alabama (60-8)
2014	Florida (55-12)
2015	Florida (60-7)

## MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING (11)

1978	Tennessee (307)
1983	Florida (238)
1984	Florida (287.5)
1997	Auburn (496.5)

1999	Auburn (467.5)
2003	Auburn (609.5)
2004	Auburn (634)
2005	Auburn (491)
2006	Auburn (480.5)
2007	Auburn (566)
2009	Auburn (526)

## WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING (13)

1982	Florida (505)
1999	Georgia (504.5)
2000	Georgia (490.5)
2001	Georgia (389)
2002	Auburn (474)
2003	Auburn (536)
2004	Auburn (569)
2005	Georgia (609.5)
2006	Auburn (518.5)
2007	Auburn (535)
2010	Florida (382)
2013	Georgia (477)
2014	Georgia (528)

## MEN'S TENNIS (7)

1959	Tulane (tie)
1985	Georgia (36-1)
1987	Georgia (24-3)
1999	Georgia (26-5)
2001	Georgia (28-1)
2007	Georgia (32-0)
2008	Georgia (27-3)

## WOMEN'S TENNIS (9)

1992	Florida (30-0)
1994	Georgia (27-2)
1996	Florida (31-0)
1998	Florida (27-0)
2000	Georgia (27-2)
2003	Florida (31-2)
2011	Florida (31-1)
2012	Florida (27-1)
2015	Vanderbilt (25-6)

## MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD (18)

1992	Arkansas (53)
1993	Arkansas (66)
1994	Arkansas (94)
1995	Arkansas (59)
1997	Arkansas (59)
1998	Arkansas (56)
1999	Arkansas (65)
2000	Arkansas (69.5)
2001	LSU (34)
2002	Tennessee (52)
2003	Arkansas (54)
2004	LSU (44.5)
2005	Arkansas (56)
2006	Arkansas (53)
2010	Florida (57)
2011	Florida (52)
2012	Florida (52)
2013	Arkansas (57)

## WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD (15)

1987	LSU (49)
1989	LSU (61)
1991	LSU (48)
1992	Florida (50)
1993	LSU (49)
1994	LSU (48)
1995	LSU (40)
1996	LSU (52)

1997	LSU (49)
2002	LSU (57)
2003	LSU (52)
2004	LSU (52)
2005	Tennessee (46)
2009	Tennessee (42)
2015	Arkansas (63)

## MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (20)

1933	LSU (58)
1974	Tennessee (60)
1989	LSU (53)
1990	LSU (44)
1991	Tennessee (51)
1992	Arkansas (60)
1993	Arkansas (69)
1994	Arkansas (83)
1995	Arkansas (61.5)
1996	Arkansas (55)
1997	Arkansas (55)
1998	Arkansas (58.5)
1999	Arkansas (59)
2001	Tennessee (50)
2002	LSU (64)
2003	Arkansas (59)
2004	Arkansas (65.5)
2005	Arkansas (60)
2012	Florida (50)
2013	Florida (53) Texas A&M (53)

## WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (18)

1987	LSU (62)
1988	LSU (61)
1989	LSU (86)
1990	LSU (53)
1991	LSU (78)
1992	LSU (87)
1993	LSU (93)
1994	LSU (86)
1995	LSU (69)
1996	LSU (81)
1997	LSU (63)
2000	LSU (58)
2002	South Carolina (82)
2003	LSU (64)
2006	Auburn (57)
2008	LSU (67)
2012	LSU (76)
2014	Texas A&M (75)

<b>SEC ALL-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	
Men's.....	121
Women's.....	95
Coed.....	1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>217</b>

<b>SEC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 2000</b>	
Men's.....	49
Women's.....	51
Coed.....	1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>101</b>

NOTE: NCAA National Champions only with the exception of football and equestrian.

# SECU ACADEMIC INITIATIVE



## SECU

*The Academic Initiative of the SEC*

Using its SECU academic initiative, the Southeastern Conference sponsors, supports and promotes collaborative higher education programs and activities involving administrators, faculty and students at its member universities. SECU is led by the president or chancellor of each SEC university and is managed by the chief academic officer.

### **The goals of the SECU academic initiative include:**

- Advancing the merit and reputation of SEC universities outside of the traditional SEC region;
- Highlighting the endeavors and achievements of SEC faculty and universities;
- Identifying and preparing future leaders for high-level service in academia;
- Increasing the amount and type of education abroad opportunities available to SEC students; and
- Providing opportunities for collaboration among SEC university personnel.

### **The current programs of the SECU academic initiative include:**

- The SEC Academic Leadership Development Program seeks to identify, prepare and advance academic leaders for roles within SEC institutions and beyond. It has two components, a university-level program and two, three-day, SEC-wide workshops held on specified campuses for all participants.
- The SEC Faculty Achievement and Professor of the Year Awards recognize faculty with outstanding records in research and scholarship. There is one winner per campus and one overall winner for the Conference.
- The SEC Faculty Travel Grant Program is intended to enhance collaboration that stimulates scholarly initiatives

between SEC universities. The program offers faculty from each SEC university the opportunity to travel to other SEC universities to develop grant proposals and conduct research.

- The SEC College Tour occurs each spring, and administrators from all SEC universities participate in events intended to introduce SEC universities to students, parents and high school counselors from outside of the southeast region.
- The SEC Symposium is an academic conference-type event intended to address a scholarly issue in an area of strength represented by all SEC universities. Held in Atlanta, Georgia, this marquee event puts on display the research and innovation of SEC institutions for an audience of academicians, government officials, grant funding agents and other stakeholders.
- The SEC Cooperative Education Abroad Agreement provides opportunities for students from all SEC universities to access international programs offered at other SEC universities. And as part of a renewable agreement, Italian engineering students from the Politecnico di Torino (PdT) have the opportunity to enroll at SEC universities each fall, and engineering SEC students may study there the following spring.
- The SEC MBA Case Competition is an opportunity for SEC business schools to showcase their students' skills at solving simulated, real-world problems that cover the spectrum of business disciplines. The competition is held on one SEC campus and teams of four MBA students compete against other SEC teams, the best receiving various awards and recognition.
- The SEC Academic Collaboration Grant Program is intended to expand student-focused collaboration among SEC universities. The grant is awarded annually to one SEC institution to support joint activities involving all other SEC universities. Examples of collaborative activities include intra-conference competitions, graduate student recruiting fairs, undergraduate research initiatives, etc.



# SEC COMMISSIONER GREG SANKEY



Greg Sankey became the eighth commissioner of the Southeastern Conference on June 1, 2015, after serving on the SEC staff for 13 years in various leadership positions.

Sankey, 51, was an integral part of former commissioner Mike Slive's efforts to reshape the SEC's governance, enforcement and compliance program, and he also oversaw the

SEC's championships staff. Most recently he played a central role in crafting the new autonomy governance structure of the NCAA, which is intended to provide the 65 institutions from the Five Conferences (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac 12 and SEC) with increased decision-making authority over policies designed to provide support for student-athletes' pursuit of academic and athletic achievements.

"The institutions of the Southeastern Conference searched for a commissioner who would carry forward the momentum of success enjoyed by the SEC over the last decade while also possessing a vision for change in the modern era of college athletics," said Zeppos. "Greg Sankey's experience with our institutions, his respect on the national landscape, his understanding of the balance of athletics and academics, and his passion for the welfare of student-athletes make him the perfect leader for the SEC."

Sankey is active within the NCAA committee structure, which includes his current service on the NCAA Gender-Equity Task Force and the Division I Committee on Infractions, for which he currently serves as chair.

He joined the SEC staff in 2002 as Associate Commissioner and was elevated to Executive Associate Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer for the league office in 2012.

"The universities of the SEC represent the greatest combination of academic and athletic excellence and I am honored to be selected to follow Mike Slive as commissioner of the Southeastern Conference," Sankey said. "The SEC is poised to make a difference in the lives of student-athletes for generations to come. We must ensure that the lessons they learn from



*The Sankey family: Moriah, Cathy, Greg and Hannah*



their achievements in competition and in the classroom translate into success in life after college."

Prior to joining the SEC staff, Sankey was Commissioner of the Southland Conference for nearly seven years. He joined the Southland Conference staff in 1992 where he served as both assistant and associate commissioner before he was named commissioner in 1996 at the age of 31.

Prior to his term at the Southland Conference he was director of compliance and academic services at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. While at Northwestern State, Sankey also coached the Demons' golf teams for two years. Previous to his tenure at Northwestern State, he was the director of intramural sports at Utica College in upstate New York.

On March 12, 2015, the presidents and chancellors of the SEC announced Sankey would succeed Slive as commissioner of the SEC.

A native of Auburn, New York, Sankey earned his master's degree from Syracuse University and his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York College at Cortland. Sankey and his wife, Cathy, reside in Birmingham, Alabama, and have two daughters, Hannah Michelle (22) and Moriah Elizabeth (19).

# SEC HEADQUARTERS

Almost 33 years after moving to Birmingham from Jackson, Miss., the SEC moved into its current headquarters on October 15, 1991.

The building is now named for Roy F. Kramer, the SEC's sixth commissioner who retired in July 2002. During his tenure as the league's commissioner, the SEC won 85 national championships and distributed more than \$654 million in revenue back to its member institutions.

The 30,000 square-foot building was provided by the city of Birmingham. It was designed to house the SEC staff and accommodate the needs of the various committees, coaches and administrative groups that meet on a regular basis.

From its headquarters, the SEC office certifies the eligibility of all student-athletes, manages championship events, enhances academic opportunities for student-athletes, monitors

NCAA and SEC compliance, coordinates officiating assignments, negotiates television contracts, distributes conference revenue, cultivates corporate sponsorships and coordinates media and public relations efforts.

In 2005, a state-of-the-art video command center was built inside the headquarters and named for the late Brad Davis, the SEC Associate Commissioner who was responsible for its development. Davis passed away on March 2, 2006.

The building also features a rotunda that highlights school banners, championship pedestals and two galleries displaying the member institutions.

The SEC Office underwent a vast renovation in the fall of 2012, with an upgrade to the Davis Command Center being completed prior to the 2014 season, which nearly tripled the size of the area. A live satellite uplink to the SEC Network in Charlotte, N.C., was implemented in 2015.



## FORMER SEC HEADQUARTERS IN BIRMINGHAM

Redmont Hotel (1946-67)

Central Bank Building (1967-88)

Riverchase Galleria Tower (1988-1991)







1930s

1940s



1950s

1960s



# SEC MILESTONES

Formed 1933

Dec. 22, 1894: In Atlanta, Dr. William L. Dudley of Vanderbilt presides over an organization meeting of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association: Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Sewanee and Vanderbilt. Football formalized in 1869.

**April 9, 1880: First football game in The Southeast on ground now called Old Stoll Field at the University of Kentucky is played.**

**November, 1881: Kentucky A&M (now Kentucky) establishes a team and plays a three-game series against Transylvania College.**

**1895: 11 current SEC members playing football.**

1893: Vanderbilt begins playing basketball at the Nashville YMCA two years after Naismith originated the game at Springfield (Mass.) College.

1895: SIAA organized track on conference level.

May 15, 1896: First conference championship meet (track) held at Vanderbilt.

1895: SIAA expands and adds Central, Clemson, Cumberland, Kentucky, LSU, Mercer, Mississippi, Nashville, Southeastern Presbyterian, Tennessee, Texas and Tulane.

1900: Eight of the 13 charter SEC members participating in track.

1920: SIAA encompasses 30 members.

Dec. 12-13, 1920: In Gainesville, Fla. Professor S.V. Sanford (Georgia) presides over newly formed Southern Conference (Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Washington and Lee).

1922: Florida, LSU, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tulane, Vanderbilt and Virginia Military join the Southern Conference.

1923: Sewanee joins the Southern Conference.

1928: Duke joins the Southern Conference.

Dec. 8-9, 1932: In Knoxville, Dr. Frank L. McVey (Kentucky) serves as president as the SEC is formed with 13 members of the Southern Conference located west and south of the Appalachian Mountains. The institutions are: Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, LSU, Ole Miss, Mississippi, Sewanee, Tennessee, Tulane, Vanderbilt.

Feb. 16, 1933: Informal meeting of SEC school presidents, Birmingham, Ala.

Feb. 27, 1933: First full meeting, Atlanta, Ga.

1933: First SEC champions crowned in baseball, basketball, football and outdoor track.

Feb. 24 - 28, 1933: League's first basketball tournament in Atlanta, Ga.

Spring 1933: First NCAA Championship won by SEC school (LSU, men's track).

**Fall, 1933: Coach Frank Thomas leads Alabama (5-0-1) to first SEC football championship title with 7-0 win over Vanderbilt.**

1935: League sponsors first men's team title for cross country.

1937: League sponsors first men's team title for golf and swimming.

1938: League sponsors first men's team title for tennis.

1940: In Jackson, Miss., the office of the commissioner is formed.

August 21, 1940: Former Mississippi Governor Martin S. Conner named first SEC commissioner.

Dec. 13, 1940: Sewanee withdraws from the SEC.

Fall 1946: Secretary of the Conference Dean N.W. Dougherty (University of Tennessee) named acting SEC commissioner.

1948: Conference office moves to Birmingham, Ala.

Feb. 21, 1948: Former LSU coach Bernie H. Moore named second SEC commissioner.



## 1970s

1948: Kentucky Wildcats bring home the first NCAA basketball Tournament win by an SEC team.

**October 20, 1951: The Alabama-Tennessee football game in Birmingham's Legion Field becomes the first televised event in SEC history.**

1952: University of Alabama Faculty Chairman of Athletics, Dr. Albert B. Moore, becomes first SEC representative to serve as NCAA president.

1957: League sponsors first men's team title for indoor track.

1964: Elmore "Scoop" Hudgins, Vanderbilt's first publicity director, joins SEC staff and originates the "Top Twenty Coaches" and developed the preseason football "skywriters" tour.

June 1, 1964: Georgia Tech withdraws from the SEC.

1965: Kentucky football's Nat Northington becomes the first African-American athlete to receive an athletic scholarship at an SEC institution.

1966: A.M. (Tonto) Coleman named third SEC commissioner.

June 1, 1966: Tulane withdraws from the SEC.

1971: Dr. Earl M. Ramer, University of Tennessee faculty athletic representative, is second SEC official to serve as NCAA president.

August 1, 1972: Dr. H. Boyd McWhorter, Dean of Arts and Sciences at University of Georgia and secretary of the league, named fourth SEC commissioner.

## 1980s



**January 1, 1977: The SEC begins its long-standing agreement with the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans to send its champion to the game when Georgia faced Pittsburgh.**

1979-80: SEC championships for women's basketball, tennis and volleyball recognized.

1980-81: SEC championships for women's golf, gymnastics, swimming and track and field added.

**July 1983: The SEC signs an agreement with the Turner Broadcasting System to begin airing a football "Game of the Week" in the fall of 1984.**

March 26, 1986: The SEC and Jefferson-Pilot Teleproductions (JP Sports) sign a contract to televise basketball games on a syndicated basis throughout the region.

September 15, 1986: Dr. Harvey W. Schiller, an Air Force colonel and faculty chair at the U.S. Air Force Academy named fifth SEC commissioner.

January 10, 1990: Roy F. Kramer, Vanderbilt athletics director, named sixth SEC commissioner.

1990: University of Arkansas (11th member) and University of South Carolina (12th member) join the league (the two institutions participated in SEC championships for all sports except football during the 1991-92 academic year).

**November 29, 1990: SEC presidents announce Eastern and Western divisions and vote to adopt an eight-game football schedule to begin in 1992.**



## 1990s

**May 30, 1991: SEC presidents award the inaugural SEC Football Championship Game to the city of Birmingham.**

**February, 1992: The SEC and JP Sports announce a four-year agreement to televise an SEC football game of the week on a syndicated basis throughout the region.**

**April 15, 1992: The SEC and ABC Sports announce a four-year contract to televise the SEC Football Championship Game.**

December 5, 1992: SEC hosts the nation's first Division 1A conference football championship game at Legion Field in Birmingham. Alabama defeats Florida 28-21 and goes on to capture the national title at the USF&G Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

1993: SEC institutions adopt the Principles of Gender Equity recognizing that each school will provide at least two more women's intercollegiate programs than the number of men's.

1993: SEC championship for women's soccer added.

**February 11, 1994: SEC announces a multi-sport television agreement with CBS Sports to televise SEC football (1996-2001), and men's and women's basketball (1994-95 through 2000-01).**

**February 25, 1994: SEC members vote to play the 1994 and 1995 SEC Championship Game in Atlanta's Georgia Dome.**

**August 4, 1994: A group of Division 1-A conferences (including the SEC) select the Fiesta, Sugar and Orange Bowls as hosts for the Bowl Alliance games beginning at the conclusion of the 1995 regular season.**

## 2000s



**October 13, 1994: ABC and the SEC extend the agreement to televise the Championship Game through 2000.**

**November 7, 1994: SEC extends its agreement with JP Sports to televise weekly football games through the 2000 season.**

**June 1, 1995: SEC extends its agreement with the Georgia Dome to host the SEC Football Championship Game through 1998.**

1997: SEC championship for softball added.

**May 29, 1997: SEC extends its agreement with the Georgia Dome to host the SEC Football Championship Game through 2001.**

**February 2, 1998: SEC reaches a multi-year extension with CBS Sports to broadcast its football and men's and women's basketball games.**

**June 7, 1999: SEC and ESPN reach a multi-year extension to televise football and men's and women's basketball for the next eight seasons.**

**2001: CBS expands its SEC football commitment and provides exclusive national network broadcasts of SEC home games.**

**December 6, 2001: SEC and CBS announce an agreement for CBS Sports to televise the SEC Football Championship Game through 2008.**

June 2, 2002: Michael L. Slive, who served as Commissioner of Conference USA, appointed seventh SEC commissioner.



## 2010s

June 4, 2004: SEC Task Force on Compliance and Enforcement issues its report calling to have none of the league's schools on NCAA probation within the next five years. Report is unanimously accepted.

February 23, 2005: SEC announced the formation of its Academic Consortium linking the academic resources of its 12 member institutions.

**August 14, 2008: CBS Sports and the SEC announce a 15-year agreement to extend broadcasts of SEC football and basketball games. CBS will continue to be exclusive national network broadcast of SEC home football games and the SEC Championship game.**

**August 25, 2008: ESPN and the SEC announce a 15-year agreement beginning in 2009-10 through 2023-24. It is the longest national rights agreement in ESPN history. ESPN entities (ESPN, ESPN on ABC, ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN Regional Television, ESPN360.com, ESPN Mobile TV, ESPN GamePlan, ESPN Full Court, ESPN International, ESPN Deportes, ESPN Classic) will carry more than 5,500 SEC events including football, men's and women's basketball, Olympic sports and SEC Championships.**

**December 2009: Florida and Alabama, both 12-0 and ranked No. 1 and No. 2 nationally, meet for the SEC Championship at the Georgia Dome, won by Alabama 32-13. The game drew an 11.8 TV rating, the highest in SEC Championship Game history.**

**January 2010: Alabama defeats Texas 37-21 in the BCS National Championship Game, the first time in the history of college football for a single conference to win four consecutive national championships.**

## Present Day



**January 2011: Auburn defeats Oregon 22-19 in the BCS Championship game, giving the league an unprecedented fifth consecutive BCS National Championship. The SEC moves to 7-0 in BCS Championship games.**

Fall 2011: League announces that Texas A&M (13th member) and Missouri (14th member) will join the conference effective July 1, 2012, with competition to begin in all sports for the 2012-13 academic year.

**January 2012: Alabama and LSU face off in New Orleans for the BCS Championship, won by the Crimson Tide 21-0. It marks the sixth consecutive national championship in football for the SEC.**

July 1, 2012: Missouri and Texas A&M officially become members of the Southeastern Conference.

**January 2012: Alabama defeats Notre Dame 42-14 at the BCS Championship Game in Miami, Fla., the seventh consecutive national title for the SEC.**

2013: SEC Championship for equestrian added.

May 2, 2013: The SEC, in conjunction with ESPN, announces the creation of The SEC Network, set to launch in August of 2014.

August 14, 2014: The SEC Network, a multi-platform network, which will air SEC content 24/7 including more than 1,000 events in its first year, launches.

**2014: The SEC sends a NCAA-record 12 teams to participate in postseason bowl games. The SEC matched its most wins during a bowl season with seven.**

June 1, 2015: Gregory A. Sankey becomes the SEC's eighth commissioner.

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# OFFICIAL SPONSOR PROGRAM

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Each member of the SEC Official Sponsor team shows its commitment to the future of intercollegiate athletics with contributions to SEC Youth Clinics, SEC Scholarship Programs and SEC Academic Enhancement Programs.

The corporations also conduct consumer promotions designed to increase sales and brand awareness. These promotions also increase public

awareness of the member institutions of the SEC, which in turn supports increased ticket sales and high television and radio ratings.

In addition to the broad spectrum of benefits provided by these contributions, each SEC institution is a direct beneficiary of the program. SEC Official Sponsors include Allstate Insurance, AT&T, Belk, Dr Pepper, Gatorade and Regions Bank.

## PROGRAM MISSION

The mission of the corporate sponsor program is:

1. To develop marketing and promotional activities that benefit the SEC, its member institutions and the participating corporations;

2. To emphasize the positive role of athletics in our society; and
3. To provide funding for youth clinics, championship events and academic enhancement programs.



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## SEC LICENSING PROGRAM

The Southeastern Conference markets its registered marks (Southeastern Conference, SEC, SEC Seal and SEC logos) through a licensing program with the Collegiate Licensing Company. The SEC began its licensing program in 1988 to protect the use of its name and insignias and to ensure that its member institutions benefit from the use and sale of items bearing its name and/or logos.

The program also ensures that manufacturers and retailers market only the highest-quality merchandise using the conference name and logos. The SEC has joined a significant number of colleges and universities throughout the country to bring about consistency in the marketplace for officially-licensed collegiate products.



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# SEC MEDIA SERVICES

## SEC COMMUNICATIONS MISSION STATEMENT

The Southeastern Conference has been the nation's leader in communications during its history. The SEC understands the importance of assisting the media in providing coverage of the conference and its institutions. To this end, the conference, including all of its member institutions, shall make the best attempt to fill reasonable requests by media outlets. Members of the media are encouraged to work with the communications director of each institution and the conference office to establish satisfactory media policies that are mutually beneficial to all parties.

## SEC FOOTBALL MEDIA DAYS

Kickoff 2015, will take place at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham-Wynfrey Hotel in Hoover, Ala., from July 13-16.

Three to four schools will appear each day, along with various SEC representatives.

For more information about SEC Football Media Days, contact the SEC Communications Office.

## SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

December 5, 2015  
Georgia Dome (71,500)  
Atlanta, Ga.  
CBS Sports - 4 p.m. ET

### MEDIA INFORMATION

Media credential requests for the 2015 SEC Championship football game can be taken online at [www.secsportsmedia.com](http://www.secsportsmedia.com) beginning October 1.

The SEC will conduct a media teleconference with the two participating head coaches on Sunday, November 29 at 5 p.m. ET. Another media teleconference, with three participating student-athletes from each school, will be held on Monday, November 30 at 1 p.m. ET.

A press conference featuring both participating head coaches will be held at the Georgia Dome on Friday, December 4, at 2 p.m. ET.

The Friday press conference and the post-game press conference on Saturday will be available on a satellite uplink and SEC FTP, and live on The SEC Network. Additional information will be included in the league's weekly media release.

For further information concerning media coverage of the SEC Football Championship Game, please contact the SEC Communications Department.

## WEEKLY COACHES TELECONFERENCE

The 14 SEC coaches will be featured on a weekly teleconference each Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (ET) [10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (CT)] beginning September 2 and concluding November 25. The SEC will also hold a spring football coaches media teleconference in May 2016.

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the SEC Communications Office for further details.

A replay of each week's teleconference can be heard on the SEC's website, [www.SECsports.com](http://www.SECsports.com).

Each coach will appear on the teleconference for ten minutes, according to the following schedule (All Times Central):

10:00 a.m. Les Miles, LSU  
10:10 a.m. Steve Spurrier, South Carolina  
10:20 a.m. Jim McElwain, Florida  
10:30 a.m. Derek Mason, Vanderbilt  
10:40 a.m. Nick Saban, Alabama  
10:50 a.m. Butch Jones, Tennessee  
11:00 a.m. Bret Bielema, Arkansas

11:10 a.m. Gary Pinkel, Missouri  
11:20 a.m. Hugh Freeze, Ole Miss  
11:30 a.m. Kevin Sumlin, Texas A&M  
11:40 a.m. Mark Stoops, Kentucky  
11:50 a.m. Dan Mullen, Mississippi State  
12:00 p.m. Mark Richt, Georgia  
12:10 p.m. Gus Malzahn, Auburn

## SEC FTP FEEDS

The Southeastern Conference provides a FTP feed each day during Football Media Days, as well as from the SEC Football Championship Game. Details are available through the SEC Communications Office.

## SEC E-MAIL SERVICE

Information on SEC football will be emailed periodically through the season to accredited media throughout the country. To be added to the SEC football email list, please register online at [www.secsportsmedia.com](http://www.secsportsmedia.com).

## SEC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The SEC will name a freshman of the week along with an offensive, defensive, offensive lineman, defensive lineman and special teams player of the week each Monday throughout the regular season.

Nominations for the awards are made by the SEC sports information directors. The honorees are selected by a vote of the SEC Communications and football staff.

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[www.SECsports.com](http://www.SECsports.com)  
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The Southeastern Conference has an extensive presence on the Internet and the SEC Network.

General SEC football information can be accessed on the Web at [www.SECsports.com](http://www.SECsports.com). The football section is updated with new material daily on the page, with standings, statistics, game previews, notes and other important information. The SEC also offers a media-only website - [www.secsportsmedia.com](http://www.secsportsmedia.com). Media covering the SEC can retrieve information from the conference office as, SEC logos, photos and a championship credentialing system for SEC football is available on the site. (The site houses all media information and links for the other 20 sports the SEC sponsors).

## SEC WEBSITES

All 14 SEC schools place much of their information released to the media online on their websites. The website addresses are below:

**ALABAMA** — [www.rolltide.com](http://www.rolltide.com)  
**ARKANSAS** — [www.arkansasrazorbacks.com](http://www.arkansasrazorbacks.com)  
**AUBURN** — [www.auburntigers.com](http://www.auburntigers.com)  
**FLORIDA** — [www.gatorzone.com](http://www.gatorzone.com)  
**GEORGIA** — [www.georgiadogs.com](http://www.georgiadogs.com)  
**KENTUCKY** — [www.ukathletics.com](http://www.ukathletics.com)  
**LSU** — [www.lsusports.net](http://www.lsusports.net)  
**OLE MISS** — [www.olemisssports.com](http://www.olemisssports.com)  
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# SEC FOOTBALL VIDEO REPLAY

The Southeastern Conference, following the rules set forth by the NCAA Football Rules Committee, will utilize video replay for the 2015 football season. The following are the NCAA Rules on Instant Replay.

## SECTION 1. Purpose and Philosophy

### Purpose

**ARTICLE 1.** Instant replay is a process whereby video review is used to confirm, reverse or let stand certain on-field decisions (Rule 12-3) made by game officials.

### Philosophy

**ARTICLE 2.** The instant replay process operates under the fundamental assumption that the ruling on the field is correct. The replay official may reverse a ruling if and only if the video evidence convinces him beyond all doubt that the ruling was incorrect. Without such indisputable video evidence, the replay official must allow the ruling to stand.

## SECTION 2. Eligibility for Instant Replay

### Participation

#### ARTICLE 1.

- Any member institution may use instant replay, but there is no requirement to do so. If instant replay is used, it must be used in full compliance with this rule.
- For any nonconference game, if the home team is using instant replay, the visiting team does not have the option of declining its use for that game. If the home team is not using instant replay, it is not required to honor a request by the visiting team that it be used.

## SECTION 3. Reviewable Plays

### Scoring Plays

- ARTICLE 1.** Reviewable plays involving a potential score include:
- A potential touchdown or safety. **[Exception:** Safety by penalty for fouls that are not specifically reviewable.]
  - Field goal attempts if and only if the ball is ruled (a) below or above the crossbar or (b) inside or outside the uprights when it is lower than the top of the uprights. If the ball is higher than the top of the uprights as it crosses the end line, the play may not be reviewed.

### Passes

**ARTICLE 2.** Reviewable plays involving passes include:

- Pass ruled complete, incomplete or intercepted anywhere in the field of play or an end zone.
- Forward pass touched by a player (eligible or ineligible) or an official. **RULE 12 / INSTANT REPLAY FR-107**
- Forward pass or forward handing when a ball carrier is or has been beyond the neutral zone.
- A forward pass or forward handing after a change of team possession.
- Pass ruled forward or backward when thrown from behind the neutral zone.
  - If the pass is ruled forward and is incomplete, the play is reviewable only if the ball goes out of bounds or if there is clear recovery of a loose ball in the immediate continuing action after the loose ball. If the replay official does not have indisputable video evidence as to which team recovers, the ruling of incomplete pass stands. **(Exception:** Rule 12-3-1-a)
  - If the replay official reverses an incomplete forward pass ruling and the ball is recovered, it belongs to the recovering team at the spot of the recovery and any advance is nullified.

### Dead Ball and Loose Ball

- Location of the passer when he is obviously in the field of play and a ruling of intentional grounding would result in a safety by penalty.

**ARTICLE 3.** Reviewable plays involving potential dead balls and loose balls include:

- Loose ball by a potential passer ruled a fumble.
- Loose ball by a passer ruled incomplete forward pass when there is clear recovery in the immediate continuing action after the loose ball.
  - If the replay official does not have indisputable video evidence as to which team recovers, the ruling of incomplete pass stands.
  - If the replay official rules fumble, the ball belongs to the recovering team at the spot of the recovery and any advance is nullified.
- Live ball not ruled dead in possession of a ball carrier.
- Loose ball ruled dead, or live ball ruled dead in possession of a ball carrier when the clear recovery of a loose ball occurs in the immediate continuing action.
  - If the ball is ruled dead and the replay official does not have indisputable video evidence as to which team recovers, the dead-ball ruling stands.
  - If the replay official rules that the ball was not dead, it belongs to the recovering team at the spot of the recovery and any advance is nullified.
- Ball carrier's forward progress, spot of fumble, or spot of out-of-bounds backward pass, with respect to a first down.
- Catch or recovery of a fumble by a Team A player other than the fumbler before any change of possession during fourth down or a try.

- Ball carrier in or out of bounds. If a ball carrier is ruled out of bounds, the play is not reviewable, except as in Rules 12-3-1-a and 12-3-3-d.
- Catch, recovery or touching of a loose ball by a player in bounds or out of bounds.
  - A loose ball touching on or beyond a sideline, goal line, or end line, touching a pylon, or breaking the plane of a goal line.
  - Catch or recovery of a loose ball in the field of play or an end zone.
  - Forward fumble that goes out of bounds with respect to a first down.

### Kicks

**ARTICLE 4.** Reviewable plays involving kicks include:

- Touching of a kick. **FR-108 RULE 12 / INSTANT REPLAY**
- Player beyond the neutral zone when kicking the ball.
- Kicking team player advancing a ball after a potential muffed kick/fumble by the receiving team.
- Scrimmage kick crossing the neutral zone.
- Blocking by Team A players before they are eligible to touch the ball on an on-side kick.

### Miscellaneous

**ARTICLE 5.** Situations that may be addressed by the replay official:

- The number of players on the field for either team during a live ball.
- Clock adjustment and status when a ruling is reviewed.
- Clock adjustment at the end of any quarter. **(Exception:** Rule 3-2-5-b) If at the end of any quarter the game clock expires, either during a down in which it should be stopped by rule when the ball becomes dead or following the down upon a request for an available team timeout, the replay official may restore time only under these conditions:
  - The replay official has indisputable video evidence that time should have remained on the game clock when the ball became dead or when the team timeout was granted;
  - In the second and fourth quarters only, the team in possession when the ball became dead would next put the ball in play from scrimmage (not the try);
  - In the fourth quarter only, either the score is tied or the team that will next snap the ball is behind by eight points or fewer; and
  - The replay official's video evidence includes the timeout signal by an official in the case where the game clock should have stopped for a requested team timeout.
- Correcting the number of a down.
  - This includes the result of a penalty enforcement that includes an automatic first down or loss of down.
  - The correction may be made at any time within that series of downs or before the ball is legally put in play after that series.
- Any person who is not a player interfering with live-ball action occurring in the field of play (Rule 9-2-3).
- The player-disqualification portion of the penalty for targeting fouls under 9-1-3 and 9-1-4. The point of forcible contact and use of the crown of the helmet are reviewable; however, the targeting action itself is not reviewable. Note that if the disqualification is reversed the 15-yard penalty remains only if there is another personal foul in conjunction with the targeting. See the Penalty at Rules 9-1-3 and 9-1-4.

### Limitations on Reviewable Plays

**ARTICLE 6.** No other plays or officiating decisions are reviewable. However, the replay official may correct egregious errors, including those involving the game clock, whether or not a play is reviewable. This excludes fouls that are not specifically reviewable (Reviewable fouls: Rules 12-3-2-e and d, 12-3-4-b and 12-3-5-a). **RULE 12 / INSTANT REPLAY FR-109**

## SECTION 4. Instant Replay Personnel, Equipment and Location

### Personnel

**ARTICLE 1.** Instant replay personnel shall consist of the number of persons needed to operate the replay equipment within the necessary time constraints. There shall be a minimum of three persons to ensure that all plays are reviewed in an efficient and timely manner. Such persons are normally referred to as replay official, communicator and technician. Additional personnel may be used as needed.

### Equipment

**ARTICLE 2.** The type of equipment used to carry out necessary instant replay duties shall be determined by each conference or member institution using instant replay.

### Location

#### ARTICLE 3.

- All equipment used reviewing a play during the replay process and the personnel using that equipment shall be located in a separate, secure location in the press box. This room shall not be available or accessible to any person not directly involved in instant replay.
- Additional telephonic equipment needed to allow instant replay personnel to communicate with the game referee when a game has been stopped for a play review shall be located on a sideline near the field of play and preferably outside a team area. Such equipment shall provide the game referee and the replay official a secure and private means of communication.

## SECTION 5. Initiating the Replay Process

### Game Stop

**ARTICLE 1.** There are two methods to stop a game to review a ruling on the field.

- The replay official and his crew shall review every play of a game. He may stop a game at any time before the ball is next legally put in play **(Exception:** Rule 12-3-5-c) whenever he believes that:
  - There is reasonable evidence to believe an error was made in the initial on-field ruling.
  - The play is reviewable.
  - The outcome of a review would have a direct, competitive impact on the game.
- The head coach of either team may request that the game be stopped and a play be reviewed by challenging the on-field ruling.
  - A head coach initiates this challenge by taking a team timeout before the ball is next legally put in play **(Exception:** Rule 12-3-5-c) and informing the referee that he is challenging the ruling of the previous play. If a head coach's challenge is successful, he retains the challenge, which he may use only once more during the game. Thus, a coach may have a total of two challenges if and only if his initial challenge is successful. **FR-110 RULE 12 / INSTANT REPLAY**
  - After a review has been completed, if the on-field ruling is reversed, that team's timeout will not be charged.
  - After a review has been completed, and the on-field ruling is not reversed, the charged team timeout counts as one of the three permitted that team for that half or the one permitted in that extra period.
  - A head coach may not challenge a ruling in which the game was stopped and a decision has already been made by the replay official.
  - If a head coach requests a team timeout to challenge an on-field ruling and the play being challenged is not reviewable, the timeout shall count as one of the three permitted his team during that half of the game or the one permitted in that extra period.
  - A head coach may not challenge an on-field ruling if all the team's timeouts have been used for that half or in that extra period.

### When To Stop a Game

#### ARTICLE 2.

- A game may be stopped, either by the replay official or by a head coach's challenge, at any time before the ball is next legally put in play **(Exception:** Rule 12-3-5-c).
- No game official may request that a game be stopped for a play to be reviewed.

## SECTION 6. Reviewing an On-field Ruling

### Procedures

#### ARTICLE 1.

- When a game is to be stopped either by the replay official or by a head coach's challenge, the designated officials on the field will be notified by a buzzer system or other appropriate means.
- If the review is initiated by the replay official, the referee shall announce: "The ruling on the previous play is ... (brief description of ruling). The play is under further review." If the game has been stopped due to a head coach's challenge, the referee shall announce: "The (name of institution) head coach has challenged the ruling of (state the ruling). The play is under further review."
- All reviews shall be based upon video evidence provided by and coming directly from the televised production of the game or from other video means available to the replay official.
- After the referee has conferred with the replay official and the review process has been completed, he shall make one of the following announcements:
  - If the video evidence confirms the on-field ruling: "After further review, the ruling on the field is confirmed."
  - If there is no indisputable (conclusive) evidence to reverse the on-field ruling: "After further review, the ruling on the field stands."
  - If the on-field ruling is reversed (Rule 12-7): **RULE 12 / INSTANT REPLAY FR-111** "After further review, the ruling is [followed by a brief description of the video evidence]. Therefore, [followed by a brief description of the impact of the ruling]."
- If a ruling is reversed, the replay official shall supply the referee with all pertinent data as needed (next down, distance, yard line, position of the ball, clock status/adjustment) in order to resume play under the correct game conditions.

### Restrictions

#### ARTICLE 2.

- There is no restriction on the number of times the replay official may stop a game for reviews.
- The replay official is under no time limit for a review.

## SECTION 7. Reversing an On-Field Ruling

### Criterion for Reversal

**ARTICLE 1.** To reverse an on-field ruling, the replay official must be convinced beyond all doubt by indisputable video evidence through one or more video replays provided to the monitor.



# SEC NETWORK TAKE IT ALL IN

On August 14, 2014 SEC Network launched in 62 million homes nationwide. On that day, SEC Network became the most successful new channel launch in cable history and it hasn't stopped going since. Currently boasting 70 million subscribers, the network produced 1,500 events surrounded by 1,400 hours of original programming in its debut year.



## Events

Prior to launch, SEC Network committed to airing a total of 1,000 events annually—comprised of both television and school-produced digital events.

By April, the multiplatform network had reached 1,000 digital events alone, doubling the expectations for SEC Network +.

All 14 schools have at least one control room, fibered sports facilities and a bureau cam room. The network utilizes over 23,000 feet of fiber—nearly the circumference of the world—to connect the schools to SEC Network headquarters in Charlotte, N.C. Each school has committed to producing 40 live SEC Network + events annually and on average, produced 70 in their inaugural year.



## Notable Event totals:

- Televised 48 SEC football games
- Carried 196 football press conferences as SEC Network + events on WatchESPN
- Quintupled the amount of soccer and volleyball events available on national television
- 21 SEC gymnastics meets were available live for the first time in conference history
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- Quadrupled baseball coverage
- Every men's and women's basketball intra-conference game was also available



# FOOTBALL ON SEC NETWORK

SEC Network kicks off its second football season with every SEC team playing on the network within the first three weeks.

SEC Network opens the season with an expanded game day line-up. The network will carry seven matchups the opening week, utilizing its SEC Network Alternate channel on Saturday, Sept. 5, to air an additional three games. The network will have four matchups in Week 2 and Week 3, airing concurrent games in the 4 p.m. window.

In total, SEC Network will air over 45 football games again this season with a noon, 4 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. ET kick.

DATE	TIME (ET)	GAME	NETWORK
<b>Thursday, Sept. 3</b>	8 p.m.	Western Kentucky at Vanderbilt	SEC Network
<b>Saturday, Sept. 5</b>	Noon	Louisiana-Monroe at Georgia	SEC Network
	Noon	Tennessee-Martin at Ole Miss	SEC Network Alternate
	4 p.m.	Bowling Green at Tennessee (from Nashville)	SEC Network
	4 p.m.	Southeast Missouri State at Missouri	SEC Network Alternate
	7:30 p.m.	New Mexico State at Florida	SEC Network
	7:30 p.m.	McNeese State at LSU	SEC Network Alternate
<b>Saturday, Sept. 12</b>	Noon	Jacksonville State at Auburn	SEC Network
	4 p.m.	Middle Tennessee at Alabama	SEC Network
	4 p.m.	Toledo at Arkansas (from Little Rock)	SEC Network Alternate
	7:30 p.m.	Kentucky at South Carolina	SEC Network
<b>Saturday, Sept. 19</b>	Noon	Nevada at Texas A&M	SEC Network
	4 p.m.	Northwestern State at Mississippi State	SEC Network
	4 p.m.	Austin Peay at Vanderbilt	SEC Network Alternate
	7:30 p.m.	Florida at Kentucky	SEC Network

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After a successful first season, SEC Network returns a line-up of popular shows and expert analysts to cover college football in the Southeastern Conference.



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- The 24/7 **SEC Network** television channel. A simulcast of the network is available to watch anytime, anywhere via WatchESPN
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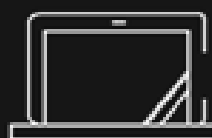
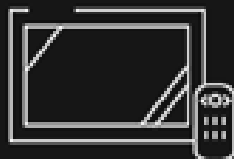
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