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2022 SEC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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Date Team	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
ALABAMA		UTAH STATE Tuscaloosa	TEXAS Austin	UL-MONROE Tuscaloosa	VANDERBILT Tuscaloosa	ARKANSAS Fayetteville	TEXAS A&M Tuscaloosa	TENNESSEE Knoxville	MISSISSIPPI STATE Tuscaloosa		LSU Baton Rouge	OLE MISS Oxford	AUSTIN PEAY Tuscaloosa	AUBURN Tuscaloosa
ARKANSAS		CINCINNATI Fayetteville	SOUTH CAROLINA Fayetteville	MISSOURI STATE Fayetteville	TEXAS A&M Arlington	ALABAMA Fayetteville	MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville	BYU Provo		AUBURN Auburn	LIBERTY Fayetteville	LSU Fayetteville	OLE MISS Fayetteville	MISSOURI Columbia (Nov. 25)
AUBURN		MERCER Auburn	SAN JOSE STATE Auburn	PENN STATE Auburn	MISSOURI Auburn	LSU Auburn	GEORGIA Athens	OLE MISS Oxford		ARKANSAS Auburn	MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville	TEXAS A&M Auburn	WESTERN KENTUCKY Auburn	ALABAMA Tuscaloosa
FLORIDA		UTAH Gainesville	KENTUCKY Gainesville	SOUTH FLORIDA Gainesville	TENNESSEE Knoxville	EASTERN WASHINGTON Gainesville	MISSOURI Gainesville	LSU Gainesville		GEORGIA Jacksonville	TEXAS A&M College Station	SOUTH CAROLINA Gainesville	VANDERBILT Nashville	FLORIDA STATE Tallahassee (Nov. 25)
GEORGIA		OREGON Atlanta	SAMFORD Athens	SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia	KENT STATE Athens	MISSOURI Columbia	AUBURN Athens	VANDERBILT Athens		FLORIDA Jacksonville	TENNESSEE Athens	MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville	KENTUCKY Lexington	GEORGIA TECH Athens
KENTUCKY		MIAMI (OH) Lexington	FLORIDA Gainesville	YOUNGSTOWN STATE Lexington	NORTHERN ILLINOIS Lexington	OLE MISS Oxford	SOUTH CAROLINA Lexington	MISSISSIPPI STATE Lexington		TENNESSEE Knoxville	MISSOURI Columbia	VANDERBILT Lexington	GEORGIA Lexington	LOUISVILLE Lexington
LSU		FLORIDA STATE New Orleans (Sept. 4)	SOUTHERN Baton Rouge	MISSISSIPPI STATE Baton Rouge	NEW MEXICO Baton Rouge	AUBURN Auburn	TENNESSEE Baton Rouge	FLORIDA Gainesville	OLE MISS Baton Rouge		ALABAMA Baton Rouge	ARKANSAS Fayetteville	UAB Baton Rouge	TEXAS A&M College Station
OLE MISS		TROY Oxford	CENTRAL ARKANSAS Oxford	GEORGIA TECH Atlanta	TULSA Oxford	KENTUCKY Oxford	VANDERBILT Nashville	AUBURN Oxford	LSU Baton Rouge	TEXAS A&M College Station		ALABAMA Oxford	ARKANSAS Fayetteville	MISSISSIPPI STATE Oxford (Nov. 24)
MISSISSIPPI STATE		MEMPHIS Starkville	ARIZONA Tucson	LSU Baton Rouge	BOWLING GREEN Starkville	TEXAS A&M Starkville	ARKANSAS Starkville	KENTUCKY Lexington	ALABAMA Tuscaloosa		AUBURN Starkville	GEORGIA Starkville	ETSU Starkville	OLE MISS Oxford (Nov. 24)
MISSOURI		LOUISIANA TECH Columbia (Sept. 1)	KANSAS STATE Manhattan	ABILENE CHRISTIAN Columbia	AUBURN Auburn	GEORGIA Columbia	FLORIDA Gainesville		VANDERBILT Columbia	SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, S.C.	KENTUCKY Columbia	TENNESSEE Knoxville	NEW MEXICO STATE Columbia	ARKANSAS Columbia (Nov. 25)
SOUTH CAROLINA		GEORGIA STATE Columbia	ARKANSAS Fayetteville	GEORGIA Columbia	CHARLOTTE Columbia	SOUTH CAROLINA ST. Columbia	KENTUCKY Lexington		TEXAS A&M Columbia	MISSOURI Columbia, S.C.	VANDERBILT Nashville	FLORIDA Gainesville	TENNESSEE Columbia	CLEMSON Clemson
TENNESSEE		BALL STATE Knoxville (Sept. 1)	PITT Pittsburgh	AKRON Knoxville	FLORIDA Knoxville		LSU Baton Rouge	ALABAMA Knoxville	TENNESSEE- MARTIN Knoxville	KENTUCKY Knoxville	GEORGIA Athens	MISSOURI Knoxville	SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia	VANDERBILT Nashville
TEXAS A&M		SAM HOUSTON STATE College Station	APPALACHIAN STATE College Station	MIAMI College Station	ARKANSAS Arlington	MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville	ALABAMA Tuscaloosa		SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia	OLE MISS College Station	FLORIDA College Station	AUBURN Auburn	UMASS College Station	LSU College Station
VANDERBILT		ELON Nashville	WAKE FOREST Nashville	NORTHERN ILLINOIS DeKalb, Ill.	ALABAMA Tuscaloosa		OLE MISS Nashville	GEORGIA Athens	MISSOURI Columbia		SOUTH CAROLINA Nashville	KENTUCKY Lexington	FLORIDA Nashville	TENNESSEE Nashville

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IT JUST MEANS MORE

MUCH HAS HAPPENED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE IN THE LAST THREE YEARS.

The last three years presented a series of complex, unprecedented challenges for the entire sports world. Throughout each reality, the Southeastern Conference emerged as an unquestioned leader in all of sports for successfully managing a unique landscape of issues.

- The SEC's leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic provided a pathway for college sports to return to action in the fall of 2020. Thousands of student-athletes were therefore able to pursue their lifelong passions in a healthy way. Memories were created that otherwise would have never come to pass because the SEC's culture of collaboration among the leaders of the league allowed the 14 universities to move together through adversity, difficult decisions and unrelenting pressures.
- While the pandemic had a devastating effect on the finances of college athletics programs across the country in 2020, the long-term financial vitality of the SEC stayed in focus. The SEC finalized a milestone 10-year agreement with the Walt Disney Company that grants ABC and ESPN exclusive broadcast rights to premier SEC football and basketball events beginning in 2024-25 and continuing through 2033-34.
- The SEC continued to lead in its commitment to providing equal opportunities to historically underrepresented individuals. With an understanding of the tremendous cultural influence the SEC has in its region, the Conference exercised that influence in calling on Mississippi lawmakers to remove Confederate imagery from the state flag.
- The SEC's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion continued to be evident in 2021 in a new initiative codified by an SEC bylaw aimed at encouraging, facilitating and assisting member institutions in attracting and hiring individuals in historically underrepresented groups in leadership positions of their athletics programs.
- The SEC expanded its leadership of college sports in 2021, and in no more impactful way than the announcement that historical powerhouses Oklahoma and Texas would join the Conference beginning in 2025. The SEC will expand for the third time since 1992, bringing to 16 the number of members in the SEC.
- Amidst a time of upheaval in college sports during the last year, the SEC continues to lead. In February 2022, the SEC announced its largest distribution of revenue in Conference history, enabling SEC universities to provide unrivaled opportunities to its student-athletes as it positions itself to lead college sports into the future.

The SEC's popular slogan "It Just Means More" has struck a cultural nerve for the conference. And over the course of the last several years, it can certainly be applied to the continued effective and impactful leadership of the Southeastern Conference.

STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT

STUDENT-ATHLETE CAREER TOUR

The SEC's successful student-athlete career tours were not derailed by the COVID pandemic. The program that allows graduating student-athletes to connect with human resource recruiters in various careers and submit resumes for entry-level jobs and internships, continued in a virtual format during the pandemic and resumed in-person in Atlanta Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2021.

The group visited the headquarters and met with executives at several corporations and organizations in the Atlanta area including Mercedes-Benz Stadium, The Home Depot, Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Braves and Delta Airlines.

In addition to visits with executives, the students also learn about interview preparation, and ways to build effective business relationships through authenticity, curiosity, and social media best practices.



28 current and former SEC student-athletes participated in the SEC Career Tour in Atlanta in December.

SEC IN NCAA'S TOP 10

Three SEC student-athletes in the last three years have been among the 10 student-athletes chosen annually from across the country named as recipients of the NCAA's Top 10 Awards. The award recognizes former student-athletes for their successes in competition, in the classroom and in the community.

- 2020: Kristin Quah, Vanderbilt, Bowling
- 2021: Asia Seidt, Kentucky, Swimming & Diving
- 2022: Mac Jones, Alabama, Football

NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Kentucky swimmer Asia Seidt was named the 2020 NCAA Woman of the Year. Finalists were selected from a group of 30 Woman of the Year honorees which included 10 honorees from each NCAA division and represented a variety of sports. Seidt became the eighth woman in the history of the SEC to win the award, and the first from Kentucky.



Kentucky swimmer Asia Seidt was the 2020 NCAA Woman of the Year.

SEC AMONG HONDA AWARD WINNERS

GRADUATE PATCHES



Aliyah Boston was named winner of the 2022 Honda Cup (photo: Robert Beck).

Six SEC student-athletes have been named Honda Sport Award recipients since 2019. The Honda Award is presented annually by the Collegiate Women’s Sports Awards to the top women athletes in 12 NCAA-sanctioned sports and signifies “the best of the best in collegiate athletics.”

Honda Award winners become finalists for Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year and the prestigious Honda Cup. South Carolina’s Aliyah Boston won the 2022 Honda Cup as the top female college athlete.

- 2018-19 Honda Winners; Maria Fassi, Arkansas, Golf; Yanis David, Florida, Track & Field
- 2020-21 Honda Winners: Mercy Chelangat, Alabama, Cross Country; Madison Lilley, Kentucky, Volleyball
- 2021-22 Honda Winners: Trinity Thomas, Florida, Gymnastics; Aliyah Boston, South Carolina, Basketball



More than 1,300 student-athletes in all sports have worn the SEC Graduate Patch over the last three years. The SEC introduced the patch in 2016 for student-athletes who have graduated but have not exhausted their eligibility. The SEC logo patch on their uniforms is replaced with a special patch highlighting the word “Graduate” underneath the conference logo. The patch is similar in design for all conference schools, but is school-specific in color.

SEC IN THE DRAFT

SEC student-athletes continue to dominate draft day across professional sports. In the last three years, 39 football players, 19 men’s basketball players, 19 baseball players and 10 women’s basketball players have been drafted in the first round of their respective sport drafts.

<u>Since 2019</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>First Round</u>
Football	193	39
Men’s Basketball	36	19
Women’s Basketball	19	10
Baseball	184	19

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

SEC teams have won 18 national championships in the last three years and then were revived after the pandemic, including nine titles won by eight different schools in the 2020-21 athletic year.

- The SEC has won three straight College Football Playoff championships and 12 football national championships in the last 16 years.
- Kentucky's 2020 volleyball national title gave the SEC

at least one national title in each of its sponsored 21 sports.

- Two championships included head-to-head SEC national title battles in the 2021 College World Series (Mississippi State vs. Vanderbilt) and 2022 College Football Playoff (Georgia vs. Alabama).
- In all, there have been 18 SEC vs. SEC national championships all time.



Kentucky volleyball's 2020 national championship gave the SEC a national title in every sport it sponsors.

MEDIA, BUSINESS AND INNOVATION

LANDMARK MEDIA AGREEMENT

The SEC and ESPN announced in December 2020 a milestone 10-year agreement that grants ABC and ESPN exclusive broadcast rights to premier SEC football and basketball events beginning in 2024-25 and continuing through 2033-34.

The landmark deal, which represents a significant expansion of the conference's current partnership with ESPN, will establish ABC as the new broadcast network home for Saturday afternoon SEC football games, as well as selected Saturday primetime football games and the annual SEC Football Championship Game, which has grown into one of the most popular sporting events of the year. In addition, approximately eight incremental marquee men's basketball games will be featured across ABC or ESPN.

The new First Tier rights agreement puts all SEC media rights under The Walt Disney Company umbrella, giving the SEC exposure on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN+, SEC Network and SEC Network+.



The exclusive partnership with ESPN comes with significant scheduling flexibility that will produce an array of benefits for member schools, student-athletes and college football fans. Under the new agreement, a number of game times and broadcast windows will be announced in advance of the season, giving fans an ability to plan more seamlessly.

RECORD REVENUE DISTRIBUTION

For the fiscal year that ended August 31, 2021, the SEC distributed a Conference record \$764.4 million dollars to its 14 members, a record \$54.6 million per institution.

The SEC provides superior support to its 14 member universities as a direct result of the revenue distributed through the Southeastern Conference. The SEC's conference-wide commitment to the student-athlete experience is profound and translates into exceptional instruction, training, equipment, academic counseling, medical care, mental health and wellness support and life-skills development.

In addition, revenues generated through SEC athletics often contribute in significant and unique ways to the academic missions of the 14 SEC universities. Past examples of how this revenue has had an impact outside athletics has included participation in the construction and renovation of academic facilities, support of academic scholarship opportunities, funding of academic programs and direct transfers of funds to support academic budgets.

SEC VIEWERSHIP CONTINUES GROWTH

- For the last three years, the SEC on CBS was the highest rated college football package and the SEC Football Championship was highest rated championship game
- For a third straight year in 2021, the SEC was the most-watched football conference on ESPN with 2.8 million viewers. SEC games averaged +57% more viewers than any other conference on ESPN.
- SEC men's basketball games on ESPN were up +27% year-over-year, averaging over 1 million viewers per game.
- South Carolina women's basketball won the national title in the most-watched Women's National Championship since 2004 and Tennessee vs. South Carolina on ABC on February 20, 2022, was the most-viewed regular season women's college basketball game since 2017.

- The first gymnastics meet ever on ABC, Alabama at Florida on January 16, 2022, was ESPN's second most-watched gymnastics meet since 2011.

SEC Network has made achieving gender equity across live events a priority over the past few years, reaching that goal in the 2021-22 academic year. Moving forward, SEC Network will continue to program the network with gender equity as a north star, providing an equal platform to further the growth of all SEC sports.

A show that sets itself apart on every level, SEC Network's TrueSouth Presented by YellaWood was nominated for the prominent James Beard Award, earning a finalist nod in the Visual Media—Short Form category.

CONTINUED INNOVATION IN OFFICIATING

The SEC began use of Collaborative Video Review in women's basketball and Centralized Video Review in softball games in 2022, becoming the first conference to use those processes in those sports as permitted by NCAA rules. With the addition of women's basketball and softball, the SEC now has five sports that operate Video Review out of the SEC Video Center in the Conference Office.

The SEC has been a pioneer in collaborative and centralized video review. In baseball and softball, a Replay Official in the SEC Video Center reviews plays in SEC vs. SEC games and renders decisions that are communicated to the on-site umpire crew. In football, men's and women's basketball, replay officials in the Video Center collaborate with on-site officials to determine outcomes.

The SEC successfully implemented a collaborative replay process in the sport of football in 2016, and the Conference secured NCAA approval to implement a collaborative replay process in men's basketball the following year. The SEC began centralized replay in baseball, modeled after MLB's process, in 2019.



The SEC recently expanded its Video Center to accommodate additional video review operations.

SEC Baseball has led the nation in attendance for 25 consecutive years.



LEADERS IN ATTENDANCE

- For the 23rd straight year, the SEC led every other conference in college football with the most fans in attendance per game with an average of 72,195.
- The SEC Football Championship Game attendance of 78,030 is the most in Mercedes-Benz Stadium and the second-highest championship game history, trailing only the inaugural championship game in 1992 between Alabama and Florida.
- SEC Women's Basketball has led the nation in attendance every year since 2015. In 2022, more than 1 million fans attended games. The SEC was the only conference to eclipse 1 million fans.
- SEC Baseball has led the nation in attendance 26 years in a row. Seven of the nation's top-10 attendance leaders in 2021 were from the SEC, and total attendance during the 2022 regular season surpassed 2.3 million.

RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

SEC COUNCIL ON RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

In the summer of 2020, the SEC was among many around the world witnessing the unrest and demonstrations in countless cities and communities after the deaths of African American men and women in Minneapolis, Louisville and Brunswick, Georgia. Those events ignited a movement around the equitable treatment of all historically underrepresented individuals, and African Americans in particular.

At that time, the SEC took steps to gather and understand perspectives from a range of stakeholders, including student-athletes, presidents and chancellors, directors of athletics, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, various sport head coaches, mental health professionals and the SEC staff - ultimately establishing the SEC Council on Racial Equity and Social Justice in response. The league-wide council includes more than 60 athletes who are in the SEC's existing student-athlete engagement



program, plus administrative leaders from each campus and head coaches from each sport. The council meets regularly with SEC players to better understand and respond to their questions and concerns. It has focused on five key areas:

- Increasing access and representation for under-represented minorities
- Providing enhanced support for underrepresented minorities
- Improving education on racial and social issues for all stakeholders
- Deepening commitments to local communities
- Raising awareness of racial inequity and social justice

SEC LAUNCHES HIRING AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The SEC in 2021 launched a new initiative aimed at encouraging, facilitating and assisting member institutions in attracting and hiring individuals in historically underrepresented groups in the leadership of their athletics departments.

The initiative was approved by the Conference's Presidents and Chancellors with the creation of a new conference bylaw that will help guide hiring practices at the member institutions within the Conference, particularly in the roles of athletics director, head coach, and senior woman administrator (SWA) and in positions that typically lead to employment in the positions of athletics director, head coach and SWA.

Under the new initiative, member institutions will employ intentional efforts to identify and consider candidates from historically underrepresented minority groups who may be outside the professional, social, and societal networks of those frequently making hiring decisions on behalf of the member institutions.

SEC PROGRAMMING ON RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The SEC teamed with the SEC Network to keep diversity, equity and inclusion top-of-mind. The Network developed interviews, TV specials, and regular series with impactful content such as:

- **Beyond the Whiteboard:** A Conversation with Black Head Women's Basketball Coaches
- The Historic Change that United Mississippi Rivals: A Look at the Creation of the New Flag
- **Black History Always:** 30-second vignettes on Significant Black SEC Historical Figures
- **Voices for Change Series:** Featuring SEC student-athletes and their participation in raising awareness of issues around diversity, equity and inclusion in their communities



OTHER INITIATIVES

- **SEC Voter Education and Participation Program**

On September 3, 2020, the SEC announced its first ever voter and civic engagement effort. Through the SEC Voter Education and Participation Program, all 14 member universities committed to support non-partisan engagement of SEC student-athletes, coaches and staff in the November 2020 general election and in future local, state and federal elections.

- **College Football Playoff Foundation Extra Yard for Teachers**

The SEC earmarks funds it traditionally receives from the College Football Playoff Foundation's Extra Yard for Teachers program specifically to go to low resource schools in SEC communities.

- **SEC Student-Athlete Enhancement Grant**

The SEC added racial equity, social justice and diversity and inclusion to the list of permissible types of programs funded by the conference's student-athlete enhancement grant facilitated through applicable campus units.

- **TOGETHER It Just Means More Public Service Announcements**

In conjunction with the opening weekend of football games, the SEC launched a series of television public service announcements in 2020 with the "TOGETHER, It Just Means More" message. The initial announcement was 60 seconds long and aired during every football game played on the September 26, 2020, opening day. Later, the SEC launched four 30-second announcements that featured all sponsored sports and universities.



"Together It Just Means More" was the theme of SEC public service announcements in 2020-21.

SEC Network programming documented the change of the State of Mississippi flag.

SEC ALL-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

BASEBALL (14)

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)
2017	Florida (52-19)
2019	Vanderbilt (59-12)
2021	Mississippi State (50-18)
2022	Ole Miss (42-23)

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 (10)

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)
2017	South Carolina (33-4)
2022	South Carolina (35-2)

WOMEN'S BOWLING (2)

2007	Vanderbilt (74-14)
2018	Vanderbilt

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 (2)

1988	Kentucky (75)
2019	Arkansas (96)

EQUESTRIAN (8)

2013	Auburn
2014	Georgia
2015	South Carolina
2016	Auburn
2017	Texas A&M
2018	Auburn
2019	Auburn
2021	Georgia

FOOTBALL (27)

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)
2015	Alabama (14-1/CFP, AP, USA Today)
2017	Alabama (13-1/CFP, AP, USA Today)
2019	LSU (15-0/CFP, AP, USA Today)
2020	Alabama (13-0/CFP, AP, USA Today)
2021	Georgia (14-1/CFP, AP, USA Today)

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 (5)

1985	Florida (1218)
1986	Florida (1180)
2001	Georgia (1176)
2012	Alabama (1171)
2021	Ole Miss (1159)

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 (4)

2011	Kentucky
2018	Kentucky
2021	Kentucky
2022	Kentucky

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 (14)

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)
2016	Georgia (414)

MEN'S TENNIS (8)

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)
2021	Florida (26-2)

WOMEN'S TENNIS (10)

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)
2017	Florida (29-3)

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD (21)

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)
2017	Texas A&M (46)
2018	Florida (40)
2019	Florida (55)

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD (19)

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 (62)
2004	LSU (52)

2005	Tennessee (46)
2009	Tennessee (42)
2015	Arkansas (63)
2018	Georgia (61)
2019	Arkansas (62)
2021	Arkansas (68)
2022	Florida (68)

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (25)

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)
2016	Florida (62)
2017	Florida (61.5)
2018	Georgia (52)
2021	LSU (84)
2022	Florida (54)

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (21)

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)
2016	Arkansas (72)
2019	Arkansas (64)
2022	Florida (74)

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (1)

2020-21	Kentucky (24-1)
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SEC

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

	All-Time	Since 2000
Men's	139	67
Women's	115	72
Coed	4	4
TOTAL	258	142

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

GREG SANKEY COMMISSIONER SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE



Greg Sankey became the eighth Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference on June 1, 2015, and has successfully built upon the SEC's recognized success, strong foundations and rich traditions.

Sankey has effectively introduced change and innovation for the conference while respecting the institutional traditions that make the SEC unique. With an understanding of the highly competitive environment of college sports, he has fostered the collaborative culture of the SEC that sets the conference apart and supports its continuing success.

Sankey brings a big picture approach to his position through continuing focus on a vision that positions the SEC to leverage its athletics success and reputation for a greater overall cultural and economic impact on the region, the nation and the world.

Sankey has built upon the foundation set in his first major address as the conference leader in 2015 when he stated, "Educating scholars and supporting champions provides the platform for developing leaders who will influence the world." His relentless focus on providing resources for student-athlete success continues to make the Southeastern Conference a leader in college athletics.

LEADERSHIP IN A CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

As the NCAA has sought to navigate a changing landscape for college athletics, it called on Sankey to co-chair its Division I Transformation Committee, a body of college sports leaders tasked with addressing the most significant challenges in college athletics, to support student-athletes more effectively, and even reimagine the future of college sports.

Sankey's recognized abilities made him an appropriate leader for this critical endeavor to modernize and transform Division I college sports, and it cast him at the forefront of myriad issues facing college athletics leaders today.

But it is not the first time Sankey has stepped forward at a crucial time for college sports. Sankey's leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic served the SEC well as the league prepared for a return to action in the fall of 2020. Sankey fostered a culture of collaboration among the leaders of the Conference in order to allow the SEC's 14 schools to move together in lockstep through difficult and unprecedented decisions.

And while the pandemic had a devastating effect on the finances of college athletics programs across the country, Sankey kept focus on the long-term financial vitality of the SEC. In 2020, Sankey and his team finalized a milestone 10-year agreement with the Walt Disney Company that grants ABC and ESPN exclusive broadcast rights to premier SEC football and basketball events beginning in 2024-25 and continuing through 2033-34.

Less than a year after the blockbuster agreement with Disney, the SEC made news again as Sankey ushered the University of Oklahoma and University of Texas through membership discussions and announced the two leading universities will join as members with the SEC's nationally prominent member institutions.



ADVOCATING FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE OPPORTUNITY

Throughout his career, Sankey has established himself as an advocate for the student-athlete, creating a framework to provide young people in the Conference with challenging leadership opportunities and expanded resources to succeed at the highest levels of academic and competitive success. Student-athlete focused initiatives introduced under Sankey's leadership include:

- Creation of a leadership position in the SEC office for Student-Athlete Engagement, a role focused on offering student-athletes the opportunity to participate in Conference leadership.
- Introduction of Student-Athlete Leadership Councils for Football, Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball which provide student-athletes with enhanced opportunities to engage with campus leaders and Conference office staff.
- Introduction of a Student-Athlete Career Tour which provides groups of student-athletes with opportunities to engage in career exploration with high level corporations and businesses in major metropolitan areas.
- Expansion of the student-athlete role at the annual SEC Spring Meetings when student-athlete leaders participate in a robust agenda of interaction with administrators and coaches to provide their perspectives to Conference leaders.

ADVANCING THE CONFERENCE

Sankey has been intentional and diligent in addressing issues critical to college athletics, with an emphasis on integrity, ethics, sportsmanship and diversity including:

- Development of updated Conference policies governing conduct expectations for student-athletes, including the adoption of a serious misconduct policy governing transfers that has served as a model for similar policies adopted by other conferences. The policy was later expanded to include all incoming prospective student-athletes.
- Creation of the SEC Council on Racial Equity and Social Justice, a league-wide body consisting of a diverse group of student-athletes, administrators, coaches and SEC staff. The Council identifies resources, outlines strategies and assists with implementation of efforts that promote racial equity and social justice, fosters diversity and helps overcome racism and pursues non-discrimination in intercollegiate athletics.
- Crafting a new SEC bylaw aimed at encouraging, facilitating and assisting member institutions in attracting and hiring individuals in historically underrepresented groups in leadership positions of their athletics programs.



SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey conducts a press conference to announce the cancellation of the 2020 SEC Men's Basketball Tournament due to COVID-19.

Another priority under Sankey's leadership is growing exposure for the Conference and effectively publicizing success stories of the SEC. Strategies pursued to achieve this objective include:

- Ongoing collaboration with the SEC Network to create unique exposure opportunities for Conference universities, teams and student-athletes, including behind-the-scenes programming, expanding live championship coverage for Olympic Sports and other unique programming.
- Engagement with a national marketing agency to develop and maintain a comprehensive branding campaign. The theme – "It Just Means More" – communicates the history, legacy and overall positive impact the SEC has on its region, the nation and the world.
- Introduction of the SEC Graduate Patch, a logo placed on the uniforms in every sport to provide recognition of SEC student-athletes who have earned their undergraduate degree and are continuing their participation in intercollegiate athletics.

A CAREER IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS

On March 12, 2015, the Presidents and Chancellors of the SEC announced Greg Sankey would succeed Mike Slive as Commissioner of the SEC.

Sankey, 58, first joined the SEC staff in 2002 as Associate Commissioner for Governance, Enforcement and Compliance and later added supervision of the league's championships staff to his responsibilities. He was elevated to Executive Associate Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer for the league office in 2012, becoming responsible for the day-to-day operation of the SEC Office.

Before moving to the SEC, Sankey served as 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 its 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, LA, as well as coach of the Demons' golf team. Before his tenure at Northwestern

National Championships Won by SEC Schools in Greg Sankey Era

2015-16

Football – Alabama
 Women's Swimming & Diving – Georgia
 Equestrian – Auburn
 Men's Outdoor Track & Field – Florida
 Women's Outdoor Track & Field – Arkansas

2016-17

Men's Indoor Track & Field – Texas A&M
 Women's Basketball – South Carolina
 Equestrian – Texas A&M
 Women's Tennis – Florida
 Men's Outdoor Track & Field – Florida
 Baseball – Florida

2017-18

Football – Alabama
 Women's Indoor Track & Field – Georgia
 Men's Indoor Track & Field - Florida
 Equestrian – Auburn
 Men's Outdoor Track & Field – Georgia

2018-19

Women's Indoor Track & Field – Arkansas
 Men's Outdoor Track & Field – Florida
 Equestrian – Auburn
 Women's Outdoor Track & Field – Arkansas
 Baseball – Vanderbilt

2019-20

Football – LSU
 Women's Cross Country – Arkansas

2020-21

Football – Alabama
 Women's Indoor Track & Field – Arkansas
 Equestrian – Georgia
 Volleyball – Kentucky
 Rifle – Kentucky
 Men's Tennis – Florida
 Women's Golf – Ole Miss
 Men's Outdoor Track & Field – LSU
 Baseball – Mississippi State

2021-22

Football – Georgia
 Women's Indoor Track & Field – Florida
 Rifle – Kentucky
 Women's Basketball – South Carolina
 Men's Outdoor Track & Field – Florida
 Women's Outdoor Track & Field – Florida
 Baseball – Ole Miss

State, he was the Director of Intramural Sports at Utica College in upstate New York.

A native of Auburn, NY, 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, AL, and have two adult daughters, Hannah (and her husband, Rod) and Moriah.

THE SANKEY FILE

1987-89	Utica College Director of Intramural Sports
1989-91	Northwestern State University Director of Compliance & Academic Services, 1990-92 Head Golf Coach, 1990-92
1992-2001	Southland Conference Assistant Commissioner, 1992-94 Associate Commissioner, 1994-96 Commissioner, 1996-2002
2002-present	Southeastern Conference Associate Commissioner, 2002-2012 Executive Associate Commissioner/Chief Operating Officer, 2012-2015 Commissioner, 2015-present



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SEC ACADEMIC INITIATIVES



The Southeastern Conference supports and promotes collaborative higher education programs and activities involving administrators, faculty and students at its member universities. Its goals include:

- Advancing the academic reputation of SEC universities beyond the traditional SEC region;
- Highlighting the endeavors and achievements of SEC faculty, students and administrators;
- 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
- Supporting collaboration between SEC faculty and administrators.

Current SEC academic initiatives include:

- The SEC Academic Leadership Development Program seeks to identify, prepare and advance academic leaders for roles within SEC institutions and beyond. It has multiple components, a university-level development program; two SEC-wide workshops held on specified campuses for all program participants; a competitive fellowship for former participants; and a virtual continuing education forum.
- The SEC College Tour occurs several times each year, both in the fall and spring semesters and in-person and virtual formats. Enrollment 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 education abroad focus includes a cooperative agreement that gives SEC students access to international programs offered at other SEC universities and an engineering exchange agreement with the Politecnico di Torino in Italy.
- The SEC Faculty Achievement and Professor of the Year Awards recognize faculty with outstanding records in research and teaching. There is one winner per campus and one overall winner for the SEC.
- The SEC Faculty Travel 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, conduct research and deliver artistic performances.
- 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 Student Pitch Competition provides a showcase for young entrepreneurs as it pits teams of SEC students against one another in an idea pitch competition. Students present their innovative business ideas to a panel of SEC alums to determine those most worthy of a funding investment. The top teams receive various awards and recognition.



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 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 Video 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, with collaborative instant replay being integrated into the Central Review Center prior to the 2016 football season. The SEC Video Center was expanded to the main level of the building in 2021 and now also houses basketball, baseball and softball replay operations.



FORMER SEC HEADQUARTERS IN BIRMINGHAM

Redmont Hotel (1946-67)

Central Bank Building (1967-88)

Riverchase Galleria Tower (1988-1991)



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 champion 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.

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

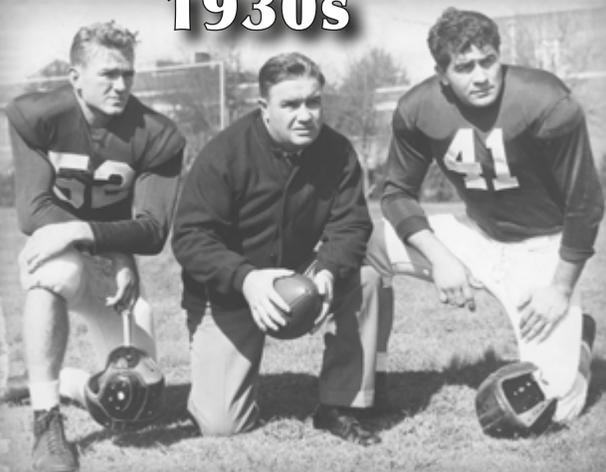
OCTOBER 20, 1951: The Alabama-Tennessee football game in Birmingham's Legion Field becomes the first televised event in SEC history.

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

1930s



1940s



1950s





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1990s

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.

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.

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.

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.

2000s



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.

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 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.

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

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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 2013: 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 multiplatform 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.

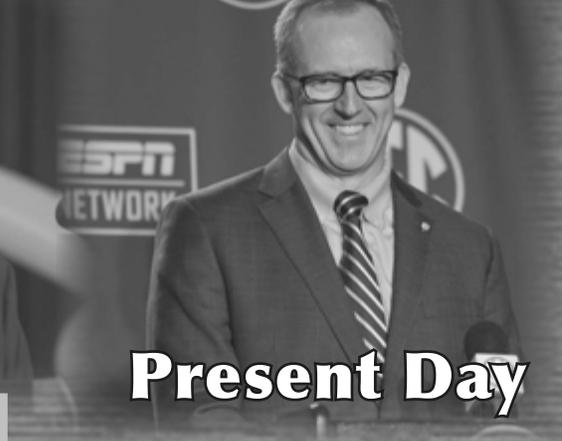
2015: Alabama captured the SEC's first national championship of the College Football Playoff era. The conference went an unprecedented 9-2 in postseason bowl games, establishing new NCAA and SEC records in the process.

2016: The SEC celebrated 25 years of the SEC Championship Game, the last in Atlanta's Georgia Dome. A SEC team reached the national championship game for the 10th time in the last 11 seasons. Collaborative Instant Replay was implemented at the SEC Video Center at league headquarters. The SEC became the only conference in college football history to send at least 10 teams to bowl games in four consecutive seasons (2013-2016) with 12 teams in 2016.

2017: The SEC became the first to send two teams to the College Football Playoff, as both SEC Champion Georgia and Alabama were selected. With both collecting semifinal wins, the league enjoyed the second SEC vs. SEC national championship game since the 2011 season. It marked the 11th time in 12 seasons at least one SEC team advanced to the national championship game.

2018: For the 12th time in the last 13 seasons, a team from the SEC advanced to the national

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championship game. The SEC has won nine of those contests, with two of the losses coming in the game's final seconds. The SEC sent four teams to New Year's Six bowl games for the first time in 2018. The SEC Championship was the most-watched and highest-rated regular-season college football game on any network since 2011.

2019: LSU became the first 15-0 team in SEC history, defeating Clemson in the CFP National Championship Game in New Orleans. This was the third national championship for the SEC in the College Football Playoff era, and 10th national championship since 2006. Overall, the SEC enjoyed a nation-leading 8-2 record in the postseason.

2020: The SEC played a 10-game, conference-only schedule due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The league was able to play 69 of 71 scheduled games, including the SEC Championship Game. The SEC finished 7-2 in the postseason in to lead the nation in bowl wins, with all seven wins coming against Top-25 competition - the most in history for the conference. Alabama's national championship was the 11th national championship in the last 15 years for the SEC. Fourteen times in the last 15 seasons, a team from the SEC has now advanced to the national championship game. The winner of the SEC Championship Game has now advanced to the National Championship Game all but once since 2006.

July 30, 2021: The SEC announced that the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas will become members effective July 1, 2025, with competition to begin in all sports for the 2025-26 academic year.

2021: The third different SEC team in the last three seasons captured the CFP National Championship in 2021 as Georgia defeated Alabama in Indianapolis, Ind. This was the fifth national championship for the SEC in the College Football Playoff era, and 12th national championship since 2006. It was the second All-SEC national championship game of the CFP era and second in the last five seasons. Fifteen times in the last 16 seasons, a team from the SEC has now advanced to the national championship game. The winner of the SEC Championship Game has now advanced to the National Championship Game all but once since 2006.

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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 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

December 3, 2022
Mercedes-Benz Stadium (73,000)
Atlanta, Ga.
CBS Sports - 4 p.m. ET

MEDIA INFORMATION

Media credential requests for the 2022 SEC Championship football game can be taken online at www.secsportsmedia.com beginning November 1.

The SEC will conduct a media teleconference with the two participating head coaches on Sunday, November 27 at 5 p.m. ET. Another media teleconference, with three participating student-athletes from each school, will be held on Monday, November 28, at 1 p.m. ET.

A press conference featuring both participating head coaches will be held at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Friday, December 2, at 1:30 p.m. ET.

The Friday press conference and the post-game press conference on Saturday will be available on the SEC Media Portal and SEC FTP, and live on SEC Network and/or SEC+. 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 August 31 and concluding November 16. 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.

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

10:00 a.m.	Brian Kelly, LSU
10:10 a.m.	Kirby Smart, Georgia
10:20 a.m.	Billy Napier, Florida
10:30 a.m.	Clark Lea, Vanderbilt
10:40 a.m.	Nick Saban, Alabama
10:50 a.m.	Josh Heupel, Tennessee
11:00 a.m.	Sam Pittman, Arkansas
11:10 a.m.	Shane Beamer, South Carolina
11:20 a.m.	Lane Kiffin, Ole Miss
11:30 a.m.	Jimbo Fisher, Texas A&M
11:40 a.m.	Mark Stoops, Kentucky
11:50 a.m.	Mike Leach, Mississippi State
12:00 p.m.	Elijah Drinkwitz, Missouri
12:10 p.m.	Bryan Harsin, 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 MEDIA PORTAL

Highlights, Photos & Press Conferences: The SEC and XOS Digital will provide a platform for distribution of game highlights, game photos and press conference content. Highlights from all SEC football games will be available via the SEC Media Portal. Whenever school postgame press conferences are available, they will be posted to the portal as well. Still photography will be available in the portal for the media at halftime and following each SEC football game and video will be available after each game. The SEC Media Access Guidelines continue to apply to this content and are outlined in the 2022 credentialing registration process. To request access to the SEC Media Portal and create an account, contact: licensing@xosdigital.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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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. 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. 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:

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AUBURN — www.auburntigers.com
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GEORGIA — www.georgiadogs.com

KENTUCKY — www.ukathletics.com
LSU — www.lsusports.net
OLE MISS — www.olemisssports.com
MISSISSIPPI STATE — www.hailstate.com
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SOUTH CAROLINA — www.gamecocksonline.com
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SEC FOOTBALL VIDEO REPLAY

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 (Rule 12-6-1-c) convinces him beyond all doubt that the ruling was incorrect. Without such indisputable video evidence, the replay official must allow the ruling to stand. (**Exception:** Targeting rule 12-3-5-a)

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:

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- 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, including whether the touching is beyond or behind the line of scrimmage.
- 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.
 - If the pass is ruled forward and is incomplete, the play is reviewable only if: The ball goes out of bounds; there is clear recovery of a loose ball in the immediate continuing action; or there is confirmation of the recovery by the officials on the field. If the replay official does not have indisputable video evidence as to which team recovers or the ball going out of bounds, the ruling of incomplete pass stands. (**Exception:** Rule 12-3-1-a)
 - If the replay official reverses an incomplete



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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.

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

Dead Ball and Loose Ball

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 or the ball goes out of bounds in the immediate continuing action after the loose ball.
 - If the replay official does not have indisputable video evidence as to which team recovers, does not have confirmation of the recovery by the officials on the field, or the ball going out of bounds, the ruling of incomplete pass stands.
 - If the replay official rules fumble and the ball is recovered, 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 (Rule 4-1-2-b-2), or live ball ruled dead in possession of a ball carrier, when the clear recovery of a loose ball occurs in the immediate continuing football action.
 - If the ball is ruled dead and the replay official does not have: Indisputable video evidence as to which team recovers; confirmation of the recovery by the officials on the field; or if the ball goes out of bounds, 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 or the goal line. FR-114 RULE 12 / INSTANT REPLAY
- 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.
 - Live ball declared dead under Rule 4-1-2-b-2 and b-3 (inadvertent whistle).

Kicks

ARTICLE 4. Reviewable plays involving kicks include:

- Touching of a kick.
- 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 players of the kicking team before they are eligible to touch the ball on an on-side kick.
- A player touching or recovering a kick or loose ball who is or has been out of bounds during the kick.
- Receiving team advancing after a fair catch signal.

Targeting

ARTICLE 5

- The replay official shall review all targeting fouls, Rules 9-1-3 and 9-1-4. For a player to be disqualified and the Targeting foul to be enforced, all elements of a Targeting foul must be confirmed by the Instant Replay Official. There is no option for stands as a part of a Targeting review. If any element of Targeting cannot be confirmed, then the Replay Official shall overturn the targeting foul.

Targeting elements include:

- Rule 9-1-3:
 - A player takes aim at an opponent for the purposes of attacking with forcible contact with the crown of the helmet.
 - An indicator of targeting is present.
 - Rule 9-1-4:
 - A defenseless opponent (Rule 2-27-14).
 - A player takes aim at a defenseless opponent for the purposes of attacking with forcible contact to the head or neck area.
 - An indicator of targeting is present.
- The replay official may create a targeting foul from the booth when all elements of targeting can be confirmed and the foul is not called by the officials on the field. Such a review may not be initiated by a coach's challenge.
RULE 12 / INSTANT REPLAY FR-115

Miscellaneous

ARTICLE 6. 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 with less than two minutes in the first half and less than five minutes in the second half.
- With less than one minute in either half and a replay review results in the on-field ruling being reversed, and the correct ruling would not have stopped the game clock, then the clock will be reset to the time the ball is declared dead by replay. The referee will subtract 10 seconds from the game clock and the game clock will start on the referee's signal. Either team may use a team timeout to avoid the runoff.
- Clock adjustment at the end of any quarter. If the game clock expires at the end of any quarter, either during a down in which it should be stopped by rule through play when the ball becomes dead or after the down

upon a request for an available team timeout, the replay official may restore time only under these conditions:

1. 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;
2. If time expires in a half, and the clock would start on the Referee's signal after review, there must be at least 3 seconds remaining when the ball should have been declared dead to restore time to the clock. With 2 seconds or 1 second remaining on the clock, the half is over unless Team A has a time out remaining (This does not impact situations when the clock is stopped and will remain stopped until the snap such as an incomplete pass or a ball carrier out of bounds.);
3. In the fourth quarter only, to restore time, the score differential must be eight points or less;
4. 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.
- e. Correcting the number of a down.
 1. This includes the result of a penalty enforcement that includes an automatic first down or loss of down.
 2. 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.
- f. Any person who is not a player interfering with live-ball action occurring in the field of play (Rule 9-2-3).
- g. An injured player at the initiation of the medical observer.

Limitations on Reviewable Plays

ARTICLE 7. No other plays or officiating decisions are reviewable. However, the replay official may correct obvious errors that may have a significant impact on the outcome of the game, including those involving the game clock, whether or not a play is reviewable. This excludes fouls that are not specifically reviewable (See Article 8, following). FR-116 RULE 12 / INSTANT REPLAY

Reviewable Fouls

ARTICLE 8. The following plays are reviewable and the replay official may create a foul when there is no call by the on-field officials:

- a. Player making a forward pass or forward handoff when the player's entire body and the ball is or has been beyond the neutral zone or after a change of possession (Rule 12-3-2-c and -d).
- b. Player beyond the neutral zone when kicking the ball (Rule 12-3-4-b).
- c. Blocking by players of the kicking team before they are eligible to touch the ball on an onside kick (Rule 12-3-4-e).
- d. The number of players on the field for either team during a live ball (Rule 12-3-6-a).
- e. Illegal touching of a forward pass by an originally eligible receiver who has gone out of bounds or touching of a forward pass by an originally ineligible player (Rules 12-3-2-b and 12-3-3-h).
- f. A player touching or recovering a kick or loose ball who is or has been out of bounds during the kick. (Rule 12-3-4-f).
- g. Forward pass that becomes illegal as a second pass after an on-field ruling of a backward pass is reversed (Rule 12-3-2-e).
- h. A clear and obvious targeting foul (Rule 12-3-5-b).

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.

- a. The type of equipment used to carry out necessary instant replay duties shall be determined by each conference or member institution using instant replay.
- b. 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.
- c. A protected wireless official-to-official communication system (i.e., O2O) open only to the officiating crew, instant replay and conference officiating observer is permitted.

Location

ARTICLE 3. All equipment used to review 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. As an ongoing experiment, a RULE 12 / INSTANT REPLAY FR-117 collaborative decision-making model during instant replay reviews that is in full compliance with Rule 12 is not limited to the press box of a stadium.

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.

- a. The replay official and their crew shall review every play of a game. The replay official may stop a game at any time before the ball is next legally put in play (**Exception:** Rule 12-3-6-d) whenever they believe that:
 1. There is reasonable evidence to believe an error was made in the initial on-field ruling.
 2. The play is reviewable.
 3. The outcome of a review would have a direct, competitive impact on the game.
- b. The head coach of either team may request that the game be stopped and a play be reviewed by challenging the on-field ruling.
 1. A head coach initiates this challenge by taking a team timeout before the ball is next legally put in play (**Exception:** Rule 12-3-6-d) and informing the referee that they are challenging the ruling of the previous play. If a head coach's challenge is successful, they retain the challenge, which may be used only once more during the game. Thus, a coach may have a total of two challenges if and only if the initial challenge is successful.
 2. After a review has been completed, if the on-field ruling is reversed, that team's timeout will not be charged.
 3. 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.
 4. 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.
 5. 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 team timeouts during that half of the game or the one permitted in that extra period.

6. 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. 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 12-3-6-d).
- b. No game official may request that a game be stopped for a play to be reviewed. FR-118 RULE 12 / INSTANT REPLAY

SECTION 6. REVIEWING AN ON-FIELD RULING

Procedures

ARTICLE 1.

- a. 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 paging system or other appropriate means.
- b. 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.*"
- c. 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 that is also available to the television producer.
- d. After the referee has conferred with the replay official and the review process has been completed, the referee shall make one of the following announcements:
 1. If the video evidence confirms the on-field ruling: "*After further review, the ruling on the field is confirmed.*"
 2. If there is no indisputable (conclusive) evidence to reverse the on-field ruling: "*After further review, the ruling on the field stands.*" (**Exception:** 12-3-5-a — Stands is not an allowable ruling or targeting.)
 3. If the on-field ruling is reversed (Rule 12-7): "*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].*"
 - e. 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.

- a. There is no restriction on the number of times the replay official may stop a game for reviews.
- b. The expectation is that the replay official will not exceed two minutes to complete a review. If the review has end of game impact or has multiple aspects as a part of the review, it should be completed efficiently but will have no stated time limit.

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.

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