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Big West Unveils 2016-17 ESPN Men's Basketball Schedule

IRVINE, CA – Big West Conference Commissioner Dennis Farrell today announced that ESPN networks will televise a minimum of 37 men's basketball games during the 2016-17 season.

ESPN2 and ESPNU will combine to air five Saturday regular season Big West contests, utilizing a "Wild Card" format to determine matchups 2-4 weeks before the game. The four ESPNU games take place on Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Feb. 18 and Feb. 25, while ESPN2 has a Feb. 4 contest.

Various ESPN platforms will carry the Big West Tournament semifinals and championship at Honda Center. The Friday, Mar. 10 semifinals will be showcased on ESPN3 and ESPNU. The 6:30 p.m. game will be shown live on ESPN3 and delayed at 11:00 p.m. on ESPNU, while the 9:00 p.m. game will be live on ESPNU. ESPN2 will air the championship game Saturday, Mar. 11 at 8:30 p.m. (PT).

A minimum of 21 men's hoops games will be carried on ESPN3, beginning with a Wednesday, Jan. 4 showdown between Black and Blue rivals Long Beach State and UC Irvine from the Bren Events Center. Defending conference regular season champion Hawai'i makes its debut in the package one night later, Jan. 5, at Cal State Fullerton.

Eight additional non-conference contests will appear on ESPN networks. For the ninth straight year, Hawai'i will participate in ESPN's annual *College Hoops Tip-Off Marathon*, more than 24 hours of game action to mark the start of the 2016-17 season. The Rainbow Warriors host Florida Atlantic on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 1:15 a.m. (PT) on ESPN2.

CSUN and Hawai'i will compete in two ESPN Events' owned-and-operated eight-team tournaments for a total of six additional television games. The Matadors (Wooden Legacy) and Rainbow Warriors (Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic) each will play three games over a four-day period. The Wooden Legacy will be played at two sites, with Cal State Fullerton's Titan Gym ushering in the first two days. Honda Center, the home of the Big West Tournament, will host four games, including the championship, on the final day of competition. Games from both tournaments will be featured on ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU or ESPN3.

Additionally, ESPN2 is slated to televise the Long Beach State at Texas non-conference matchup on Dec. 10.

The 2016-17 season begins on Friday, Nov. 11.

2016-17 BIG WEST BASKETBALL ESPN SCHEDULE

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Contest</u>	<u>Tipoff (PST)</u>	<u>Network</u>
ESPN COLLEGE HOOPS TIP-OFF MARATHON			
Tuesday, November 15	Florida Atlantic at Hawai'i	1:15 am	ESPN2
DIRECTV WOODEN LEGACY • TITAN GYM			
Thursday, November 24	CSUN vs. Texas A&M	11:00 am	ESPN3
Friday, November 25	CSUN vs. New Mexico/Virginia Tech	Noon/2:30 pm	ESPN2/ESPNU
WOODEN LEGACY • HONDA CENTER			
Sunday, November 27	CSUN vs. TBA	TBA	ESPN/ESPNU
Saturday, December 10	Long Beach State at Texas	3:00 pm	ESPN2
HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC • STAN SHERIFF CENTER			
Thursday, December 22	Illinois State at Hawai'i	10:30 pm	ESPN2
Friday, December 23	San Francisco/Utah at Hawai'i	7:00/9:30 pm	ESPN2/ESPNU
Sunday, December 25	TBA at Hawai'i	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3
BIG WEST CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON GAMES			
Saturday, January 14	Wild Card game selected from: Cal Poly at UC Santa Barbara UC Davis at CSUN Long Beach State at Hawai'i Cal State Fullerton at UC Irvine	7:30 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, January 21	Wild Card game selected from: UC Santa Barbara at UC Riverside Long Beach State at Cal Poly UC Irvine at CSUN UC Davis at Hawai'i	7:00 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, February 4	Wild Card game selected from: UC Davis at UC Santa Barbara UC Riverside at Cal Poly Hawai'i at CSUN UC Irvine at Long Beach State	7:00 pm	ESPN2
Saturday, February 18	Wild Card game selected from: Long Beach State at UC Santa Barbara Hawai'i at Cal Poly UC Riverside at UC Irvine UC Davis at Cal State Fullerton	9:00 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, February 25	Wild Card game selected from: Cal Poly at UC Riverside CSUN at UC Irvine Long Beach State at UC Davis Cal State Fullerton at Hawai'i	7:30 pm	ESPNU
BIG WEST TOURNAMENT • HONDA CENTER			
Friday, March 10	Men's Semifinal #1	6:30 pm 11:00 pm	ESPN3 (live) ESPNU (delayed)
	Men's Semifinal #2	9:00 pm	ESPNU (live)
Saturday, March 11	Men's Championship	8:30 pm	ESPN2

ESPN3 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Contest</u>	<u>Tipoff (PST)</u>
Wednesday, January 4	Long Beach State at UC Irvine	TBA
Thursday, January 5	Hawai'i at Cal State Fullerton	TBA
Saturday, January 7	UC Riverside at Long Beach State	TBA
Thursday, January 12	UC Davis at UC Riverside	TBA
Saturday, January 14	Wild Card game selected from: UC Davis at CSUN	TBA
	Cal State Fullerton at UC Irvine	TBA
Wednesday, January 18	UC Riverside at Cal State Fullerton	TBA
Saturday, January 21	Wild Card game selected from: UC Santa Barbara at UC Riverside	TBA
	UC Irvine at CSUN	TBA
Thursday, January 26	Cal Poly at UC Irvine	TBA
Saturday, January 28	Cal Poly at Cal State Fullerton	TBA
Wednesday, February 1	Long Beach State at CSUN	TBA
Thursday, February 2	Hawai'i at UC Riverside	TBA
Saturday, February 4	Wild Card game selected from: Hawai'i at CSUN	TBA
	UC Irvine at Long Beach State	TBA
	Long Beach State at UC Irvine (<i>women</i>)	TBA
Wednesday, February 8	UC Santa Barbara at UC Irvine	TBA
Thursday, February 9	Long Beach State at UC Riverside	TBA
Saturday, February 11	Long Beach State at Cal State Fullerton	TBA
Wednesday, February 15	Cal Poly at CSUN	TBA
Thursday, February 16	UC Davis at Long Beach State	TBA
Saturday, February 18	Wild Card game selected from: UC Davis at Cal State Fullerton	TBA
	UC Riverside at UC Irvine	TBA
	UC Santa Barbara at Long Beach State (<i>women</i>)	TBA
Wednesday, February 22	UC Irvine at Cal State Fullerton	TBA
Thursday, February 23	Cal Poly at Long Beach State	TBA
Saturday, February 25	Wild Card game selected from: CSUN at UC Irvine	TBA
	Cal Poly at UC Riverside	TBA
	Hawai'i at Cal State Fullerton (<i>women</i>)	TBA
Wednesday, March 1	UC Irvine at UC Riverside	TBA
Thursday, March 2	UC Santa Barbara at Cal State Fullerton	TBA
Saturday, March 4	Wild Card game selected from: UC Davis at UC Irvine	TBA
	Cal State Fullerton at CSUN	TBA
	Hawai'i at Long Beach State	TBA