

How did we get here:

The Southwest Ohio Conference was established in 2012-2013 and consisted of Harrison, Ross, Edgewood, Talawanda, Mt. Healthy, Northwest, Wilmington and Little Miami. Due to geographic issues, Wilmington left in 2014 and Little Miami left in 2020. Ross and Edgewood left the SWOC and joined the Southwestern Buckeye League in 2022 and started competition in the 2023-2024 season. Talawanda became part of the SWBL at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.

Will there be opportunities to get additional information from district administration?

Yes. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 in the Activity Center Martin Marietta Theater.

Here is a breakdown of the Cincinnati/Indiana Leagues and details of each league.

Greater Miami Conference:

- 10 schools and all Division 1 teams.
- Week 1 is the only available week to schedule them.

We have contacted this league, and they are not accepting any new teams that would take them to an odd number.

Eastern Cincinnati Conference:

- 10 schools and combination of Division 1 & Division 2.
- Week 1 is the only available week to schedule them.

We have contacted this league, and they are not accepting any new teams that would take them to an odd number.

Miam Valley Conference:

- 14 schools and teams are in Division 4 – Division 7, and the league is broken into 3 divisions.
- Weeks 1 – 6 are their available weeks to schedule them.

We have applied to this league, and they denied our request due to the size difference in schools.

Southwestern Buckeye League:

- 14 schools and teams are in Division 2 – Division 4, and the league is broken into 2 divisions.
- Weeks 1 – 4 are their available weeks to schedule them.

We have applied to this league twice and they denied our request due to the size difference and our geography to the other schools.
This league just denied the entry of Miamisburg High School in Dayton as well.

Cincinnati Hills League:

- 8 schools and Division 4 and Division 5.
- Weeks 1 – 3 are their available weeks to schedule them.

We have contacted this league, and they are not accepting any new teams that would take them to an odd number and size difference in schools.

Greater Catholic League:

- 4 schools and Division 1 & Division 2
- We are playing LaSalle in Week 9 for the next 2 – 4 years.

Greater Catholic League Co-Ed:

- 6 schools and Division 3 & Division 4
- Weeks 1 – 5 are their available weeks to schedule them

We have contacted this league, and they are not accepting any new teams at this time.

Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference:

- 8 schools divided into 2 divisions – East Central has been the only school to offer us a football game.

We contacted them but learned that not all sports schedule seasons align between the OHSAA and the IHSAA – golf / tennis

Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference:

- 9 schools and teams are in Division 1 – Division 7, and the league is broken into 2 divisions.
- Weeks 1 – 6 are their available weeks to schedule them.

*CMAC reached out to us to see if we would be interested in joining the “big” side of the league in **football only**. These teams are Taft (D4), West High (D1), Aiken (D2), Withrow (D2), and Hughes (D3).

Scheduling matters:

All leagues in Ohio play their respective league schedule at the bottom half of their schedule. Typically, this is weeks 5 – 10. Hence as an independent football program, this is our biggest hurdle. 73 schools in Cincinnati are NOT available to play weeks 7 – 10. 60 schools in Cincinnati are NOT available to play weeks 6 – 10. 54 schools in Cincinnati are NOT available to play weeks 5 – 10.

With a \$3 million-dollar deficit looming for the Southwest Local School District due to the “Columbus Cuts”, the idea of the school district paying for charter buses to travel to Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, or Indianapolis on a consistent basis to play football games would be unlikely when we could travel 30 min to these local schools. While some community members are concerned that going to the CMAC will decrease our attendance at home and away games, games that take place a couple hours away will have the same impact to attendance when those teams' hours away travel back to us for our home and away contracts.