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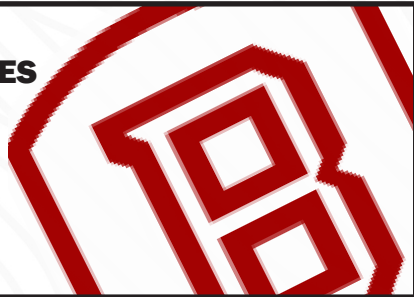


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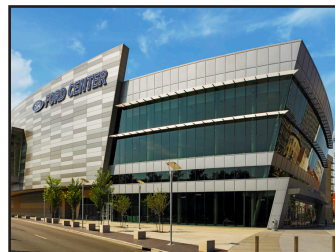
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**2025 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 2025 MVC Women's Championship at the Ford Center in Evansville will be the 18th-straight year the Conference will conduct a neutral-site championship for women's basketball.

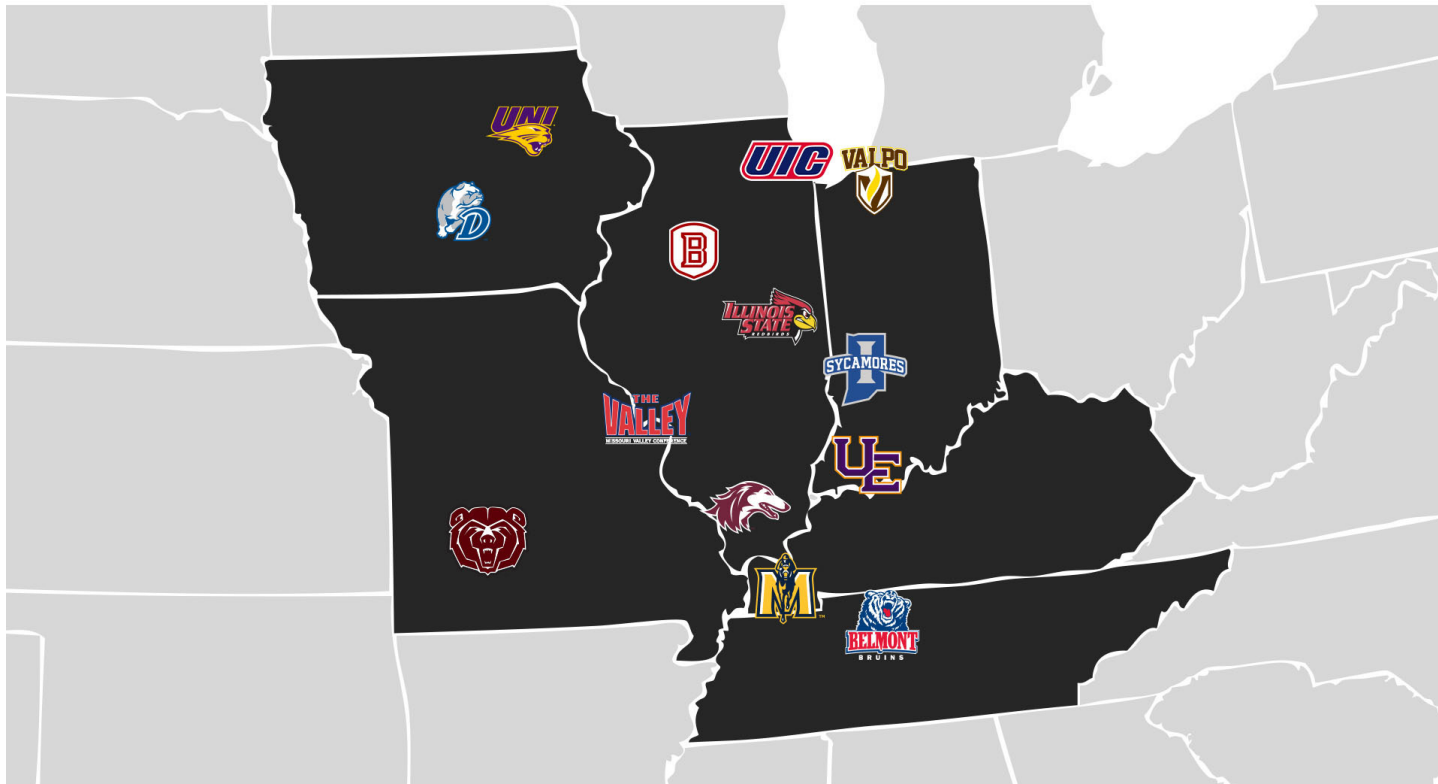
The MVC has played its premier event for women's basketball at Family Arena in St. Charles, Mo. (2008-2015) and Vibrant Arena at The MARK in Moline, Ill. (2016-2024). The previous 22 MVC post-season championships were held at campus sites.



March 13-16, 2025  
 Ford Center • Evansville, Ind.

# MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE MAP

## MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024-25



**Missouri Valley Conference Mileage Chart**

|  | BEL | BRAD | DU  | UE  | UIC | ILS | INS | MOST | MUR | UNI | SIU | VALPO | STL | EVANS |
|--|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|
| NASHVILLE (TENN.)<br>BELMONT           | XX  | 451  | 658 | 156 | 474 | 427 | 264 | 432  | 123 | 658 | 207 | 446   | 312 | 156   |
| PEORIA (ILL.)<br>BRADLEY               | 451 | XX   | 265 | 277 | 170 | 40  | 181 | 386  | 358 | 239 | 243 | 190   | 171 | 277   |
| DES MOINES (IOWA)<br>DRAKE             | 658 | 265  | XX  | 516 | 335 | 302 | 444 | 355  | 569 | 125 | 454 | 368   | 351 | 516   |
| EVANSVILLE (IND.)<br>EVANSVILLE        | 156 | 277  | 516 | XX  | 291 | 239 | 110 | 382  | 140 | 513 | 100 | 281   | 167 | XX    |
| CHICAGO (ILL.)<br>UIC                  | 474 | 170  | 335 | 291 | XX  | 133 | 181 | 512  | 419 | 276 | 332 | 52    | 299 | 291   |
| NORMAL (ILL.)<br>ILLINOIS STATE        | 427 | 40   | 302 | 239 | 133 | XX  | 142 | 379  | 335 | 278 | 247 | 153   | 165 | 239   |
| TERRE HAUTE (IND.)<br>INDIANA STATE    | 264 | 181  | 444 | 110 | 181 | 142 | XX  | 383  | 250 | 418 | 189 | 171   | 169 | 110   |
| SPRINGFIELD (MO.)<br>MISSOURI STATE    | 432 | 386  | 355 | 382 | 512 | 379 | 383 | XX   | 323 | 479 | 294 | 532   | 216 | 382   |
| MURRAY (KY.)<br>MURRAY STATE           | 123 | 358  | 569 | 140 | 419 | 335 | 250 | 323  | XX  | 566 | 113 | 424   | 220 | 140   |
| CEDAR FALLS (IOWA)<br>NORTHERN IOWA    | 658 | 239  | 125 | 513 | 276 | 278 | 418 | 479  | 566 | XX  | 451 | 343   | 347 | 513   |
| CARBONDALE (ILL.)<br>SOUTHERN ILLINOIS | 207 | 243  | 454 | 100 | 332 | 247 | 189 | 294  | 113 | 451 | XX  | 337   | 104 | 100   |
| VALPARAISO (IND.)<br>VALPARAISO        | 446 | 190  | 368 | 281 | 52  | 153 | 171 | 532  | 424 | 343 | 337 | XX    | 319 | 281   |
| ST. LOUIS (MO.)<br>MVC OFFICE          | 312 | 171  | 351 | 167 | 299 | 165 | 169 | 216  | 220 | 347 | 104 | 319   | XX  | 167   |
| EVANSVILLE (IND.)<br>WBB TOURNEY       | 156 | 277  | 516 | XX  | 291 | 239 | 110 | 382  | 140 | 513 | 100 | 281   | 167 | XX    |

## THIS IS THE MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

**1907**

Jan. 12 — First meeting of representatives of five universities in Kansas City, Mo.



Feb. 16 — Second meeting in Kansas City.

Washington University of St. Louis, University of Iowa, University of Missouri and University of Kansas organized as charter members. University of Iowa and University of Nebraska tied in football with one win.

March 15 — Drake University, University of Nebraska and Iowa State College were admitted.

April 1 — Official name adopted, Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association, at first meeting of the Association. Constitution, bylaws and rules also adopted. C.E. McClung of Kansas was named secretary. Athletic participation was limited to three years and required a year's residence prior to eligibility for varsity competition.

May — The first conference track championship meet was held in Kansas City.

Nov. 10 — The Missouri Valley basketball league was formed with Washington University of St. Louis, University of Missouri and University of Kansas constituting a southern division and University of Nebraska, Iowa State College and Drake University comprising a northern division. A championship series between the northern and southern division winners was held.

**1911**

May 26 — University of Iowa withdrew.

**1912**

Dec. 26 — Kansas State University was admitted.

**1918**

Dec. 5 — University of Oklahoma was admitted.

Dec. 13 — Grinnell College (Iowa) was admitted.

**1919-20**

University of Nebraska suspended.

**1924**

Dec. 6 — Oklahoma (A&M) State was admitted.

**1925**

Dec. 4-5 — Arthur E. Eilers was appointed permanent secretary of the athletic directors' association.



**1928**

University of Missouri, Iowa State College, University of Oklahoma, University of Kansas and Kansas State withdrew to form separate conference (Big 6). Creighton University admitted.

**1932**

Butler University was admitted.

**1934**

Butler University withdrew. The University of Tulsa and Washburn University (Kansas) were admitted.

**1937**

Saint Louis University admitted.

**1939**

Grinnell College (Iowa) withdrew.

**1941**

Washburn University (Kansas) withdrew.

**1945**

Wichita University (now Wichita State University) admitted.

**1947**

Washington University of St. Louis withdrew. Bradley University and University of Detroit admitted. Creighton University withdrew.

**1950**

University of Houston admitted.

**1952**

Bradley University and Drake University withdrew.

**1955**

Bradley University and Drake University readmitted.

**1956**

University of Cincinnati and North Texas State University admitted.



**1957**

Norvall Neve was appointed as Commissioner. Oklahoma (A&M) State withdrew.

**1960**

University of Houston withdrew.

**1963**

University of Louisville admitted.

**1966**

Memphis State University admitted.

**1969**

University of Cincinnati withdrew. DeWitt T. Weaver was appointed as Commissioner.

**1970**

West Texas State University and New Mexico State University admitted.

**1972**

DeWitt T. Weaver resigned. Mickey Holmes was appointed Commissioner.

**1973**

Memphis State University withdrew.

**1974**

Saint Louis University withdrew. Southern Illinois University admitted. North Texas State withdrew.

**1975**

University of Louisville withdrew.

**1976**

March 10 — Indiana State University admitted.

March 17 — Creighton University readmitted.

**1979**

May 1 — Mickey Holmes resigned as Commissioner.

July 1 — David Price appointed as Commissioner.

**1980**

June 19 — Illinois State University admitted.

**1981**

June 30 — David Price resigned as Commissioner.

Sept. 1 — Richard D. Martin was appointed as Commissioner.

**1985**

June 30 — Richard D. Martin resigned as Commissioner.

July 1 — James A. Haney was appointed as Commissioner. The Missouri Valley Conference offices relocated from Tulsa, Okla., to St. Louis, Mo.

**1986**

Jan. 1 — The sport of football was dropped as a Conference championship sport.

July 1 — West Texas State University withdrew.

**1988**

April 15 — James A. Haney resigned as Commissioner.



July 1 — J. Douglas Elgin was appointed as Commissioner.

**1990**

March 8 — Southwest Missouri State University admitted.

**1991**

Feb. 14 — University of Northern Iowa admitted.

**1992**

July 1 — Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference (women's programs of MVC schools) merged with the Missouri Valley Conference.

**1993**

Nov. 4 — University of Evansville admitted.

**1996**

June 30 — University of Tulsa withdrew.

**1997**

August 26 — Charter class of MVC Hall of Fame announced. Inductees included Larry Bird (INS); Hersey Hawkins (BU); Ed Macauley (SLU); Oscar Robertson (UC); Dave Stallworth (WSU); Wes Unseld (LU) and Henry Iba (OSU).

**2001**

M30-A1 — Missouri Valley Conference hosts the St. Louis Women's Final Four at Savvis Center. The sold-out event represents the first NCAA Division I women's tournament action ever hosted in the city of St. Louis.

**2005**

A2-A4 — Missouri Valley Conference hosts the NCAA Men's Final Four at the Edward Jones Dome.

**2006**

O29 — Missouri Valley Conference celebrates its Centennial with a gala celebration at the Sheldon Concert Hall in St. Louis. Special guests include Jackie Stiles of Missouri State and Hersey Hawkins of Bradley.



**2007**

M30-A1 — Missouri Valley Conference hosts the NCAA Midwest Regional at the Edward Jones Dome.

**2008**

M13-16 — Missouri Valley Conference hosts first-ever neutral-site women's basketball tournament in St. Charles, Mo., at The Family Arena.

**2009**

A7-9 — Missouri Valley Conference hosts St. Louis Women's Final Four at Scottrade Center. The event marks the second NCAA Division I women's tournament hosted by the city of St. Louis.

**2010**

M26-28 — Missouri Valley Conference hosts the NCAA Midwest Regional at the Edward Jones Dome.

**2013**

M22-24 — Missouri Valley Conference hosts the NCAA Second and Third Rounds at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo.

June 30 — Creighton University withdrew.

July 1 — Loyola University was admitted.

**2014**

M21-23 — Missouri Valley Conference hosts the NCAA Second and Third Rounds at the Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo.

**2016**

M18-20 — Missouri Valley Conference hosts the NCAA First and Second Rounds at the Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo.

**2017**

June 30 — Wichita State University withdrew.

July 1 — Valparaiso University was admitted.

The 2017 season also marked the 25th Anniversary of women's sports in the Missouri Valley Conference.



**2021**

July 1 — Jeff Jackson was appointed as Commissioner, replacing Doug Elgin who retired after 33 years.

Sept. 28 — Conference announces Belmont University will be admitted, effective July 1, 2022

**2022**

Jan. 7 — Conference announces Murray State will be admitted, effective July 1.

Jan. 22 — Conference announces UIC will be admitted, effective July 1.

July 1 — Loyola Chicago withdrew.

The 2022 season also marked the 50th Anniversary of Title IX.



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