Missouri Valley Conference Chronological History

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 in the league's first season.

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. Clarence Erwin 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 University withdrew to form separate conference (Big 6). Creighton University admitted.

1932
Butler University admitted.

1934
Butler 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 (Mo.) withdrew. Bradley and Detroit admitted. Creighton withdrew.

1950
University of Houston admitted.

1952
Bradley and Drake withdrew.

1955
Bradley and Drake readmitted.

1956
Cincinnati and North Texas State 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 admitted.

1969
Cincinnati withdrew. DeWitt T. Weaver appointed Commissioner.

1970
West Texas State and New Mexico State admitted.

1972
DeWitt T. Weaver resigned. Mickey Holmes was appointed Commissioner.

1973
Memphis State withdrew.

1974
Saint Louis withdrew. North Texas State withdrew. Southern Illinois admitted.

1975
University of Louisville withdrew.

1976
March — Indiana State and Creighton admitted.

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 (now Missouri State) 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.

1993
Nov. 4 — University of Evansville admitted.

1996
June 30 — University of Tulsa withdrew.

1997
Aug. 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 (UofL) and Henry Iba (OSU).

2001
March 30-April 1 — The Valley hosts the 2001 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
April 2-4 — The Missouri Valley Conference hosts the 2005 NCAA Men's Final Four at the Edward Jones Dome.

2007
League celebrates Centennial, joining the Big Ten (1896) as the first Division I athletic conference to reach 100 years.

2009
League hosts Women's Final Four at Scottrade Center.

2013
March - Creighton withdrew.

April 19 - Loyola University Chicago admitted.

2017
April - Wichita State withdrew.

July 1 - Valparaiso University admitted.

MVC celebrates 25th anniversary of the incorporation of women's athletics into the Conference.

2020
MVC conducts year-long celebration of the 30th anniversary of the men's basketball tournament in St. Louis.

2021
July 1 – Jeff Jackson was appointed as Commissioner, replacing Doug Elgin who retired after 33 years.

Sept. 28 – Belmont University admitted, effective July 1, 2022.

2022
Jan. 7 – Murray State admitted, effective July 1, 2022.

Jan. 22 – UIC admitted, effective July 1, 2022.

July 1 – Loyola Chicago withdrew.

2025
July 1 – Missouri State withdrew.

This is the Missouri Valley Conference

Missouri Valley Conference Mileage Chart

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



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The Missouri Valley Conference offers a wide array of media services, including weekly releases and preseason publications for each of the league's 19 sports programs. During the season, a panel will select a Player of the Week, Newcomer of the Week, and Freshman of the Week.

MVC on the Web

Information on the Missouri Valley Conference has been available on the web since 1995, and the league's official web site – mvc-sports.com – continues to stand out as one of the nation's top collegiate athletic sites. The league began a partnership with SIDEARM Sports on July 1, 2017. Archmadness.com is tournament-specific site, which debuted in 2003.

Current news and information about MVC athletics teams, live statistics, official team merchandise, live events, highlights, press conferences and other exclusive features are available on the league's web site.

MVC on the Web – Social Media

The league began an aggressive approach in its social media presence in 2009, with goals to expand its social media initiative in order to reach the most fans possible.

Fans can find The Valley on Twitter ("X") and Instagram at @MVCsports and on Facebook by searching "Missouri Valley Conference." For direct links to the league's social media accounts, visit mvc-sports.com and click the icons on the main banner.

In August 2020, the league launched a social justice/racial equality initiative titled "Mobilizing Voices for Change" and promotes it using the hashtag #OneValley. In addition, The Missouri Valley Conference has another hashtag initiative – #TheValleyRunsDeep – which speaks to the league's deep history and to success stories that continue today.

Featured segments with national analyst Andy Katz and MVC basketball on-air talent Adam Emmenecker will feature coaches, student-athletes and "hot topics" throughout the season.

Media Days

The league's head coaches will be featured in a live Media Day with interviews conducted by Rob Dauster and Jeff Goodman of *"The Field of 68."* For more information on air times, please contact the league office. And the league will conduct a Zoom "media day" preseason special with our head coaches and media.

MVC Membership

114	**Drake (1907-08 -- 1950-51; 1956-57 -- present)**
74	**Bradley (1948-49 -- 1950-51; 1955-56 -- pres.)**
72	Wichita State (1945-46 -- 2016-17)
62	Tulsa (1934-35 --1995-96)
56	Creighton (1928-29 -- 1942-43; 1945-46 -- 1947-48; 1976-77-- 2012-13)
51	**Southern Illinois (1974-75 -- present)**
49	**Indiana State (1976-77 -- present)**
45	**Illinois State (1980-81 -- present)**
39	Washington (Mo.) (1907-08 -- 1909-10; 1911-12 -- 1946-47)
36	Saint Louis (1937-38 -- 1942-43; 1944-45 -- 1973-74)
35	**UNI (1991-92 -- present)**
	Missouri State (1990-91 -- present)
32	**Evansville (1994-95 -- present)**
	Oklahoma State (1925-26 -- 1956-57)
21	Grinnell (1918-19 -- 1938-39)
	Iowa State (1907-08 -- 1927-28)
	Kansas (1907-08 -- 1927-28)
	Missouri (1907-08 -- 1927-28)
20	Nebraska (1907-08 -- 1918-19; 1920-21 -- 1927-28)
19	North Texas State (1957-58 -- 1974-75)
16	West Texas State (1970-71 -- 1985-86)
15	Kansas State (1913-14 -- 1927-28)
13	New Mexico State (1970-71 -- 1982-83)
	Cincinnati (1957-58 -- 1969-70)
11	Louisville (1964-65 -- 1974-75)
10	Houston (1950-51 -- 1959-60)
9	**Valparaiso (2017-18 -- present)**
	Loyola (2013-14 -- 2021-22)
	Oklahoma (1919-20 -- 1927-28)
	Detroit (1949-50 -- 1956-57)
8	Washburn (1934-35 -- 1940-41)
6	Memphis (1967-68 -- 1972-73)
4	**Belmont (2022-23 -- present)**
	UIC (2022-23 -- present)
	Murray State (2022-23 -- present)
	Iowa (1907-08 -- 1910-11)
2	Butler (1932-33 -- 1933-34)

Seven of 10 current (bold) MVC members were Gateway Conference members for their women's sports from 1983-92. Number reflects membership, inclusive of 2025-26.