

2026-27 STUDENT ATHLETE PRACTICE AND GAME GUIDELINES

The coaches have assisted in developing the following practices and/or game schedule. If at all possible, please avoid scheduling students into classes at these times. This will help minimize student frustration of missing classes or practices and/or games. Missing class for practice is not recognized as an excused absence.

<p>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (Coach: Suntana Anderson) Fall & Spring Practice M-Th 4 – 3:30 PM, F 2-4 PM Games Typically W/Sa Mid-November through March – 1:30 PM report time</p>	<p>MEN'S BASEBALL (Coach: Todd Miller) Fall & Spring Practice 3:30P-6:30P weekly daily, Sat/Sun - usually 12pm Games Tues or Weds, Fri-Sun Home games usually start at 2 or 3 PM Away games usually start at 2:00P (earlier departure).</p>
<p>WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY (Coach: Presley Martin) Fall Practice M-F 6:30A-9:00A & 3:30-6P Meets Fridays & Saturdays, August through November</p>	<p>MEN'S BASKETBALL (Coach: Steve Drabyn) Fall & Spring Practice M – F 3:30P – 5:30P OR 5:30-7:30P Games Generally after 6:00P on weekdays or on weekends. (Weekday away games, departure varies between 11am-2pm).</p>
<p>WOMEN'S GOLF (Coach: Daniel Stanjevich) Fall & Spring Practice after 3pm daily Matches All day events, leaving before 9A Matches from August thru October and February to May</p>	<p>MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY (Coach: Presley Martin) Fall Practice M-F 6:30A-9:00A & 3:30-6P Meets Fridays & Saturdays, August through November</p>
<p>WOMEN'S SOFTBALL (Coach: Scott Fleming) Fall & Spring Practice MTWR 3:30P-5:30P, F 3:00P-5:00P (Fall) Jan – Feb Sundays 7-9P, MWTh 5:30-7:30P, Tu 3:30-5:30P Practice When no games are scheduled 3:30P (Spring) Games March - May – mostly during the week, game at 3:00P. Leave at noon for away games</p>	<p>MEN'S GOLF (Coach: Steve Simmons) Fall & Spring Practice M-F 2 PM start time Matches Fall - Tournaments to be played from August through October. Spring tournaments to be played March until mid-May.</p>
<p>WOMEN'S SOCCER (Coach: Justin Sullivan) Fall Practice – M,W,TH,F 6:30-8:30am; Tuesday 6-7:30am Games - Most games start around 7:00pm. Spring Practice - Refer to MUHUB class schedule.</p>	<p>MEN'S SOCCER (Coach: James Jenkins) Fall & Spring Practice M-F: Varsity: 3:30- 5 PM, Development Team: 6-8 PM Games Fall: Matches played or travel begins after 12pm on Tues/Wed/Sat. Spring: Played on weekends or as allowed</p>
<p>WOMEN'S TENNIS (Coach: Tyler Scanlan) Fall & Spring Practice Refer to MUHUB (practice is scheduled as a class) Matches Weekday matches vary between 1P, 3P, & 4P (conference rules require us to start at 1P & 3P during the 2018-19 season). Away matches require earlier departure. Matches will alternate each week in fall. One match on Tuesday. The next week, match on Wednesday.</p>	<p>MEN'S TENNIS (Coach: Steve Mackell) Fall & Spring Practice Refer to MUHUB (practice is scheduled as a class) Matches Weekday matches vary between 1P, 3P, & 4P (conference rules require us to start at 1P & 3P. Away matches require earlier departure. Most matches on Tues. /Thurs.</p>
<p>WOMEN'S TRACK (Coach: Katie Wise-Butler) Winter Practice M-F 3:30-6P Winter Meets Fridays & Saturdays, December to March Spring Practice M-F 3:30-6:30P Spring Meets Fridays and Saturdays, December through May</p>	<p>MEN'S TRACK (Coach: Katie Wise-Butler) Winter Practice M-F 3:30-6P Winter Meets Fridays & Saturdays, December to March Spring Practice M-F 3:30-6:30P Spring Meets Fridays and Saturdays, December through May</p>
<p>WOMEN'S LACROSSE (Coach: Allie Storke) Fall Practice: M-S mornings 6-8am with workouts 3 days/week in evenings. Spring Practice: M-F afternoon/evenings and Saturday Games (Spring): mid-February through early May. Games on Wednesdays and weekends.</p>	<p>MEN'S FOOTBALL (Coach: Ted Karras Jr.) Fall Practice – M-F– 3 PM – 6 PM (ideally avoiding classes after 2 PM) Games - Fridays – Travel day if playing away, report time 10 AM, Saturdays – games played anywhere from 11am to 2pm Spring Football – Takes place after spring break for 3 week – M-F 3 PM – 6 PM</p>
<p>COMPETITION CHEERLEADING (Coach: Jena Robinson) Fall & Spring Practice: MW – 6-9 PM F – 5:30 - 8:30 PM Games: Cheerleading competitions. All football and basketball home games.</p>	<p>WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (Coach: Ryan Bowerman) Fall: 3-6 PM Spring: Practice 2-5p Games - Most conference games are on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Tournaments are on most weekends. Departure times will vary throughout the season but mostly between 11-12 PM. On tournament days (Fridays), team could leave as early as 8am. Weekday games will occur mostly at 7pm.</p>
<p>COMPETITION DANCE TEAM (Coach: Tamara Ammons-Jones) Fall & Spring Practice: S/W/F 6-10PM Games: All home football games, requested conference and/or championship games, Weekend NAIA dance competitions</p>	<p>MEN & WOMEN'S BOWLING (Coach: Jordan Gray) Fall & Spring Try to avoid classes after 2 PM Tournaments are typically Friday-Sunday.</p>

MEN'S WRESTLING (Coach: Steven Bradley) **Fall & Spring****Practice** M-F 3:45 PM**Games** November through March – Mostly Saturday competitions, could have some on a Friday or Sunday. A couple of competitions may require leaving times early morning on Fridays.**MEN'S RUGBY** (Coach: John Harley)**Fall (August-December)****Practices** M-F 5:30-7p

Team weights 2 days a week (time and day yet to be determined) will be after 3:15pm

Matches mostly on Saturday, a few on Fridays. Fri could also be a travel day for away matches departing 12-3pm**Spring (January-May)****Practices** M-F 5:30-7pm**Matches** Saturdays**MEN & WOMEN'S CYCLING** (Coach: John Hoopingarner)

With all disciplines, there will be additional hours of practice and cycling in small groups/rides that will occur outside of formal "team practice" time. Racing dates may be added/changed to allow for proper rider development and scheduling to prepare the team for the national championships at the end of each season. Some riders will go to all races posted below, some riders will go to races outside of the listed team schedule.

Fall - 2026**Track Season August 10th – September 13th**

- **M,T,W,F - 5:45am-7:45am and 3-6pm**
- **Saturday and Sunday, specific to rider disciplines, TBD**
- **Team Races – August 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30**
 - **Riders report to Velodrome at 5pm on week day race days, racing 7pm-9pm**
 - **riders report to velodrome at 7:30am on weekend race days, racing 9am-noon**
- **Track Nationals - September 10-11-12-13 2026, Indianapolis, IN**

BMX Fall season – August 15-November 27th

- **Tuesday and Thursday @ Indy Cycloplex, 6pm-8pm**
- **Team Races (There is the possibility for more races, Full schedule TBD)**
 - **Derby City BMX, Sept. 4-5-6**

MTB Season August 17-October 11th

- **Wednesday, Dual Slalom Practice @ Indy Cycloplex, 3-6pm**
- **Tuesday, Team Practice, 3-9pm (any 2-3hrs during this window)**
- **Travel for races – Thursday or Friday (travel may begin between 8am and 4pm)**
- **Team Races – including travel days (There is the possibility for more races, full schedule is TBD)**
 - **Indy Cycloplex Short Track - August 28th**
 - **Terre Haute / Griffin Bike Park MTB - August 29-30**
 - **Copper Harbor Trail Fesitbval – Sept. 3-4-5-6-7**
 - **Lees-McRae MTB – Sept. 17-18-19-20**
- **MTB Nationals, October 6-11 2026, Durango, CO**

Cyclo-cross Season September 1-December 12th

- **Tuesday – 3:30-6:30pm**
- **Wednesday – 4-8pm**
- **Team Races (There is the possibility for more races, full schedule TBD)**
 - **Kings CX – Oct. 17-18**
 - **MARIAN HOME RACE - Major Taylor Cross Cup – October 23-24-25**
 - **Hendersonville CX – November 20-22**
- **CX Nationals, December 8-13 2026, Hartford, CT**

MEN & WOMEN'S CYCLING CONT'D (Coach: John Hoopingarner)

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Spring - 2027**ROAD Season November 1 – May 14th**

- **Tuesday/weekends - Team Time Trial Practice -4-6pm/8-12noon**
- **Wednesday – Crit Practice – 3:30-7:30pm**
- **Team Races – Full Schedule is TBD**
 - **Team Home Race TBD**
- **Road Nationals, Late April-Early May, typically during Exam week or Graduation weekend, (Location Grand Junction, CO) 2027**

BMX Season January 1 - Nationals

- **Monday – Gates 4pm-8pm, indoors in Clare basement**
- **Tuesday – travel to indoor facilities 3:30pm-10pm**
- **Wednesday and Thursday – group practice at Indy Cycloplex 4pm-6pm**
- **Friday – travel to indoor training facilities 3:30pm-11:30pm**
- **Team races – Full Schedule is TBD**
- **BMX Nationals: March or April 2027 (location TBD)**

GAME DAY CHEERLEADING (Coach: Jena Robinson)**Fall & Spring**

Practice: MW – 6-9 PM F – 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Games: Cheerleading competitions. All football and basketball home games.

GAME DAY DANCE (Coach: Tamara Ammons-Jones)**Fall & Spring**

Practice: S/W/TH 6-10PM

Games: All home football, m/w basketball games, requested conference and/or championship games. Report time would be 1 hour before game time.

Games and practices are scheduled in accordance with NAIA guidelines.

June 2026

NAIA Eligibility Regulations Summary

_____ is a participant in intercollegiate athletics at Marian University. In addition to meeting academic requirements that all students at Marian University must meet, student athletics must also meet the following NAIA eligibility requirements:

A student-athlete must:

- ✓ Make normal progress toward a recognized baccalaureate degree.
- ✓ Maintain a total cumulative GPA of 2.000 on a 4.000 scale.
- ✓ Be identified and enrolled in a minimum of 12 institutional credit hours at the time of attendance.
- ✓ Be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours to participate in an NAIA sport during their seasons of competition. Student may not drop below 12 credit hours at any point in the semester. **If course load drops below 12 credit hours, student will be ineligible to participate.** (Exception: A student who will complete requirements for graduation for a baccalaureate degree within 10 semesters, 15 quarters, 12 trimesters or less may retain eligibility during the last term of attendance of the senior year by enrolling in fewer than 12 institutional credit hours. Official verification must be provided by the registrar that the student has completed all other academic requirements for graduation except for the currently enrolled credits.)
- ✓ After completion of the second term of attendance and from then on, have accumulated a minimum of 24 institutional credit hours in the two immediately previous terms of attendance. No more than 12 institutional credit hours earned during summer and/or during non-terms may be applied to meet the 24 credit hour requirement.
- ✓ Be within the first 10 semesters of attendance as a regularly enrolled student.

Participation:

- ✓ To participate in a second sport season, a student-athlete must have accumulated at least 24 total earned hours.
- ✓ To participate in a third sport season, a student-athlete must have accumulated at least 48 total earned hours.
- ✓ To participate in a fourth sport season, a student-athlete must have accumulated at least 72 total earned hours.
- ✓ A student may not participate in any one sport for more than four seasons.

Transfer Students:

- ✓ See Dr. Jacob Tandy, Faculty Athletic Representative, for additional academic, eligibility, and residency regulations that apply to transfer students.

Any pertinent information concerning a student athlete's class attendance or academic progress will be sincerely appreciated by the athletic department. Thank you for your assistance and please feel free to email Dr. Jacob Tandy at jtandy@marian.edu if you have any questions or wish to discuss the academic progress of this student-athlete.

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