

## 2006 & 2007 GSAC Baseball Schedule Criteria

### Athletic Directors' Criteria:

1. Two-year roll over schedule
  - Meets this with just a slight adjustment surrounding Easter. Order of play in 2007 is the same as in 2006, but at opposite sites.
2. Not more than two home or away series in a row
3. Away / home balance in each part of the schedule
  - BU, CBU, FPU, PLNU & VUSC are all balanced 4-4 in each half of the schedule.
  - APU, CUI, TMC & WC are either 3-5 or 5-3 in each half of the schedule. Attempts to make this balance perfectly create problems in criterion #2 above.
4. Strive for balance on weekend and midweek matches.
  - Periphery teams (FPU, PLNU & WC) have 2 home & 2 away weekday series plus 6 home & 6 away Saturday doubleheaders.
  - Interior teams (APU, BU, CBU, CUI, TMC & VUSC) have 3 home & 3 away weekday series (including 1 home & 1 away against a periphery school) plus 5 home & 5 away Saturday doubleheaders.
5. Extreme distance institutions do not have to travel to extreme distance institutions two consecutive dates.
6. If possible the extreme distance institutions will play each other on a weekend.
7. Attempt in single round schedules to have the extreme distance teams to travel to the other extreme teams once.
  - Not Applicable
8. Schedule will finish on the last Saturday in April. (Motion 04-05:19)
9. Weekday games will be played on Wednesday and Thursday. (Motion 04-05:20)
  - Meets this
  - Since all series are a nine inning game plus a seven inning game (Motion 04-05:19), a determination still needs to be made as to standardize which game will be played on Wednesday and which Thursday. Also, standardized start times should be developed for 7 inning weekday games.

10. Pairing plan (Motion 04-05:19) as follows:

Interior teams have byes on weekends. Each interior team has a weekday pairing with one periphery team & two other interior teams.

	<u>Weekday Opponents</u>	<u>Weekend Opponents</u>
APU	FPU, VUSC, TMC	BU, CUI, CBU, WC, PLNU, SDCC
BU	TMC, WC, CBU	APU, PLNU, FPU, CUI, SDCC, VUSC
CBU	PLNU, CUI, BU	TMC, VUSC, APU, SDCC, WC, FPU
CUI	VUSC, CBU, PLNU	FPU, APU, SDCC, BU, TMC, WC
TMC	BU, FPU, APU	CBU, SDCC, WC, VUSC, CUI, PLNU
VUSC	CUI, APU, WC	SDCC, CBU, PLNU, TMC, FPU, BU

Periphery teams have byes on weekdays (to help reduce weekday travel for all schools). Each periphery team is paired with two interior teams on weekdays.

	<u>Weekday Opponents</u>	<u>Weekend Opponents</u>
FPU	APU, TMC, SDCC	CUI, WC, BU, PLNU, VUSC, CBU
PLNU	CBU, SDCC, CUI	WC, BU, VUSC, FPU, APU, TMC
WC	SDCC, BU, VUSC	PLNU, FPU, TMC, APU, CBU, CUI

Thirteen Saturdays would be needed to complete the schedule (including a bye on Easter weekend for everyone). With only six weekday slots needed for each school, spring break weekday play can be easily avoided even with spring breaks shifting in the second year.

**Also of Note:**

- No team starts the 2006 season with the same opponent that they started with in 2005, nor does a team finish 2006 with the same opponent as 2005.
- For the most part, spring breaks for any school are byes for all schools. There is an inherent unfairness in pitching availability when teams must have byes, but this will help to minimize it. Also having these dates open will help all schools in scheduling potential snowbird opponents, while preserving the option not to schedule at all during your own spring break.