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@MizzouWrestling Announces 2017-18 Schedule, Season Tickets Now Available

Mat side season tickets available for the second straight year

COLUMBIA, Mo. – With visions of a seventh-straight conference championship and fourth-straight top-10 NCAA finish, Mizzou Wrestling head coach **Brian Smith** announced the program's 2017-18 schedule on Tuesday. This season's regular season slate includes nine home duals, six road duals, two open tournaments and the inaugural South Beach Duals in Florida. After regular season competition, Mizzou will compete in the MAC Championships March 3-4, in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and the NCAA Wrestling Championships March 15-17 in Cleveland, Ohio.

THE TIGERSTYLE LOUNGE

In addition to the announcement of this year's schedule, season and single-dual tickets are now on sale. For the second consecutive season, Mizzou will offer mat side season tickets, but this season's purchase will include access to a newly-added premium area, the "TigerStyle Lounge". Before and during the dual, fans will be able to convene in the TigerStyle Lounge where food and drink choices (including alcohol) will be available for purchase. The Lounge will be located behind the arena floor, giving fans a look behind-the-scenes at a Mizzou Wrestling dual. Due to high demand and space, access to the TigerStyle Lounge will be limited to 300 season tickets.

Mat side season tickets and access to the TigerStyle Lounge will cost \$70 this season, with general admission season tickets set at \$35 for adults and \$25 for youth (17 and under) and senior citizens (65 and older). To purchase tickets, go to MUTigers.com/wrtix or call 1-800-CAT-PAWS.

A LOOK AT THE [SCHEDULE](#)

After the annual Black & Gold Dual on Oct. 27, Mizzou will open the 2017-18 season with a first, as Coach Smith will send his team outside to wrestle Illinois at the Mizzou Softball Stadium on November 4, prior to Mizzou Football's game against Florida (Dual could be moved inside to the Hearnes Center for weather or an early kickoff time for football). The dual would be the first non-softball sporting event to occur in the stadium, which opened its doors in March 2017. Mizzou and Illinois last met in the NWCA National Duals on Feb. 21, 2015, where Mizzou beat Illinois, 34-3, en route to a National Duals title.

Mizzou will then host three duals in one day as Central Missouri, Missouri Valley and Truman State all battle Mizzou on Nov. 12, at the Hearnes Center. The team will then compete in its first open tournament at the Lindenwood Open, Nov. 18, in St. Louis, before heading east for its first road trip of the season. On back-to-back days, Mizzou will wrestle at Virginia Tech on Nov. 25 and at Virginia on Nov. 26.

The Mid-American Conference slate will begin on Dec. 2, as Mizzou hosts conference foe Old Dominion, followed by Ohio on Dec. 10, at the Hearnes Center. The Tigers will then compete at the Reno Tournament of Champions on Dec. 17, in Reno, Nev.

After attending the Southern Scuffle last season, Mizzou will switch it up this season and compete in the inaugural South Beach Duals in Fort Lauerdale, Fla., right before the New Year. Mizzou will have four duals in two days, as they wrestle Kent State, Cornell, North Carolina and Rider on Dec. 29-30.

Mizzou's final two home duals of the season will come significantly earlier than past years, as Mizzou hosts Buffalo and Eastern Michigan on Jan. 11 and Jan. 13, respectively. The EMU dual will be senior day, featuring Mizzou seniors **Aaron Assad** (Brecksville, Ohio), **Joey Lavallee** (Reno, Nev.) and **Barlow McGhee** (Rock Island, Ill.).

The final five duals of the regular season will come on road trips, as Mizzou travels to Central Michigan (Jan. 19), Oklahoma State (Jan. 27), Northern Illinois (Feb. 2), SIU Edwardsville (Feb. 14) and Northern Iowa (Feb. 17).

Postseason competition will begin with the MAC Championships, March 3-4, in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Last season, Mizzou captured its fifth consecutive MAC title and sixth-straight conference title at the 2017 MAC Championships, setting the conference record for points in the process. Mizzou will then finish the season at the 2018 NCAA Wrestling Championships, which will be held March 15-17, in Cleveland, Ohio. Mizzou, who has crowned a national champion in each of the last four seasons, seeks a new wrestler to reach the top of the podium after graduating three-time national champion **J'den Cox** (Columbia, Mo.).

Dates, opponents, locations and times are all subject to change. All schedule news and updates can be found at MUTigers.com. For all the latest on Mizzou Wrestling, stay tuned to MUTigers.com and follow the team on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) (MizzouWrestling).

2017-18 Schedule

Nov. 4 vs. Illinois (Mizzou Softball Stadium)

Nov. 12 vs. Central Missouri, Truman State & Missouri Valley

Nov. 18 – Lindenwood Open

Nov. 25 at Virginia Tech

Nov. 26 at Virginia

Dec. 2 vs. Old Dominion

Dec. 10 vs. Ohio

Dec. 17 – Reno Tournament of Champions

Dec. 29-30 – South Beach Duals (*Kent State, Cornell, North Carolina, Rider*)

Jan. 11 vs. Buffalo

Jan. 13 vs. Eastern Michigan

Jan. 19 at Central Michigan

Jan. 27 at Oklahoma State

Feb. 2 at Northern Illinois

Feb. 14 at SIU Edwardsville

Feb. 17 at Northern Iowa

March 3-4 – MAC Championships (Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)

March 15-17 – NCAA Championships (Cleveland, Ohio)

Bold denotes home

Italics denotes MAC dual

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