

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

The NFL will implement a **flexible schedule** for Sunday start times for seven of the final eight weeks of the season. This will allow the NFL to bring more attractive matchups to a national audience late in the season, and allow teams having breakout years to play their way onto the Sunday night schedule.

The NFL schedule will list start times for all games during the flex weeks as 1:00 ET except for games played in the Mountain or Pacific Time zones, which will be listed at 4:05 ET or 4:15 ET. The Sunday night game will be listed as **TBD**. Flexible scheduling will occur in Weeks 10-15 and Week 17. Week 16 is a holiday weekend and will not be subject to flexible scheduling.

Twelve days (12) prior to the scheduled Sunday games in each flex week, the NFL will decide (after consultation with TV networks) and announce the game being moved to 8:30 ET and also may announce games moving to 4:15 ET. (For the Week 17 games, the decision may be made on six days (6) notice to ensure a Sunday night game with playoff implications.)

Q & A Regarding Flexible Scheduling

Q. Are all game times subject to flexible scheduling?

A. No. Only the Sunday afternoon games in Weeks 10-15 and Week 17 of the NFL schedule can be moved to Sunday night.

Q. Are Monday Night Football games subject to change as well?

A. No. Games scheduled for Monday, Thursday and Saturday may not be moved to another day and the start times will remain unchanged. Only Sunday afternoon games are subject to change.

Q. If a game is not moved to another network, will it remain at 1:00 ET?

A. Not necessarily. Since the majority of games will be listed at 1:00 ET, the NFL also on twelve days notice may move at least one other game into the 4:15 ET doubleheader window, and potentially another game to 4:05 ET.

Q. How will this information be communicated to ticket holders?

A. Clubs will advise season ticket holders by mail and/or e-mail, so it's imperative to have proper contact information. The change(s) also will be communicated via print, radio and television media as well as posted on team and NFL websites.

Q. Is there any limit on the number of primetime appearances a team can make in one season?

A. Yes, 29 of the 32 teams can appear a maximum of five times in primetime games each season, with just three teams potentially playing a sixth game in primetime.

Q. What if this affects the travel plans of fans?

A. Fans and ticket holders must be aware that NFL games in flex weeks are subject to change 12 days in advance (6 days in Week 17) and should plan accordingly.

Q. Will teams be informed if they are no longer under consideration for a move to Sunday night?

A. Yes. As soon as teams are no longer under consideration, the league office will inform them so.