



# 2026 RICE OWLS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

American Conference (AAC) - All times Eastern

Updated: May 27, 2026 (American Conference broadcast release)

WK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)	TV
1	Sat, Sep 5	vs Houston Christian Huskies	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>ESPN+</b>
2	Sat, Sep 12	@ Notre Dame Fighting Irish	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>NBC/Peacock</b>
3	Sat, Sep 19	vs Western Michigan Broncos	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>ESPN+</b>
4	Sat, Sep 26	@ Fresno State Bulldogs	<b>10:00 PM</b>	<b>CW</b>
5	Sat, Oct 3	vs UTSA Roadrunners	TBD	TBD
6	Sat, Oct 10	@ East Carolina Pirates	TBD	TBD
7	Sat, Oct 17	vs Tulsa Golden Hurricane	TBD	TBD
8	Sat, Oct 24	@ Florida Atlantic Owls	TBD	TBD
BYE	Sat, Oct 31	<i>Open Date - Bye Week</i>	-	-
10	Sat, Nov 7	@ North Texas Mean Green	TBD	TBD
11	Sat, Nov 14	vs Tulane Green Wave	TBD	TBD
12	Thu, Nov 19	@ Temple Owls	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>ESPN</b>
13	Sat, Nov 28	vs Army Black Knights	TBD	TBD

*Bold = network-confirmed time/TV (May 27 American Conference release). Most other games announced 12 days before kickoff.*