



SAC12 Committee Announces Offer to Host Sacramento State Men's and Women's Basketball Conference Home Games at Golden 1 Center

Playing home games in one of the world's best arenas is another critical piece in Sacramento State's ascension to major college sports

Sacramento, CA – The SAC12 Committee announced today an offer to hold Sacramento State University men's and women's basketball conference home games at Golden 1 Center subject to availability, if the university is admitted to the Pac 12 or other FBS conference. Located in the heart of downtown Sacramento, Golden 1 Center is home to the Sacramento Kings and would immediately become one of the top venues in major college basketball. Golden 1 Center and Sacramento State would work together to identify mutually agreeable dates to host up to 20 games during the 2025-2026 college basketball season, subject to negotiating terms.

"We are beyond thrilled to have received this exciting offer from Golden 1 Center to work together to host Sacramento State in their iconic arena," said SAC12 Co-Chair Josh Wood. "Once again this community has demonstrated that it is ready to do whatever it takes to help Sacramento State reach its full potential."

Today's announcement is another key milestone and continues the momentum to elevate Sacramento State Athletics to the PAC-12 and the Hornet football program to the FBS. Last Thursday Sacramento State University announced plans to build a new Hornet football stadium and earlier this week, the SAC12 Executive Committee rallied the support of local business and community leaders and a local tribe to secure over \$35M in NIL funds for Sacramento State Athletics in 24 hours.

The newly formed SAC 12 is campaigning to empower and elevate the student athletes of Sacramento State by taking all sports at the university to an elite Division I conference, including taking the football program from the FCS to the FBS to play in the PAC-12. The Sacramento State Hornets, currently members of the Big Sky Conference, won seven conference championships in 2023, and with a student population of over 30,000, are the fourth largest university in the Cal State system.

Sacramento is the 20th largest media market in the country with a TV household population of over 1.5M viewers. If added to the PAC-12, Sacramento would make up the second largest media market in the PAC-12 conference. Additionally, a recently released study by the Greater Sacramento Economic Council has the Sacramento DMA (Designated Media Market) consisting of Sacramento, Stockton and Modesto, already the 20th largest in the nation, projected to move up to 19th by 2030, with the 11th highest growth rate (8.3%) this decade. It is the only top 25 DMA in the country to not have two or more professional sports organizations.

The SAC 12 Executive Committee is led by Co-Chairs Josh Wood and California State Senator Angelique Ashby. Committee members also include California State Senator Melissa Hurtado, California State Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen, California Assemblymember and Sac State alumni Joe Patterson, Sacramento City Councilmember and former Sacramento State Student Body President, Eric Guerra, Mark Friedman of Fulcrum Properties, Steve Patterson, President of Patterson Properties, Jesus Tarango, Chairman of Wilton Rancheria, Lance Hastings, Alumni Association Chair and CEO of California Manufacturers and Technology Association, Bob Ward, Business Manager IBEW Local 340, Brandy Johnson, Director of Public Employees IUOE Local 39, Mike Testa, President and CEO of Visit Sacramento, Otis Amey, Sacramento State alumni and former San Francisco 49er and three-time All American and Sacramento State Football Hall of Famer Cyrus Mulitalo.