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2006 OPPONENTS DETERMINED

The opponents for all 2006 regular-season games have been determined and a complete list of each team's home and away matchups was issued today by the NFL.

The scheduling formula implemented in 2002 with realignment guarantees that all teams play each other on a regular, rotating basis.

Under the formula, every team within a division plays 16 games as follows:

- Home and away against its three division opponents (6 games).
- The four teams from another division within its conference on a rotating three-year cycle (4 games).
- The four teams from a division in the other conference on a rotating four-year cycle (4 games).
- Two intraconference games based on the prior year's standings (2 games). These games match a first-place team against the first-place teams in the two same-conference divisions the team is not scheduled to play that season. The second-place, third-place, and fourth-place teams in a conference are matched in the same way each year.

The official 2006 schedule, with playing dates and times, will be announced in the spring.

NFL Kickoff 2006 Weekend will begin on Thursday night, September 7, and the regular season will conclude on December 31.

Wild Card Weekend will be Saturday and Sunday, January 6-7; Divisional Playoff games on the weekend of January 13-14; and the AFC and NFC Championship Games on Sunday, January 21.

Super Bowl XLI at Dolphins Stadium in Miami, Florida will be played on Sunday, February 4.

The Pro Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii, featuring the AFC and NFC All-Stars, is set for Sunday, February 11.

2006 SCHEDULING ROTATION BY DIVISION

AFC	Intraconference	AFCS
EAST	Interconference	NFCN
AFC	Intraconference	AFCW
NORTH	Interconference	NFCS
AFC	Intraconference	AFCE
SOUTH	Interconference	NFCE
AFC	Intraconference	AFCN
WEST	Interconference	NFCW
NFC	Intraconference	NFCS
EAST	Interconference	AFCS
NFC	Intraconference	NFCW
NORTH	Interconference	AFCE
NFC	Intraconference	NFCE
SOUTH	Interconference	AFCN
NFC	Intraconference	NFCN
WEST	Interconference	AFCW

2006 OPPONENTS

AFC EAST

1. New England Patriots

Home: Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins, New York Jets, Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts, Denver Broncos, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions

Away: Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins, New York Jets, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans, Cincinnati Bengals, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings

2. Miami Dolphins

Home: Buffalo Bills, New England Patriots, New York Jets, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans, Kansas City Chiefs, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings

Away: Buffalo Bills, New England Patriots, New York Jets, Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts, Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions

3. Buffalo Bills

Home: Miami Dolphins, New England Patriots, New York Jets, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans, San Diego Chargers, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings

Away: Miami Dolphins, New England Patriots, New York Jets, Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts, Baltimore Ravens, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions

4. New York Jets

Home: Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins, New England Patriots, Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts, Oakland Raiders, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions

Away: Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins, New England Patriots, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans, Cleveland Browns, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings

2006 OPPONENTS

AFC NORTH

1. Cincinnati Bengals

Home: Baltimore Ravens, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers, New England Patriots, Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers

Away: Baltimore Ravens, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers, Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, Indianapolis Colts, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

2. Pittsburgh Steelers

Home: Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, Miami Dolphins, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Away: Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers

3. Baltimore Ravens

Home: Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers, Buffalo Bills, Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers

Away: Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers, Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, Tennessee Titans, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

4. Cleveland Browns

Home: Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals, Pittsburgh Steelers, Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, New York Jets, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Away: Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals, Pittsburgh Steelers, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers, Houston Texans, Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers

2006 OPPONENTS

AFC SOUTH

1. Indianapolis Colts

Home: Houston Texans, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins, Cincinnati Bengals, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins

Away: Houston Texans, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans, New England Patriots, New York Jets, Denver Broncos, Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants

2. Jacksonville Jaguars

Home: Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts, Tennessee Titans, New England Patriots, New York Jets, Pittsburgh Steelers, Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants

Away: Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts, Tennessee Titans, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins, Kansas City Chiefs, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins

3. Tennessee Titans

Home: Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts, Jacksonville Jaguars, New England Patriots, New York Jets, Baltimore Ravens, Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants

Away: Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts, Jacksonville Jaguars, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins, San Diego Chargers, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins

4. Houston Texans

Home: Indianapolis Colts, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins, Cleveland Browns, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins

Away: Indianapolis Colts, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans, New England Patriots, New York Jets, Oakland Raiders, Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants

2006 OPPONENTS

AFC WEST

1. Denver Broncos

Home: Kansas City Chiefs, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers, Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals, Indianapolis Colts, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks

Away: Kansas City Chiefs, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers, New England Patriots, Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams

2. Kansas City Chiefs

Home: Denver Broncos, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers, Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals, Jacksonville Jaguars, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks

Away: Denver Broncos, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers, Miami Dolphins, Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams

3. San Diego Chargers

Home: Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, Oakland Raiders, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers, Tennessee Titans, Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams

Away: Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, Oakland Raiders, Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals, Buffalo Bills, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks

4. Oakland Raiders

Home: Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, San Diego Chargers, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers, Houston Texans, Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams

Away: Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, San Diego Chargers, Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals, New York Jets, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks

2006 OPPONENTS

NFC EAST

1. New York Giants

Home: Dallas Cowboys, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Chicago Bears, Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts

Away: Dallas Cowboys, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, Seattle Seahawks, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans

2. Washington Redskins

Home: Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Philadelphia Eagles, Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, Minnesota Vikings, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans

Away: Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Philadelphia Eagles, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, St. Louis Rams, Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts

3. Dallas Cowboys

Home: New York Giants, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Detroit Lions, Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts

Away: New York Giants, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, Arizona Cardinals, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans

4. Philadelphia Eagles

Home: Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Washington Redskins, Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, Green Bay Packers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Titans

Away: Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Washington Redskins, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, San Francisco 49ers, Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts

2006 OPPONENTS

NFC NORTH

1. Chicago Bears

Home: Detroit Lions, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins

Away: Detroit Lions, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams, New York Giants, New England Patriots, New York Jets

2. Minnesota Vikings

Home: Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, Green Bay Packers, Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams, Carolina Panthers, New England Patriots, New York Jets

Away: Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, Green Bay Packers, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks, Washington Redskins, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins

3. Detroit Lions

Home: Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks, Atlanta Falcons, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins

Away: Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams, Dallas Cowboys, New England Patriots, New York Jets

4. Green Bay Packers

Home: Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, Minnesota Vikings, Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams, New Orleans Saints, New England Patriots, New York Jets

Away: Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, Minnesota Vikings, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks, Philadelphia Eagles, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins

2006 OPPONENTS

NFC SOUTH

1. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Home: Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, New Orleans Saints, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, Seattle Seahawks, Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals

Away: Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, New Orleans Saints, Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Chicago Bears, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers

2. Carolina Panthers

Home: Atlanta Falcons, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, St. Louis Rams, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers

Away: Atlanta Falcons, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, Minnesota Vikings, Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals

3. Atlanta Falcons

Home: Carolina Panthers, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Arizona Cardinals, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers

Away: Carolina Panthers, New Orleans Saints, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, Detroit Lions, Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals

4. New Orleans Saints

Home: Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, San Francisco 49ers, Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals

Away: Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Green Bay Packers, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers

2006 OPPONENTS

NFC WEST

1. Seattle Seahawks

Home: Arizona Cardinals, San Francisco 49ers, St. Louis Rams, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, New York Giants, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers

Away: Arizona Cardinals, San Francisco 49ers, St. Louis Rams, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs

2. St. Louis Rams

Home: Arizona Cardinals, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, Washington Redskins, Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs

Away: Arizona Cardinals, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, Carolina Panthers, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers

3. Arizona Cardinals

Home: St. Louis Rams, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, Dallas Cowboys, Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs

Away: St. Louis Rams, San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, Atlanta Falcons, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers

4. San Francisco 49ers

Home: Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams, Seattle Seahawks, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, Philadelphia Eagles, Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers

Away: Arizona Cardinals, St. Louis Rams, Seattle Seahawks, Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions, New Orleans Saints, Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs