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NFL WILD CARD PLAYOFF SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Commissioner **PAUL TAGLIABUE** announced today the schedule of sites, dates and times for the National Football League Wild Card games of January 7-8 (all times Eastern):

NFL WILD CARD WEEKEND

Saturday, January 7

NFC: 4:30 PM ET Washington (10-6) at Tampa Bay (11-5) (ABC-TV)

AFC: 8:00 PM ET Jacksonville (12-4) at New England (10-6) (ABC-TV)

Sunday, January 8

NFC: 1:00 PM ET Carolina (11-5) at New York Giants (11-5) (FOX-TV)

AFC: 4:30 PM ET Pittsburgh (11-5) at Cincinnati (11-5) (CBS-TV)

The NFL Divisional Playoffs will be played on Saturday and Sunday, January 14-15; AFC and NFC Championship Games on Sunday, January 22; and Super Bowl XL at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan on Sunday, February 5.

The annual AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, featuring the NFL All-Stars, will be played in Honolulu, Hawaii on Sunday, February 12.

Once teams are ranked for the playoffs, positions do not change:

American Football Conference

- 1. Indianapolis (South Division champion)
- 2. Denver (West Division champion)
- 3. Cincinnati (North Division champion)
- 4. New England (East Division champion)
- 5. Jacksonville
- 6. Pittsburgh

National Football Conference

- 1. Seattle (West Division champion)
- 2. Chicago (North Division champion)
- 3. Tampa Bay (South Division champion)
- 4. New York Giants (East Division champion)
- 5. Carolina
- 6. Washington