

# Kickoffs set for first three games of 2012

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Iowa's first three games of the 2012 season will all kick off at 2:30 p.m. Central.

The Hawkeyes' season opener against Northern Illinois, which will be played at Soldier Field in Chicago, will be televised nationally on ESPNU, which also carried the last meeting between the two teams in the Windy City five years ago. Meanwhile, Iowa's first two games at Kinnick Stadium – Sept. 8 against Iowa State and Sept. 15 against Northern Iowa – will both be televised nationally by the Big Ten Network.

With the announcements of these three games, the Hawkeyes now know start times for eight of their 12 regular season games, including seven of the first eight contests. The lone games with start times still to be determined are the Sept. 22 match-up against Central Michigan at Kinnick Stadium and the first three games of November – at Indiana, vs. Purdue and at Michigan.

In addition to the trio of 2:30 p.m. Central games, the Hawkeyes have four games set for 11 a.m. Central starts and one game in prime time against Penn State on Oct. 20.