

Mountaineer Athletic Club Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get season tickets?

To be eligible to purchase football season tickets in the priority seating areas, patrons are encouraged to join the Mountaineer Athletic Club (MAC). All new MAC members will receive a football season ticket application beginning in March (or following receipt of their MAC donation). Basketball season ticket applications will be sent at a later date.

Season tickets are assigned after the season ticket order deadline has passed based on the following criteria:

Availability

All seats are subject to availability. A contribution to the Mountaineer Athletic Club, at any level, does not guarantee you will receive season tickets. Once all renewal orders are processed, new MAC members will be assigned the best available seats based on their donation level, in order, from highest to lowest.

Annual Contribution

As a first time contributor we encourage you to make a gift you are comfortable making. All numbered seating sections in Milan Puskar Stadium are assigned a required “per seat” contribution, which at a minimum, a new season ticket holder would be required to make. However, making this “per seat” contribution does not guarantee you will receive seat locations in those designated sections. Seating in the Coliseum will be assigned based on your total annual giving and membership level. A contribution to the Mountaineer Athletic Club, at any level, does not guarantee you will receive season tickets. Once all renewal orders are processed, new MAC members will be assigned the best available seats based on their donation level, in order, from highest to lowest. If demand exceeds availability in designated sections, seat locations will be assigned in the next best section available.

How do I get parking?

Parking in the general area of the stadium or coliseum is sold on a season basis and requires a color-coded permit, which matches the designated areas. Parking permits are available on a limited basis to season ticket holders who are MAC members. Parking will be allocated and assigned based on MAC priority guidelines and are purchased through the Mountaineer Ticket Office. A parking order form will be included with each season ticket application.

Limited single-game parking is available in the Gold lot (Area 72, adjacent to the Facilities Management Building in front of ERC/Towers), the Purple lot (Areas 52 and 61 behind Sheetz on Route 705), and the new parking garage adjacent to the Green lot. Single game parking is on a first come-first serve basis and is available for cars only.

How do I get single game tickets or away game tickets?

All 2011 season ticket holders and MAC donors will receive an away game and individual home game ticket order form. Ticket availability is very limited and prioritized by MAC donor levels. Individual tickets may also be available to the general public on a game-by-game basis. Please contact the Mountaineer Ticket Office at 1-800-WVU GAME for more information.

What is the Mountaineer Athletic Club?

We are a professional fundraising organization that works behind the scenes to support every men’s and women’s varsity team at WVU. We seek to attract, enlist and retain members, whose contributions and in-kind donations fuel the success of the entire intercollegiate athletic program. In most cases, contributions and donations to MAC are tax-deductible, and active MAC members enjoy valuable benefits based on their annual level of participation.

Why should I donate to the Mountaineer Athletic Club?

As a self-supporting auxiliary to the University, the WVU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics does not receive state funding or financial support from the University. With more than 350 student-athletes in 17 varsity sports receiving financial aid each year this creates a significant need for private support. WVU Intercollegiate Athletics pays 100% of the scholarship bill from the University for its student-athletes, primarily with monies received from MAC members who understand the need and costs of maintaining a premier college athletic program. MAC fundraising efforts also support critical capital projects and other special programs undertaken by the athletic department.

To address ongoing and future demands, MAC has targeted growth in its membership to maintain WVU's position as one of the nation's premier programs. Sustaining our success — athletically and academically — requires that more fans, organizations and businesses get involved in the important mission headed by MAC.

Membership in MAC is available through annual gifts to the student-athlete scholarship fund. Membership runs December 1 through November 30 and can begin with a gift of as little as \$100 annually. New members can contribute at any level, but must make a minimum gift of \$100 to activate the membership and receive certain benefits. Renewing and new members traditionally have until the second Friday in May (May 13, 2011) to complete their full giving levels, while enjoying the benefits of membership throughout the year.

What benefits do I receive for becoming member of the Mountaineer Athletic Club?

The Mountaineer Athletic Club is dedicated to providing an exciting and rewarding experience for its members. Mountaineer Athletic Club members receive a variety of spirited membership items which include, but are not limited to a MAC auto decal, invitations to MAC functions and priority seating options for football and basketball. A portion of all gifts are tax deductible. For a complete of additional benefits and corresponding donations levels, please refer to the MAC brochure.

Is my donation tax deductible?

If you choose to purchase tickets based on priority seating, in addition to making a contribution, 80% of your contribution is tax deductible. For 100% tax deductibility of your annual contribution, you must decline your right to receive any benefits at the time you make your gift. Only the individual, organization, or business making the contribution and holding priority seating status is eligible to receive the tax deduction. Major gifts or contributions not associated with ticket priority or other benefits are 100% deductible. Mountaineer Athletic Club donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes from the WVU Foundation upon receipt of their donation.

Since the Mountaineer Athletic Club operates within the West Virginia University Foundation, contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The West Virginia University Foundation, Inc. is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) (3) organization and its tax exempt identification number is 556017181. The Mountaineer Athletic Club encourages donors to seek their own tax and legal counsel in matters related to charitable giving.

For more information on acquiring season tickets or parking, or to make a gift, please contact the Mountaineer Athletic Club at (800) 433-2072 or MAC@mail.wvu.edu. More information can be found at MountaineerAthleticClub.com.