



2025 BIG TEN FOOTBALL

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2025 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

| | Conference Games | | | | | | All Games | | | | | |
|----------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| | W-L | PCT | H | A | Div. | Strk | W-L | PCT | H | A | N | Strk |
| Illinois | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W3 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W4 |
| Indiana | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W1 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 |
| Iowa | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 |
| Maryland | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L5 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L5 |
| Michigan | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W3 |
| Michigan State | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 |
| Minnesota | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W1 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W2 |
| Nebraska | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W1 |
| Northwestern | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L3 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L3 |
| Ohio State | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W4 |
| Oregon | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W9 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 |
| Penn State | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W4 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 |
| Purdue | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L9 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L11 |
| Rutgers | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W1 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 |
| UCLA | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L2 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W1 |
| USC | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W2 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | W1 |
| Washington | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L1 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L2 |
| Wisconsin | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L5 | 0-0 | --- | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | L5 |

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

- The 129th season of Big Ten football will commence this week, as Minnesota, Nebraska, Rutgers and Wisconsin kickoff the season on Thursday. The Scarlet Knights welcome Ohio to Piscataway, N.J., at 6 p.m. ET, while the Gophers host Buffalo at 8 p.m. ET on FS1. The Huskers will face Cincinnati at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., at 9 p.m. ET on ESPN and the Badgers welcome Miami (OH) to Camp Randall Stadium at 9 p.m. ET.
- Illinois and Michigan State will make their debuts on Friday, as the Spartans play host to Western Michigan at 7 p.m. ET, and the Illini welcome Western Illinois at 7:30 p.m. ET on Peacock. Twelve teams will open the season with Saturday matchups, highlighted by No. 3 Ohio State hosting No. 1 Texas at noon ET on FOX. The full Week 1 schedule appears to the right.
- The 2025 Discover Big Ten Championship Game will be held on Saturday, December 6, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis and will be broadcast by FOX. The winner will represent the conference as the Automatic Qualifier (AQ) to the College Football Playoff.
- The National College Football Awards Association announced the 2025 watch lists July 28-Aug. 11. All 18 schools are represented with Oregon's 21 honors leading the way, followed by Ohio State and Penn State's 20, 18 for Indiana and Illinois with 14. The full list of Big Ten standouts featured on the 2025 NCAAF watch lists can be found on page 2.
- The conference announced its 14th annual football preseason honors list. A media panel selected the 16-member preseason list, with student-athletes representing seven programs. The full list of honorees can be found on page 2.
- The Big Ten will welcome a new coach to the sidelines for the 2025 campaign in Purdue's Barry Odom.
- The Big Ten claimed back-to-back national championship titles for the first time since 1942 last season as Ohio State defeated Notre Dame, 34-23, in the 2024 College Football Playoff at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. The Buckeyes brought home their sixth national championship to the Horseshoe in Columbus and first since the inaugural CFP National Championship in the 2014-15 season.
- The Big Ten finished last season with five teams ranked in the AP Top 25, the second-most of any conference, including four teams ranked in the top 10. The 2025 AP Preseason Poll features six Big Ten teams in No. 2 Penn State, No. 3 Ohio State, No. 7 Oregon, No. 12 Illinois, No. 14 Michigan and No. 20 Indiana, while Iowa, Nebraska and USC received votes.
- In 2024-25, the four most viewed college football games of the season featured Big Ten teams, as did seven of the top 10, and 12 of the top 20. Three broadcast television partners – CBS, FOX and NBC – had at least one Big Ten matchup with more than 9.5 million viewers. Twenty-one Big Ten football games had an audience of more than five million viewers.

WEEK 1 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

Ohio at RUTGERS
6 p.m. | Big Ten Network

Buffalo at MINNESOTA
8 p.m. | FS1

NEBRASKA vs. Cincinnati [1]
9 p.m. | ESPN

Miami (OH) at WISCONSIN
9 p.m. | Big Ten Network

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

Western Michigan at MICHIGAN STATE
7 p.m. | FS1

Western Illinois at ILLINOIS
7:30 p.m. | Peacock

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

Texas at OHIO STATE
Noon | FOX

Ball State at PURDUE
Noon | Big Ten Network

FAU at MARYLAND
Noon | Big Ten Network

NORTHWESTERN at Tulane
Noon | ESPN

Old Dominion at INDIANA
2:30 p.m. | FS1

Nevada at PENN STATE
3:30 p.m. | CBS

Montana State at OREGON
4 p.m. | Big Ten Network

Albany at IOWA
6 p.m. | FS1

New Mexico at MICHIGAN
7:30 p.m. | NBC

Missouri State at USC
7:30 p.m. | Big Ten Network

Colorado State at WASHINGTON
11 p.m. | Big Ten Network

Utah at UCLA
11 p.m. | FOX

[1] Arrowhead Stadium (Kansas City, Mo.)

All times Eastern

BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.

The Big Ten Academic Alliance is an academic consortium of all 18 Big Ten universities, which is widely considered to be the model for effective and voluntary collaboration among top research universities.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE PRESEASON HONORS

The Big Ten Conference announced its 2025 football preseason honors on July 22 ahead of the start of Big Ten Football Media Days presented by Discover® in Las Vegas. A media panel selected the 16-member preseason list. The full list of Big Ten football preseason honorees is as follows:

QB Luke Altmeyer, ILL
OLB Gabe Jacas, ILL
DL Mikail Kamara, IND
DB D'Angelo Ponds, IND
OT Gennings Dunker, IOWA
C Logan Jones, IOWA

DB Koi Perich, MINN
OLB Matayo Uiagalelei, ORE
DB Dillon Thieneman, ORE
SAF Caleb Downs, OSU
WR JEREMIAH SMITH, OSU
LB Sonny Styles, OSU

QB Drew Allar, PSU
DE Dani Dennis-Sutton, PSU
RB Nicholas Singleton, PSU

Unanimous selections in ALL CAPS
*Additional honorees due to ties

PRESEASON AWARD WATCH LISTS

Bednarik Award

OLB Gabe Jacas, Illinois
DB Xavier Scott, Illinois
LB Aiden Fisher, Indiana
DE Mikail Kamara, Indiana
CB D'Angelo Ponds, Indiana
DT Aaron Graves, Iowa
LB Jaishawn Barham, Michigan
EDGE Derrick Moore, Michigan
S Koi Perich, Minnesota
LB Mac Uihlein, Northwestern
S Caleb Downs, Ohio State
LB Sonny Styles, Ohio State
LB Bryce Boettcher, Oregon
S Dillon Thieneman, Oregon
OLB Matayo Uiagalelei, Oregon
DE Dani Dennis-Sutton, Penn State
DT Zane Durant, Penn State
CB A.J. Harris, Penn State
S Kamari Ramsey, USC
CB Tacario Davis, Washington

Davey O'Brien Award

Luke Altmeyer, Illinois
Fernando Mendoza, Indiana
Drew Allar, Penn State
Nico Iamaleava, UCLA

Doak Walker Award

Kaden Feagin (Jr.), Illinois
Aidan Laughery (So.), Illinois
Roman Hemby (Sr.), Indiana
Kamari Moulton (So.), Iowa
Nolan Ray (So.), Maryland
Justice Haynes (Jr.), Michigan
Jordan Marshall (So.), Michigan
Darius Taylor (Jr.), Minnesota
A.J. Turner (Jr.), Minnesota
Emmett Johnson (Jr.), Nebraska
C.J. Donaldson (Sr.), Ohio State
Makhi Hughes (Jr.), Oregon
Noah Whittington (Sr.), Oregon
Kaytron Allen (Sr.), Penn State
Nicholas Singleton (Jr.), Penn State
Devin Mockabee (Jr.), Purdue
Jalen Berger (Sr.), UCLA
Jaivian Thomas (Jr.), UCLA
Bryan Jackson (So.), USC
Waymond Jordan (Jr.), USC
Eli Sanders (Sr.), USC
Jonah Coleman (Sr.), Washington

Biletnikoff Award

WR Elijah Sarratt, Indiana
WR Omari Kelly, Michigan State
WR Chrishon McCray, Michigan State
WR Javon Tracy, Minnesota
TE Max Klare, Ohio State
WR Jeremiah Smith, Ohio State
WR Carnell Tate, Ohio State
WR Trebor Pena, Penn State
WR Devonte Ross, Penn State
WR DT Sheffield, Rutgers
WR Makai Lemon, USC
WR Denzel Boston, Washington

Paycom Jim Thorpe Award

CB Xavier Scott, Illinois
CB D'Angelo Ponds, Indiana
S Koi Perich, Minnesota
S Caleb Downs, Ohio State
CB Davison Igbinosun, Ohio State
S Dillon Thieneman, Oregon

John Mackey Award

Tanner Arkin, Illinois
Zach Ortwerth, Iowa
Dorian Fleming, Maryland
Marlin Klein, Michigan
Jack Veiling, Michigan State
Jameson Geers, Minnesota
Max Klare, Ohio State
Kenyon Sadiq, Oregon
Khalil Dinkins, Penn State
Kenny Fletcher, Rutgers
Lake McCree, USC
Decker DeGraaf, Washington

Butkus Award

Aiden Fisher, Indiana
Daniel Wingate, Maryland
Jaishawn Barham, Michigan
Ernest Hausman, Michigan
Arvell Reese, Ohio State
Sonny Styles, Ohio State
Bryce Boettcher, Oregon
Devon Jackson, Oregon
Mani Powell, Purdue
Eric Gentry, USC
Taariq Al-Uqdah, Washington
Christian Alliegro, Wisconsin

Ray Guy Award

Rhys Dakin, Iowa
Ryan Eckley, Michigan State
Atticus Bertrams, Wisconsin

Bronko Nagurski Trophy

LB Gabe Jacas, Illinois
CB Xavier Scott, Illinois
LB Aiden Fisher, Indiana
DE Mikail Kamara, Indiana
CB D'Angelo Ponds, Indiana
DT Aaron Graves, Iowa
S Koi Perich, Minnesota
S Caleb Downs, Ohio State
LB Sonny Styles, Ohio State
LB Bryce Boettcher, Oregon
S Dillon Thieneman, Oregon
LB Matayo Uiagalelei, Oregon
DT Zane Durant, Penn State
CB A.J. Harris, Penn State

Outland Trophy

G.J.C. Davis, Illinois
OT Gennings Dunker, Iowa
C Logan Jones, Iowa
G Giovanni El-Hadi, Michigan
DT Eddrick Houston, Ohio State
G Tegra Tshabola, Ohio State
C Iapani Laloulou, Oregon
G Emmanuel Pregon, Oregon
OT Isaiah World, Oregon
DT Zane Durant, Penn State
G Olaiwava Igbo, Penn State

Lou Groza Award

Drew Stevens, Iowa
Dominic Zvada, Michigan
Mateen Bhaghani, UCLA
Caden Chittenden, USC
Nathanial Vakos, Wisconsin

Paul Hornung Award

Hank Beatty, Illinois
Makai Jackson, Indiana
Koi Perich, Minnesota
Jacory Barney Jr., Nebraska
Noah Whittington, Oregon
Trebor Pena, Penn State
DT Sheffield, Rutgers
Vinny Anthony II, Wisconsin

Rimington Trophy

Pat Coogan, Indiana
Logan Jones, Iowa
Matt Gulbin, Michigan State
Carson Hinzman, Ohio State
Iapani Laloulou, Oregon
Gus Zilinskas, Rutgers
Jake Renfro, Wisconsin

Wuerffel Trophy

LB Kenenna Odeluga, Illinois
QB Fernando Mendoza, Indiana
OL Gennings Dunker, Iowa
LS Ethan Gough, Maryland
LB Jordan Hall, Michigan State
DL Anthony Smith, Minnesota
OL Teddy Prochazka, Nebraska
DL Najee Story, Northwestern
LB Sonny Styles, Ohio State
OL Matthew Bedford, Oregon
OL Cooper Cousins, Penn State
RB Devin Mockabee, Purdue
K Jai Patel, Rutgers
OL Julian Armella, UCLA
LB Anthony Beavers Jr., USC
DE/Edge Zach Durfee, Washington
CB Ricardo Hallman, Wisconsin

Walter Camp Award

QB Luke Altmeyer, Illinois
EDGE Mikail Kamara, Indiana
WR/DB Koi Perich, Minnesota
DB Caleb Downs, Ohio State
WR Jeremiah Smith, Ohio State
RB Makhi Hughes, Oregon
QB Dante Moore, Oregon
QB Drew Allar, Penn State
RB Nicholas Singleton, Penn State
QB Nico Iamaleava, UCLA

Maxwell Award

QB Luke Altmeyer, Illinois
QB Fernando Mendoza, Indiana
WR Elijah Sarratt, Indiana
QB Mark Gronowski, Iowa
RB Justice Haynes, Michigan
RB Darius Taylor, Minnesota
QB Dylan Raiola, Nebraska
WR Jeremiah Smith, Ohio State
RB Makhi Hughes, Oregon
QB Drew Allar, Penn State
RB Kaytron Allen, Penn State
RB Nicholas Singleton, Penn State
QB Nico Iamaleava, UCLA
RB Jonah Coleman, Washington
QB Demond Williams Jr., Washington

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Every Big Ten Academic Alliance institution ranks among the top 105 universities in the nation according to the 2025 Academic Ranking of World Universities, including 11 in the top 40.

BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS

| Coach, School | Career (Yrs) | At School (Yrs) | Big Ten Only |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Bret Bielema, ILL | 125-80 (17th) | 28-22 (5th) | 55-37 |
| Curt Cignetti, IND | 130-37 (15th) | 11-2 (2nd) | 8-1 |
| Kirk Ferentz, IOWA | 216-145 (30th) | 204-124 (27th) | 128-89 |
| Michael Locksley, MD | 35-67 (11th) | 33-41 (8th) | 16-40 |
| Sherrone Moore, MICH | 8-5 (2nd) | 8-5 (2nd) | 5-4 |
| Jonathan Smith, MSU | 39-42(8th) | 5-7 (2nd) | 3-6 |
| P.J. Fleck, MINN | 88-61 (13th) | 58-39 (9th) | 34-36 |
| Matt Rhule, NEB | 59-56 (10th) | 12-13 (3rd) | 6-12 |
| David Braun, NU | 12-13 (3rd) | 12-13 (3rd) | 7-11 |
| Ryan Day, OSU | 70-10 (8th) | 70-10 (8th) | 46-5 |
| Dan Lanning, ORE | 35-6 (4th) | 35-6 (4th) | 9-0 |
| James Franklin, PSU | 125-57 (14th) | 101-42 (12th) | 64-33 |
| Barry Odom, PUR | 45-33 (7th) | 0-0 (1st) | 0-0 |
| Greg Schiano, RU | 94-101 (17th) | 94-101 (16th) | 13-32 |
| DeShaun Foster, UCLA | 5-7 (2nd) | 5-7 (2nd) | 3-6 |
| Lincoln Riley, USC | 81-24 (9th) | 26-14 (4th) | 4-5 |
| Jedd Fisch, WASH | 23-29 (5th) | 6-7 (2nd) | 4-5 |
| Luke Fickell, WIS | 76-38(10th) | 13-13 (3rd) | 11-15 |

FOLLOW THE BIG TEN

The Big Ten football page on bigten.org will feature notes, recaps, statistics, standings and more. You can also keep track of Big Ten football in real time by following the conference on Twitter @B1Gfootball and @BigTen or becoming a fan of the Big Ten Conference on Facebook to receive exclusive updates.



BIG TEN FOOTBALL AWARDS

The Big Ten will continue to honor its past while recognizing its current standouts at the conclusion of the 2025 campaign. The Big Ten's enhanced football awards program presents 19 individual trophies in addition to the Big Ten Championship trophy, bearing the names of one or two former standouts. The distinguished names on these football awards honor just a small sampling of the countless students and coaches who have contributed to the conference's rich and storied history.

Seventeen of the honors will be awarded immediately following the regular season, including awards for the best quarterback, running back, receiver, tight end, offensive lineman, defensive lineman, linebacker, defensive back, kicker, punter and return specialist. Each of these individual position awards features the names of two former standouts.

The Big Ten will also continue to honor the conference's top coaches, offensive and defensive players and linemen and freshmen with end-of-year trophies. Big Ten coaches have the opportunity to claim two awards. Media voters will select the Dave McClain Coach of the Year, which has been awarded since 1972, while coaches vote for the Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year award. The top offensive player will receive the Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year award, the best defensive player will be awarded the Nagurski-Woodson Defensive Player of the Year award and the top freshman will receive the Thompson-Randle El Freshman of the Year award.

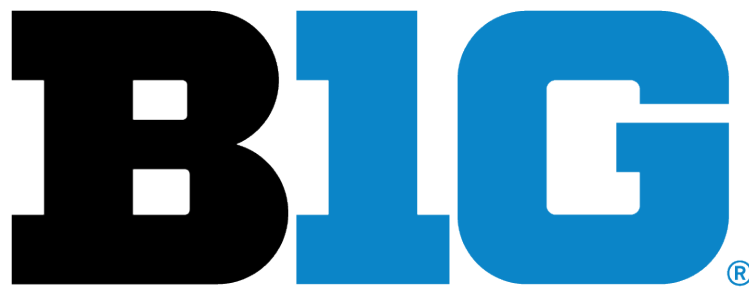
The winner of the Discover Big Ten Football Championship Game will receive the Amos Alonzo Stagg Championship Trophy, while the most outstanding player in the game will be awarded the Grange-Griffin Championship Game Most Valuable Player award. The conference also created two postcollegiate awards - the Ford-Kinnick Leadership Award and the Dungy-Thompson Humanitarian Award.

The full list of awards, along with a breakdown of the former standouts appearing in each award's name, appears to the right.

| NAME OF AWARD | NAMED FOR |
|--|---|
| Championship Game Awards | |
| Amos Alonzo Stagg Championship Trophy | Amos Alonzo Stagg, Chicago |
| Grange-Griffin Championship Game MVP (media vote only) | Harold Edward "Red" Grange, Illinois Archie Griffin, Ohio State |
| Postcollegiate Awards (vote by school administrators) | |
| Ford-Kinnick Leadership Award | Gerald R. Ford, Michigan Nile Kinnick, Iowa |
| Dungy-Thompson Humanitarian Award | Tony Dungy, Minnesota Anthony Thompson, Indiana |
| Annual Awards (combined vote by coaches and media, unless otherwise noted) | |
| Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year | Otto Graham, Northwestern Eddie George, Ohio State |
| Nagurski-Woodson Defensive Player of the Year | Bronislaw "Bronko" Nagurski, Minnesota Charles Woodson, Michigan |
| Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year (coaches vote only) | Wayne Woodrow "Woody" Hayes, Ohio State Glenn Edward "Bo" Schembechler, Michigan |
| Dave McClain Coach of the Year (media vote only) | Dave McClain, Wisconsin |
| Thompson-Randle El Freshman of the Year | Darrell Thompson, Minnesota Antwaan Randle El, Indiana |
| Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year | Dave Rimington, Nebraska Orlando Pace, Ohio State |
| Smith-Brown Defensive Lineman of the Year | Charles Aaron "Bubba" Smith, Michigan State Courtney Brown, Penn State |
| Griese-Brees Quarterback of the Year | Bob Griese, Purdue Drew Brees, Purdue |
| Ameche-Dayne Running Back of the Year | Alan Ameche, Wisconsin Ron Dayne, Wisconsin |
| Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year | Jack Tatum, Ohio State Rod Woodson, Purdue |
| Butkus-Fitzgerald Linebacker of the Year | Dick Butkus, Illinois Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern |
| Richter-Howard Receiver of the Year | Pat Richter, Wisconsin Desmond Howard, Michigan |
| Kwalick-Clark Tight End of the Year | Ted Kwalick, Penn State Dallas Clark, Iowa |
| Bakken-Andersen Kicker of the Year | Jim Bakken, Wisconsin Morten Andersen, Michigan State |
| Eddleman-Fields Punter of the Year | Thomas Dwight "Dike" Eddleman, Illinois Brandon Fields, Michigan State |
| Rodgers-Dwight Return Specialist of the Year | Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska Tim Dwight, Iowa |

BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.

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Big Life. Big Stage. Big Ten.

Since its inception in 1896, the pursuit and attainment of academic excellence has been a priority for every Big Ten member institution. But maintaining the conference's standard of competing at the highest level in athletics also endures as an important component of the Big Ten experience. Striking that balance between academics and athletics is integral to the Big Ten's identity. Recognized as one of intercollegiate sports' most successful undertakings, the Big Ten strives for success from its students not only on the field and in the classroom, but around the world as well.

PREMIER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

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Big Ten Academic Alliance schools annually conduct more than \$17 billion in funded research.

A HISTORY OF ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Big Ten schools have won at least five national championships in 25 of the last 30 years, averaging nearly seven per year during that span. The Big Ten set a record in 2024-25, winning 14 national championships.

Since the 2005-06 academic year, current Big Ten institutions have claimed 128 team national championships in 26 different sports.

BROAD-BASED PROGRAMMING

Big Ten institutions support more than 14,000 participation opportunities on 350 teams in 42 different sports.

The Big Ten sponsors 28 official conference sports, 14 for men and 14 for women.

The Big Ten leads the nation in total students competing in intercollegiate athletics and participation opportunities, and sponsors more official sports than all conferences except the Ivy League.

Nearly 2,000 Big Ten competitors have participated in the Olympics, winning more than 600 medals, including more than 200 gold. The Big Ten Conference enjoyed its finest performance at a single Olympic Games during the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, France, as athletes with Big Ten ties set conference records by earning 98 total medals and 27 gold medals during the 17-day competition, surpassing the previous mark of 51 medals at the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo, Japan. All 18 Big Ten member schools were represented at the 2024 Summer Games, competing for 64 nations in 17 sports.

PASSIONATE FOLLOWING

The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 9.4 million alumni and nearly 823,000 students.

Big Ten men's and women's basketball combined for 4.9 million fans in their home arenas throughout the 2024-25 season and paced the nation in total attendance. All seven of the Big Ten ice hockey teams also ranked in the top 20 nationally in average attendance.

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EXTENSIVE TELEVISION EXPOSURE

Through the Big Ten's current media agreements with BTN, NBC, Peacock, CBS and FOX, more than 2,000 Big Ten events are produced and distributed nationally and globally on an annual basis.

BTN is carried by all major video distributors across the United States and Canada and is also available via the Fox Sports App, delivering live and on-demand programming to computers, smartphones and tablets. B1G+, the network's subscription streaming services, provides access to more than 2,700 additional events each season.

LEADERS IN INNOVATION

Took part in the nation's first bowl game, winning the 1902 Rose Bowl Game, and signed an exclusive contract with the Tournament of Roses in 1946, making it the first bowl with permanent conference affiliations.

Awarded the first Big Ten Medal of Honor in 1915, honoring outstanding seniors who demonstrated excellence in academics and athletics.

Formed the Big Ten Advisory Commission in 1972, enlisting former students that competed in conference athletics to serve as liaisons to the NCAA's Diversity and Inclusion Department, the Big Ten Student-Athlete Advisory Commission and other organizations.

Became the first conference to voluntarily adopt male and female participation goals after launching its Gender Equity Action Plan in 1992.

Launched the Big Ten Network (BTN) in 2007, the first national conference-owned television network.

Began partnering with the Ivy League to study the effects of head injuries in sports in 2012.

Twenty years after adding instant replay in 2004, announced a state-of-the-art replay center, featuring 18 dedicated replay bays and six dedicated medical observation stations.

Championed new legislation for football permitting coach-to-player helmet communication and the use of sideline video by student-athletes, and coaches, both of which were introduced in the fall of 2024.

COMMUNITY & IMPACT

The Big Ten Conference is dedicated to making a lasting impact on the communities where its major events are held. In recent years, the conference has hosted sports clinics, renovated recreation centers and given elementary-aged children the chance to experience major Big Ten events.

Around the Big Ten Football Championship Game and Basketball Tournaments, the conference focuses on creating meaningful improvements, aiming to leave each location better than it was found.

Moving forward, the Big Ten will continue to collaborate with the College Football Playoff Foundation, local sports organizations and school district foundations to enhance spaces for teachers and children and provide educational opportunities for youth.

2025 COMPOSITE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE/MATCHUP | TIME (ET) | BROADCAST | DATE/MATCHUP | TIME (ET) | BROADCAST |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| THURSDAY, AUG. 28 | | | SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 | | |
| Ohio at Rutgers | 6 p.m. | BTN | Michigan at Nebraska | 3:30 p.m. | CBS |
| Buffalo at Minnesota | 8 p.m. | FS1 | Purdue at Notre Dame | 3:30 p.m. | NBC |
| Nebraska vs. Cincinnati [1] | 9 p.m. | ESPN | Washington at Washington State | 7:30 p.m. | CBS |
| Miami (OH) at Wisconsin | 9 p.m. | BTN | Illinois at Indiana | | |
| | | | Maryland at Wisconsin | | |
| | | | Michigan State at USC | | |
| | | | Oregon State at Oregon | | |
| FRIDAY, AUG. 29 | | | SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 | | |
| Western Michigan at Michigan State | 7 p.m. | FS1 | Oregon at Penn State | 7:30 p.m. | NBC |
| Western Illinois at Illinois | 7:30 p.m. | Peacock | Indiana at Iowa (HC) | 12 p.m./3:30 p.m./4 p.m. | TBD |
| | | | USC at Illinois (HC) | | |
| SATURDAY, AUG. 30 | | | Ohio State at Washington | | |
| Texas at Ohio State | 12 p.m. | FOX | Rutgers at Minnesota | | |
| Ball State at Purdue | 12 p.m. | BTN | UCLA at Northwestern | | |
| FAU at Maryland | 12 p.m. | BTN | | | |
| Northwestern at Tulane | 12 p.m. | ESPNU | | | |
| Old Dominion at Indiana | 2:30 p.m. | FS1 | | | |
| Nevada at Penn State | 3:30 p.m. | CBS | | | |
| Montana State at Oregon | 4 p.m. | BTN | SATURDAY, OCT. 4 | | |
| Albany at Iowa | 6 p.m. | FS1 | Minnesota at Ohio State (HC) | | |
| New Mexico at Michigan | 7:30 p.m. | NBC | Wisconsin at Michigan (HC) | | |
| Missouri State at USC | 7:30 p.m. | BTN | Louisiana Monroe at Northwestern (HC) | 12 p.m./3:30 p.m. | |
| Colorado State at Washington | 11 p.m. | BTN | Michigan State at Nebraska (HC) | 12 p.m./3:30 p.m./4 p.m. | |
| Utah at UCLA | 11 p.m. | FOX | Illinois at Purdue | | |
| | | | Penn State at UCLA | | |
| | | | Washington at Maryland | | |
| FRIDAY, SEPT. 5 | | | FRIDAY, OCT. 10 | | |
| NIU at Maryland | 7:30 p.m. | BTN | Rutgers at Washington (HC) | 9 p.m. | FS1 |
| Western Illinois at Northwestern | 7:30 p.m. | BTN | | | |
| SATURDAY, SEPT. 6 | | | SATURDAY, OCT. 11 | | |
| Kennesaw State at Indiana | 12 p.m. | FS1 | Northwestern at Penn State (HC) | 12 p.m./3:30 p.m./4 p.m. | |
| FIU at Penn State | 12 p.m. | BTN | UCLA at Michigan State (HC) | 12 p.m. | |
| Northwestern State at Minnesota | 12 p.m. | BTN | Iowa at Wisconsin (HC) | | |
| Iowa at Iowa State | 12 p.m. | FOX | Purdue at Minnesota (HC) | 7 p.m./7:30 p.m. | |
| Illinois at Duke | 12 p.m. | ABC or ESPN | Indiana at Oregon | | |
| Oklahoma State at Oregon | 3:30 p.m. | CBS | Michigan at USC | | |
| Grambling State at Ohio State | 3:30 p.m. | BTN | Nebraska at Maryland | | |
| Miami (OH) at Rutgers | 3:30 p.m. | Peacock | Ohio State at Illinois | | |
| MTSU at Wisconsin | 4 p.m. | FS1 | | | |
| SIU at Purdue | 7:30 p.m. | BTN | FRIDAY, OCT. 17 | | |
| Boston College at Michigan State | 7:30 p.m. | NBC | Nebraska at Minnesota | 8 p.m. | FOX |
| Akron at Nebraska | 7:30 p.m. | BTN | | | |
| Michigan at Oklahoma | 7:30 p.m. | ABC | | | |
| Georgia Southern at USC | 7:30 p.m. | FS1 | SATURDAY, OCT. 18 | | |
| UCLA at UNLV | 8 p.m. | CBS Sports Network | Oregon at Rutgers (HC) | 6:30 p.m./7 p.m. | |
| UC Davis at Washington | 11 p.m. | BTN | Michigan State at Indiana (HC) | 12 p.m./3:30 p.m./4 p.m. | |
| | | | Maryland at UCLA (HC) | | |
| | | | USC at Notre Dame | 7:30 p.m. | NBC |
| FRIDAY, SEPT. 12 | | | Ohio State at Wisconsin | | |
| Indiana State at Indiana | 6:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. | BTN | Penn State at Iowa | | |
| New Mexico at UCLA | | | Purdue at Northwestern | | |
| | | | Washington at Michigan | | |
| SATURDAY, SEPT. 13 | | | SATURDAY, OCT. 25 | | |
| Oregon at Northwestern | 12 p.m. | FOX | Rutgers at Purdue (HC) | | |
| Wisconsin at Alabama | 12 p.m. | ABC or ESPN | Wisconsin at Oregon (HC) | | |
| Houston Christian at Nebraska | 12 p.m. | FS1 | Illinois at Washington | | |
| CMU at Michigan | 12 p.m. | BTN | Michigan at Michigan State | | |
| Towson at Maryland | 12 p.m. | Peacock | Minnesota at Iowa | | |
| Villanova at Penn State | 3:30 p.m. | FS1 | Northwestern at Nebraska | | |
| Norfolk State at Rutgers | 3:30 p.m. | BTN | UCLA at Indiana | | |
| Youngstown State at Michigan State | 3:30 p.m. | BTN | | | |
| USC at Purdue | 3:30 p.m. | CBS | | | |
| Ohio at Ohio State | 7 p.m. | Peacock | SATURDAY, NOV. 1 | | |
| Western Michigan at Illinois | 7 p.m. | FS1 | Indiana at Maryland (HC) | | |
| UMass at Iowa | 7:30 p.m. | BTN | Michigan State at Minnesota | | |
| Minnesota at Cal | 10:30 p.m. | ESPN | Penn State at Ohio State | | |
| | | | Purdue at Michigan | | |
| FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 | | | Rutgers at Illinois | | |
| Iowa at Rutgers | 8 p.m. | FOX | USC at Nebraska | | |

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| <u>FRIDAY, NOV. 7</u> | | |
| Northwestern at USC | 9 p.m. | FOX |
| Indiana at Penn State | | |
| Maryland at Rutgers | | |
| Nebraska at UCLA | | |
| Ohio State at Purdue | | |
| Oregon at Iowa | | |
| Washington at Wisconsin | | |
| <u>FRIDAY, NOV. 14</u> | | |
| Minnesota at Oregon | 9 p.m. | FOX |
| <u>SATURDAY, NOV. 15</u> | | |
| Iowa at USC (HC) | 3 p.m./3:30 p.m. | |
| Maryland at Illinois | | |
| Michigan at Northwestern | | |
| Penn State at Michigan State | | |
| Purdue at Washington | | |
| UCLA at Ohio State | | |
| Wisconsin at Indiana | | |
| <u>SATURDAY, NOV. 22</u> | | |
| Illinois at Wisconsin | | |
| Michigan at Maryland | | |
| Michigan State at Iowa | | |
| Minnesota at Northwestern | | |
| Nebraska at Penn State | | |
| Rutgers at Ohio State | | |
| USC at Oregon | | |
| Washington at UCLA | | |
| <u>FRIDAY, NOV. 28</u> | | |
| Iowa at Nebraska | 12 p.m. | CBS |
| Indiana at Purdue | 7:30 p.m. | NBC |
| <u>SATURDAY, NOV. 29</u> | | |
| Ohio State at Michigan | 12 p.m. | FOX |
| Maryland at Michigan State | | |
| Northwestern at Illinois | | |
| Oregon at Washington | | |
| Penn State at Rutgers | | |
| UCLA at USC | | |
| Wisconsin at Minnesota | | |
| <u>SATURDAY, DEC. 6</u> | | |
| Big Ten Football Championship Game [2] | 8 p.m. | FOX |
| [1] Arrowhead Stadium (Kansas City, Mo.) | | |
| [2] Lucas Oil Stadium (Indianapolis, Ind.) | | |

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