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*Ohio State+	16-2	.889	9-0	7-2	L1	26-6	.812	16-2	8-2	2-2	7-3	L1
*lowa^	15-3	.833	9-0	6-3	W3	34-5	.872	15-1	8-3	11-1	9-1	L1
*Indiana	15-3	.833	9-0	6-3	W3	28-6	.824	19-0	7-4	2-2	7-3	L1
Michigan State	12-6	.667	7-2	5-4	W5	22-9	.710	13-2	6-4	3-3	6-4	L2
*Nebraska	11-7	.611	7-2	4-5	L1	23-12	.657	13-3	5-7	5-2	7-3	L1
Penn State	9-9	.500	5-4	4-5	W2	22-13	.629	15-4	5-6	2-3	6-4	L1
Michigan	9-9	.500	4-5	4-5	W1	20-14	.588	11-4	5-6	4-4	5-5	L2
Maryland	9-9	.500	6-3	3-6	L1	19-14	.576	12-3	3-8	4-3	6-4	L2
Illinois\$	8-10	.444	5-4	3-6	W1	19-15	.559	12-5	4-7	3-3	7-3	W5
Wisconsin	6-12	.333	3-6	3-6	L3	15-17	.469	9-8	5-7	1-2	4-6	L1
Minnesota	5-13	.278	4-5	1-8	L4	20-15	.571	15-6	4-8	1-1	5-5	L1
Purdue	5-13	.278	3-6	2-7	L2	15-19	.441	10-7	4-9	1-3	4-6	L1
Northwestern	4-14	.222	2-7	2-7	W1	9-21	.300	6-9	3-9	0-3	2-8	L1
Rutgers	2-16	.111	1-8	1-8	L4	8-24	.250	7-11	1-10	0-3	2-8	L5
* - AP or USA Today/W	BCA polls	+ - Bi	ig Ten Ch	ampion	^ - Bi	g Ten Tourr	nament Ch	ampion	\$ - k	VBIT Cho	mpion	

#### **BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.**

NOTE: 2024 NCAA Tournament participants in **bold**, WBIT participants in italics, WNIT participants in **bold** and italics

- The 44th season of Big Ten women's basketball tips off Monday with 11 teams taking the court.
  The remaining seven schools will open play over the next three days. 14 teams will begin the
  2024-25 campaign on their home courts. USC and UCLA will be overseas in Paris to challenge
  Ole Miss and Louisville, respectively, while Maryland visits in-state rival UMBC and Michigan
  heads to Las Vegas to face defending national champion South Carolina.
- The 2024-25 season welcomes the addition of four new members to the Big Ten Conference –
  Oregon, UCLA, USC and Washington. Kelly Graves (ORE), Cori Close (UCLA), Lindsay Gottlieb
  (USC) and Tina Langley (WASH) have all been at the helm of their programs for at least four seasons.
- A familiar presence in the Big Ten remains on the sideline for Iowa, but in a new role. Jan Jensen
  was named head coach of the Hawkeyes on May 13, 2024 after Lisa Bluder announced her
  retirement from coaching after 24 years at Iowa.
- Six Big Ten teams earned rankings in the Associated Press (AP) preseason poll. USC led the AP balloting at No. 3, followed by No. 5 UCLA, No. 14 Ohio State, No. 18 Maryland, No. 23 Nebraska and No. 25 Indiana. Iowa, Illinois and Michigan State were receiving votes.
- The same six programs made an appearance in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA)/USA Today preseason poll – No. 3 USC, No. 6 UCLA, No. 14 Ohio State, No. 18 Maryland, No. 23 Nebraska and No. 24 Indiana. Iowa, Illinois and Michigan garnered votes.
- 14 Big Ten players were named to the Jersey Mike's Naismith Player of the Year Watch List presented by AXIA Time. Eight schools were represented, led by USC with four honorees Makira Cook (ILL), Lucy Olsen (IOWA), Hannah Stuelke (IOWA), Shyanne Sellers (MD), Alexis Markowski (NEB), Cotie McMahon (OSU), Deja Kelly (ORE), Lauren Betts (UCLA), Charlisse Leger-Walker (UCLA), Kiki Rice (UCLA), Kiki Iriafen (USC), Rayah Marshall (USC), Talia von Oelhoffen (USC) and JuJu Watkins (USC).
- For the sixth time in seven seasons, each member institution will play an 18-game Big Ten slate, playing one school both home and away, while facing 16 teams once. Of the single-play opponents, teams will play eight at home and eight on the road. The Big Ten season tips off on Saturday, Dec. 7 with three games Indiana at Penn State, Maryland at Purdue and USC at Oregon. Following the holiday break, Big Ten competition will resume on Saturday, Dec. 28 with a four-game slate.
- The 2024-25 television schedule features the most coverage on nationally distributed platforms in Big Ten women's basketball history. Twelve Big Ten matchups, including eight regular season games, will be televised on a broadcast platform via NBC or FOX, the most in conference history. All 162 conference games will be nationally produced or distributed for the 11th consecutive season.
- The 32nd annual TIAA Big Ten Tournament will take place at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on March 5-9, 2025. The Big Ten has held its tournament in Indianapolis 27 times since the event began in 1982.
- As season ago, the Big Ten concluded its non-conference slate with a combined 114-41 (.735) record. Big Ten teams dominated on their home courts with an 82-11 (.882) record.
- Ohio State enters the 2024-25 campaign as the defending Big Ten Champion after going 16-2 in conference play last season. Iowa hoisted its third consecutive Big Ten Tournament trophy after defeating Nebraska, 94-89, in overtime in the 2024 TIAA Big Ten Tournament final.

### **UPCOMING GAMES**

Monday, Nov. 4	
(1) USC vs. Ole Miss12pm	ESPN
Omaha at Nebraska1pm	B1G+
(1) UCLA vs. Louisville2:30pm	ESPN2
Bucknell at Penn State5pm	B1G+
Maryland at UMBC7pm	ESPN+
Brown at Indiana7pm	B1G+
Manhattan at Rutgers7pm	B1G+
California Baptist at Oregon7pm	B1G+
(2) Michigan vs. South Carolina7:30pm	TNT
CCSU at Minnesota8pm	B1G+
Seattle at Washington9pm	B1G+
Tuesday, Nov. 5	
Cleveland State at Ohio State6pm	B1G+
Oakland at Michigan State6:30pm	B1G+
Wright State at Wisconsin7:30pm	B1G+
Wednesday, Nov. 6	
Purdue-Fort Wayne at Purdue7pm	B1G+
Northern Illinois at Iowa7:30pm	B1G+
Illinois State at Northwestern8pm	B1G+
Nevada at Oregon10pm	B1G+
Thursday, Nov. 7	
Coppin State at Maryland6pm	B1G+
Canisius at Penn State6pm	B1G+
Florida State at Illinois7pm	B1G+
Harvard at Indiana7pm	B1G+
Cornell at Rutgers	B1G+
Pacific at Washington9pm	B1G+
Friday, Nov. 8	540
Yale at Michigan State7pm	B1G+
Lehigh at Michigan7pm	B1G+
Vermont at Minnesota8pm	B1G+
Saturday, Nov. 9	
Southeastern Lousiana at Nebraska2pm	B1G+
Cal Poly at USC5pm	B1G+
Sunday, Nov. 10	
Duke at Maryland1pm	FS1
Duquesne at Penn State1pm	B1G+
NJIT at Rutgers2pm	B1G+
Lehigh at Northwestern3pm	B1G+
Colgate at UCLA5pm	B1G+
Siena at Washington5pm	B1G+
Georgetown at Wisconsin5pm	B1G+
(3) Iowa vs. Virginia Tech5:30pm	ESPN2
Notre Dame at Purdue7pm	FS1
Marquette at Illinois8pm	BTN
Baylor at Oregon10pm	BTN

(1) Aflac Oui-Play (Paris, France)

(2) Hall of Fam Series (Las Vegas, Nev.)

(3) Ally Tipoff (Charlotte, N.C.)

All times Eastern (dates, times and TV subject to change)

<u>NOTES</u>: Big Ten Network (BTN) games also on the FOX Sports app, with B1G+ games at <u>bigtenplus.com</u> ... Games on ESPN networks also on the ESPN app.

Rankings from Associated Press/WBCA-USA Today polls at tipoff (RV - receiving votes/NR - not ranked; if only one rank is listed, it's from the AP poll)

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL			U	SA TODAY COAC	HES PC	NCAA NET RANKINGS					
Poll #	1 (Preseason) — Oct. 15, 20.	24		Poll #.	1 (Preseason) — Oct. 24, 20	24	2023-24 Final - April 7, 2024				
Rk.	Team (1st-Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Rk.					Team	Record	
1.	South Carolina (27)	0-0	745	1.	South Carolina (27)	0-0	770	1.	South Carolina	38-0	
2.	UConn (2)	0-0	708	2.	UConn (3)	0-0	734	2.	UConn	32-6	
3.	USC (1)	0-0	697	3.	USC (1)	0-0	716	3.	Texas	33-5	
4.	Texas	0-0	641	4.	Texas	0-0	670	<b>4.</b> 5.	<b>lowa</b> Stanford	<b>34-5</b> 30-6	
5.	UCLA	0-0	628	5.	Notre Dame	0-0	629	6.	UCLA	27-7	
6.	Notre Dame	0-0	614	6.	UCLA	0-0	612	7.	LSU	31-6	
				1 -				8.	Notre Dame	28-7	
7.	LSU	0-0	549	7.	LSU	0-0	567	9.	Ohio State	26-6	
8.	Iowa State	0-0	521	8.	NC State	0-0	533	10.	USC	29-6	
9.	NC State	0-0	510	9.	Iowa State	0-0	487	11.	NC State	31-7	
10.	Oklahoma	0-0	441	10.	Oklahoma	0-0	457	12.	Utah	21-11	
11.	Duke	0-0	439	11.	Duke	0-0	449	13.	Indiana	26-6	
12.	Baylor	0-0	422	12.	Baylor	0-0	434	14.	Gonzaga	32-4	
13.	Kansas State	0-0	390	13.	Kansas State	0-0	407	15.	Colorado	24-10 27-8	
14.	Ohio State	0-0	372	14.	Ohio State	0-0	405	16. 17.	Oregon State Baylor	27-8 26-8	
15.	North Carolina	0-0	285	15.	West Virginia	0-0	285	18.	Kansas State	26-8	
16.	West Virginia	0-0	277	16.	North Carolina	0-0	263	19.	Virginia Tech	25-8	
17.	Louisville	0-0	250	17.	Louisville	0-0	261	20.	Duke	22-12	
18.	Maryland	0-0	227	18.	Maryland	0-0	254	21.	West Virginia	25-8	
19.	Florida State	0-0	191	19.	Florida State	0-0	177	22.	Michigan State	22-9	
20.	Ole Miss	0-0	165	20.	Creighton	0-0	150	23.	Creighton	26-6	
21.	Creighton	0-0	152	21.	Ole Miss	0-0	135	24. <b>25.</b>	Louisville	24-10	
22.	Kentucky	0-0	108	22.	Kentucky	0-0	106	25.	Nebraska	23-12	
22. <b>23.</b>	Nebraska	0-0 <b>0-0</b>	108 106	23.	Nebraska	0-0 <b>0-0</b>	92	Other	Big Ten teams:		
								29.	PENN STATE	22-13	
24.	Alabama	0-0	67	24.	Indiana	0-0	75	32.	MARYLAND	19-14	
25.	Indiana	0-0	46	25.	Alabama	0-0	57	41.	ILLINOIS	19-15	
								49.	MICHIGAN	20-14	
	s receiving votes: Iowa 37				s receiving votes: Gonz			50.	WASHINGTON	16-15	
	<b>s 23</b> , Stanford 17, Gonzaga anderbilt 12, South Dakota				ssee 32, Stanford 32, <b>Iowa</b> a State 22, Oregon State			67.	MINNESOTA	20-16	
	ssee 3, Middle Tennessee 3				ado 15, Virginia Tech 10,			68.	PURDUE	15-19	
	2, Syracuse 1, Princeton 1	, ranneid 3,	Georgia		essee 8, Fairfield 7, Richmo			104.	OREGON	11-21	
100112	., .,				n 5, UNLV 4, Miami 4, Florida			120. 152.	WISCONSIN RUTGERS	15-17 8-24	
					a 3, George Mason 2, Saint J			188.	NORTHWESTERN	9-21	
					1, Michigan 1	į , <del>.</del>		100.	HOMITWESTERN	J-21	

# 2024-25 BIG TEN SCHOOLS IN THE POLLS - AP/WBCA-USA TODAY

IND IOWA MD MICH MSU MINN NU PUR UCLA WIS ILL NEB OSU RU USC WASH RV/RV 25/24 RV/RV 18/18 -/RV RV/--/-23/23 -/-14/14 5/6 -/-Preseason -/-

RV - receiving votes

# PRESEASON NATIONAL AWARDS/WATCH LISTS

AP Preseason All-America Team JuJu Watkins, USC Kiki Iriafen, USC

The Athletic Preseason All-America Team

Lauren Betts, UCLA (first team) JuJu Watkins, USC (first team) Kiki Iriafen, USC (first team)

Nancy Lieberman Award Watch List

Makira Cook, Illinois Lucy Olsen, Iowa Deja Kelly, Oregon Charlisse Leger-Walker, UCLA Kiki Rice, UCLA Talia von Oelhoffen, USC

Ann Meyers Drysdale Award Watch List

Genesis Bryant, Illinois Shyanne Sellers, Maryland Mara Braun, Minnesota JuJu Watkins, USC

Lisa Leslie Award Watch List Alexis Markowski, Nebraska Lauren Betts, UCLA Rayah Marshall, USC

Katrina McClain Award Watch List Kendall Bostic, Illinois Janiah Barker, UCLA

Kiki Iriafen, USC

**Cheryl Miller Award Watch List** Yarden Garzon, Indiana Saylor Poffenbarger, Maryland Grace VanSlooten, Michigan State Cotie McMahon, Ohio State Angela Dugalic, UCLA

Naismith Trophy Watch List Makira Cook, Illinois Lucy Olsen, Iowa Hannah Stuelke, Iowa Shyanne Sellers, Maryland Alexis Markowski, Nebraska Cotie McMahon, Ohio State Deja Kelly, Oregon Lauren Betts, UCLA Charlisse Leger-Walker, UCLA Kiki Rice, UCLA Kiki Iriafen, USC Rayah Marshall, USC Talia von Oelhoffen, USC JuJu Watkins, USC

# 2023-24 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Points	
1. Caitlin Clark, Iowa	
4. Jacy Sheldon, Ohio State	
Rebounds 1. Serah Williams, Wisconsin	
2. Alexis Markowski, Nebraska	
3. Kendall Bostic, Illinois	
4. Jeanae Terry, Purdue	
5. Mallory Heyer, Minnesota149	
Assists 1. Caitlin Clark, Iowa	
3. Jaz Shelley, Nebraska	
4. Carolina Lau, Northwestern167	
5. Shyanne Sellers, Maryland177	
Steals	
1. Celeste Taylor, Ohio State	
Leilani Kapinus, Penn State	
4. Jacy Sheldon, Ohio State	
5. Ronnie Porter, Wisconsin	
Blocks	
1. Serah Williams, Wisconsin84	
2. Julia Ayrault, Michigan State65	
3. Mackenzie Holmes, Indiana50	
4. Antonia Bates, Rutgers46	
5. Leilani Kapinus, Penn State45	

# 2023-24 TEAM STATISTICAL LEADERS

Points	
1. lowa	8
2. Penn State	4
3. Maryland	
4. Michigan State	7
5. Indiana2,54	
,-	
Rebounds	
1. lowa	1
2. Nebraska	
3. Minnesota	7
4. Maryland	5
5. Penn State	2
Assists	
1. lowa81	1
2. Penn State 600	6
3. Indiana59	1
4. Michigan State583	3
5. Nebraska580	0
Steals	
1. Ohio State	6
2. Penn State	1
3. lowa290	0
4. Michigan State28	6
5. Minnesota27	7
Blocks	
1. Penn State	
2. Wisconsin	
3. Indiana139	
4. Rutgers	
5. lowa	1

# **BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS**

	Year		Car	eer	Scho	ool	Big Ten		
Coach, School	Overall	at School	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.	
Shauna Green, ILL	11th	3rd	197-100	.663	41-25	.621	19-17	.527	
Teri Moren, IND	22nd	11th	425-229	.650	226-99	.695	114-60	.655	
Jan Jensen, IOWA	1st	1st	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	
Brenda Frese, MD	26th	23rd	639-191	.770	582-161	.783	158-34	.822	
Kim Barnes Arico, MICH	29th	13th	531-339	.610	261-133	.662	119-84	.586	
Robyn Fralick, MSU	10th	2nd	214-85	.716	22-9	.710	12-6	.667	
Dawn Plitzuweit, MINN	18th	2nd	385-157	.710	20-16	.556	5-13	.278	
Amy Williams, NEB	18th	9th	330-220	.600	137-111	.552	69-73	.485	
Joe McKeown, NU	39th	17th	768-414	.650	259-240	.519	108-166	.394	
Kevin McGuff, OSU	23rd	12th	453-203*	.691	198-104*	.656	103-57*	.643	
Kelly Graves, ORE	28th	11th	603-273^	.688	221-111^	.666	0-0	.000	
Carolyn Kieger, PSU	11th	6th	162-150	.519	63-86	.423	25-66	.274	
Katie Gearlds, PUR	12th	4th	279-95	.746	51-45	.531	21-32	.396	
Coquese Washington, RU	15th	3rd	229-213	.518	20-44	.313	105-135	.437	
Cori Close, UCLA	14th	14th	287-140	.672	287-140	.672	0-0	.000	
Lindsay Gottlieb, USC	15th	4th	297-160	.650	62-32	.660	0-0	.000	
Tina Langley, WASH	10th	4th	168-107	.611	42-46	.477	0-0	.000	
Marisa Moseley, WIS	7th	4th	79-87	.476	34-58	.370	17-37	.314	

\* specific wins from 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons later vacated by the NCAA

\* does not include 2 wins from 2018-19 season due to suspension

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# 2025 TIAA BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE MARCH 5-9 | GAINBRIDGE FIELDHOUSE | INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

# Wednesday, March 5 - First Round

Game 1 | #12 Seed vs. #13 Seed | Peacock Game 2 | #10 Seed vs. #15 Seed | Peacock Game 3 | #11 Seed vs. #14 Seed | Peacock

# Thursday, March 6 - Second Round

Game 4 | #8 Seed vs. #9 Seed | BTN Game 5 | #5 Seed vs. G1 Winner | BTN Game 6 | #7 Seed vs. G2 Winner | BTN Game 7 | #6 Seed vs. G3 Winner | BTN

# Friday, March 7 - Quarterfinals

Game 8 | #1 Seed vs. G4 Winner | BTN Game 9 | #4 Seed vs. G5 Winner | BTN Game 10 | #2 Seed vs. G6 Winner | BTN Game 11 | #3 Seed vs. G7 Winner | BTN

# Saturday, March 8 - Semifinals

Game 12 | G8 Winner vs. G9 Winner | BTN Game 13 | G10 Winner vs. G11 Winner | BTN

Sunday, March 9 - Championship

Game 14 | G12 Winner vs. G13 Winner | CBS

# 2024-25 ALL-BIG TEN PRESEASON CONFERENCE TEAMS

As selected by the Big Ten coaches Preseason Player of the Year JUJU WATKINS, SO., G, USC

Preseason All-Big Ten Team

Makira Cook, 5th-Yr., G, Illinois
Hannah Stuelke, Jr., F, Iowa
Lucy Olsen, Gr., G, Iowa
Shyanne Sellers, Sr., G, Maryland
Alexis Markowski, Sr., C/F, Nebraska
Cotie McMahon, Jr., F, Ohio State
LAUREN BETTS, JR., C, UCLA
Kiki Rice, Jr., G, UCLA
JUJU WATKINS, SO., G, USC
Kiki Iriafen, Gr., F, USC
Serah Williams, Jr., F, Wisconsin

As selected by the Big Ten media Preseason Player of the Year JuJu Watkins, So., G, USC

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Hannah Stuelke, Jr., F, Iowa Lucy Olsen, Gr., G, Iowa Shyanne Sellers, Sr., G, Maryland Alexis Markowski, Sr., C/F, Nebraska Cotie McMahon, Jr., F, Ohio State Lauren Betts, Jr., C, UCLA Kiki Rice, Jr., G, UCLA JUJU WATKINS, SO., G, USC Kiki Iriafen, Gr., F, USC Serah Williams, Jr., F, Wisconsin

### 2024-25 Coaches Big Ten Preseason Rankings

1. USC

2. UCLA

3. Ohio State

4. Maryland

5. Indiana

2024-25 Media Big Ten Preseason Rankings

1. USC

2. UCLA

3. Ohio State

4. Maryland

5. Indiana

<u>NOTE</u>: unanimous selections in ALL CAPS \*Additional player due to tie in voting

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# 2024-25 TEAM VS. TEAM RESULTS

**OPPONENT** 

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MD	MICH	MSU	MINN	NEB	NU	OSU	ORE	PSU	PUR	RU	UCLA	USC	WASH	WIS
ILL																		
IND																		
IOWA																		
MD																		
MICH																		
MSU						-												
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NEB								-										
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PSU																		
PUR													-					
RU																		
UCLA																		
USC																		
WASH																	-	
WIS																		-

**LEAM** 

# **BIG TEN X ABBOTT - THE WE GIVE BLOOD DRIVE**

Every season we give it everything we have. We give our strength, we give our souls and so much more – it's in our blood. And now we can give that too. This season, Abbott and the Big Ten are pitting school against school in the largest blood donation competition of our lifetime to fight the largest blood shortage in a generation.

Want your school to win? Then don't give up. Give blood. Every donation scores one point for your school on the leaderboard.

The winning school will receive \$1 million to advance student or community health.

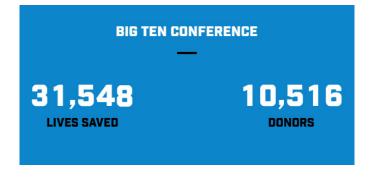
Individual donors will be offered a free one month subscription to B1G+ and will be entered to win a trip to the 2024 Discover® Big Ten Football Championship Game on December 7, 2024.

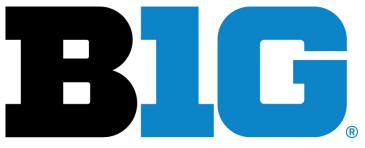
Students will be able to donate at mobile blood drives on campus, and alumni, fans and students alike can donate at blood donation centers across the country. Results will be tracked in real time at BigTen.Org/Abbott after donors attribute donations to their favorite school.

# **BIG TEN DONATION LEADERBOARD**

(as of Nov. 3)

BIG TEN DONATION LEADERBOARD										
	UNIVERSITY	LIVES SAVED	DONORS							
N	Nebraska	6600	2200							
<b>47</b>	Wisconsin	3399	1133							
Ucla	UCLA	2538	846							
Po Co	lowa	2097	699							
M	Michigan	2046	682							
ONOSTATE	Ohio State	1806	602							
<b>F</b>	Michigan State	1719	573							
P	Purdue	1605	535							
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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

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.

Every Big Ten Academic Alliance institution ranks among the top 90 universities in the nation according to the 2024 Academic Ranking of World Universities, including 10 in the top 40.

The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 1,900 Academic All-Americans, including 80 honorees during the 2023-24 academic year.

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

### A HISTORY OF ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Big Ten schools have won at least five national championships in 26 of the last 30 years, averaging nearly seven per year during that span.

Since the 2005-06 academic year, current Big Ten institutions have claimed 119 team national championships in 26 different sports.

### **BROAD-BASED PROGRAMMING**

Big Ten institutions support more than 11,000 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 lvy 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 9.4 million alumni and nearly 823,000 students.

Big Ten men's and women's basketball combined for 4.3 million fans in their home arenas throughout the 2023-24 season and paced the nation in total attendance. Volleyball Day in Nebraska attracted 92,003 fans, the largest attendance in women's sports history. All seven of the Big Ten ice hockey teams also ranked in the top 15 nationally in average attendance.

In 2023-24, Big Ten women's basketball programs set ratings records on seven different networks – BTN, FOX, FS1, NBC, Peacock, ESPN and CBS.

# **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.

# **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 reaches nearly 50 million homes and is also available via the Fox Sports App, delivering live and on-demand programming to computers, smartphones and tablets. B1G+ streams more than 2,000 additional events each season.

### **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.