



# BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### 2022-23 FINAL STANDINGS

School	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	PF-PA	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
<b>Indiana+</b>	<b>16-2</b>	<b>.889</b>	<b>28-4</b>	<b>.875</b>	<b>3316-1986</b>	<b>17-1</b>	<b>8-2</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>L1</b>
<b>Iowa^</b>	<b>15-3</b>	<b>.833</b>	<b>31-7</b>	<b>.816</b>	<b>2589-2092</b>	<b>17-1</b>	<b>7-4</b>	<b>7-2</b>	<b>L1</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>15-3</b>	<b>.833</b>	<b>28-7</b>	<b>.800</b>	<b>2882-1956</b>	<b>13-2</b>	<b>11-2</b>	<b>4-3</b>	<b>L1</b>
<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>12-6</b>	<b>.667</b>	<b>28-8</b>	<b>.778</b>	<b>2770-2087</b>	<b>13-4</b>	<b>10-2</b>	<b>5-2</b>	<b>L1</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>11-7</b>	<b>.611</b>	<b>23-10</b>	<b>.697</b>	<b>2347-2154</b>	<b>10-4</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>L1</b>
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>11-7</b>	<b>.611</b>	<b>22-10</b>	<b>.688</b>	<b>2410-2014</b>	<b>12-3</b>	<b>8-4</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>L2</b>
<b>Purdue</b>	<b>9-8</b>	<b>.529</b>	<b>19-11</b>	<b>.633</b>	<b>2426-2464</b>	<b>10-4</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>L2</b>
<i>Nebraska</i>	<i>8-10</i>	<i>.444</i>	<i>18-15</i>	<i>.545</i>	<i>2142-2406</i>	<i>12-5</i>	<i>4-9</i>	<i>2-1</i>	<i>L1</i>
<i>Michigan State</i>	<i>7-10</i>	<i>.412</i>	<i>16-14</i>	<i>.533</i>	<i>2351-2132</i>	<i>11-6</i>	<i>4-5</i>	<i>1-3</i>	<i>L1</i>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>6-12</i>	<i>.333</i>	<i>11-20</i>	<i>.355</i>	<i>2195-2727</i>	<i>7-7</i>	<i>4-8</i>	<i>0-5</i>	<i>L1</i>
<i>Rutgers</i>	<i>5-13</i>	<i>.278</i>	<i>12-20</i>	<i>.375</i>	<i>2114-2235</i>	<i>10-7</i>	<i>1-9</i>	<i>1-4</i>	<i>L1</i>
<i>Penn State</i>	<i>4-14</i>	<i>.222</i>	<i>14-17</i>	<i>.452</i>	<i>2124-2252</i>	<i>11-6</i>	<i>0-10</i>	<i>3-1</i>	<i>L1</i>
<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>4-14</i>	<i>.222</i>	<i>11-19</i>	<i>.367</i>	<i>1911-2208</i>	<i>9-8</i>	<i>1-10</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>L1</i>
<i>Northwestern</i>	<i>2-16</i>	<i>.111</i>	<i>9-21</i>	<i>.300</i>	<i>2021-2359</i>	<i>7-10</i>	<i>2-10</i>	<i>0-1</i>	<i>L3</i>

+ - Big Ten champion

^ - Big Ten Tournament Champion

NOTE: 2023 NCAA Tournament participants in **bold**, WNIT participants in *italics*

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### Monday, Nov. 6

Northwestern State at Nebraska	1 p.m.	B1G+
(1) Ohio State vs. USC	2 p.m.	TruTV
Monmouth at Rutgers	7 p.m.	B1G+
Purdue Fort Wayne at Michigan	7 p.m.	B1G+
Harvard at Maryland	7 p.m.	B1G+
Fairleigh Dickinson at Iowa	7:30 p.m.	B1G+
Purdue at UCLA	8:30 p.m.	Pac-12 LA

#### Tuesday, Nov. 7

Bucknell at Penn State	6 p.m.	B1G+
Morehead State at Illinois	7 p.m.	B1G+
Milwaukee at Wisconsin	7:30 p.m.	B1G+

#### Wednesday, Nov. 8

Oakland at Michigan State	6:30 p.m.	B1G+
LIU at Minnesota	8 p.m.	B1G+

#### Thursday, Nov. 9

Eastern Illinois at Indiana	7 p.m.	B1G+
Wagner at Rutgers	7 p.m.	B1G+
UIC at Northwestern	8 p.m.	B1G+
(2) Iowa at Virginia Tech	8 p.m.	ESPN2
Western Illinois at Wisconsin	8 p.m.	B1G+

#### Friday, Nov. 10

Navy at Penn State	5 p.m.	B1G+
Nebraska at Wyoming	8:30 p.m.	

#### Saturday, Nov. 11

Illinois at Marquette	3 p.m.	FloHoops
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#### Sunday, Nov. 12

IUPUI at Ohio State	1 p.m.	B1G+
Maryland at South Carolina	1 p.m.	ABC
Wright State at Michigan State	2 p.m.	B1G+
Chicago State at Minnesota	2 p.m.	B1G+
Omaha at Northwestern	3 p.m.	B1G+
Iowa at Northern Iowa	3 p.m.	
Southern at Purdue	4 p.m.	B1G+
Auburn at Rutgers	5 p.m.	FOX Sports
Indiana at Stanford	5 p.m.	ESPN

(1) - Naimsmith Hall of Fame Series (Las Vegas, Nev.)

(2) - Ally Tipoff (Charlotte, N.C.)

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

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

### BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

- Coming off a record-tying season that saw seven Big Ten schools receive berths into the 2023 NCAA Tournament, a record-setting three teams (Iowa, Maryland and Ohio State) advance to the Elite Eight and Iowa reach the national championship game for the first time in program history, the Big Ten is primed to build off of last season's triumphs. The 43rd season of Big Ten women's basketball tips off Monday with seven schools taking the court and all 14 schools making their season debuts by Thursday evening. All but two Big Ten teams will begin the season on their home courts, with Ohio State facing USC in Las Vegas and Purdue visiting UCLA, both on Monday.
- The Big Ten Conference has five Top 25 teams, including three in the top 10, in both the Associated Press (AP) and Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA)/USA Today preseason polls. Iowa leads the AP balloting at No. 3, followed by No. 7 Ohio State, No. 9 Indiana, No. 14 Maryland and No. 23 Illinois with Nebraska receiving votes. In the WBCA/USA Today poll, Iowa is once again ranked third, Ohio State is sixth, Indiana is ninth, Maryland is 11th and Michigan is tied for 25th with Nebraska and Illinois garnering votes.
- The opening week of the 2023-24 season features several high-quality matchups, including No. 7/6 Ohio State versus No. 21/21 USC in the Naismith Hall of Fame Series on Monday (2 p.m. ET on TruTV) and No. 3/3 Iowa at No. 8/5 Virginia Tech (8 p.m. ET on ESPN2) Thursday. It will be a rematch from last year's Elite Eight when No. 14/11 Maryland travels to No. 6/4 South Carolina (1 p.m. ET on ABC) on Sunday before No. 9/9 Indiana visits No. 15/13 Stanford (5 p.m. ET on ESPN) to close out the first week of action.
- Two new head coaches joined the Big Ten for the 2023-24, as Robyn Fralick and Dawn Plitzuweit take the reins at Michigan State and Minnesota, respectively. Fralick spent the last five seasons at Bowling Green, where she went 88-73, including 69 wins and three postseason appearances. Fralick also took Div. II Ashland to back-to-back Div. II championship games. Plitzuweit brings 16 years of head coaching experience and 14 postseason appearances to Minneapolis after going 19-12 in one season at West Virginia. Plitzuweit took South Dakota to the Sweet 16 in 2022 and won the 2006 Div. II National Championship at Grand Valley State.
- It's anticipated that approximately 70 percent of the Big Ten's first team, second team and honorable mention all-conference honorees from 2022-23 are returning this season (25 of 36). In addition, all four individual award recipients from last year have returned – Player of the Year (Caitlin Clark, Iowa), Defensive Player of the Year (Mackenzie Holmes, Indiana), Freshman of the Year (Cotie McMahon, Ohio State) and Sixth Player of the Year (Hannah Stuelke, Iowa).
- The 2024 Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament returns to Minneapolis for the second year in a row and will take place March 6-10 at the Target Center.
- Big Ten teams went 144-57 (.716) in non-conference regular season play last season. The conference boasted six teams with 20-plus wins and a conference-record four teams with at least 28 wins. Its seven top 10 victories and 12 top 25 wins led all Div. I conferences.
- The Big Ten had five teams ranked in the final major national polls (#2/7 Indiana, #3/2 Iowa, #7/5 Maryland, #18/23 Michigan and #12/6 Ohio State) a season ago. It was the first time in conference history that four teams were ranked in the top 10 of the Associated Press poll and that the Big Ten finished a season with four programs ranked in the top 10 of the WBCA/USA Today coaches' poll.

### FOLLOW THE BIG TEN

The Big Ten women's basketball page on BigTen.org will feature notes, recaps, statistics, standings and more. You can also keep track of Big Ten women's basketball in real time by following the conference on Twitter @B1GWBBall and @BigTen or becoming a fan of the Big Ten Conference on Facebook to receive exclusive updates.



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Big Ten Conference

### BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.

The Big Ten Academic Alliance is an academic consortium of all 14 Big Ten universities, which is widely considered to be the model for effective and voluntary collaboration among top research universities.

**ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL**

Poll #1 (Preseason) — Oct. 17, 2023

Rk.	Team (1st-Place Votes)	Record	Pts.
1.	LSU (35)	0-0	899
2.	UConn (1)	0-0	855
3.	<b>IOWA</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>780</b>
4.	UCLA	0-0	757
5.	Utah	0-0	742
6.	South Carolina	0-0	713
7.	<b>OHIO STATE</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>711</b>
8.	Virginia Tech	0-0	661
9.	<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>625</b>
10.	Notre Dame	0-0	546
11.	Tennessee	0-0	540
12.	Ole Miss	0-0	450
13.	Texas	0-0	428
14.	<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>392</b>
15.	Stanford	0-0	389
16.	North Carolina	0-0	375
17.	Louisville	0-0	308
18.	Florida State	0-0	292
19.	Baylor	0-0	268
20.	Colorado	0-0	257
21.	USC	0-0	209
22.	Creighton	0-0	123
23.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>82</b>
24.	Washington State	0-0	61
25.	Mississippi State	0-0	54

**USA TODAY COACHES POLL**

Poll #1 (Preseason) — Oct. 17, 2023

Rk.	Team (1st-Place Votes)	Record	Pts.
1.	LSU (35)	0-0	797
2.	UConn (1)	0-0	727
3.	<b>IOWA</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>713</b>
4.	South Carolina	0-0	671
5.	Virginia Tech	0-0	617
6.	<b>OHIO STATE</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>598</b>
7.	Utah	0-0	565
8.	UCLA	0-0	555
9.	<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>534</b>
10.	Notre Dame	0-0	511
11.	<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>451</b>
12.	Tennessee	0-0	431
13.	Stanford	0-0	427
14.	Texas	0-0	357
15.	Louisville	0-0	309
16.	Ole Miss	0-0	304
17.	North Carolina	0-0	278
18.	Colorado	0-0	212
19.	Duke	0-0	152
20.	Baylor	0-0	151
21.	USC	0-0	138
22.	Florida State	0-0	128
T23.	Oklahoma	0-0	95
	Creighton	0-0	95
T25.	<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>75</b>
	Miami (Fla.)	0-0	75

**Others receiving votes:** Kansas St 47, NC State 34, Kansas 26, Texas A&M 20, Iowa St. 18, Gonzaga 15, Duke 7, Nebraska 5, Miami 3, UNLV 2, Washington 2, Toledo 1, Oregon 1, Villanova 1, Arizona 1.

**Others receiving votes:** Mississippi State 67; Villanova 42; Gonzaga 40; Washington State 34; Arizona 33; FGCU 27; Iowa State 26; Kansas State 22; Kansas 22; South Florida 16; Marquette 16; UNLV 14; Nebraska 12; Princeton 11; North Carolina State 10; Oregon 9; Illinois 8; Toledo 6; Middle Tennessee 6; South Dakota State 5; Texas A&M 4; Georgia 3; Arkansas 1

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**2023-24 BIG TEN SCHOOLS IN THE POLLS - AP/WBCA-USA TODAY**

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MD	MICH	MSU	MINN	NEB	NU	OSU	PSU	PUR	RU	WIS
Preseason	23/RV	9/9	3/3	14/11	-/23	-/-	-/-	RV/RV	-/-	7/6	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-

RV - receiving votes

**PRESEASON NATIONAL AWARDS/WATCH LISTS**

<b>AP Preseason All-America Team</b> Mackenzie Holmes, Indiana Caitlin Clark, Iowa (unanimous)	<b>Nancy Lieberman Award Watch List</b> Makira Cook, Illinois Caitlin Clark, Iowa Shyanne Sellers, Maryland	<b>Naismith Trophy Watch List</b> Makira Cook Illinois Mackenzie Holmes, Indiana Caitlin Clark, Iowa Shyanne Sellers, Maryland Laila Phelia, Michigan Alexis Markowski, Nebraska Cotie McMahon, Ohio State Jacy Sheldon, Ohio State Celeste Taylor, Ohio State
<b>The Athletic Preseason All-America Team</b> Mackenzie Holmes, Indiana Caitlin Clark, Iowa Cotie McMahon, Ohio State	<b>Ann Meyers Drysdale Award Watch List</b> Sara Scalia, Indiana Laila Phelia, Michigan Jaz Shelley, Nebraska Celeste Taylor, Ohio State Ashley Owusu, Penn State	
<b>Wade Trophy Watch List</b> Mackenzie Holmes, Indiana Caitlin Clark, Iowa	<b>Cheryl Miller Award Watch List</b> Yarden Garzon, Indiana Jakia Brown-Turner, Maryland Mara Braun, Minnesota Cotie McMahon, Ohio State	
<b>Lisa Leslie Award Watch List</b> Mackenzie Holmes, Indiana Alexis Markowski, Nebraska		

**BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS**

Coach, School	Year		Career		School		Big Ten	
	Overall	at School	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Shauna Green, ILL	10th	2nd	178-85	.677	22-10	.688	11-7	.611
Teri Moren, IND	21st	10th	399-223	.641	200-93	.663	100-57	.637
Lisa Bluder, IOWA	40th	24th	850-391	.685	494-249	.665	248-142	.636
Brenda Frese, MD	25th	22nd	620-177	.778	563-147	.793	149-25	.856
Kim Barnes Arico, MICH	28th	12th	511-325	.611	241-119	.669	110-75	.594
Robyn Fralick, MSU	9th	1st	192-76	.716	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Dawn Plitzuweit, MINN	17th	1st	365-141	.721	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Amy Williams, NEB	17th	8th	308-208	.597	115-99	.537	58-66	.468
Joe McKeown, NU	38th	16th	759-393	.659	250-219	.533	104-152	.406
Kevin McGuff, OSU	22nd	11th	479-199	.706	224-99	.693	117-55	.680
Carolyn Kieger, PSU	10th	5th	140-137	.505	41-73	.360	16-57	.219
Katie Gearlds, PUR	11th	3rd	264-76	.776	36-26	.581	16-19	.457
Coquese Washington, RU	14th	2nd	221-189	.539	12-20	.375	103-120	.461
Marisa Moseley, WIS	6th	3rd	64-70	.478	19-41	.317	11-25	.305

**BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

15^	Ohio State	1982-83*-84-85-86-87*-89*-93*-2005*-06-07-08*-09-10-22*
10	Iowa	1987*-88-89*-90*-92-93*-96-98-2008*-22*
8	Penn State	1994*-95*-2000-03-04-12-13-14*
7	Purdue	1991-94*-95*-97*-99-2001-02
6	Maryland	2015-16-17*-19-20*-21
4	Michigan State	1997*-2005*-11-14*
2	Northwestern	1990*-2020*
1	Illinois	1997*
2	Indiana	1983*-2023

\* - co-champion  
^ - Ohio State titles in 2017 and 2018 vacated  
NOTE: The Big Ten champion is determined by the final regular-season conference standings

**BIG TEN ACTIVE LEADERS**

**CAREER POINTS**

<b>Player, Year, School</b>	<b>Points</b>
Caitlin Clark, Sr., IOWA.....	2,717
Mackenzie Holmes, Grad., IND.....	1,897
Makenna Marisa, Sr., PSU.....	1,785
*Caitlyn Harper, Sr., PUR.....	1,598
*Molly Davis, Sr., IOWA.....	1,581
*Abbey Ellis, Sr., PUR.....	1,511
*Sara Scalia, Sr., IND.....	1,461
Jacy Sheldon, Grad., OSU.....	1,453

**CAREER ASSISTS**

<b>Player, Year, School</b>	<b>Assists</b>
Caitlin Clark, Sr., IOWA.....	798
*Jearnae Terry, Sr., PUR.....	565
*Jaz Shelley, Grad., NEB.....	458

(x) - indicates ranking on Big Ten career charts (top 25 only - must complete two seasons in Big Ten to qualify) // \* - includes stats from a previous school

**ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR**

**2024 BIG TEN TOURNAMENT**

*(opening two games on Peacock, second round through semifinals on Big Ten Network) (championship game on CBS)*

**WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 6-10**  
Minneapolis, Minn. (Target Center)

**2024 NCAA TOURNAMENT**

*(all games on ESPN networks)*

**SELECTION DAY**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 17

**FIRST FOUR**  
**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, MARCH 20-21**  
at campus sites (announced on Selection Day)

**FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS**  
**FRIDAY-MONDAY, MARCH 22-25**  
at campus sites (announced on Selection Day)

**REGIONALS**  
**FRIDAY-MONDAY, MARCH 29-APRIL 1**

Venue: Times Union Center  
Site: Albany, N.Y.  
Hosts: MAAC

Venue: Moda Center  
Site: Portland, Ore.  
Hosts: Oregon State

**NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**  
National Semifinals (7:30 and 9 p.m. ET on ESPN)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**  
National Championship (3 p.m. ET on ABC)  
  
Venue: Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse  
Site: Cleveland, Ohio  
Hosts: Mid-American Conference, Greater Cleveland Sports Commission

**Radio Broadcast:** For the 39th straight year (since 1986), all three Final Four games will be broadcast to a national radio audience via the NCAA Radio Network/Westwood One Sports. In 2022, the NCAA Radio Network comprised of more than 250 stations in the nation's top markets, including a simulcast on SiriusXM Satellite Radio.

**Website:** Go to [NCAA.com/womensfinalfour](https://www.ncaa.com/womensfinalfour) for the latest news and information regarding the 2024 NCAA Women's Final Four.

**Social Media:** Fans of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship can join the conversation on Twitter ([@ncaawbb](https://twitter.com/ncaawbb)), Facebook ([/NCAAWomensBasketball](https://www.facebook.com/NCAAWomensBasketball)), Instagram ([@ncaasports](https://www.instagram.com/ncaasports)) and Snapchat ([@ncaawbb](https://www.snapchat.com/add/ncaawbb)) ... during the first/second rounds and regionals, use the hashtag #ncaaW, and during the Final Four, use the hashtag #WFinalFour

**2023-24 ALL-BIG TEN PRESEASON CONFERENCE TEAMS**

*As selected by the Big Ten coaches*

**Preseason Player of the Year**  
Caitlin Clark, Sr., G, Iowa

**Preseason All-Big Ten Team**  
Makira Cook, Sr., G, Illinois  
MACKENZIE HOLMES, Grad., F, INDIANA  
CAITLIN CLARK, Sr., G, IOWA  
SHYANNE SELLERS, Jr., G, MARYLAND  
LAILA PHELIA, Jr., G, MICHIGAN  
Mara Braun, So., G, Minnesota  
Alexis Markowski, Jr., C/F, Nebraska  
Jaz Shelley, Grad., G, Nebraska  
COTIE MCMAHON, So., F, OHIO STATE  
Jacy Sheldon, Grad., G, Ohio State  
Makenna Marisa, Sr., G, Penn State

**2023-24 Coaches Big Ten Preseason Rankings**

1. Iowa
2. Ohio State
3. Indiana
4. Maryland
5. Illinois

**NOTE:** unanimous selections in ALL CAPS  
*\*Additional player due to tie in voting*

*As selected by the Big Ten media*

**Preseason Player of the Year**  
Caitlin Clark, Sr., G, Iowa

**Preseason All-Big Ten Team**  
Makira Cook, Sr., G, Illinois  
Mackenzie Holmes, Grad., F, Indiana  
CAITLIN CLARK, Sr., G, IOWA  
Shyanne Sellers, Jr., G, Maryland  
Laila Phelia, Jr., G, Michigan  
Alexis Markowski, Jr., C/F, Nebraska  
Jaz Shelley, Grad., G, Nebraska  
Cotie McMahon, So., F, Ohio State  
Jacy Sheldon, Grad., G, Ohio State  
Makenna Marisa, Sr., G, Penn State

**2023-24 Media Big Ten Preseason Rankings**

1. Iowa
2. Indiana
3. Ohio State
4. Maryland
5. Michigan

**NOTE:** unanimous selections in ALL CAPS

# BIG

**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 14 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 70 universities in the nation according to the 2023 Academic Ranking of World Universities, including six in the top 30.

The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 1,900 Academic All-Americans, including 51 honorees during the 2022-23 academic year.

Big Ten Academic Alliance schools annually conduct \$10 billion in funded research, \$5 billion more than any other conference.

## A HISTORY OF ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Big Ten schools have won at least five national championships in 25 of the last 29 years, averaging nearly seven per year during that span.

Since the 2005-06 academic year, current Big Ten institutions have claimed 114 team national championships in 26 different sports.

## BROAD-BASED PROGRAMMING

The Big Ten will administer more than \$240 million in direct financial support to more than 9,800 students competing in intercollegiate athletics for 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, including the addition of men's ice hockey and men's and women's lacrosse in this decade.

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.

More than 1,500 Big Ten competitors have participated in the Olympics, winning more than 500 medals, including more than 200 gold. The Big Ten Conference enjoyed its finest performance at a single Olympic Games during the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, as athletes with Big Ten ties set conference records by earning 51 total medals and 22 gold medals during the 17-day competition. All 14 Big Ten member schools had an athlete win at least one medal in Tokyo, also a first in conference history. Big Ten Olympians collected nearly 80 medals in the most recent games in PyeongChang and Beijing.

## PASSIONATE FOLLOWING

The Big Ten leads all conferences with 6.4 million alumni and nearly 675,000 students.

Each year more than 11 million patrons attend Big Ten home contests, as the conference has led the nation in attendance for men's basketball, ice hockey, volleyball and wrestling.

## 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.

Implemented the first collegiate football system of instant replay in 2004, which the NCAA approved for use among all conferences in 2006.

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.

Accepted Johns Hopkins University as the conference's first sport affiliate members in men's and women's lacrosse in 2013 and 2015, respectively, and added Notre Dame as a sport affiliate member in men's ice hockey in 2017.

## EXTENSIVE TELEVISION EXPOSURE

Through the Big Ten's new media agreements with BTN, CBS, FOX and NBC/Peacock, more than 2,300 Big Ten events are produced and distributed nationally and globally on an annual basis. The Big Ten is the only conference to distribute games on three over-the-air broadcast networks.

BTN reaches more than 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 1,700 additional events each season.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

For more than 30 years, through the Big Ten's SCORE (Success Comes Out of Reading Everyday) program, the conference has partnered with Chicago elementary schools to improve reading performance.

Surrounding the Big Ten Football Championship Game and Basketball Tournaments, the conference has held numerous community initiatives, partnered with the College Football Playoff Foundation and other events such as the Big Ten Career Expo, SaturDAY of Service and Youth Football Clinics. In addition, the Big Ten has hosted a downtown 5K, collaborated with a local breast cancer awareness group and provided unique event experiences for military veterans.