

SOCCER (as of August 30, 2023)

NUMBERS

# Teams 2023-24:	14	(BU, BYU, UCF, CIN, UH, ISU, KU, K-State, OU, OSU, TCU, UT, TTU, WVU)
# Teams 2024-25:	16	(OU, UT depart + UA, ASU, CU, UU)

SCHEDULING

Scheduling Format

- 2023-24 (14 teams): Play 10 matches over 6 weeks in a 1-2-2-2-1 cadence.
 - Play 10 of 13 opponents (3 no plays in 2023-24)
 - Goal: Each team play everyone at least once in two-year period.
 - Due to number of teams, will be split weekends (H & A)
 - First single match on Thursday so teams can play a non-conference match on weekend.
 - Final single match on Monday, week of the championship
 - Playing dates on two-match weekends are Thursday & Sunday but if play BYU, Thursday & Monday.
 - Start Date/End Date for Conference Competition
 - 2023: Start Thursday, September 14 / End Monday, October 23 (6 weeks)
 - 2024-25 (16 teams):
 - Coaches suggesting 11 MATCHES over 7 WEEKS – *not yet approved (as of Aug. 21, 2023)*
 - Play 11 of 15 opponents which is 73% of membership
 - Play 1-2-2-1-2-2-1 (7 weeks/11 matches)
 - Plan is for single plays to be more geographical (to extent possible)
- Rationale for 11 matches over 7 weeks:
- Preferred 7 weeks over 6 weeks so Conference season is not as condensed (6 weeks would be 2-2-2-2-2-1). Would rather condense non-conference season than conference.
 - 11 matches help team and conference RPI
- Playing dates on two-match weekends are Thursday & Sunday but if play BYU, Thursday & Monday.
 - Start Date/End Date for Conference Competition
 - 2024 (if 7 weeks): Start Thursday, September 12 / End Monday, October 28

Timeline for 2024-25 Schedule

- Process will begin as soon as 2024-25 format is determined.
- Soccer will be in the “first wave” of sport schedules to be produced but with awareness of Thursday football matchups.
- Will discuss if able to do two years (2024 and 2025) at same time.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Current Championship Format

- Top 10 teams participate in the Championship.
- Play Sat-Mon-Wed-Sat
 - Saturday – 2 matches; Monday – 4 matches; Wednesday – 2 matches; Saturday – 1 match
 - **2024 Format: Coaches suggesting 12 teams (would be 4-4-2-1)**
- Agreement in Round Rock (Texas) is three years (2021-2022-2023).
- Championship Dates
 - 2023 (Round Rock): Saturday, October 28 through Saturday, November 4
 - 2024 (TBD): Saturday, November 2 through Saturday, November 9

TECHNOLOGY

- Video Review – Do not use video review during the regular season. Will provide at the Big 12 Soccer Championship.
- Video Exchange – Agreement with Hudl through 2025 soccer season.

OFFICIALS

- Liaison to Officials is Ryan Cigich. He assigns four officials per match (Center referee, AR1, AR2 and Alternate).
- Officials are paid by the Conference initially with fees prorated back to each institution for reimbursement of regular-season games.
- Officials Fees – Soccer officials are paid a match fee plus “Standard Conference Travel/Per Diem”. The fees are the same for non-conference and Conference matches. Below are the fees for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons (same fee all three years):
 - Referee - \$480
 - Assistant Referee (2) - \$320
 - Alternate - \$200
 - Standard Conference Travel/Per Diem Policy:
 - Per Diem (travel day/no overnight stay) - \$75
 - Overnight Per Diem - \$225
 - IRS mileage with \$550 cap
 - Actual airfare, rental car costs

MISC

Travel Squad

- Travel Squad Limit for Conference regular-season games: 28
- Championship competition squad: 28
 - Additional student-athletes may travel to the Big 12 Championship at institutional discretion but cannot dress in uniform, participate in pregame warm-ups, or compete in the championship.
- See Conference Rule 10.4 for more details (in Conference Handbook).

NCAA Automatic Qualifier

- Winner of the Big 12 Championship is the league’s automatic qualifier to the NCAA Championship. Sport manual outlines additional information if championship can’t be held or isn’t completed.

Visiting Team Tickets

- For all sports which charge admission (with the exception of football, basketball): At a minimum, **60 complimentary tickets** shall be provided for Baseball, Softball and **Women’s Soccer**, 50 for Volleyball and Wrestling, and 20 for Tennis. Should more tickets be requested, best efforts will be made, with the visiting team financially responsible. The host institution shall utilize best efforts to locate reserved seats in the area of close proximity to the visiting team bench/dugout. The visiting team will notify the host institution of its desire to utilize these tickets in a timely manner.

Coaches Meetings/Media Day

- Each coaching group has a mandatory annual meeting. Failure to participate will result in a \$10,000 fine for first offense.
 - Soccer coaches annual meeting is typically a videoconference in mid-January.
 - The next annual meeting is Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 10 am CT.
- See Conference Rule 5.6.1 for more information.

Television

- Conference television partner(s) currently select approximately two regular-season soccer matches per year plus the championship match. After Conference selections are confirmed, remaining regular-season matches are available for third tier.
- Complete television details, including Big 12 Now on ESPN+ obligations, are available from Justin Nusser (jnusser@big12sports.com).

KEY CONTACTS

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LOG-IN INFORMATION FOR BIG 12 WEBSITE (to access manuals):

<https://big12sports.com/manuals>

UN: Big12ConferenceManuals

PW: WeAreTheBig12Conference

Conference Handbook (Conference Rules and Bylaws):

Go to <https://big12sports.com/index.aspx> > About > Conference Handbook

PROPOSED 2024 FORMAT

SOCCER - 11 MATCHES OVER 7 WEEKS

August '24						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September '24						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

October '24						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November '24						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

NCAA Start Date: August 22

11 MATCH OPTIONS

11 Matches 1-2-2-1-2-2-1 (7 weeks)

BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP

NCAA Selection Date: November 11