

TENNIS (as of September 14, 2023)

NUMBERS

Women's Tennis

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| # 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) |

Men's Tennis

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| # Teams 2023-24: | 8 | (BU, BYU, UCF, OU, OSU, TCU, UT, TTU) |
| # Teams 2024-25: | 9 | (OU, UT depart + UA, ASU, UU) |

SCHEDULING

Scheduling Format

• MEN'S TENNIS

- Current Format: 8-Team Single Round Robin
 - 7 matches over the 4 weeks (includes Easter Weekend)
 - Conference schedule ends 2 weeks prior to NCAA Tournament
- Future Format: 9-Team Single Round Robin (*Coaches' Proposal*) – *not yet approved (as of Sept. 14, 2023)*
 - 8 matches over the 5 weeks (includes Easter Weekend)
 - Conference schedule ends 2 weeks prior to the NCAA Tournament
 - Would have 1-2 A-A trips each year (3 A-A over 2-year period)
 - Would have split weekends (1 H/1 A match)
 - Will minimize MTE and WTE teams playing at home on the same weekends as much as possible.
- Conference Play Dates
 - 2024: Start March 21 / End April 14 (4 weeks)
 - 2025: *Start March 13 / End April 13 (5 weeks)*
 - Generally, play Friday & Sunday; matches with BYU/TTU are Thursday & Saturday (Applicable to whomever is BYU's travel partner) and Easter Weekend.
- Travel Partners
 - 2024: BU/UT, BYU/TTU, UCF/TCU, OU/OSU
 - *2025: No Travel Partners (optimal for best travel efficiency)*

• WOMEN'S TENNIS

- Current Format: 14-Team Single Round Robin
 - 13 matches over 7 weeks (includes Easter Weekend)
 - Conference schedule ends 2 weeks prior to NCAA Tournament
- Future Format (2025+) (*Coaches' Proposal*) – *not yet approved (as of Sept. 11, 2023)*
 - 13 Conference matches over 7 weeks (includes Easter Weekend)
 - The 2 no plays will be pre-determined and rotate each year.
 - H/A to rotate each year (scheduling 2 years at a time)
 - Travel partner weekend (1 match) on the final week of Conference play.
 - Will minimize MTE and WTE teams playing at home on the same weekends as much as possible.
- Conference Play Dates
 - 2024: Start February 29 / End April 14 (7 weeks)
 - 2025: *Start February 27 / End April 13 (7 weeks)*
 - Generally, play Friday & Sunday; matches with BYU/TTU are Thursday & Saturday (Applicable to whomever is BYU's travel partner) and Easter Weekend.
- Travel Partners
 - 2023-24: BU/TCU, BYU/TTU, UCF/UH, UC/WVU, ISU/KU, KSU/OSU, OU/UT
 - *2024-25: UA/ASU, BYU/UU, BU/TCU, UCF/UH, UC/WVU, CU/TTU, ISU/KU, KSU/OSU*

Timeline for 2024-25 Schedules

- Process will begin once 2024-25 formats have been approved.
- First wave of sport schedules will include fall sports, immediately followed by spring sports.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Current Championship Format

- 2024: Oklahoma State // April 17-21(or 22)
 - All teams participate (men and women simultaneously at same site)
 - WTE Schedule: Wednesday – Saturday
 - MTE Schedule: Friday – Sunday
 - if BYU advances to the men's championship, the championship match will then be moved to Monday
 - Single-elimination bracket (WTE: 1st round bye for top 2 seeds)
 - **Current Site Selection Policy:** If a Big 12 member is hosting NCAA Championship, they will also host the Big 12 Championship will also be there. (OSU in '24; BU in '25)

2025 & 2026 Championship Format *Coaches' Proposal (as of Sept. 14, 2023)*

- 2025: Baylor // April 16-20 (or 21)
- 2026: UCF // April 15-19 (or 20) (pending NCAA site selections)
 - **Championships to remain combined for 2025 and 2026.**
 - *WTE Coaches:* Voted to keep the championship combined.
 - *MTE Coaches:* Agreed to try a combined championship for 2025 at Baylor and 2026 at UCF to see if this is the best option vs. separating the two events.
 - **Current Championship Schedule**
 - Wednesday, 4/16: WTE – 8 matches (9a, 12p, 3a, 6p)
 - Thursday, 4/17: MTE – 1 match (9a); WTE – 4 matches (12p & 3p)
 - Friday, 4/18: MTE – 4 matches (9a & 12p); WTE – 2 matches (3p)
 - Saturday, 4/19: MTE – 2 matches (12p); WTE – 1 match (3p)
 - Sunday 4/20 (or Monday, 4/21): MTE – 1 match (1p)

Items to Consider for Future Championship Format & Site Selection

- **Women's Tennis Coaches Report: Continue w/ Combined Men's & Women's Championships**
 - Would like to maintain current policy regarding Big 12 teams hosting NCAA's and Big 12 Championships in the same year.
 - Would like to look at neutral sites in years where we don't host NCAA's*
- **Men's Tennis Coaches Report: Keep Men's & Women's Championships combined for '25 & '26**
 - Extensive discussion on separating the MTE and WTE championships if we continue using the current championship format.
 - Concerns include:
 - ✂ *Practice Availability:* No Wednesday/Thursday practice availability on competition courts for MTE teams competing on Thursday & Friday
 - Current Championship Schedule: Wednesday – 8 WTE matches; Thursday – 4 WTE matches + 1 MTE match
 - ✂ *Inclement Weather Plan/Indoor Court Availability:* Weather has played a factor at many of our championships in the past; all campus sites have 6 indoor courts at most. (no practice availability on Wed. or Thurs.)
 - Alternatives suggested:
 - ✂ *Same Site/Different Dates:* Rotate order of championships each year
 - ✂ *Same Dates/Different Sites*
 - ✂ *Re-Work Championship Schedule:* Conference will look into possibility of sliding women's championship up to Tuesday.
 - ✂ *Combined Championship at Neutral Site**
 - Agreed to stay combined for '25 & '26 to see how it works at Baylor and UCF

*Suggested Neutral Site Options for Combined Championships: USTA/UCF (Orlando, FL), Indian Wells (Palm Springs, CA), Barnes Tennis Center (San Diego, CA), Ojai, CA (hosted Pac-12), Cary, NC (hosted ACC) + new facilities in Oklahoma City & Memphis

OFFICIALS

- Liaison to Officials is Dean Richardville. He assigns for Conference matches only.
- Seven officials are mandatory for all Conference matches (men's and women's).
- Officials are paid by the Conference initially with fees prorated back to each institution for reimbursement of regular-season games.
- Officials Fees – Tennis officials are paid a match fee plus “Standard Conference Travel/Per Diem”. Big 12 only assigns Conference tennis matches. Below is the fee for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons (same fee all three years):
 - Referee: \$205 Match Fee
 - Additional Officials: \$180 Match Fee
 - 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: 9
- Championship competition squad: 9
 - 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 in will result in a \$10,000 fine for first offense.
 - Tennis coaches annual meeting is typically a videoconference in August. Separate meetings are held for men's and women's tennis coaches.
 - The next annual meetings are Wednesday, August 2, 2023 (Men's Tennis) and Thursday, August 3, 2023 (Women's Tennis)
- See Conference Rule 5.6.1 for more information.

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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