

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (as of May 7, 2024)

### 2024-25 MEMBERSHIP

16 teams UA, ASU, BU, BYU, UCF, UC, CU, UH, ISU, KU, K-State, OSU, TCU, TTU, UU, WVU

### SCHEDULING

#### Scheduling Format

- (For Reference) 2023-24 Format: 18 games over 19 windows (1 bye)
  - Play 5 teams twice (10 games) and 8 teams once (8 games).
- **2024-25 Format: 18 games over 19 windows (Approved by ADs 9.12.23)**
  - Play 3 teams twice and 12 teams once (playing every team at least once)
    - 18 games = 9H/9A
    - Double plays could change annually. The preliminary concept is one of the three double plays is regional, the second is additional rivalry or time zone friendly, and third is “like vs like” for NET purposes.
    - Will discuss more in-depth at May 28, 2024, WBB Coaches Meeting
- **2024-25 Start/End Dates for Conference Competition**
  - Since the desire is to keep a bye, need 19 windows to play 18 games.
    - To get 19 windows ... in most years, a game needs to be scheduled earlier in December.
      - Due to exams spreading three weeks, the cleanest option is to play the weekend before Christmas. This was preferred by coaches compared to playing early after Christmas.
      - Therefore, teams need to hold **Saturday-Monday, December 21-23, 2024**, for the first window as Big 12 campuses could be hosting CFP games. The “next” window would be January 1 (subject to TV).
    - End date in 2024-25 is Saturday, March 1.
      - Tournament starts Wednesday, March 5.
- Generally, Conference play dates are Wednesdays & Saturdays.
  - These are the same as MBB so conflicts do arise. If conflicts, Wednesday games may move to Tuesday (or Monday if requested by television).
    - Did have a Thursday game in 2023-24. In this case, would play Thursday-Sunday.
  - To avoid playing three games in a week, WBB coaches have requested games remain on Saturday as a “same day” if possible. (Coaches prefer Sundays to only be linear television games.)

#### Scheduling Timeline

- Schedules are produced in late summer/fall preceding respective season.
  - Women’s scheduling process begins after men’s schedule so conflicts can be limited.
  - ESPN/FOX do request a limited number of matchups be included in the scheduling process and then selects additional games after the schedule is complete.
  - Schedules are typically completed in mid-September.
- Before the scheduling process starts ...
  - Conference requests building conflicts (due May 20, 2024)
  - The scheduling matrix – showing the teams you’ll play twice in 2024-25 – will be produced (anticipated June 2024)
    - Conference will request a (private) coaches poll before producing matrix
  - To help both WBB & MBB non-conference scheduling, the Conference is attempting to let everyone know if they will open Home or Away on the first Conference window (Dec. 21-23) prior to the schedule being released.

## OTHER CONTESTS

### Big 12 in Mexico

- This will not occur in 2024-25.

### Challenges

- The women's basketball challenge with SEC concluded with the 2021-22 season. There are not active discussions regarding challenges with other conferences.

## CHAMPIONSHIP

### Championship Format

- All teams participate in a single-elimination bracket.
- With 16 teams, the five-day format consists of Wednesday (4 games) – Thursday (4 games) – Friday (4 games) – Saturday (2 games) – Sunday OFF – Monday (1 game)
  - Top 4 seeds have double bye
  - Seeds 5-8 have single bye
  - Seeds 9-16 play first day
- 2024-25 Dates (T-Mobile)
  - WBB: Wednesday, March 5 – Monday, March 10 (Sunday off)
  - MBB: Tuesday, March 11 – Saturday, March 15
- Both WBB and MBB Championships are played at T-Mobile Center in Kansas City (consecutively).
- Agreement in Kansas City is through 2031.

## TECHNOLOGY

- DVSPORT – Required for official video review (Big 12 Contact: Justin Nusser, [jnusser@big12sports.com](mailto:jnusser@big12sports.com))
  - Need new agreement starting 2024-25.
  - Anticipate a 9-input DVSPORT system.
  - ADs to review at Spring Business Meetings.
- Shot Tracker – Required (Big 12 Contact: John Williams, [jwilliams@big12sports.com](mailto:jwilliams@big12sports.com))
  - Conference has agreement
- Video on the Bench – Permissible but system is at institutional discretion
  - Each playing facility must supply the home and visiting bench area with an SDI cable containing the television program feed and a hardline network connection (Ethernet Cord). The home institution should inform the visiting team of the location of the feed before they arrive on site.
- Shot Clock – Tenths of Second required, effective 2022-23
- Video Exchange – Synergy (Big 12 Contact: Dayna Scherf, [dayna@big12sports.com](mailto:dayna@big12sports.com))
- Precision Time is **not** used, effective 2022-23

## OFFICIALS

- The Big 12 is a member of the Collegiate Officiating Consortium-Women's Basketball (COC-WBB) which assigns for Big 12, Big Ten, Conference USA, Horizon, MAC, Missouri Valley and Great Lakes Valley.
- Liaison to Officials is Patty Broderick and Administrative Assistant is Mary Toberman. Other staff members include Bruce Mason, Vicki Davis and Beverly Roberts.
- Officials are paid by the Conference initially with fees prorated back to each institution for reimbursement of regular-season games. The Conference pays expenses for Big 12 Championship games.
- Officials Fees – Flat fee - inclusive of game fee and all travel costs - for the 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons (same fee all three years): **(The 2024-25 fee is being reviewed)**
  - Tier I - \$3,800
  - Tier II - \$3,600
  - Tier III - \$3,000
  - *Exhibition - Same as above; Scrimmages - \$1,500*

## VENUE SECURITY

- **Best Practices for Venue Security.** (Approved July 11, 2023) Best Practices contain the minimum security-related operations for venues hosting Big 12 games and related events. In addition to venue requirements, it contains recommended best practices for security operations. While the best practices listed in this document are only recommended at this time, venue operators should strongly consider incorporating these as required operations. These security requirements do not constitute a comprehensive security program and do not address compliance with any applicable federal, state, or local laws or regulations. It is the responsibility of each member institution to ensure that the operation of the venue complies with all applicable laws and regulations.
  - Best Practices document can be found with sport manuals on the Big 12 website. See log-in information under KEY CONTACTS below.

## MISC

### Travel Squad

- Travel Squad Limit for Conference regular-season games: 15 **(This is currently under review and subject to change)**
- Championship competition squad: 15
  - 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

- The visiting team shall receive up to 100 complimentary tickets with a minimum of 30 immediately behind the visiting team's bench and the remaining elsewhere in the arena (with best effort to locate these seats together).

### Education Days

- An "Education Day" (game that starts early in the day such as 11 am) game cannot be scheduled during weekday conference play.

### Band Seating

- Member institutions must place pep bands away from the visiting team bench. This provision prohibits bands from being placed directly behind the visiting team bench or at the end of the bench on its side of the goal standard. (Bands and cheer do NOT travel to away games except championship.)

### 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.
  - 2023-24: WBB Coaches will meet at the Spring Business Meetings in Irving, Texas (May 28-29).
  - 2024-25: TBD
- Additionally, attendance at Conference Media Day is mandatory and violation will result in a \$10,000 fine.
  - WBB media day has been held in conjunction with MBB media day (consecutive days), both in Kansas City at T-Mobile Center.
  - 2024-25 WBB Media Day – Tuesday, October 22, 2024
    - MBB Media Day is Wednesday, October 23, 2024
- See Conference Rule 5.6.1 for more information.

### Television

- Conference television partners currently select approximately 10-12 regular-season (non-conference and Conference) women's basketball games per year plus selected games during the championship. After Conference selections are confirmed, remaining regular-season games are available for third tier.
- Majority of ESPN linear selections are typically on Sundays.
- Complete television details, including Big 12 Now on ESPN+ obligations, are available from Justin Nusser ([jnusser@big12sports.com](mailto: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