



# BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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## **BIG 12 CONFERENCE SPRING MEETINGS - DAY TWO RECAP**

### Points of Discussion

- Formats of Big 12 Men's and Women's Basketball Championships
- Thanksgiving Weekend Football Games
- Status of Houston Bowl
- Issues relating to NCAA Women's Basketball Championship and selection process

### Announcements

The Directors of Athletics decided to maintain an eight-game conference football schedule along with a league championship game.

### Quotes from Commissioner Kevin Weiberg

On Eight Game Conference Schedule:

"We moved forward on the football scheduling issue and will move forward with the current eight game conference schedule format with the championship game. The coaches were united in not wanting to change. There was a consensus that what we have now works well."

On the Football Championship Game:

"There was a lot more support from the coaches this year in keeping the championship game."

On Playing Games on Thanksgiving Weekend:

"We will continue to explore everyone playing on Thanksgiving weekend. Using that weekend could create some scheduling flexibility for earlier in the season. One of the issues would be the four teams that traditionally play on Friday after Thanksgiving having a short week of practice."

On Men's and Women's Basketball Championships:

"There is a lot of discussion on basketball scheduling formats for the men's and women's basketball championship, including the concern of playing the men's championship game on Sunday. We agreed to continue to have dialogue with ESPN and study it."

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