



BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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BIG 12 CONFERENCE CONCLUDES SPRING MEETINGS

Colorado Springs - The Big 12 Conference concluded its annual spring meetings today at the Broadmoor. The session was conducted with the full Joint Council consisting of faculty athletic representatives, athletics directors and senior woman administrators representing each of the member institutions.

Actions included the approval of enhanced spending in regulatory areas. The council approved the use of an outside agency to conduct compliance audits of member athletic departments. Each institution would be audited once in a three-year cycle for a thorough review of compliance systems to include student-athlete recruitment, academic support and enforcement policies.

The Conference also announced the expansion of its drug testing program for performance enhancing drugs by increasing the number of random tests administered to student-athletes and the types of substances tested for. A gambling prevention program was also approved.

“The Joint Council approved an additional \$150,000 total to be spent on these three programs,” said commissioner Kevin Weiberg. “This measure allows us to take a proactive approach in each of these areas.”

The commissioner also announced the approval of funding for Instant Replay and that the Conference anticipates distributing a record \$105.6 million to the membership for this fiscal year.

The following sites for Big 12 Championships were also approved:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Year</u>
Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving	Missouri	2006
	Texas A&M	2007
	Texas	2008
Indoor Track and Field	Nebraska	2009
	Iowa State	2010
Wrestling	Oklahoma State	2008
	Nebraska	2009
Tennis	Oklahoma	2010
	Kansas (in Kansas City)	2007
	Texas A&M	2008
	Oklahoma	2009
Outdoor Track and Field	Texas	2010
	Nebraska	2008
	Texas Tech	2009
	Texas A&M	2010

All actions go before the Big 12 Board of Directors for final approval during their June 6-7 meeting in Dallas.

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