



BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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Big 12 Conference Spring Meetings - Day 3 Recap Intercontinental Hotel - Kansas City, Mo.

Points of Discussion

- Addition of Rowing and Equestrian as Conference-sponsored sports.
- Dr. Prentice Gautt postgraduate scholarship award recipients announced. The scholarship will be increased in 2012 by \$1,500 to a total of \$9,000 per recipient.
- Women's Basketball Championship will move to Wednesday-Saturday dates identical to the men's championship.
- Both Basketball Championships will feature a 2-4-2-1 format with the four lowest seeds playing opening round games.
- Football and Men's and Women's Basketball tiebreakers were approved.

Notes of Interest

- The Big 12 will retain its name and logo.

Quotes

Dan Beebe, Commissioner

"We had a full day today, including presentations by our television partners, and on academic reform from NCAA representative Diane Dickman. Our Board of Directors met with all the other groups and then we broke into individual meetings. We also had a very fine presentation by GSD&M Idea City to look at our branding for the future and the launch of our new branding campaign embarking with the upcoming academic year."

Dr. Prentice Gautt postgraduate scholarships

"We approved the rec to increase the amount provided to the Gautt scholarship fund. Scholarships are awarded to two student-athletes per institution each year. The funding was increased by \$1,500 to a total of \$9,000 per recipient."

addition of two sports

"We have increased the support of rowing and equestrian to fully-sponsored Conference sports. Both will provide a significant number of female opportunities with 4 equestrian and 4 rowing programs. The rowing squad size is 52 while the equestrian squad size is 32."

on basketball championship formats

"The basketball championships will feature a 2-4-2-1 format. Both championships will run Wednesday-Saturday." (*the bottom four seeds will play opening round games.*)

on tiebreakers

"We finalized the tiebreaker for football and men's and women's basketball. A step will be added for basketball that considers the conference road record of tied teams. Football was mainly a modification to the existing tiebreaker to account for 10 teams with the elimination of divisions."

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