



2026 MONSTER ENERGY BIG 12 FOOTBALL

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

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	BIG 12 GAMES				OVERALL									
	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	W-L	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Road	Neutral	Streak	vs. Top 10	vs. Top 25
Arizona	0-0	----	----	----	0-0	----	----	----	0-0	0-0	0-0	L 1	0-0	0-0
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Cincinnati	0-0	----	----	----	0-0	----	----	----	0-0	0-0	0-0	L 5	0-0	0-0
Colorado	0-0	----	----	----	0-0	----	----	----	0-0	0-0	0-0	L 5	0-0	0-0
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THIS WEEK IN THE BIG 12

CONFERENCE NEWS & NOTES

Thursday, September 3	Time
Bethune-Cookman at UCF (ESPN+)	7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT
Colorado at Georgia Tech (ESPN)	7 p.m. CT/6 p.m. MT
Idaho at Utah (ESPNU)	8 p.m. CT/7 p.m. MT
Friday, September 4	
LIU at Kansas (ESPNU)	7 p.m. CT
Saturday, September 5	
Oregon State at Houston (ESPN)	11 a.m. CT
Coastal Carolina at West Virginia (TNT & HBO Max)	12 p.m. ET/11 a.m. CT
SE Missouri at Iowa State (ESPN+)	12 p.m. CT
Baylor vs. Auburn (Atlanta) (ABC)	2:30 p.m. CT
Boston College at Cincinnati (FOX)	3:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. CT
Oklahoma State at Tulsa (ESPNU)	2:45 p.m. CT
Nicholls at K-State (ESPN+)	6 p.m. CT
Abilene Christian at Texas Tech (FS1)	6 p.m. CT
Utah Tech at BYU (ESPN+)	7 p.m. CT/6 p.m. MT
Northern Arizona at Arizona (ESPN+)	8:30 p.m. CT/6:30 p.m. MST
Mogran State at Arizona State (ESPN+)	9 p.m. CT/7 p.m. MST

- Big 12 teams will take the field on Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week, which includes three games against Power Four opponents. Colorado plays at Georgia Tech on Thursday, Cincinnati faces Boston College at home on Saturday, and Baylor takes on Auburn in Atlanta on Saturday.
- The Conference will have four head coaches making their Big 12 debuts this week; Iowa State's Jimmy Rogers, K-State's Collin Klein, Oklahoma State's Eric Morris and Utah's Morgan Scalley.
- Four Monster Energy Big 12 Football programs were ranked in the AP's Preseason Top 25, including No. 12 Texas Tech, No. 14 BYU, No. 21 Utah and No. 23 Houston. Arizona, Oklahoma State and TCU also received votes. It marks the fourth consecutive Preseason AP Top 25 poll with four or more Conference teams ranked, which is the second longest such streak in Big 12 history.
- The Big 12 is the Conference of Quarterbacks with over a half dozen returning signal callers as well as the top portal additions at the position, nationally. Four of the top seven active win leaders in FBS are QB's on Big 12 rosters.
- Arizona, Houston, Texas Tech and Utah all increased their win totals by at least four from 2024 to 2025, the most of any FBS conference. Three of those teams landed in the AP Preseason Poll, while Arizona received the fourth-most votes of any team outside the top 25.
- No other conference in America has more go-ahead scores in the final two minutes of games over the last two seasons than the Big 12 with 25.
- The Big 12 had 11 of its 16 teams defeat an AP Top 25 team last season, the highest percentage of any FBS Conference in 2025. outside the top 25.

2026 Big 12 Football Championship

Friday, December 4 - 7 p.m. CT on ABC

AT&T Stadium

Arlington, Texas

Tickets on sale exclusively through SeatGeek

Weekly National Rankings
(AP/Coaches)

	ARIZ	ASU	BU	BYU	UCF	UC	CU	UH	ISU	KU	K-State	OSU	TCU	TTU	UTAH	WVU
Preseason	RV/RV	-/RV	--	14/15	--	--	--	23/24	--	--	-/RV	RV/RV	RV/RV	12/12	21/21	--
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PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12 TEAM

Offensive Player of the Year: LJ Martin, RB, BYU, Sr., El Paso, Texas

Defensive Player of the Year: A.J. Holmes Jr., DL, Texas Tech, Sr., Houston, Texas

Newcomer of the Year: Drew Mestemaker, QB, Oklahoma State, RS-So., Austin, Texas

Offense

Pos	Name	School	Class	Hometown
QB	Noah Fifita	Arizona	RS-Sr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
RB	Cam Cook	West Virginia	Sr.	Round Rock, Texas
RB	LJ Martin	BYU	Sr.	El Paso, Texas
FB	Kayden Luke	West Virginia	Jr.	Catalina, Ariz.
WR	Omarion Miller	Arizona State	Sr.	Vivian, La.
WR	Amare Thomas	Houston	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.
WR	Wyatt Young	Oklahoma State	Jr.	Katy, Texas
TE	Terrance Carter Jr.	Texas Tech	Sr.	Killeen, Texas
OL	Joe Cotton	Cincinnati	RS-Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
OL	Shadre Hurst	Houston	Sr.	Cartersville, Ga.
OL	Bruce Mitchell	BYU	RS-Sr.	Kamas, Utah
OL	John Pastore	Kansas State	Sr.	Erie, Colo.
OL	Evan Tengesdahl	Cincinnati	RS-Jr.	Dayton, Ohio
PK	Stone Harrington	Texas Tech	Sr.	Colleyville, Texas
KR/PR	Mana Carvalho	Utah	So.	Laie, Hawai'i

Defense

Pos	Name	School	Class	Hometown
DL	C.J. Fite	Arizona State	Sr.	Tatum, Texas
DL	Wendell Gregory	Kansas State	So.	Marietta, Ga.
DL	A.J. Holmes Jr.	Texas Tech	Sr.	Houston, Texas
DL	Keanu Tanuvasa	BYU	RS-Sr.	Mission Viejo, Calif.
DL	Adam Trick	Texas Tech	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio
LB	Ben Roberts	Texas Tech	Sr.	Haslet, Texas
LB	Austin Romaine	Texas Tech	Sr.	Hillsboro, Mo.
LB	Cade Uluave	BYU	Sr.	South Jordan, Utah
DB	Will James	Houston	Jr.	Grand Bay, Ala.
DB	Evan Johnson	BYU	RS-Sr.	Monterey, Calif.
DB	Jamel Johnson	TCU	Sr.	Arlington, Texas
DB	Brice Pollock	Texas Tech	Sr.	Snellville, Ga.
DB	Faletau Satuala	BYU	Jr.	Bountiful, Utah
P	Palmer Williams	Baylor	Sr.	Advance, N.C.

Players listed alphabetically by last name.

CONFERENCE NEWS & NOTES

- With a pair of games versus the ACC this week, the Big 12 will look to add to its mark of six wins in the last seven games against ACC programs.
- In its preseason ranking of all 138 FBS teams, The Athletic had seven Big 12 programs in its top 30; Texas Tech (9th), BYU (11th), Houston (19th), Oklahoma State (22nd), Utah (26th), TCU (27th) and Arizona (28th).
- The Conference will look to improve its 7-1 record on Thursdays since growing to 16 teams prior to the 2024 season this week with a trio of games on Thursday.
- The Big 12 is coming off a historic NFL Draft with a Conference-record 38 selections, including 11 in the first and second rounds – tied for most in the Big 12 in 20 years.
- TCU's Jeremy Payne had 25 rushes and five receptions for 169 total scrimmage yards in Week 0. Payne is the first Big 12 player to ever record at least 25 rushes, five receptions and 150 scrimmage yards in a season opener. He's the first Big 12 player to reach those totals in any game since Cam Skattebo in the 2025 Peach Bowl.
- The Big 12 Conference will publicly provide player availability reports for all Conference games this season at Big12Sports.com/FBReporting, beginning three days prior to kickoff.

CAREER LEADERS ENTERING 2026 SEASON

Name	School	Statistic	Big 12 Rank (National)
Noah Fifita	Arizona	9,183 pass yards	1st (5th)
Noah Fifita	Arizona	73 pass TD's	1st (2nd)
Noah Fifita	Arizona	64.8% comp.	1st (11th)
Jaylen Raynor	Iowa State	9,877 total yards	1st (3rd)
Noah Fifita	Arizona	77 total TD's	1st (5th)
Makhi Hughes	Houston	2,849 rush yards	1st (2nd)
Devon Dampier	Utah	33 rush TD's	1st (1st)
Amare Thomas	Houston	182 receptions	1st (3rd)
Amare Thomas	Houston	2,073 rec. yards	1st (4th)
Amare Thomas	Houston	23 rec. TD's	1st (4th)

SCHEDULING NOTES

With 16 institutions in a nine-game conference schedule, below are each Big 12 school's missed conference opponents this season.

Arizona - Baylor, UCF, Colorado, Houston, Kansas, Oklahoma State

Arizona State - Cincinnati, Houston, Iowa State, TCU, Utah, West Virginia

Baylor - Arizona, Cincinnati, K-State, Oklahoma State, Utah, West Virginia

BYU - Colorado, Houston, K-State, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech, West Virginia

UCF - Arizona, Cincinnati, K-State, Texas Tech, Utah, West Virginia

Cincinnati - Arizona State, Baylor, UCF, Kansas, Oklahoma State, TCU

Colorado - Arizona, BYU, Iowa State, Kansas, TCU, West Virginia

Houston - Arizona, Arizona State, BYU, Iowa State, Kansas, TCU

Iowa State - Arizona State, Colorado, Houston, Kansas, TCU, Texas Tech

Kansas - Arizona, Cincinnati, Colorado, Houston, Iowa State, Texas Tech

K-State - Baylor, BYU, UCF, Texas Tech, Utah, West Virginia

Oklahoma State - Arizona, Baylor, BYU, Cincinnati, TCU, Utah

TCU - Arizona State, Cincinnati, Colorado, Houston, Iowa State, Oklahoma State

Texas Tech - BYU, UCF, Iowa State, Kansas, K-State, Utah

Utah - Arizona State, Baylor, UCF, K-State, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech

West Virginia - Arizona State, Baylor, BYU, UCF, Colorado, K-State

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Week Two

Friday, September 11
Missouri at Kansas (FOX) **Time**
7 p.m. CT

Saturday, September 12
Oregon at Oklahoma State (ESPN) **Time**
11 a.m. CT
Washington State at K-State (TNT & HBO Max) 11 a.m. CT
Arizona State at Texas A&M (ABC) 11 a.m. CT/9 a.m. MST
UT Martin at West Virginia (ESPN+) 1 p.m. ET/12 p.m. CT
Weber State at Colorado (ESPN+) 2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT
Arizona at BYU (FOX) 1:30 p.m. MT/12:30 p.m. MST
UCF at Pittsburgh (ESPN2) 3:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. CT
Southern at Houston (ESPN+) 6 p.m. CT
Western Carolina at Cincinnati (ESPN+) 7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT
Iowa State at Iowa (NBC) 6:30 p.m. CT
Texas Tech at Oregon State (CBS) 6:30 p.m. CT
Grambling State at TCU (ESPN+) 7 p.m. CT
Prairie View A&M at Baylor (ESPN+) 7 p.m. CT
Arkansas at Utah (ESPN) 7 p.m. CT/6 p.m. MT

Week Three

Friday, September 18
Houston at Texas Tech (FOX) **Time**
7 p.m. CT

Saturday, September 19
Arizona State at Kansas (London) (FSI) **Time**
11 a.m. CT/9 a.m. MST
Tulane at K-State (ESPN2) 11 a.m. CT
Bowling Green at Iowa State (ESPNU) 11 a.m. CT
Miami (OH) at Cincinnati (ESPN+) 3:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. CT
Utah State at Utah (FOX) 2:30 p.m. CT
Louisiana Tech at Baylor (ESPNU) 3 p.m. CT
Murray State at Oklahoma State (ESPN+) 6 p.m. CT
Georgia State at UCF (ESPN+) 7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT
Colorado at Northwestern (FOX or FSI) 6:30 p.m. CT/5:30 p.m. MT
BYU at Colorado State (CBS) 6:30 p.m. CT/5:30 p.m. MT
West Virginia at Virginia (Charlotte) (ACCN) 7:30 p.m. ET/6:30 p.m. CT
Arkansas State at TCU (ESPNU) 7 p.m. CT
NIU at Arizona (TNT & HBO Max) 9:30 p.m. CT/7:30 p.m. MST

Week Four

Saturday, September 26
Sam Houston at Texas Tech **Time**
TBD
K-State at Cincinnati **Time**
TBD
TCU at UCF **Time**
TBD
Utah at Iowa State **Time**
TBD
Oklahoma State at West Virginia (FOX or FSI) **Time**
TBD
Colorado at Baylor **Time**
TBD
Houston at Georgia Southern **Time**
TBD
Arizona at Washington State (CBS) 8:30 p.m. CT/6:30 p.m. MST

Monster Energy Big 12 Players On National Preseason Watch Lists

Preseason All-Americans

Sports Illustrated Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: RB LJ Martin - BYU, LB Ben Roberts - Texas Tech

Second Team: WR Danny Scudero - Colorado, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati

The Athletic Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, DB Brice Pollock - Texas Tech

Second Team: OL Shadre Hurst - Houston, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, DL A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, P Palmer Williams - Baylor

CBS Sports Preseason All-American Teams

Second Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, DL A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, AP Cam Cook - West Virginia
P Palmer Williams - Baylor

AP Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, OL Shadre Hurst - Houston

Second Team: RB LJ Martin - BYU, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, AP Cam Cook - West Virginia, P Palmer Williams - Baylor

ESPN Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, DB Brice Pollock - Texas Tech

Second Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, DL A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, AP J'Koby Williams - Texas Tech, P Palmer Williams - Baylor

On3 Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, OL Shadre Hurst - Houston, DL A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech

Second Team: P Palmer Williams - Baylor, RB LJ Martin - BYU, AP J'Koby Williams - Texas Tech

Third Team: AP Caleb Hawkins - Oklahoma State, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech

Sporting News Preseason All-American Teams

First Team: OL Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, OL Shadre Hurst - Houston, TE Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, AP Cam Cook - West Virginia

Second Team: RB LJ Martin - BYU, AP Caleb Hawkins - Oklahoma State, DL A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech

Offense

Davey O'Brien Award (Nation's Top Quarterback)

Noah Fifita - Arizona, Bear Bachmeier - BYU, Alonza Barnett III - UCF, Conner Weigman - Houston, Drew Mestemaker - Oklahoma State, Devon Dampier - Utah

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (Nation's Top Upperclassmen Quarterback)

Noah Fifita - Arizona, DJ Lagway - Baylor, Conner Weigman - Houston, Avery Johnson - Kansas State, Drew Mestemaker - Oklahoma State, Devon Dampier - Utah

Biletnikoff Award (Most Outstanding Pass Catcher)

Omarion Miller - Arizona State, Kam Perry - Colorado, Danny Scudero - Colorado, Amare Thomas - Houston, Trent Walker - Houston, Nik McMillan - Kansas, Wyatt Young - Oklahoma State, Jordan Dwyer - TCU, Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, Braden Pegan - Utah

Doak Walker Award (Most Outstanding Running Back)

Kendrick Reescano - Arizona, Duke Watson - UCF, Richard Young - Colorado, Makhi Hughes - Houston, Dylan Edwards - Kansas, Yasin Willis - Kansas, Caleb Hawkins - Oklahoma State, Cameron Dickey - Texas Tech, Cam Cook - WVU

Walter Camp Award (Most Outstanding Player)

Noah Fifita - Arizona, LJ Martin - BYU, Caleb Hawkins - Oklahoma State, Cameron Dickey - Texas Tech, Devon Dampier - Utah, Cam Cook - West Virginia

Rimington Trophy (Most Outstanding Center)

Bruce Mitchell - BYU, Anthony Boswell - Houston, Sheridan Wilson - Texas Tech, Landen Livingston - West Virginia

John Makey Award (Nation's Top Collegiate Tight End)

Walker Lyons - BYU, Dylan Wade - UCF, Patrick Overmyer - Houston, Carter Moses - Kansas, Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech

Mackey Award Preseason Watch List (Top TE)

Arizona - Keyan Burnett, Arizona State - Chamon Metayer, Baylor - Michael Trigg, Cincinnati - Joe Royer, Iowa State - Gabe Burkle, Kansas State - Garrett Oakley

Maxwell Award (Most Outstanding Offensive Player) - August 3

Noah Fifita - Arizona, DJ Lagway - Baylor, Bear Bachmeier - BYU, LJ Martin - BYU, Alonza Barnett III - UCF, Julian Lewis - Colorado, Conner Weigman - Houston, Avery Johnson - K-State, Joe Jackson - K-State, Caleb Hawkins - Oklahoma State, Drew Mestemaker - Oklahoma State, Cameron Dickey - Texas Tech, Devon Dampier - Utah, Wayshawn Parker - Utah, Cam Cook - West Virginia

Manning Award (Most Outstanding Quarterback)

Noah Fifita - Arizona, Bear Bachmeier - BYU, Alonza Barnett III - UCF, JC French IV - Cincinnati, Conner Weigman - Houston, Jaylen Raynor - Iowa State, Drew Mestemaker - Oklahoma State, Devon Dampier - Utah

Defense

Chuck Bednarik Award (Most Outstanding Defensive Player)

Taye Brown - Arizona, Travion Barnes - Baylor, Isaiah Glasker - BYU, Faletau Satuala - BYU, Cade Uluave - BYU, Lewis Carter - UCF, Jonathan Thompson - Cincinnati, Gideon Lampron - Colorado, Will James - Houston, Isaac Terrell - Iowa State, Trey Lathan - Kansas, Wendell Gregory - Kansas State, Jamel Johnson - TCU, A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, Brice Pollock - Texas Tech, Ben Roberts - Texas Tech, Johnathan Hall - Utah

Butkus Award (Nation's Top Linebacker)

Taye Brown - Arizona, Owen Long - Arizona State, Cade Uluave - BYU, Jeremy Culbreath - UCF, Jonathan Thompson - Cincinnati, Gideon Lampron - Colorado, Liona Lefau - Colorado, Trey Lathan - Kansas, Ethan Wesloski - Oklahoma State, John Curry - Texas Tech, Ben Roberts - Texas Tech, Austin Romaine - Texas Tech

Jim Thorpe Award (Most Outstanding Defensive Back)

Faletau Satuala - BYU, Jamel Johnson - TCU, Brice Pollock - Texas Tech

Nagurski Trophy (Most Outstanding Defensive Player)

Taye Brown - Arizona, C.J. Fite - Arizona State, Isaiah Glasker - BYU, Faletau Satuala - BYU, Cade Uluave - BYU, Will James - Houston, Jamel Johnson - TCU, A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, Brice Pollock - Texas Tech, Ben Roberts - Texas Tech

Special Teams and Other

Ray Guy Award (Nation's Top Punter)

Palmer Williams - Baylor, John Hoyet Chance - TCU, Bryan Hansen - West Virginia

Lou Groza Award (Most Outstanding Kicker)

Luis Rodriguez - Kansas State, Stone Harrington - Texas Tech

Lombardi Award (Nation's Top Players on Line of Scrimmage)

Cade Uluave - BYU, Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, Shadre Hurst - Houston, Terrance Carter Jr. - Texas Tech, A.J. Holmes Jr. - Texas Tech, Ben Roberts - Texas Tech

Paul Hornung Award (Nation's Most Versatile Player)

Cameron Pettaway - Iowa State, Miles Coleman - Oklahoma State, Kenny Johnson - Texas Tech, J'Koby Williams - Texas Tech, Jackson Bennee - Utah, DJ Epps - West Virginia

Allstate Wuerffel Trophy (Community Service and Impact)

Noah Fifita - Arizona, Zyrus Fiasseu - Arizona State, Michael Allen - Baylor, Raider Damuni - BYU, Owen Spell - UCF, Evan Tengesdahl - Cincinnati, Ben Finneseth - Colorado, McKenzie Agnello - Houston, Jaylen Raynor - Iowa State, Calvin Clements - Kansas, Joe Jackson - Kansas State, Donovan Green - Oklahoma State, Ansel Din-Mbuh - TCU, Ben Roberts - Texas Tech, Lance Holtzclaw - Utah



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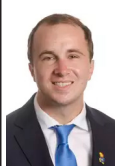
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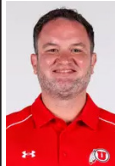
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College Football Playoff (CFP) Selection Process

The College Football Playoff (CFP) is the event that crowns the national champion in college football. The CFP Selection Committee ranks the top 25 teams at the end of the season, and the 12 playoff participants consist of the five highest-ranked conference champions, plus the next seven highest-ranked teams. The four highest ranked conference champions will be seeded one through four and receive a first-round bye. The schools seeded five through eight will host those seeded nine through 12 in first-round games. The quarterfinals and semifinals rotate annually among six bowl games – the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic, Vrbo Fiesta Bowl, Capital One Orange Bowl, Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential and the Allstate Sugar Bowl. This year's quarterfinals will take place on December 31, 2025, and January 1, 2026, while the semifinals will be January 8-9, 2026. The College Football Playoff National Championship will be Monday, January 19, 2026, at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami. For additional information on the College Football Playoff, visit CollegeFootballPlayoff.com.

Big 12 Bowl Partners

Once the CFP has filled its bowl slots, Big 12 bowl partners will make selections from the remaining Conference teams. Bowl games outside the CFP are listed below in order of selection.

College Football Playoff: Top 5 Conference Champions + 7 At-Large Selections

Date	Time (CT)	Bowl	Location
Dec. 30, 2026	6:30 PM	VRBO Fiesta Bowl (CFP Quarterfinal)	Glendale, Ariz.
Jan. 1, 2027	TBD	Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl (CFP Quarterfinal)	Atlanta, Ga.
Jan. 1, 2027	TBD	Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic (CFP Quarterfinal)	Arlington, Texas
Jan. 1, 2027	TBD	Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential (CFP Quarterfinal)	Pasadena, Calif.
Jan. 14, 2027	6:30 PM	Allstate Sugar Bowl (CFP Semifinal)	New Orleans, La.
Jan. 15, 2027	6:30 PM	Capital One Orange Bowl (CFP Semifinal)	Miami, Fla.
Jan. 25, 2027	6:30 PM	College Football Playoff National Championship	Las Vegas, Nevada

Big 12 Bowl Pool: Baylor, BYU, Cincinnati, UCF, Houston, Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Oklahoma State, TCU, Texas Tech and West Virginia

Date	Time (CT)	Bowl	Location
Dec. 29, 2026	TBD	Valero Alamo Bowl	San Antonio, Texas
Dec. 29, 2026	TBD	Pop-Tarts Bowl	Orlando, Fla.
Dec. 31, 2026	TBD	Kinder's Texas Bowl	Houston, Texas
Jan. 2, 2027	TBD	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Memphis, Tenn.
Dec. 26, 2026	TBD	Cactus Bowl	Tempe, Ariz.
Dec. 22, 2026	TBD	Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl	Shreveport, La.
TBD	TBD	ESPN Events Pool of Games	TBD

Pac-12 Legacy Bowl Pool: Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah

Date	Time (CT)	Bowl	Location
Dec. 29, 2026	TBD	Valero Alamo Bowl	San Antonio, Texas
Dec. 31, 2026	TBD	Las Vegas Bowl	Las Vegas, Nev.
TBD	TBD	Holiday Bowl	San Diego, Calif.
Dec. 31, 2026	TBD	Tony The Tiger Sun Bowl	El Paso, Texas
TBD	TBD	ESPN Events Pool of Games	TBD