

2016 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS PREVIEW

The 2016 Big Ten Women's Swimming & Diving Championships hosted by the University of Michigan will be held Wednesday, Feb. 17 through Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Canham Natatorium. The event begins on Wednesday with the timed finals of the 200-yard medley relay and 800-yard freestyle relay at 6:30 p.m. ET. Preliminary heats will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with the finals scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. each night.

Thursday's slate features the 500-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medley, 50-yard freestyle and one-meter diving competition, with the 200-yard freestyle relay taking place in the evening. Friday's schedule includes the 400-yard individual medley, 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke, 100-yard backstroke and three-meter diving event, with the 400-yard medley relay contested during the finals. Saturday's events include the 200-yard backstroke, 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard breaststroke, 200-yard butterfly, 1,650-yard freestyle and platform diving, with the 400-yard freestyle relay finals taking place that evening.

Minnesota won its fourth consecutive Big Ten Championship last season, amassing 618.5 points throughout the four-day event. Indiana finished second with 591 points, Michigan placed third with 478.5 points, Wisconsin was fourth with 448 points and Purdue rounded out the top five with 388 points.

The Golden Gophers return two first-team All-Big Ten selections, including Brooke Zeiger and Yu Zhou. Last season, Zeiger claimed the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:03.28, while Zhou took home gold in the one- and three-meter diving events, with marks of 365.00 points and 411.55 points, respectively. Head coach Kelly Kremer was named Big Ten Swimming Coach of the Year last season, while Gophers' Wenbo Chen claimed Big Ten Diving Coach of the Year plaudits.

The Hoosiers return first-team All-Big Ten honorees Gia Dalesandro, Kennedy Goss, Haley Lips and Grace Vertigans. Dalesandro won the 200-yard butterfly, while Goss claimed titles in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle. Goss, Lips and Vertigans were also part of the 800-yard freestyle relay last season that set a new Big Ten Championships record.

Michigan's Clara Smiddy and Wisconsin's Dana Grindall, Chase Kinney, Anna Meinholz and Annie Tamblyn all garnered first-team All-Big Ten accolades, and look to duplicate their event titles. Smiddy bested the competition in the 200-yard individual medley, while Grindall, Kinney, Meinholz and Tamblyn contributed to the four first-place relay finishes for Wisconsin, including record-breaking times in the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays.

Follow all the Big Ten Championships action at bigten.org and on Twitter via @bigtenchamps.

MEET INFORMATION

Date: February 17-20
Site: University of Michigan
Canham Natatorium
Ann Arbor, Mich.

TELEVISION COVERAGE

BTN will air the Big Ten Women's Swimming & Diving Championships on Monday, Feb. 22 at 10 p.m. ET.

LIVE COVERAGE

Wednesday evening Finals: **BTN Plus**

Thursday morning Prelims: **BTN Plus**
Thursday evening Finals: **BTN Plus**

Friday morning Prelims: **BTN Plus**
Friday evening Finals: **BTN Plus**

Saturday morning Prelims: **BTN Plus**
Saturday evening Finals: **BTN2Go**



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BIG TEN WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING IN NCAA TOP 25 POLL

3. Michigan
12. Wisconsin
13. Indiana
18. Ohio State
21. Purdue
22. Minnesota
25. Penn State

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

Day One Finals: 6:30 p.m.
200-yard Medley Relay
800-yard Freestyle Relay

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

Day Two Prelims: 11 a.m.
500-yard Freestyle
200-yard Individual Medley
50-yard Freestyle
1M Diving (Prelims & Consolation Finals, 1 p.m.)

Day Two Finals: 6:30 p.m.
200-yard Freestyle Relay
500-yard Freestyle
200-yard Individual Medley
50-yard Freestyle
1M Diving

FRIDAY, FEB. 19

Day Three Prelims: 11 a.m.
400-yard Individual Medley
100-yard Butterfly
200-yard Freestyle
100-yard Breaststroke
100-yard Backstroke
3M Diving (Prelims & Consolation Finals, 1 p.m.)

Day Three Finals: 6:30 p.m.
400-yard Medley Relay
400-yard Individual Medley
100-yard Butterfly
200-yard Freestyle
100-yard Breaststroke
100-yard Backstroke
3M Diving

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

Day Four Prelims: 11 a.m.
200-yard Backstroke
100-yard Freestyle
200-yard Breaststroke
200-yard Butterfly
Platform Diving (Prelims & Consolation Finals, 1 p.m.)
1,650-yard Freestyle

Day Four Finals: 6:30 p.m.
1,650-yard Freestyle
200-yard Backstroke
100-yard Freestyle
200-yard Breaststroke
200-yard Butterfly
Platform Diving
400-yard Freestyle Relay

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In the last two full academic years, current Big Ten institutions have claimed 17 team national championships in 12 different sports.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS HISTORY

T	I	S	R	D		
14	180	122	53	5	Michigan	1987-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-01-04
7	119	68	35	14	Minnesota	1999-00-08-12-13-14-15
5	85	49	12	25	Ohio State	1982-83-84-85-86
5	92	50	15	28	Indiana	2003-07-09-10-11
3	41	29	14	1	Penn State	2002-05-06
0	56	38	17	1	Northwestern	
0	78	51	27	0	Wisconsin	
0	17	8	2	7	Michigan State	
0	15	7	0	8	Purdue	
0	14	10	1	3	Iowa	
0	2	2	0	0	Illinois	
0	0	0	0	0	Nebraska	

T - Team Champions
 I - Total Individual Champions
 (includes all swimming, diving and relay events)
 S - Individual Swimming Champions
 R - Relay Champions
 D - Diving Champions

MOST BIG TEN TITLES

Titles	Coach, School
14	Jim Richardson, MICH
5	Terry Ganley/Kelly Kremer (co), MINN
5	Jim Montrella, OSU
4	Ray Looze, IND
3	Bill Dorenkott, PSU
2	Jean Freeman, MINN
1	Dorsey Tierney, IND

2015 TEAM RESULTS

Place	Team	Score
1.	Minnesota*	618.5
2.	Indiana	591
3.	Michigan	478.5
4.	Wisconsin	448
5.	Purdue	388
6.	Ohio State	350
7.	Penn State	334
8.	Iowa	223
9.	Nebraska	143
10.	Northwestern	138
11.	Rutgers	112
12.	Illinois	73
13.	Michigan State	65

*Big Ten Champion

2015 ALL-BIG TEN SWIMMING & DIVING TEAMS

First Team

Gia Dalesandro, Indiana
 Kennedy Goss, Indiana
 Haley Lips, Indiana
 Jessica Parratto, Indiana
 Brooklynn Snodgrass, Indiana
 Grace Vertigans, Indiana
 Rebecca Stoughton, Iowa
 Clara Smiddy, Michigan
 Kierra Smith, Minnesota
 Brooke Zeiger, Minnesota
 Yu Zhou, Minnesota
 Dana Grindall, Wisconsin
 Chase Kinney, Wisconsin
 Ivy Martin, Wisconsin
 Anna Meinholz, Wisconsin
 Annie Tamblyn, Wisconsin
 Aja Van Hout, Wisconsin

Second Team

Alexandria Deloof, Michigan
 Gabrielle Deloof, Michigan
 Madeline Frost, Michigan
 Claudia Goswell, Michigan
 Emily Kopas, Michigan
 Zoe Mattingly, Michigan
 Gillian Ryan, Michigan
 Katy Etterman, Minnesota
 Danielle Nack, Minnesota
 Rebecca Weiland, Minnesota
 Lindsey Clary, Ohio State
 Rachael Dzierzak, Ohio State
 Zhesi Li, Ohio State
 Ashley Vance, Ohio State
 Alyson Ackman, Penn State
 Carolyn Fittin, Penn State
 Katelyn Miller, Penn State
 Kaitlin Saloky Penn State

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Swimmer of the Year
 Kierra Smith, MINN

Diver of the Year
 Yu Zhou, MINN

Freshman of the Year
 Kennedy Goss, IND

Swimming Coach of the Year
 Kelly Kremer, MINN

Diving Coach of the Year
 Wenbo Chen, MINN

Swimmer of the Championships
 Ivy Martin, Wisconsin

Diver of the Championships
 Yu Zhou, MINN

2015-16 ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Oct. 7	S: Joanna Wu, Sr., RU D: Yu Zhou, Jr., MINN F: Monika Gonzalez-Hermosillo, PSU	Dec. 16	S: Emma Sougstad, Jr., IOWA D: Morgan Rafferty, So., IOWA F: Abbey Schneider, IOWA
Oct. 14	S: Samantha Harding, Sr., MINN D: Yu Zhou, Jr., MINN F: Rachel Munson, MINN	Dec. 23	S: Annika Winsnes, Jr., NU D: Mary Beth Dunnichay, Sr., PUR F: Alex Grimes, NU
Oct. 21	S: Chase Kinney, Jr., WIS D: Yu Zhou, Jr., MINN F: Miranda Tucker, IND F: Jess Unicomb, WIS	Jan. 6	S: Emily Kopas, So., MICH S: Allie Davis, Sr., PUR D: Yu Zhou, Jr., MINN F: Siobhain Haughey, MICH
Oct. 28	S: Samantha Stratford, So., ILL S: Lindsey Clary, Jr., OSU D: Madeline Sewell, Jr., MSU F: Megan Vuong, ILL F: Julia Oppedisano, MSU	Jan. 13	S: Danielle Valley, Jr., WIS D: Addison Walkowiak, So., RU F: Jess Unicomb, WIS
Nov. 4	S: Ali DeLoof, Sr., MICH D: Yu Zhou, Jr., MINN F: Siobhain Haughey, MICH F: Olivia Rosendahl, NU	Jan. 20	S: Lilly King, Fr., IND S: Clara Smiddy, So., MICH D: Yu Zhou, Jr., MINN F: Siobhain Haughey, MICH F: Olivia Rosendahl, NU
Nov. 11	S: Gia Dalesandro, Jr., IND S: Allie Davis, Sr., PUR D: Addison Walkowiak, So., RU F: Lilly King, IND	Jan. 27	S: Kaersten Meitz, So., PUR D/F: Olivia Rosendahl, Fr., NU F: Lilly King, IND
Nov. 18	S: Brooke Zeiger, So., MINN S: Casey Francis, Jr., PSU D: Lacey Houser, Sr., IND F: Miranda Tucker, IND F: Rachel Munson, MINN	Feb. 3	S/F: Siobhain Haughey, Fr., MICH S: Chase Kinney, Jr., WIS D: Yu Zhou, Jr., MINN
Nov. 25	S: Liz Li, So., OSU S: Emily Fogle, Sr., PUR D: Yu Zhou, Jr., MINN F: Olivia Rosendahl, NU	Feb. 10	S: Danielle Valley, Jr., WIS D: Hannah Thek, So., OSU F: Hazel Hertting, WIS
Dec. 9	S: Lilly King, Fr., IND D: Lexi Tenenbaum, Jr., MINN F: Siobhain Haughey, MICH F: Jess Unicomb, WIS	Feb. 16	S: Lew Gerbrandt, Sr., PUR F: Mikayla Murphy, OSU

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL HONORS

SWIMMER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1998 Jennifer Eberwein, MICH
 1999 Ellen Stonebraker, WIS
 2000 Shannon Shakespeare, MICH
 2001 Jenn Cristy, IND
 2002 Carly Piper, WIS
 2003 Carly Piper, WIS
 2004 Bethany Pendelton, WIS
 2005 Justine Mueller, MICH
 2006 Kaitlyn Brady, MICH
 2007 Lindsey Smith, MICH
 2008 Andrea Hupman, NU
 2009 Jenny Shaughnessy, MINN
 2010 Kate Fesenko, IND
 2011 Jillian Tyler, MINN
 2012 Allysya Vavra, IND
 2013 Lindsay Vrooman, IND
 2014 Ivy Martin, WIS
 2015 Ivy Martin, WIS

DIVER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1998 T.D. Rowe, MINN
 1999 Jamie Jaax, PSU
 2000 Sara Reiling, IND
 2001 Carly Weiden, MSU
 2002 Sara Reiling, IND
 2003 Sara Reiling, IND
 2004 Carrie McCambridge, PUR
 2005 Christina Loukas, IND
 2006 Christina Loukas, IND
 2007 Christina Loukas, PUR
 2008 Christina Loukas, IND
 2009 Brittney Feldman, IND
 2010 Ashley Karnes, PUR
 2011 Kelci Bryant, MINN
 2012 Maggie Keefer, MINN
 2013 Bianca Alvarez, OSU
 2014 Maggie Keefer, MINN
 2015 Casey Matthews, PUR
 2015 Yu Zhou, MINN

SWIMMING COACH OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS*

1999 Jean Freeman, MINN
 2000 Bill Dorenkott, PSU

DIVING COACH OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS*

1999 Craig Brown, PSU
 2000 Vince Panzano, OSU

* Discontinued following 2000 season

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The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 1,600 Academic All-Americans, including 45 honorees during the 2014-15 academic year.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS RECORDS

Event	Time	Individual, School	Year	Meet Site
50-Yard Freestyle	21.58	Ivy Martin, WIS	2014	Minneapolis
100-Yard Freestyle	47.75	Ivy Martin, WIS	2015	Columbus
200-Yard Freestyle	1:43.93	Brittany Strumbel, IND	2011	Bloomington
500-Yard Freestyle	4:35.41	Lindsay Vrooman, IND	2013	Minneapolis
1,650-Yard Freestyle	15:51.20	Lindsay Vrooman, IND	2013	Minneapolis
50-Yard Butterfly*	26.12	Susan Horinek, WIS	1982	Milwaukee
100-Yard Butterfly	51.56	Mackenzie Powers, PSU	2014	Minneapolis
200-Yard Butterfly	1:53.95	Gia Dalesandro, IND	2014	Minneapolis
50-Yard Backstroke*	27.00	Marci Ballard, OSU	1983	Milwaukee
100-Yard Backstroke	51.51	Brooklynn Snodgrass, IND	2015	Columbus
200-Yard Backstroke	1:50.60	Brooklynn Snodgrass, IND	2015	Columbus
50-Yard Breaststroke*	29.97	Teresa Fightmaster, OSU	1983	Milwaukee
100-Yard Breaststroke	58.08	Jillian Tyler, MINN	2011	Bloomington
200-Yard Breaststroke	2:05.69	Kierra Smith, MINN	2015	Columbus
100-Yard Individ. Medley*	58.79	Maria Krug, WIS	1982	Milwaukee
200-Yard Individ. Medley	1:55.44	Allysa Vavra, IND	2012	Iowa City
400-Yard Individ. Medley	4:01.41	Allysa Vavra, IND	2012	Iowa City
200-Yard Freestyle Relay	1:27.70	Wisconsin (Kinney, Martin, Van Hout, Tamblyn)	2015	Columbus
400-Yard Freestyle Relay	3:12.96	Wisconsin (Kinney, Martin, Van Hout, Tamblyn)	2015	Columbus
800-Yard Freestyle Relay	6:59.10	Indiana (Lips, Goss, Vertigans, Snodgrass)	2015	Columbus
200-Yard Medley Relay	1:36.29	Wisconsin (Meyer, Wanland, Zweigers, Thompson)	2009	Ann Arbor
400-Yard Medley Relay	3:30.30	Indiana (Snodgrass, Paslowski, Dalesandro, Flederbach)	2014	Minneapolis
One-meter Diving (6 dives)#	370.30	Kelci Bryant, MINN	2011	Bloomington
One-meter Diving (11 dives)#	520.50	Mary Fischbach, MICH	1988	Indianapolis
One-meter Diving (10 dives)#	460.11	Julie Farrell Ovenhouse, MSU	1991	Minneapolis
Three-meter Diving (11 dives)	594.65	Sara Reiling, IND	2003	West Lafayette
Three-meter Diving (6 dives)	421.70	Kelci Bryant, MINN	2011	Bloomington
Platform Diving (12 dives)+	566.95	Kara Martin, MINN	1995	Indianapolis
Platform Diving (11 dives)*	587.05	Cinnamon Woods, MICH	1994	Indianapolis
Platform Diving (9 dives)	558.65	Cassandra Cardinell, IND	2005	Bloomington
Platform Diving (6 dives)	424.45	Jessica Parratto, IND	2015	Columbus

* event no longer contested

+ Platform diving scored as an exhibition event from 1988-2002.

One-meter diving competed 11 dives from 1982-88, 10 dives from 1988-03 and six dives since 2004.

Records set at 2015 Big Ten Championships in **bold**

BIG TEN WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING INDIVIDUAL HONORS

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR*		DIVER OF THE YEAR		FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR	
1984	Martha Jahn, NU	1984	Diane Dudeck, MICH	2001	Kristen Woodring, PSU
1985	Janelle Bosse, OSU	1985	Karen LaFace, OSU	2002	Carly Piper, WIS
1986	Diane Wallner, MINN	1986	Kelly Johnson, IOWA	2003	Amberle Biedermann, PSU
1987	Gwen DeMaat, MICH	1987	Karen LaFace, OSU	2004	Susan Johnson, WIS
1988	Janelle Bosse, OSU	1988	Mary Fischbach, MICH	2005	Justine Mueller, MICH
1989	Lori Holmes, NU	1989	Julie Farrell, MSU	2006	Yuen Kobayashi, MINN
1990	Susan Gottlieb, OSU	1990	Julie Farrell, MSU	2007	Presley Bard, IND
1991	Susan Gottlieb, OSU	1991	Julie Farrell, MSU	2008	Jillian Tyler, MINN
1992	Mindy Gehrs, MICH	1992	Kristin Kane, IND	2009	Ashley Wanland, WIS
1993	Alecia Humphrey, MICH	1993	Laura Nelson, MINN	2010	Taylor Wohrley, IND
1994	Alecia Humphrey, MICH	1994	Kristen Kane, IND	2011	Chelsea Weedman, PSU
	Kim Paton, NU	1995	Carrie Zarse, MICH	2012	Becky Stoughton, IOWA
1995	Jocelyn Jay, OSU	1996	Aimee Hogan, OSU	2013	Brooklynn Snodgrass, IND
1996	Tanya Schuh, MINN	1997	Jenny Dixon, IND	2014	Gia Dalesandro, IND
1997	Shannon Shakespeare, MICH	1998	T.D. Rowe, MINN	2015	Kennedy Goss, IND
	Gretchen Hegener, MINN	1999	Jamie Jaax, PSU		
1998	Gina Panighetti, WIS	2000	Sara Reiling, IND	SWIMMING COACH OF THE YEAR*	
2001	Ellen Stonebraker, WIS	2001	Summer Mitchell, MSU	1984	Jean Freeman, MINN
2002	Susan Woessner, IND		Carly Weiden, MSU	1985	Jim Montrella, OSU
2003	Carly Piper, WIS	2002	Carly Weiden, MSU	1986	Jean Freeman, MINN
2004	Bethany Pendelton, WIS	2003	Sara Reiling, IND	1987	Jim Richardson, MICH
2005	Carly Piper, WIS	2004	Carrie McCambridge, PUR	1988	Kathie Wickstrand-McIntosh, NU
2006	Kaitlyn Brady, MICH	2005	Christina Loukas, IND	1989	Jim Richardson, MICH
2007	Yi Ting Siow, WIS	2006	Christina Loukas, IND	1990	Cathy Wright-Eger, PUR
2008	Emily Brunemann, MICH		Carrie McCambridge, PUR	1991	Jim Montrella, OSU
2009	Kate Fesenko, IND	2007	Christina Loukas, IND	1992	Jim Richardson, MICH
2010	Kate Fesenko, IND	2008	Brittney Feldman, IND	1993	Kathie Wickstrand, NU
2011	Maggie Meyer, WIS	2009	Christina Loukas, IND	1994	Nick Hansen, WIS
2012	Allysa Vavra, IND	2010	Kelci Bryant, MINN	1995	Jim Richardson, MICH
2013	Lindsay Vrooman, IND	2011	Kelci Bryant, MINN	1996	Jean Freeman, MINN
2014	Brooklynn Snodgrass, IND	2012	Bianca Alvarez, OSU	1997	Richard Bader, MSU
2015	Kierra Smith, MINN	2013	Maggie Keefer, MINN	1998	Jim Richardson, MICH
		2014	Maggie Keefer, MINN	1999	Jean Freeman, MINN
		2015	Yu Zhou, MINN	2001	Dorsey Tierney, IND
				2002	Dorsey Tierney, IND
				2003	Eric Hansen, WIS
				2004	Jim Richardson, MICH
				2005	Bill Dorenkott, PSU
				2006	Terry Nieszner, MINN
					Kelly Kremer, MINN
				DIVING COACH OF THE YEAR*	
				2007	Ray Looze, IND
				2008	Jimmy Tierney, NU
				2009	Ray Looze, IND
				2010	John Klinge, PUR
				2011	Ray Looze, IND
				2012	Kelly Kremer, MINN
				2013	Kelly Kremer, MINN
				2014	Kelly Kremer, MINN
				2015	Kelly Kremer, MINN
				1984	Dick Kimball, MICH
				1985	Bob Rydze, IOWA
				1986	Bob Rydze, IOWA
				1987	Dick Kimball, MICH
				1988	Dick Kimball, MICH
				1989	John Narcy, MSU
				1990	John Narcy, MSU
				1991	John Narcy, MSU
				1992	Dr. Jeff Huber, IND
				1993	Vince Panzano, OSU
				1994	Doug Shaffer, MINN
				1995	Doug Shaffer, MINN
				1996	Vince Panzano, OSU
				1997	Dr. Jeff Huber, IND
				1998	K.Z. Li, MINN
				2001	John Narcy, MSU
				2002	John Narcy, MSU
				2003	Jeff Huber, IND
				2004	Wenbo Chen, PUR
				2005	Jeff Huber, IND
				2006	Eric Best, MSU
				2007	Jeff Huber, IND
				2008	Chris Bergere, MICH
				2009	Adam Soldati, PUR
				2010	Wenbo Chen, MINN
				2011	Rob Rydze, IOWA
				2012	Vince Panzano, OSU
				2013	Wenbo Chen, MINN
				2014	Adam Soldati, PUR
				2015	Wenbo Chen, MINN

* No Swimmer or Diving Coach of the year named in 1999 and 2000.

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Every Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) institution ranks among the top 78 universities in the nation according to the 2014 Academic Ranking of World Universities, including six in the top 25. The CIC includes all 14 Big Ten schools and the University of Chicago.