

## **Big 12 Conference Player Availability Policy**

Starting with the 2025-26 academic year, the Big 12 Conference will require its institutions to publicly disclose, through a standardized Availability Report, any uncertainties regarding a student-athlete's participation in football or men's and women's basketball games between Big 12 schools. This policy is intended to promote fairness and integrity in competition and protect student-athlete welfare through uniform, transparent reporting practices.

### **1. Designated Participation Status**

When an institution becomes aware that a student-athlete may be unable to participate in an upcoming game for any reason (including, but not limited to, injury, illness, suspension, ineligibility, or personal matters), it is required to accurately indicate the student-athlete's participation status on the Initial Report as outlined below. "Participation status" means only the student-athlete's name and their expected ability to participate in the upcoming game, using the categories set forth in this policy, and does not include medical diagnoses, treatment plans, or underlying personal details.

The Availability Report should only include the student-athlete's name and participation status. Schools may release additional information via press releases, social media, or coach comments, provided it aligns with the information in the Availability Report.

### **2. Student-Athlete Reporting**

Student-athletes who regularly participate in games, including football players on the Big 12 travel roster, must follow this mandatory disclosure policy.

Visiting teams shall only list players to whom the policy applies who are either a) part of the travel roster (Football) or competition roster (Basketball), or b) may not be part of the travel squad but otherwise regularly participate in games.

When unsure, institutions should include the student-athlete on the Availability Report for transparency.



### 3. Football Reporting Timeline

- **Football Initial Reports.** For Saturday football games, institutions must submit the Initial Report by Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. Central Time. Updated Availability Reports are required after Thursday and Friday practices, each due no later than 9:00 p.m. Central Time, referred to as the "Thursday Update" and "Friday Update," respectively. For any non-Saturday game, the Initial report is due three nights before the game by 9:00 p.m. Central Time.

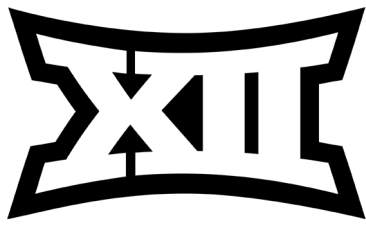
#### Player Participation Status Categories for the Initial Reports

Status	Description	Chance to Play
Out	Will not play; a broad term for any reason a student-athlete cannot play in the upcoming game (injury, illness, suspension, eligibility or legal issues, or personal matters)	0%
Doubtful	Unlikely to play	25%
Questionable	Uncertain to play	50%
Probable	Probable to play	75%
Available	Will play; must be designated if previously appeared on any Availability Report and now expected to participate	100%
Out (1st Half)	Suspended for the first half of the upcoming game due to the NCAA targeting rule	Not specified

- **Football Game Day Reports.** Each institution must submit a single **Game Day Update no later than 90 minutes** before kickoff. Only the following designation statuses are allowed.

#### Game Day Update Report Categories

Status	Description
Available	Will dress for the game and be available to play.
Game Time Decision	Coaches and/or medical personnel need to evaluate the student-athlete during pre-game warm-ups before deciding whether they can participate in the game.
Out	Not dressing or available for the game.



#### 4. Men's/Women's Basketball

- **Initial Reports.** An institution must issue the Initial Report the day before the game by 7:00 pm Central Time.

##### Player Participation Status Categories for the Initial Report

Status	Description	Chance to Play
Out	Will not play; a broad term for any reason a student-athlete cannot play in the upcoming game (injury, illness, suspension, eligibility or legal issues, or personal matters)	0%
Doubtful	Unlikely to play	25%
Questionable	Uncertain to play	50%
Probable	Probable to play	75%
Available	Will play; must be designated if previously appeared on any Availability Report and now expected to participate	100%

- **Basketball Game Day Reports.** Each institution must submit a single Game Day Update **no later than 90 minutes before game time**. Only the following designation statuses are allowed.

##### Game Day Update Report Categories

Status	Description
Available	Will dress for the game and be available to play.
Game Time Decision	Coaches and/or medical personnel need to evaluate the student-athlete during pre-game warm-ups before deciding whether they can participate in the game.
Out	Not dressing or available for the game.

- If an institution participates in a game the preceding day, it is required to issue a single Availability Report by 11:00 a.m. local time on the day of the subsequent game, or two hours prior to game time, whichever occurs first. In this circumstance, the institution is not obligated to provide a Game Day Update 90 minutes before the start of the game. The only allowable designation statuses on the Availability Report in this scenario are: (1) Available, (2) Game Time Decision, and (3) Out.



## **5. Supplementary Guidelines**

A student-athlete is not permitted to participate in a game if they are listed as "Out" on the Game Day Update. The designation "Game Time Decision" is only allowed on the Game Day Update.

## **6. Act in Good Faith**

Institutional personnel are required to comply with this policy in good faith. Actions designed to conceal a student-athlete's actual participation status for strategic or competitive purposes are not allowed. Similarly, conduct that could be interpreted as misleading or causing confusion about a student-athlete's participation status is also not permitted.

## **7. Avoid Inconsistent Public Comments**

Institutional staff (e.g., coaches, athletic trainers, sports information personnel) must not publicly comment on a student-athlete's availability in ways that contradict the Availability Report. Student-athletes themselves are encouraged to align public comments with the Availability Report.

## **8. Non-Conference Games**

Institutions may choose to release an Availability Report before games against non-Big 12 opponents, but it is not mandatory.

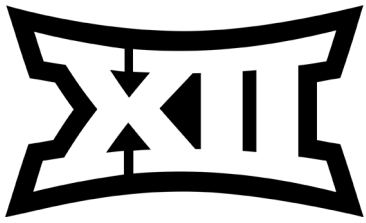
## **9. Submission of Availability Report**

Each institution must appoint a Primary Inputter and a Backup Inputter for each sport to enter information into the Reporting Hub, as identified by the Conference. The Head Coach, Sports Information Director, and Head Athletic Trainer must participate in fulfilling policy obligations, with the Head Coach ultimately responsible for compliance. The Availability Report for both teams will be published simultaneously on the Conference's official website.

If an institution identifies an error in an Availability Report previously submitted or published, it shall promptly submit a corrected report to the Conference, which shall promptly update the published report.

## **10. Enforcement**

The Conference office holds the authority to investigate potential violations of this policy. This includes, but is not limited to, engaging with relevant institutional personnel and student-athletes, as well as reviewing pertinent practice footage. All institutional personnel are required to cooperate



fully with the investigation process. The Conference shall follow the same investigation and enforcement procedures set out under Conference Rule 11 for any formal investigations.

### **11. Penalties**

If an institution or Head Coach fails to submit accurate and timely Availability Reports, they may face penalties, including reprimands, fines, or other disciplinary actions. Penalties [for](#) violations will be administered under the same framework and at the Commissioner's discretion, as with other C.R. 11 matters.

### **12. Disclaimer of Liability**

The Conference shall publish Availability Reports as submitted by institutions and shall not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided. Institutions remain solely responsible for ensuring timely and accurate reporting.