

Proposed Big Ten schedules reformatted

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Last weekend, I concocted a proposal for not only how the Big Ten should split into two divisions next year, but even presented a proposed conference schedule for each of the next four seasons.

After reading a lot of opinions from writers across the conference, I feel compelled to reiterate this point. Splitting them geographically with an East division and West division makes the most sense, and I really don't see how they shouldn't be shaped like this.

To prove that what I proposed makes sense and is feasible, I'm going to draw out my proposed conference schedules for 2011-14 again, but in a more reader-friendly format for all of you. Again, these are conference games only, and these are written in order from start to finish.

EAST DIVISION: Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue

WEST DIVISION: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Wisconsin

IOWA:

2011 – vs. Illinois, at Wisconsin, at Ohio State, vs. Purdue, at Penn State, vs. Minnesota, at Northwestern, vs. Nebraska

2012 – at Illinois, vs. Wisconsin, vs. Ohio State, at Purdue, vs. Penn State, at Minnesota, vs. Northwestern, at Nebraska

2013 – vs. Illinois, at Wisconsin, vs. Michigan, at Michigan State, at Indiana, vs. Minnesota, at Northwestern, vs. Nebraska

2014 – at Illinois, vs. Wisconsin, at Michigan, vs. Michigan State, vs. Indiana, at Minnesota, vs. Northwestern, at Nebraska

ILLINOIS:

2011 – at Iowa, vs. Nebraska, vs. Michigan State, at Indiana, at Ohio State, vs. Wisconsin, at Minnesota, vs. Northwestern

2012 – vs. Iowa, at Nebraska, at Michigan State, vs. Indiana, vs. Ohio State, at Wisconsin, vs. Minnesota, at Northwestern

2013 – at Iowa, vs. Nebraska, vs. Penn State, at Michigan, at Purdue, vs. Wisconsin, at Minnesota, vs. Northwestern

2014 – vs. Iowa, at Nebraska, at Penn State, vs. Michigan, vs. Purdue, at Wisconsin, vs. Minnesota, at Northwestern

INDIANA:

2011 – at Michigan, vs. Penn State, at Minnesota, vs. Illinois, at Northwestern, at Michigan State, vs. Ohio State, vs. Purdue

2012 – vs. Michigan, at Penn State, vs. Minnesota, at Illinois, vs. Northwestern, vs. Michigan State, at Ohio State, at Purdue

2013 – at Michigan, vs. Penn State, at Wisconsin, at Nebraska, vs. Iowa, at Michigan State, vs. Ohio State, vs. Purdue

2014 – vs. Michigan, at Penn State, vs. Wisconsin, vs. Nebraska, at Iowa, vs. Michigan State, at Ohio State, at Purdue

MICHIGAN:

2011 – vs. Indiana, at Michigan State, at Nebraska, vs. Northwestern, at Minnesota, vs. Purdue, at Penn State, vs. Ohio State

2012 – at Indiana, vs. Michigan State, vs. Nebraska, at Northwestern, vs. Minnesota, at Purdue, vs. Penn State, at Ohio State

2013 – vs. Indiana, at Michigan State, at Iowa, vs. Illinois, at Wisconsin, vs. Purdue, at Penn State, vs. Ohio State

2014 – at Indiana, vs. Michigan State, vs. Iowa, at Illinois, vs. Wisconsin, at Purdue, vs. Penn State, at Ohio State

MICHIGAN STATE:

2011 – at Ohio State, vs. Michigan, at Illinois, vs. Minnesota, at Wisconsin, vs. Indiana, at Purdue, vs. Penn State

2012 – vs. Ohio State, at Michigan, vs. Illinois, at Minnesota, vs. Wisconsin, at Indiana, vs. Purdue, at Penn State

2013 – at Ohio State, vs. Michigan, at Nebraska, vs. Iowa, at Northwestern, vs. Indiana, at Purdue, vs. Penn State

2014 – vs. Ohio State, at Michigan, vs. Nebraska, at Iowa, vs. Northwestern, at Indiana, vs. Purdue, at Penn State

MINNESOTA:

2011 – at Nebraska, at Northwestern, vs. Indiana, at Michigan State, vs. Michigan, at Iowa, vs. Illinois, vs. Wisconsin

2012 – vs. Nebraska, vs. Northwestern, at Indiana, vs. Michigan State, at Michigan, vs. Iowa, at Illinois, at Wisconsin

2013 – at Nebraska, at Northwestern, vs. Purdue, vs. Ohio State, at Penn State, at Iowa, vs. Illinois, vs. Wisconsin

2014 – vs. Nebraska, vs. Northwestern, at Purdue, at Ohio State, vs. Penn State, vs. Iowa, at Illinois, at Wisconsin

NEBRASKA:

2011 – vs. Minnesota, at Illinois, vs. Michigan, vs. Penn State, at Purdue, vs. Northwestern, at Wisconsin, at Iowa

2012 – at Minnesota, vs. Illinois, at Michigan, at Penn State, vs. Purdue, at Northwestern, vs. Wisconsin, vs. Iowa

2013 – vs. Minnesota, at Illinois, vs. Michigan State, vs. Indiana, at Ohio State, vs. Northwestern, at Wisconsin, at Iowa

2014 – at Minnesota, vs. Illinois, at Michigan State, at Indiana, vs. Ohio State, at Northwestern, vs. Wisconsin, vs. Iowa

NORTHWESTERN:

2011 – vs. Wisconsin, vs. Minnesota, at Purdue, at Michigan, vs. Indiana, at Nebraska, vs. Iowa, at Illinois

2012 – at Wisconsin, at Minnesota, vs. Purdue, vs. Michigan, at Indiana, vs. Nebraska, at Iowa, vs. Illinois

2013 – vs. Wisconsin, vs. Minnesota, at Ohio State, at Penn State, vs. Michigan State, at Nebraska, vs. Iowa, at Illinois

2014 – at Wisconsin, at Minnesota, vs. Ohio State, vs. Penn State, at Michigan State, vs. Nebraska, at Iowa, vs. Illinois

OHIO STATE:

2011 – vs. Michigan State, at Purdue, vs. Iowa, at Wisconsin, vs. Illinois, vs. Penn State, at Indiana, at Michigan

2012 – at Michigan State, vs. Purdue, at Iowa, vs. Wisconsin, at Illinois, at Penn State, vs. Indiana, vs. Michigan

2013 – vs. Michigan State, at Purdue, vs. Northwestern, at Minnesota, vs. Nebraska, vs. Penn State, at Indiana, at Michigan

2014 – at Michigan State, vs. Purdue, at Northwestern, vs. Minnesota, at Nebraska, at Penn State, vs. Indiana, vs. Michigan

PENN STATE:

2011 – vs. Purdue, at Indiana, vs. Wisconsin, at Nebraska, vs. Iowa, at Ohio State, vs. Michigan, at Michigan State

2012 – at Purdue, vs. Indiana, at Wisconsin, vs. Nebraska, at Iowa, vs. Ohio State, at Michigan, vs. Michigan State

2013 – vs. Purdue, at Indiana, at Illinois, vs. Northwestern, vs. Minnesota, at Ohio State, vs. Michigan, at Michigan State

2014 – at Purdue, vs. Indiana, vs. Illinois, at Northwestern, at Minnesota, vs. Ohio State, at Michigan, vs. Michigan State

PURDUE:

2011 – at Penn State, vs. Ohio State, vs. Northwestern, at Iowa, vs. Nebraska, at Michigan, vs. Michigan State, at Indiana

2012 – vs. Penn State, at Ohio State, at Northwestern, vs. Iowa, at Nebraska, vs. Michigan, at Michigan State, vs. Indiana

2013 – at Penn State, vs. Ohio State, at Minnesota, vs. Wisconsin, vs. Illinois, at Michigan, vs. Michigan State, at Indiana

2014 – vs. Penn State, at Ohio State, vs. Minnesota, at Wisconsin, at Illinois, vs. Michigan, at Michigan State, vs. Indiana

WISCONSIN:

2011 – at Northwestern, vs. Iowa, at Penn State, vs. Ohio State, vs. Michigan State, at Illinois, vs. Nebraska, at Minnesota

2012 – vs. Northwestern, at Iowa, vs. Penn State, at Ohio State, at Michigan State, vs. Illinois, at Nebraska, vs. Minnesota

2013 – at Northwestern, vs. Iowa, vs. Indiana, at Purdue, vs. Michigan, at Illinois, vs. Nebraska, at Minnesota

2014 – vs. Northwestern, at Iowa, at Indiana, vs. Purdue, at Michigan, vs. Illinois, at Nebraska, vs. Minnesota

I encourage feedback not only from Iowa fans on this scheduling proposal, but from fans of all the other 11 Big Ten schools as well.