



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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### FBS (DIVISION I-A) SCHOOLS

#### AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (AAC)

**Conference Update:** In July 2015, the United States Naval Academy joined the American Athletic Conference.

#### **Team: Cincinnati Bearcats**

**School:** University of Cincinnati

**Year Team Established:** 1885

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@Bearcats\\_FB](#)

**Stadium:** Nippert Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Cincinnati

**Date Built:** 1924

**Facility Costs:** \$10.5 million; \$86 million in renovation

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed. Funds were privately raised in hopes of building a new stadium. James N. Gamble, of Procter and Gamble, provided the funds needed to complete the horseshoe-shaped stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2013, the university announced new additions to Nippert Stadium, which will be ready for the start of the 2015-16 season. The additions include four stories of luxury boxes, suites, and premium seating on top of the stadium's west side, in addition to restrooms, concessions, and an expanded concourse on the east side. To cover a large portion of the \$86 million cost, the university received \$10 million in private donations and sold seating for eighteen private suites and at least 100 club seats.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium was named after Gamble's grandson, James Gamble Nippert. Nippert was a UC football player who was injured during a 1923 game and died as a result of his injuries.

## **Team: Connecticut Huskies**

**School:** University of Connecticut

**Year Team Established:** 1896

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UConnFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field

**Principal Owner:** State of Connecticut

**Date Built:** 2003

**Facility Costs:** \$91.2 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** The State of Connecticut contributed an unspecified percentage of funds and has invested more than \$92 million in the stadium to attract the best events and concerts to the state.

**Facility Financing:** The facility is the result of teamwork and dedication between the State's Office of Policy and Management, the Town of East Hartford, United Technologies Corporation, and numerous public and private sector organizations.

[Facility Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@FieldRentschler](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium is named after Frederick Brant Rentschler. Rentschler was the founder of the aircraft company, Pratt & Whitney, which created revolutionary aircraft engines. In July 2015, the University of Connecticut and Pratt & Whitney entered into an agreement that will extend the company's existing naming-right deal through 2030. As a result, United Technologies Corp, the parent company for Pratt & Whitney, will gift ten acres of land to the state that will be used for additional parking around the stadium and provide an additional fifteen acres of land through an easement.

## **Team: East Carolina Pirates**

**School:** East Carolina University

**Year Team Established:** 1932

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@ECUPiratesFB](#)

**Stadium:** Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

**Principal Owner:** East Carolina University

**Date Built:** 1963

**Facility Costs:** \$300,000; \$1.6 million in renovations in 1991

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** All of the funds for the facility were privately raised. The goal was to raise \$200,000; the fundraiser ultimately collected \$238,000.

## [Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In the spring of 2015, ECU conducted a feasibility study to seek feedback regarding potential renovations to Dowdy-Fricklen Stadium. Partnering with Conventions, Sports & Leisure International, ECU highlighted several target areas for the renovations: premium seating on the south side, including club seats, loge boxes, and suites; technology in the premium seating area; and the possibility for an on-field premium experience located on the west end zone.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. The stadium is named after Ron and Mary Ellen Dowdy, who pledged a \$1 million gift to the ECU Scholarship Foundation. The stadium is also named after James Skinner Ficklen, the owner of Greenville's E.B. Skinner Tobacco Company. Skinner was a booster of the college and established a scholarship fund in his name.

## **Team: Houston Cougars**

**School:** University of Houston

**Year Team Established:** 1946

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UHCougarFB](#)

**Stadium:** TDECU Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Houston System

**Date Built:** 2014

**Facility Costs:** \$128 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed: 53% (as of June 4, 2014)**

**Facility Financing:** As of November 2014, the university received \$69 million from gifts, \$35 million from student fees, \$12 million from auxiliary revenue, and \$5 million from Higher Education Assistance Funds.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In the spring of 2015, the Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) awarded TDECU Stadium the Austin Design Award in the "Commercial Built" Category, which is AIA's highest honor. In 2014, TDECU Stadium opened its doors to the public. While the stadium's capacity is 40,000, the stadium's foundation allows for an expanded capacity of 60,000.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university announced in July 2014 that it had reached a naming-rights agreement with Texas Dow Employees Credit Union. The facility is now named TDECU Stadium.

## **Team: Memphis Tigers**

**School:** University of Memphis

**Year Team Established:** 1912

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@MemphisFB](#)

**Stadium:** Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (Rex Dockery Field)

**Principal Owner:** City of Memphis

**Date Built:** 1965

**Facility Costs:** \$3.7 million; \$19.5 million in renovations in 1987

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The City of Memphis completely funded the project.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the University of Memphis applied for a \$15 million building permit in conjunction with plans to build a new 74,000 square foot indoor football practice facility. Additionally, the university aims to raise funds for the facility, in addition to a new basketball practice facility, through a \$40 million capital campaign.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The City of Memphis owns the naming rights to the stadium. In December 1983, City of Memphis officials named the playing surface Rex Dockery Field in honor of the late Tiger coach who was killed in a plane crash.

## **Team: Navy Midshipmen**

**School:** United States Naval Academy

**Year Team Established:** 1879

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@NavyFB](#)

**Stadium:** Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium

**Principal Owner:** U.S. Naval Academy

**Date Built:** 1959

**Facility Costs:** \$3 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was 100% privately financed. Most of the financing for construction and renovations has come from the Naval Academy Foundation and the Naval Academy Athletic Association.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In late 2014, Navy completed an addition to the East Tower and changed the tower's name to Akerson Tower. The tower features two separate 35,000 square foot rooms that have cushion-backed seats, big screen televisions, sliding glass doors on the stadium side of the club lounges, four bars, and several catering options. Daniel F. Akerson, a 1970 graduate of the Naval Academy and former General Motors CEO, donated a Navy-record \$20 million for the project,

which earned him the naming rights for the tower. Akerson's donation will largely be used to pay off the loan associated with the tower's construction.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The facility is named in memory and honor of those who died while serving the United States.

## **Team: Southern Methodist Mustangs**

**School:** Southern Methodist University

**Year Team Established:** 1915

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@SMU\\_Football](#)

**Stadium:** Gerald J. Ford Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Southern Methodist University

**Date Built:** 2000

**Facility Costs:** \$42 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was 100% privately financed through donations and gifts by students, former student-athletes, and other alumni.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium is named after Gerald J. Ford, a banking billionaire, who provided significant contributions to the stadium project. This Gerald Ford is not to be confused with former president Gerald R. Ford.

## **Team: South Florida Bulls**

**School:** University of South Florida

**Year Team Established:** 1997 (FCS); 2001 (FBS)

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@USFFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Raymond James Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Tampa Bay Sports Authority

**Date Built:** 1998

**Facility Costs:** \$168.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was publicly funded through a .05% sales-tax increase.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@RJStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, improvements were announced to Raymond James Stadium, but the timetable for the improvements remain unknown. The cost also remains unknown, but it is likely that Hillsborough County, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Tampa Bay Sports Authority will all

contribute. The improvements will entail new video boards and other improvements, which could be ready for the 2016-17 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Raymond James Financial purchased the naming rights to the stadium for \$32.5 million, paid over thirteen years. Raymond James' naming rights extend through 2015.

## **Team: Temple Owls**

**School:** Temple University

**Year Team Established:** 1894

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@Temple\\_FB](#)

**Stadium:** Lincoln Financial Field

**Principal Owner:** City of Philadelphia

**Date Built:** 2003

**Facility Costs:** \$512 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 39%

**Facility Financing:** The facility, also used by the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles, was financed through the state, city, NFL, and Eagles. The MLB's Philadelphia Phillies' and the Eagles' new stadiums were funded by a combined \$304 million from the city, \$482 million from the two teams, and \$170 million from the state. The Eagles contributed \$310 million.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@LFFStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** In July 2014, Lincoln Financial Field finished its two-year, \$131 million renovation, which included the addition of over 1,600 seats in three of the stadium's open corners, two new high-definition video boards behind each end zone, and an LED ribbon board along the entire suite level. With the renovation, Lincoln Financial Field now seats more than 70,000. However, reports surfaced in 2015 that the university was looking into building its own 30,000 seat, on-campus stadium.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Lincoln Financial Group agreed to pay \$139.6 million over twenty years for the naming rights to the stadium. The agreement expires in 2022 and has an average annual payout of \$6.7 million. The deal also includes signs in the stadium, suites at home and road games, tickets for the Pro Bowl, commercial time on the Eagles' preseason game broadcasts and television shows, and information kiosks throughout the stadium.

## Team: Tulane Green Wave

**School:** Tulane University

**Year Team Established:** 1893

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@GreenWaveFB](#)

**Stadium:** Mercedes-Benz Superdome

**Principal Owner:** Louisiana Stadium and Expo District

**Date Built:** 1975

**Facility Costs:** \$134 million; \$85 million renovation in 2011

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was financed through a bond issue backed by a hotel tax.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the New Orleans Saints announced renovations for the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, which includes two new LED video boards. The renovations will cost upwards of \$40 million, \$25 million of which will come from team owner Tom Benson. SMG, an affiliate of American Capital Strategies Ltd., the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District, and others will contribute the rest of the remaining \$15 million. While a portion of the renovations will be finished by the start of the 2015-16 season, most will not be completed until 2016.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Mercedes-Benz obtained the naming rights for the Superdome in a ten-year deal that is expected to expire in 2020. The deal is reportedly worth between \$10 and \$12 million annually.

## Team: Tulsa Golden Hurricane

**School:** The University of Tulsa

**Year Team Established:** 1895

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@TulsaFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Skelly Field at H.A. Chapman Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Tulsa

**Date Built:** 1930

**Facility Costs:** \$275,000; estimated \$18 million in renovations in 2008

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** All financing for the stadium was collected through private gifts and donations.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, plans surfaced regarding a football indoor practice facility as part of Tulsa athletic department's strategic plan that runs through 2018-19. The university's Board of Trustees must first grant approval before the project can move forward. Altogether, construction is estimated to last twelve to eighteen months.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Chapman Family Trust provided major monetary contributions for the naming rights to the stadium. William Skelly pledged to donate \$125,000 for the construction if another \$175,000 could be raised. The \$175,000 was raised, leading Skelly to donate his \$125,000 pledge to the university.

## **Team: UCF Knights**

**School:** University of Central Florida

**Year Team Established:** 1979

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UCF Football](#)

**Stadium:** Bright House Networks Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Central Florida

**Date Built:** 2007

**Facility Costs:** \$54 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed. The stadium was part of a \$60 million project that included financing costs, reserve requirements, infrastructure, roads, parking, and practice fields for football, soccer, and baseball. The funding came from the stadium's naming rights, revenues from suites and club seat leases, ticket and concession sales, donations, corporate sponsorships, and advertising. No public money or tuition was used to build or operate the stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In early 2015, UCF announced the addition of the East Side Club (ESC), a 10,000 square foot beach-style, open-air sun deck that connects to a covered leisure area. ESC will house 950 fans and include chair back seats, private restroom access, and enhanced Wi-Fi connectivity, among several other features. The addition will be ready for UCF's 2015 home opener, with an estimated cost of \$2.6 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** On August 8, 2006, UCF announced a fifteen-year, \$15 million stadium naming-rights deal with cable company Bright House. The deal expires in 2021.



## [ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE \(ACC\)](#)

**Conference Update:** At the start of the 2014–15 season, the ACC added the University of Louisville, while the University of Maryland, a charter member of the conference, left for the Big Ten.

### **Team: Boston College Eagles**

**School:** Boston College

**Year Team Established:** 1893

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@BCFootballNews](#)

**Stadium:** Alumni Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Boston College

**Date Built:** 1957 (renovated in 1995)

**Facility Costs:** \$250,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** Former Boston College Athletic Director William Flynn led a fundraising campaign when the Eagles could no longer play their games at Fenway Park. He was able to raise \$370,000 in donations to finance the costs of Alumni Stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** For the 2014-15 season, Boston College unveiled two end zone video boards and LED ribbon displays. Boston College joins a selective list of professional and college football teams that use the 13HD technology present in Alumni Stadium.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Boston College owns the naming rights to Alumni Stadium.

### **Team: Clemson Tigers**

**School:** Clemson University

**Year Team Established:** 1889

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@ClemsonFB](#)

**Stadium:** Clemson Memorial Stadium (“Death Valley”)

**Principal Owner:** Clemson University

**Date Built:** 1942

**Facility Costs:** \$125,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2014, Clemson announced plans for an upgrade to the west end zone of Memorial Stadium that includes a bridge that connects the north and south stands. The university also announced plans for a renovation to the suite boxes. Both projects will be finished for the 2015-16 season. To cover the expenses, the athletic department's fundraising organization, IPTAY, will contribute \$6.5 million; the Clemson Athletics Trust Fund will contribute \$4.5 million; and \$2 million will be used through a ticket bond fee. Additionally, in 2015, the university's Board of Trustees approved plans for a new football indoor facility and football operations center, which is slated to open in 2017. Private donations and athletic department revenues will cover the project's \$62-million estimated cost.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Clemson owns the naming rights to Clemson Memorial Stadium.

## **Team: Duke Blue Devils**

**School:** Duke University

**Year Team Established:** 1895

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@Duke\\_FB](#)

**Stadium:** Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Duke University

**Date Built:** 1929

**Facility Costs:** \$4 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was paid for through private donations.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** For the 2015-16 season, Wallace Wade Stadium will feature several new renovations, including the removal of the track around the field and the addition of a new LED video board and sound system. Additionally, Duke University will also add the Blue Devil Plaza, which will connect Wallace Wade Stadium and Cameron Indoor Stadium. The Plaza is expected to open in June 2016.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** From 1929 to 1967, the stadium was named Duke Stadium. In 1967, the Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to rename the stadium after former legendary coach, Wallace Wade. In 2015, Board of Trustees agreed to add "Brooks Field" to the stadium's naming rights, which university alumnus Steve Brooks donated \$13 million for.

## **Team: Florida State Seminoles**

**School:** Florida State University

**Year Team Established:** 1947

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@FSU Football](#)

**Stadium:** Bobby Bowden Field at Doak S. Campbell Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Florida State University

**Date Built:** 1950

**Facility Costs:** \$250,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 80%

**Facility Financing:** Local boosters were able to raise \$50,000 of the costs by selling 1,000 five-year season tickets at the price of \$50 per ticket per season.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the Board of Trustees approved bond funding as part of a \$79.5 million project for Doak S. Campbell Stadium. The project will add new premium outdoor seating section in the south end zone, upgrade the skybox suites, and make structural repairs. The project is expected to be ready for the 2016-17 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Florida State University owns the naming rights to the field and stadium. It named the stadium after former University President, Doak Campbell, and renamed the field after former head coach, Bobby Bowden, in 2004.

## **Team: Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets**

**School:** Georgia Institute of Technology

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@GeorgiaTechFB](#)

**Stadium:** Bobby Dodd Stadium at Historic Grant Field

**Principal Owner:** Georgia Tech

**Date Built:** 1913; major renovations in 2003

**Facility Costs:** \$15,000; \$75 million in renovations

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was entirely financed by Georgia Tech. The major donation for construction came from John W. Grant, who gave \$15,000.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Georgia Tech's football facility was known as Grant Field until April 1988, when the Georgia State Board of Regents voted to add the name Bobby Dodd, in honor of the legendary coach. Georgia Tech owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: Louisville Cardinals**

**School:** University of Louisville

**Year Team Established:** 1912

[Team Website](#)

Twitter: [@UofLFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Papa John's Cardinal Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Louisville

**Date Built:** 1998

**Facility Costs:** \$63 million; \$72 million in renovations in 2010

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the Board of Trustees approved a plan that included an estimated \$55 million renovation of Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. The renovations will take place from 2016 to 2018 and include an electronic video board and new seating. However, the university is still exploring the feasibility of the renovations, and no timetable is set for that decision.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Papa John's Pizza founder and CEO John Schnatter, a native of nearby Jeffersonville, Indiana, donated \$5 million for the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: Miami Hurricanes**

**School:** The University of Miami

**Year Team Established:** 1926

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@CanesFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Sun Life Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Stephen Ross (Principal) and H. Wayne Huizenga

**Date Built:** 1987

**Facility Costs:** \$115 million; completed \$250 million of capital improvements in 2007

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 10%

**Facility Financing:** 90% privately funded with money generated by leasing luxury boxes and clubhouse seats. The remaining 10% came from the State of Florida.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@SunLifeStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the Miami Dolphins announced a \$400 million renovation that will take place over the next two years. Phase one, which is expected to be ready for the start of the 2015-16 season, includes changing every seat in the stadium and rebuilding the concourses on two levels. As a result, the stadium's capacity will decrease by almost 12,000. Phase two, which is expected to be ready for the start of the 2016-17 season, includes the installation of a roof canopy.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2010, Sun Life Financial entered into a five-year contract for naming rights to the stadium. The contract pays \$7.5 million per year for the naming rights.

## **Team: North Carolina Tar Heels**

**School:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Year Team Established:** 1888

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@TarHeelFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Kenan Memorial Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Date Built:** 1927

**Facility Costs:** \$303,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The University of North Carolina completely financed the stadium. In June 1926, nearly forty alumni contributed just under \$30,000. When William Kenan visited the facility in November 1926, he decided to fund the rest of the stadium to establish a memorial for his late parents.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university decided to name the stadium after the Kenan family for its generous donations and dedication to the university and its athletic programs.

## **Team: North Carolina State Wolfpack**

**School:** North Carolina State University

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@PackFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Carter-Finley Stadium

**Principal Owner:** North Carolina State University

**Date Built:** 1966

**Facility Costs:** \$3.2 million; \$97 million in renovations

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** North Carolina State University completely financed the stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In June 2015, the university unveiled the \$14 million Close-King practice facility, which was a privately funded project. The facility features several amenities, including a full-length field and an elevated platform that overlooks the field.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** North Carolina State University initially named the stadium after Harry and Wilbert Carter, both graduates of the university, and then added the name of Albert E. Finley, another major contributor to the university. North Carolina State owns the naming rights.

## **Team: Pittsburgh Panthers**

**School:** University of Pittsburgh

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@GoPittFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Heinz Field

**Principal Owner:** Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers)

**Date Built:** 2001

**Facility Costs:** \$281 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 69%

**Facility Financing:** The Steelers contributed \$76.5 million for the stadium, the state provided \$75 million, and the remainder came from the Allegheny Regional Asset District, which administered a 1% county sales tax.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@heinzfield](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the Pittsburgh Steelers announced an addition of roughly 2,400 seats that should be ready for the 2015-16 season. For the project, the Steelers will pay the city-county Sports & Exhibition Authority roughly \$2.1 million to pay off the bond.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** H.J. Heinz bought the exclusive naming rights for the Steelers' home field for \$57 million. The deal expires in 2021 and has an average annual payout of \$2.9 million.

## **Team: Syracuse Orange**

**School:** Syracuse University

**Year Team Established:** 1889

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@CuseFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Carrier Dome ("The Loud House")

**Principal Owner:** Syracuse University

**Date Built:** 1980

**Facility Costs:** \$28 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% private donations and contributions

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@CarrierDome44](#)

**UPDATE:** In early 2015, Syracuse University Chancellor Kent Syverud noted that the university might replace the Carrier Dome's current roof in favor of a fixed roof, a decision that will be made by 2016. The cost of the replacement is estimated at more than \$10 million. Additionally in 2015, the university unveiled the Ensley Athletic Center, a \$14 million indoor practice facility. Cliff Ensley, who donated an unspecified amount for the facility's naming rights, lettered in football, lacrosse, and wrestling at Syracuse and currently serves as the CEO of Leisure Merchandising Corporation.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Carrier Corporation made a \$2.75 million naming gift.

## **Team: Virginia Cavaliers**

**School:** The University of Virginia

**Year Team Established:** 1888

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UVa Football](#)

**Stadium:** Carl Smith Center, home of David A. Harrison III Field at Scott Stadium

**Principal Owner:** The University of Virginia

**Date Built:** 1931

**Facility Costs:** \$300,000; \$86 million in renovations

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The University of Virginia completely financed Scott Stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the University of Virginia proposed plans for a football support building as part of the university's ten-year strategic plan that started in 2012. The new facility will house a theater, players' lounge, weight room, and team meeting rooms, among several other amenities. The estimated cost is \$50 million, but the project has yet to secure approval and donor contributions.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The official name of the field and stadium is the Carl Smith Center, home of David A. Harrison III Field at Scott Stadium. Scott Stadium bears the name of donor and University Rector Frederic Scott. David A. Harrison III provided a gift allowing natural grass to be reinstalled in the stadium. The university owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: Virginia Tech Hokies**

**School:** Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@VT Football](#)

**Stadium:** Lane Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Virginia Tech

**Date Built:** 1965

**Facility Costs:** \$3.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The university was responsible for the stadium financing through donations and contributions from alumni.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Virginia Tech's new 92,000 square foot indoor practice facility's construction schedule is slated to open prior to the 2015-16 season. Of the facility's \$21.3 million cost, Virginia Tech has secured over \$19 million in pledges. When the facility is complete, it will be the largest in the ACC.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium is named for the late Edward H. Lane, a graduate of the university. Lane led an educational foundation project that raised more than \$3 million for the original construction. The field was named Worsham Field in 1992 to honor Wes and Janet Worsham, who donated \$1 million to the university's Second Century Campaign.

## **Team: Wake Forest Demon Deacons**

**School:** Wake Forest University

**Year Team Established:** 1888

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@WakeFB](#)

**Stadium:** BB&T Field

**Principal Owner:** Wake Forest University

**Date Built:** 1968

**Facility Costs:** \$4 million; \$48 million in renovations

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** Wake Forest University completely financed the stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the university announced plans to spend an additional \$8 million as part of a new \$21 million indoor practice facility that is expected to be completed for the 2015-16 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** BB&T Bank owns the naming rights to the Demon Deacons' field.



## **BIG 12 CONFERENCE**

### **Team: Baylor Bears**

**School:** Baylor University

**Year Team Established:** 1899

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@BUFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Baylor Stadium (McLane Stadium)

**Principal Owner:** Baylor University

**Date Built:** 2014

**Facility Costs:** \$250 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 14% (at least)

**Facility Financing:** Elizabeth and Drayton McLane Jr. gave the university a gift for an unspecified amount. The school announced that it was the largest gift in university history. In addition to the gift, \$35 million in tax increment funding was approved to pay for the stadium. Two other significant donations from the Williams and Umphrey families are being used to construct the stadium and bridge that will connect the stadium to the rest of the campus.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@McLaneStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** As of January 2015, Baylor University is still exploring its options for the 108-acre plot of land that hosted Floyd Casey Stadium.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Drayton McLane, Jr., who made a naming-rights gift to the university, has asked to name the stadium Baylor Stadium. However, the university will likely include McLane in its name. The field at Baylor Stadium has been named John Eddie Williams Field, after the university received a major gift from alumni John Eddie Williams, Jr. The bridge connecting the stadium to the campus will be named after the Umphrey family for its donation to fund the bridge.

### **Team: Iowa State Cyclones**

**School:** Iowa State University

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@CycloneFB](#)

**Stadium:** Jack Trice Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Iowa State University

**Date Built:** 1975

**Facility Costs:** \$7.6 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed

## [Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Iowa State University will unveil its south end zone project for Jack Trice Stadium for the 2015-16 season. The project, which received approval in 2014, will increase the stadium capacity to 61,000, including a 13,000-seat capacity for the south end zone. The 61,000-seat capacity is third largest in the Big 12. Additionally, the south end zone will sport a new high-definition video board and 215 additional restrooms. The university will also sell beer and alcohol in that part of the stadium. The cost of the project is \$60 million. Upon completion of the project in late August 2015, Senior Associate Athletic Director of Facilities Chris Jorgenson noted that the university would begin construction on the parking lots between the stadium and Reiman Gardens, which is located south of the stadium.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium is named in honor of Jack Trice, Iowa State's first African-American athlete.

## **Team: Kansas Jayhawks**

**School:** The University of Kansas

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@KU Football](#)

**Stadium:** Memorial Stadium

**Principle Owner:** The University of Kansas

**Date Built:** 1921

**Facility Costs:** \$275,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** Funding started with Colonel John McCook, who donated \$2,500 to start a funding drive. In 1920, students and faculty started a drive to build a new facility and collected more than \$200,000 to build what would eventually become the first concrete structure.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the University of Kansas replaced the turf at Memorial Stadium, which cost about \$200,000.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium has had several names, but Kansas ultimately changed the name to Memorial Stadium and dedicated it to the students who fought and died in World War I.

## **Team: Kansas State Wildcats**

**School:** Kansas State University

**Year Team Established:** 1896

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@KState Football](#)

**Stadium:** Bill Snyder Family Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Kansas State University

**Date Built:** 1968

**Facility Costs:** \$1.6 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was 100% privately financed through student fees, athletics gate receipts, and contributions.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@BSFStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** As part of Phase three of the “Bill Snyder Family Stadium Master Plan,” the university will construct the new Vanier Football Complex, a new academic center, and a new strength and conditioning center. Additionally, Kansas State will enhance the north side of Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Most of the work will be done for the 2015-16 season, including a “Welcome to K-State” sign on the northwest video board, and will ultimately conclude in 2016 or 2017. The estimated cost is \$65 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2005, the stadium was renamed in honor of legendary head football coach Bill Snyder by a proclamation of the Kansas Board of Regents.

## **Team: Oklahoma Sooners**

**School:** The University of Oklahoma

**Year Team Established:** 1895

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@OU Football](#)

**Stadium:** Gaylord Family - Oklahoma Memorial Stadium

**Principal Owner:** The University of Oklahoma

**Date Built:** 1925

**Facility Costs:** \$293,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** In 1921, university students started a movement for construction of a student union. By 1925, the idea grew to include a combined football stadium and union.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the University of Oklahoma reduced the stadium’s renovation cost from \$360 million to \$160 million. The university’s Board of Regents approved the \$160 million plan, which will add seats by connecting the south end zone seating area to the rest of the stadium. As

of March 2015, the university secured \$43 million for the project, while bond money will fund the remaining cost.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium was originally named Oklahoma Memorial Stadium to honor university-associated persons who died in World War I. The stadium underwent a name change after the Gaylord Family donated \$50 million toward renovations.

## **Team: Oklahoma State Cowboys**

**School:** Oklahoma State University

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@CowboyFB](#)

**Stadium:** Boone Pickens Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Oklahoma State University

**Date Built:** 1913; renovations in 2003 and 2008

**Facility Costs:** \$260 million in renovations.

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was 100% privately financed. The stadium was rededicated in 2009 after an aggressive fundraising effort led by Boone Pickens. He made a \$70 million gift and spurred the “Next Level Campaign,” which generated more than \$100 million in gifts and pledges. Pickens capped the effort in 2005 with a monumental gift of \$165 million.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** For the 2015-16 season, Boone Pickens Stadium will feature an Autism Initiative, which allows kids to wear an “I’m A-OK” symbol in an effort for stadium personnel to accommodate the kids’ and parents’ needs.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Oklahoma State owns the naming rights. The stadium is named after Boone Pickens in recognition of his generous donations to the university’s athletic department, one of which was the single largest gift ever to an athletics department.

## **Team: TCU Horned Frogs**

**School:** Texas Christian University

**Year Team Established:** 1896

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@TCUFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Amon G. Carter Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Texas Christian University

**Date Built:** 1930

**Facility Costs:** \$350,000; \$164 million in renovations

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was 100% privately financed when Amon G. Carter began a quiet campaign to raise the money for a stadium that would seat roughly 30,000. Fort Worth residents were set to raise 60% of the money for the stadium. Eventually, the sides settled on selling mortgage bonds to construct a \$350,000 stadium that would hold 27,000 fans, with the capacity to expand to 60,000 seats.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** TCU owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named after Amon G. Carter for his significant contributions to the athletics department.

## **Team: Texas Longhorns**

**School:** The University of Texas at Austin

**Year Team Established:** 1893

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@TexasFB](#)

**Stadium:** Joe Jamail Field at Darrell K Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium

**Principal Owner:** The University of Texas at Austin

**Date Built:** 1924

**Facility Costs:** \$275,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** Completely financed through private donations and gifts.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In August 2014, Athletic Director Steve Patterson revealed that the university plans to spend approximately \$750 million on athletic facility upgrades over the next six to eight years, which includes the south end zone of Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. For the 2015-16 season, the university will sell beer and wine at the stadium and host a bowl game after the season. The bowl game's name, date, and conference affiliations remain unknown.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The University of Texas at Austin owns the naming rights. In 1997, the university added "Joe Jamail Field" to the stadium's naming rights. Jamail, who is a Texas alumnus and serves as a trustee on the university's law school foundation board, has donated over \$230 million to the university.

## **Team: Texas Tech Red Raiders**

**School:** Texas Tech University

**Year Team Established:** 1925

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@TTU WreckEm](#)

**Stadium:** Jones AT&T Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Texas Tech University

**Date Built:** 1947; major renovations in 2003 and 2006

**Facility Costs:** \$400,000; \$53.9 million in renovations

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** Completely financed by private gifts. AT&T was the main contributor.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In late 2014, Texas Tech University announced the progress of the “Campaign for Fearless Champions.” The campaign, which is estimated to cost \$185 million, covers twenty-five projects across seventeen sports, including several renovations to Jones AT&T Stadium that will be completed by the 2016-17 season. Those renovations entail replacing every chair-back and bench seats, and adding roughly 350 premium seats at the north end and thirty suites to a three-level south end zone structure. Moreover, the university will concurrently construct an indoor football practice facility and indoor track south of the stadium, with a combined estimated cost of \$45 million. However, Athletic Director Kirby Hocutt noted that the entire funds must be secured before construction begins. Of the \$45 million needed for those two projects, the university has raised more than \$34 million as of June 2015.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium was officially renamed from Jones Stadium to Jones SBC Stadium in 2000 following major corporate gifts (in excess of \$25 million) from SBC Communications (now AT&T). The stadium was renamed again in 2006 to Jones AT&T Stadium after SBC changed its name to AT&T. The “Jones” in Jones Stadium comes from former Texas Tech President Clifford B. Jones.

## **Team: West Virginia Mountaineers**

**School:** West Virginia University

**Year Team Established:** 1891

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@WVUfootball](#)

**Stadium:** Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium

**Principal Owner:** West Virginia University

**Date Built:** 1980

**Facility Costs:** \$22 million; \$29.25 million in renovations

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The university completely funded the stadium, while Milan Puskar completely funded the renovations.

## Facility Website

**UPDATE:** The renovations to Milan Puskar Stadium will begin in the fall of 2015, which include replacing the stadium's existing toilets and concessions. The university will also add a new concourse inside the stadium. The renovations are expected to be ready for the 2016-17 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium was renamed "Milan Puskar Stadium" in 2004 after Puskar made a \$20 million donation to the university.

## [BIG TEN CONFERENCE](#)

**Conference Update:** At the start of the 2014–15 season, the Big Ten added the University of Maryland from the ACC and Rutgers University from the AAC.

### **Team: Illinois Fighting Illini**

**School:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@IlliniFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Memorial Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Date Built:** 1923

**Facility Costs:** \$1.7 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0 %

**Facility Financing:** Donations of approximately \$1.7 million, contributed by more than 200,000 students, alumni, and other friends of the university made the construction possible. The Athletic Association later allocated \$509,850 to the project for the construction of the south stands and other stadium additions.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the university announced an addition to Memorial Stadium, which will encompass the football operation's relocation to the south end of the stadium. The relocation will feature football offices, a weight room, recruiting lounge, training room, dining facilities, and meeting rooms. The university did not reveal the project's completed date.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium was built and named as a memorial to Illinois men and women who gave their lives for their country during World War I. Their names appear on 200 columns that support the east and west sides of the stadium.

### **Team: Indiana Hoosiers**

**School:** Indiana University Bloomington

**Year Team Established:** 1887

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@HoosierFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Memorial Stadium ("The Rock")

**Principal Owner:** Indiana University

**Date Built:** 1960

**Facility Costs:** \$4.56 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A



### [Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In late 2014, head coach Kevin Wilson confirmed the university's plans to add a new football facility by enclosing the south end zone of Memorial Stadium. The new facility will sport a new cafeteria and expand the team's locker room.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Indiana University owns the naming rights to Memorial Stadium. The stadium was named to honor those who served in World War I.

## **Team: Iowa Hawkeyes**

**School:** The University of Iowa

**Year Team Established:** 1889

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@HawkeyeFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Kinnick Stadium

**Principal Owner:** The University of Iowa

**Date Built:** 1929

**Facility Costs:** \$497,151; \$89 million in renovations completed in 2006

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed through donations and gifts to the university.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@kinnickstadium](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2014, the university completed the construction of the \$55 million, multi-storied Richard O. Jacobson Football Operations Building, which was funded with athletic department funds and private donations.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The University of Iowa owns the naming rights for the stadium and named it after the 1939 Heisman Trophy winner Nile Kinnick after he died serving his country in World War II.

## **Team: Maryland Terrapins**

**School:** The University of Maryland

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@MarylandPride](#)

**Stadium:** Capital One Field at Byrd Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University System of Maryland

**Date Built:** 1950; expansion in 2007

**Facility Costs:** \$1 million; \$50.8 million in expansion costs

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In late 2014, the university's Board of Regents approved plans for a \$155 million indoor football practice facility and academic center. The state of Maryland is expected to give roughly \$25 million in funding, while Maryland's conference revenue will fund another \$25 million. The university will receive its first full revenue share in 2021, and the project itself is will be completed by June 2018. Furthermore, in 2015, the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners approved the University of Maryland's one-year experiment for beer sales at Byrd Stadium that will begin for the 2015-16 season. The university president predicts that the sales will net \$500,000 worth of revenue, some of which will support several student services.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium was originally named after Harry "Curley" Byrd, a multi-sport athlete, football coach, and university president in the first half of the 20th century. In 2006, Maryland entered into a naming-rights agreement with Chevy Chase Bank for \$20 million. The stadium name was changed when Capital One acquired Chevy Chase Bank.

## **Team: Michigan Wolverines**

**School:** University of Michigan

**Year Team Established:** 1879

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@umichfootball](#)

**Stadium:** Michigan Stadium ("The Big House")

**Principal Owner:** University of Michigan

**Date Built:** 1927

**Facility Costs:** \$950,000; \$226 million in renovations in 2010

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** Fielding Yost, a successful businessman interested in coal, oil, and real estate, devised a plan to finance the construction and facilities through a \$1.5 million issue of 3,000 bonds at a par value of \$500 at 3% interest. The money not only ended up being enough for the stadium but also for other athletic facilities.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The University of Michigan owns the naming rights to Michigan Stadium.

## Team: Michigan State Spartans

**School:** Michigan State University

**Year Team Established:** 1896

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@MSU Football](#)

**Stadium:** Spartan Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Michigan State University

**Date Built:** 1923

**Facility Costs:** \$16 million; \$64 million expansion prior to 2005

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In late 2014, the university's Board of Trustees approved a \$5.5 million upgrade to the football team's locker room and training room facilities housed in Duffy Daugherty Football Building.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Michigan State University owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## Team: Minnesota Golden Gophers

**School:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

**Year Team Established:** 1882

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@GopherFootball](#)

**Stadium:** TCF Bank Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

**Date Built:** 2009

**Facility Costs:** \$288.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 48% (roughly \$105 million)

**Facility Financing:** On March 24, 2005, TCF Bank announced that it would contribute \$35 million toward the stadium project, which gave them naming rights. The state declared that it would contribute 48% of the stadium costs, while the university would raise the remaining 52%. The university's portion of the funding came from the TCF donation, a \$50 per semester student fee, private donations, and the sale of university property. Many private corporations financed the stadium for advertising rights within. Private financing totaled \$111 million.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@TCFBankStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** The University of Minnesota is planning to spend \$150 million toward construction of new football and basketball facilities, as well a "Center for Excellence," an academic-specific building for student-athletes. The football-related project will consist of an indoor practice facility and a football performance center. As of August 2015, the university raised \$80 million,

with an end-goal of raising \$190 million. Because Athletic Director Norwood Teague resigned in August 2015, it remains unknown when the project will be presented to the university's Board of Regents.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** TCF owns the naming rights to the stadium worth \$35 million over twenty-five years.

## **Team: Nebraska Cornhuskers**

**School:** The University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@Huskers](#)

**Stadium:** Memorial Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Date Built:** 1923

**Facility Costs:** \$430,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** In the fall of 1922, faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the university held a fund drive that collected \$430,000 in construction funds for the stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. Memorial Stadium was named in honor of the men and women who fought and served in World War I and the Spanish-American War.

## **Team: Northwestern Wildcats**

**School:** Northwestern University

**Year Team Established:** 1882

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@NUFBFamily](#)

**Stadium:** Ryan Field

**Principal Owner:** Northwestern University

**Date Built:** 1942

**Facility Costs:** \$1.42 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was 100% privately financed through fund raising drives and private donations.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, Northwestern University broke ground on the Lakefront Athletics and Recreation Complex. The complex will include Ryan Fieldhouse, which will provide an indoor

practice facility for the football team, among other campus sports. The football team's outdoor practice field, which also broke ground in 2015, will be completed by 2016.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Patrick Ryan, who was the Chairman of the school's Board of Trustees, paid \$8 million for the naming rights in 1997.

## **Team: Ohio State Buckeyes**

**School:** The Ohio State University

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@tOSUFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Ohio Stadium ("The Horseshoe")

**Principal Owner:** The Ohio State University

**Date Built:** 1922

**Facility Costs:** \$1.3 million; refurbished for \$194 million in 2001

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** Local businessmen raised the \$1.3 million through private donations.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: Penn State Nittany Lions**

**School:** Pennsylvania State University

**Year Team Established:** 1887

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@PennStateFball](#)

**Stadium:** Beaver Stadium ("Happy Valley")

**Principal Owner:** Pennsylvania State University

**Date Built:** 1960

**Facility Costs:** \$93 million expansion and renovation in 2001

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the Penn State Board of Trustees Committee on Finance, Business, and Capital Planning approved upgrades to the Lasch football building and Beaver Stadium press box. The Lasch football building's estimated cost is \$2.3 million, which will provide a nutrition bar, new lighting and an audio system in the building's auditorium, and a video projection system. The press box upgrades' estimated cost is \$2 million and will be finished for the 2015-16 season, as the university will replace an elevator, some windows and carpeting, and will make minimal upgrades to the bathrooms.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Pennsylvania State University owns the naming rights to the facility and it is named after James A. Beaver, a former Governor of Pennsylvania and President of the University's Board of Trustees.

## **Team: Purdue Boilermakers**

**School:** Purdue University

**Year Team Established:** 1887

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@BoilerFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Ross-Ade Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Purdue University

**Date Built:** 1924

**Facility Costs:** \$70 million in renovations

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** As part of the university's "Football Master Plan," former Purdue and current New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees donated \$1 million to the program. The master plan includes a laundry list of renovations to Ross-Ade Stadium. The south end zone will be renovated, and that project's funding will come from ticket sales revenue generated in that area of the stadium, future television money, and private donation. For the 2017-18 athletic season, Purdue is among the twelve conference members expected to receive roughly \$44.5 million in television money. Beginning in January 2016, the concrete in the southwest and southeast areas of the stadium will be repaired and replaced. This specific project's estimated cost is \$2.87 million, and it should be completed by the summer of 2016.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Ross-Ade Stadium was dedicated at the 1924 game against in-state rival Indiana. The stadium is named for its two principal benefactors, alumni David E. Ross, the late President of the Board of Trustees, and the late George Ade, playwright and humorist. Ross conceived the idea for the stadium, and Ade purchased and presented to the university the sixty-five-acre tract on which the stadium is located.

## **Team: Rutgers Scarlet Knights**

**School:** Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

**Year Team Established:** 1869

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@RFootball](#)

**Stadium:** High Point Solutions Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Rutgers University

**Date Built:** 1994

**Facility Costs:** \$28 million; \$102 million expansion in 2009

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 70%

**Facility Financing:** Financing for the stadium came from the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority bond issue. The bonds accounted for 70% of the financing and private donations and contributions accounted for 30%.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the university's board of governors approved Rutgers University's "Physical Master Plan," which will conclude in 2030. Improvements will be made to the stadium's south end and the Hale Center. Specifically, renovations for the Hale Center, which house football and several campus sports, include building a football-specific training facility and shared academic center.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In June 2011, Rutgers Stadium was renamed High Point Solutions Stadium after a naming-rights deal was announced. The ten-year deal is reportedly worth \$6.5 million, which could possibly increase to \$1 million annually. In the contract, a clause states that if Tim Perneti is no longer the Athletic Director, High Point Solutions has the option to break their contract with Rutgers. Even though Tim Perneti resigned in April 2013, High Point Solutions has yet to exercise the contract's option clause.

## **Team: Wisconsin Badgers**

**School:** University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Year Team Established:** 1889

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@BadgerFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Camp Randall Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Date Built:** 1917

**Facility Costs:** \$15,000; \$109.5 million renovation concluded in 2005

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The land was given to the university after the Civil War ended and the track and field teams originally used it until football moved in. The university asked the state for \$40,000 and received half of its original request.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** For the 2014-15 season, the University of Wisconsin announced upgrades to Camp Randall Stadium's Wi-Fi connectivity, with an estimated cost of \$6.2 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The University of Wisconsin owns the naming rights to the stadium. The stadium received its name because it lies on the grounds of Camp Randall, a Union Army Training Camp during the Civil War.



## CONFERENCE USA

**Conference Update:** For the 2014–15 season, C-USA added Western Kentucky University from the Sun Belt and Old Dominion University from the FCS Division, while East Carolina University, Tulane University, and the University of Tulsa left for the AAC. For the 2015–2016 season, C-USA will add the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, but the team will not be bowl eligible until the 2016-17 season.

### **Team: FAU Owls**

**School:** Florida Atlantic University

**Year Team Established:** 2001

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@FAU\\_football](#)

**Stadium:** FAU Football Stadium

**Principal Owner:** FAU

**Date Built:** 2011

**Facility Costs:** \$70 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** To help fund the stadium, FAU secured a \$12 million development rights deal with Crocker Partners, LLC. The funding from the deal provides FAU with the money it needs to secure a bond for the stadium. On July 1, 2010, FAU trustees voted to approve a \$44.6 million finance plan from Regions Bank.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, Florida Atlantic University announced the addition of an 185,000 square foot football facility, which will house an indoor practice field and an academic center. The cost is estimated between \$45 and \$50 million, and the project is tentatively scheduled to open within two years. University donor Dick Schmidt donated \$16 million, which guaranteed his naming rights to the complex.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** FAU owns the naming rights to the stadium. In April 2013, plans to have the stadium named for the GEO Group fell through after a public relations outcry. The GEO Group is a prison company, and many felt the name was inappropriate for a school system's building. The naming-rights deal was originally for \$6 million.

## **Team: FIU Golden Panthers**

**School:** Florida International University

**Year Team Established:** 2002

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@FIUFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium (“The Cage”)

**Principal Owner:** Florida International University

**Date Built:** 1995

**Facility Costs:** \$3 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was originally built as part of the County Parks system.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** FIU owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: Louisiana Tech Bulldogs**

**School:** Louisiana Tech University

**Year Team Established:** 1901

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@LATechFB](#)

**Stadium:** Joe Aillet Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Louisiana Tech University

**Date Built:** 1968

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Davison Athletics Complex, a \$22 million, 70,000 square foot football facility on the south end zone of Joe Aillet Stadium, will be completed for the 2015-16 season. The football coaches will have new offices on the complex’s second floor, and the third floor will house a club level and 302 premium seats that overlook the field. Athletic Director Tommy McClelland noted that former student-athletes donated fifty to seventy-five percent of the project’s private funds.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium is named after Joe Aillet, a member of the Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Fame and the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame. He guided his teams to a 151-86-9 record and nine conference championships during his coaching tenure.

## **Team: Marshall Thundering Herd**

**School:** Marshall University

**Year Team Established:** 1895

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@HerdFB](#)

**Stadium:** Joan C. Edwards Stadium (“The Joan”)

**Principal Owner:** Marshall University

**Date Built:** 1991

**Facility Costs:** \$30 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was 100% privately funded.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPGRADES:** In 2014, as part of its “Vision Campaign,” Marshall University unveiled the 102,000 square foot Chris Cline Athletic Complex, which will serve as the team’s indoor practice facility. Cline, a Marshall alumnus, donated \$8.5 million of the \$16.94 million cost.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders**

**School:** Middle Tennessee State University

**Year Team Established:** 1911

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@MT\\_FB](#)

**Stadium:** Johnny “Red” Floyd Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Middle Tennessee State University

**Date Built:** 1933

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In June 2015, the university completed its renovation of the team’s football weight room. The project’s \$500,000 cost was entirely funded by Blue Raider Athletic Association’s donors, and the project includes a new floor, new signage and graphics, new sound system, nutrition bar, and turf.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. The stadium was officially named Johnny “Red” Floyd Stadium in 1979 to honor Johnny “Red” Floyd, the school’s most prominent football coach.

## **Team: North Texas Mean Green**

**School:** University of North Texas

**Year Team Established:** 1913

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@MeanGreenFB](#)

**Stadium:** Apogee Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of North Texas

**Date Built:** 2011

**Facility Costs:** Estimated \$78 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility will be financed through the sale of suites, club, and luxury boxes, as well as through gifts and donations to the university. In May 2009, Governor Rick Perry signed into law a bill requiring UNT students to pay a \$10 student athletic fee to help fund the construction project.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** For the 2014-15 season, the university sold beer in controlled areas of Apogee Stadium.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium and reached a twenty-year deal with Apogee in 2011.

## **Team: Old Dominion**

**School:** Old Dominion University

**Year Team Established:** 1930

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@ODUFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Foreman Field at S.B. Ballard Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Old Dominion University

**Date Built:** 1936

**Facility Costs:** \$300,000; \$24,800,000 in renovations in 2009

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was originally built using state and federal funds provided during the Great Depression.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In May 2015, the university hired Populous Architects, a sports consulting company, to conduct a study regarding how the university should construct a new stadium. Athletic funds will cover the study's \$1.3 million cost, and the study will be completed in the fall of 2015. In total, the university hopes that the stadium is completed for the 2018-19 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Foreman Field is named after Norfolk attorney, A.H. Foreman, who is also one of the founders of Norfolk Division of William & Mary, later becoming ODU. The stadium is named after Stephen and B.J. Ballard and SB Construction, the company that does much of the campus's construction projects, after Stephen and B.J. Ballard made a \$2.5 million donation towards the 2009 renovations at Foreman Field.

## **Team: Rice Owls**

**School:** Rice University  
**Year Team Established:** 1912  
[Team Website](#)  
Team Twitter: [@RiceFootball1](#)

**Stadium:** Rice Stadium  
**Principal Owner:** Rice University  
**Date Built:** 1950  
**Facility Costs:** N/A  
**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%  
**Facility Financing:** The stadium was 100% privately financed.  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the university announced the construction of the 60,000 square foot Brian Patterson Sports Performance Center, which will be located at the north end of the stadium. The center will include a locker room, staff offices, a football team lounge, and a weight room, among other additions. The project's estimated cost is \$31.5 million, and the project is slated to be ready for the 2016-17 season. Patterson was a three-year letter winner at Rice and donated an unspecified amount for the center's naming rights.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Rice University owns the naming rights to the stadium and chose to name the stadium after the university.

## **Team: Southern Miss Golden Eagles**

**School:** University of Southern Mississippi  
**Year Team Established:** 1912  
[Team Website](#)  
Team Twitter: [@SouthernMissFB](#)

**Stadium:** M.M. Roberts Stadium (Carlisle-Faulkner Field)  
**Principal Owner:** University of Southern Mississippi  
**Date Built:** Originally built in 1932; demolished and rebuilt in 1976.  
**Facility Costs:** \$6.3 million when it was rebuilt in 1976; \$32.5 million expansion in 2008  
**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed. All funds were raised through a capital finance campaign. The stadium paid for its reconstruction in 1976 through a renovation capital campaign called “Building Dominance,” which financed several other projects on the campus.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium and named the stadium after M.M. Roberts, who provided significant contributions to the stadium refinancing.

## **Team: UAB Blazers**

**School:** University of Alabama at Birmingham

**Year Team Established:** 1991

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UAB Football](#)

**Stadium:** Legion Field

**Principal Owner:** City of Birmingham

**Date Built:** 1926

**Facility Costs:** \$439,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A – Likely publicly financed because the City of Birmingham owns the stadium.

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** While the UAB football team will not return to action until 2017, president Ray Watts announced that the \$13 million needed for new football facilities will come from boosters, rather than the university or outside sources. The facilities will tentatively include a new locker room, meeting room, weight room, and coaches’ offices.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The city owns the stadium and in 1927 named it in honor of the American Legion and stands as a memorial to those who gave their lives in the service of America.

## **Team: UTEP Minors**

**School:** University of Texas at El Paso

**Year Team Established:** 1914

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Sun Bowl Stadium

**Principal Owner:** UTEP

**Date Built:** 1963

**Facility Costs:** \$275,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** Much of the stadium is financed through the various sponsorships generated by the Sun Bowl.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** For the 2015-16 season, the university installed new turf for Sun Bowl Stadium and the team's practice field.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Sun Bowl Association owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: UTSA Roadrunners**

**School:** University of Texas at San Antonio

**Year Team Established:** 2011

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UTSAFTBL](#)

**Stadium:** Alamodome

**Principal Owner:** City of San Antonio, Texas

**Date Built:** 1993

**Facility Costs:** \$186 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The Alamodome was 100% financed by the City of San Antonio when it was constructed in 1993. The city still owns and operates the facility.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@Alamodome](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the San Antonio City Council approved \$41 million in public funding for improvements to the Alamodome. Among other proposed improvements, the stadium will sport expanded concourses and a new video wall system. Construction started in August 2015.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The city owns the naming rights to the facility, which is used for several different purposes. Its name comes from the historical "Battle of the Alamo," which took place in San Antonio.

## **Team: Western Kentucky Hilltoppers**

**School:** Western Kentucky University

**Year Team Established:** 1908

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@WKUFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Houchens Industries–L.T. Smith Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Western Kentucky University

**Date Built:** 1968

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** On July 19, 2007, WKU reported that Houchens Industries, a longtime corporate sponsor of WKU, made a \$5 million commitment to the expansion and renovation project for the football stadium, so the university renamed the stadium after the company.



## FBS INDEPENDENTS

**Conference Update:** In July 2015, the American Athletic Conference accepted the United States Naval Academy as one of its members.

### **Team: Army Black Knights**

**School:** United States Military Academy

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@ArmyWP Football](#)

**Stadium:** Blaik Field at Michie Stadium

**Principal Owner:** United States Military Academy

**Date Built:** 1924

**Facility Costs:** \$300,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Michie Stadium will unveil new turf for the 2015-16 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The original stadium was dedicated in honor of Dennis Mahan Michie, who was instrumental in starting the game of football at Army in 1890. He organized, managed, and coached the first team. In 1999, the field was named "Blaik Field" in honor of Earl "Red" Blaik, the winningest coach in Army history.

### **Team: BYU Cougars**

**School:** Brigham Young University

**Year Team Established:** 1922

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@BYUfootball](#)

**Stadium:** LaVell Edwards Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Brigham Young University

**Date Built:** 1964

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was 100% privately financed through donations and gifts.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Originally known as Cougar Stadium, the stadium was renamed for legendary head football coach LaVell Edwards upon his retirement at the conclusion of the 2000 season.

## **Team: Notre Dame Fighting Irish**

**School:** University of Notre Dame

**Year Team Established:** 1887

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@NDFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Notre Dame Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Notre Dame

**Date Built:** 1930

**Facility Costs:** \$750,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was 100% privately financed through university donors and alumni. The subsequent renovations were financed by \$53 million in tax-exempt, fixed-rate bonds. The bonds were sold in twenty-six states.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In late 2014, the university began construction on a \$400 million, 800,000 square foot project, known as “Campus Crossroads.” The project will attach new student and academic buildings to the south, east, and west exterior of Notre Dame Stadium. Additionally, the stadium will house new premium seating and outdoor terraces. It is expected to be finished in the summer of 2017. The university will pay a record low interest rate for the \$400 million corporate bond, saving Notre Dame \$2.5 million per year.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## [MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE \(MAC\)](#)

### **Team: Akron Zips**

**School:** The University of Akron

**Year Team Established:** 1891

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@ZipsFB](#)

**Stadium:** InfoCision Stadium

**Principal Owner:** The University of Akron

**Date Built:** 2009

**Facility Costs:** \$61.6 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% school financed.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** InfoCision paid \$10 million for naming rights to the stadium, Summa Health System paid \$5 million for the naming rights to the field, FirstMerit Foundation paid \$1 million for the naming rights to the club level, and Towpath Credit Union paid \$100,000 for the naming rights to the press box.

### **Team: Ball State Cardinals**

**School:** Ball State University

**Year Team Established:** 1926

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@BallStateFB](#)

**Stadium:** Scheumann Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Ball State University

**Date Built:** 1967

**Facility Costs:** \$13.6 million renovation completed in 2007

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility and its renovations were funded by private donors and gifts provided to the university by students, faculty, and alumni.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In the spring of 2015, the university installed new turf at Scheumann Stadium that will be ready for the 2015-16 season. The estimated cost is \$450,000.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. After the 2007 renovations, the stadium was renamed for former athletic standout, John Scheumann, and his wife June in recognition of their \$4 million gift to the project.

## **Team: Bowling Green Falcons**

**School:** Bowling Green State University

**Year Team Established:** 1919

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@BG Football](#)

**Stadium:** Doyt L. Perry Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Bowling Green State University

**Date Built:** 1966

**Facility Costs:** \$3 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed by the university.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Bowling Green State University owns the naming rights to the stadium, which stadium is named after former coaching great Doyt L. Perry for his work with the team from 1955 to 1964.

## **Team: Buffalo Bulls**

**School:** University at Buffalo

**Year Team Established:** 1894

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UBFootball](#)

**Stadium:** UB Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University at Buffalo

**Date Built:** 1993

**Facility Costs:** \$23 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% school financed. The funding was provided through the New York State Dormitory Authority, which provides financing and construction services to public and private universities, not for profit healthcare facilities, and other institutions that serve the public good.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** UB Stadium will undergo several renovations, as part of the university's "Athletics Master Plan." The football headquarters will house an expanded team meeting room, additional team meeting rooms and coaches' offices, and the head coach's suite and recruiting area. The headquarters' estimated cost is \$5 million. The stadium will add roughly 1,600 club seats in the East Side Club, which will cost \$10 million. Finally, the university is planning to construct a \$30 million field house, which the football team and other campus sports will use.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: Central Michigan Chippewas**

**School:** Central Michigan University

**Year Team Established:** 1896

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@CMU Football](#)

**Stadium:** Kelly/Shorts Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Central Michigan University

**Date Built:** 1972

**Facility Costs:** \$2.2 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% school financed.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium was dedicated in November 1972 and named Perry Shorts Stadium in honor of R. Perry Shorts, a former CMU athlete. In 1983, the CMU Board of Trustees voted to rename the facility Kelly/Shorts Stadium in honor of Bill Kelly, who coached at CMU from 1951 to 1966.

## **Team: Eastern Michigan Eagles**

**School:** Eastern Michigan University

**Year Team Established:** 1891

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Rynearson Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Eastern Michigan University

**Date Built:** 1969

**Facility Costs:** \$1.4 million; \$13 million in renovations in 1991–92

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% school financed.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** EMU owns the naming rights to the stadium, and it is named for the late Elton J. Rynearson, Sr., who coached football at EMU for twenty-six seasons.

## **Team: Kent State Golden Flashes**

**School:** Kent State University

**Year Team Established:** 1920

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@KentStFootball@](#)

**Stadium:** Dix Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Kent State

**Date Built:** 1969

**Facility Costs:** \$3.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% University financed.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@DixStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, a consulting firm recommended that the university renovate Dix Stadium and suggested that Kent State should begin raising private donations for the renovation.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Kent State owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named in honor of former Kent State Board of Trustees member Robert Dix. The stadium was originally named Memorial Stadium.

## **Team: Massachusetts Minutemen**

**School:** University of Massachusetts

**Year Team Established:** 1879

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UMassFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Gillette Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Robert Kraft

**Date Built:** 2002

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$325

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The New England Patriots paid for the \$325 million stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@GilletteStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** Gillette Stadium will unveil a new 20,000 square foot pavilion for the 2015-16 season. The Cross Insurance Pavilion and Business Center will be located inside Gillette Stadium's Bank of America gate and will connect to the north end zone concourse. The pavilion will feature a twenty-four foot video wall, high-definition televisions, and audio visual capabilities, among other amenities. The team declined to reveal how much Cross Insurance paid for the pavilion's naming rights.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Global Gillette purchased the naming rights for \$240 million. The deal lasts until 2031 and its annual value is \$8 million.

## **Team: Miami (OH) Redhawks**

**School:** Miami University

**Year Team Established:** 1888

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@MiamiOHFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Yager Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Miami University

**Date Built:** 1983

**Facility Costs:** \$13.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was 100% privately financed through benefactors and other private donors.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium is named after alumnus Fred C. Yager, who was the lead benefactor in the project to build the stadium.

## **Team: Northern Illinois Huskies**

**School:** Northern Illinois University

**Year Team Established:** 1899

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@NIU\\_Football](#)

**Stadium:** Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Northern Illinois University

**Date Built:** 1965

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In October 2014, the university announced its privately funded \$138 million “Athletics Facility Master Plan,” which includes renovations to Huskie Stadium. The project will add premium suites and club seating to the east side of the stadium, a new south end zone, and phased improvements to the west side. In total, the stadium’s capacity could expand to almost 42,000.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium and field have had several name changes during the stadium’s existence. The university owns the naming rights and the stadium itself is named after

the Northern Illinois mascot. The playing surface is named in honor of Robert J. Brigham, a former player, coach, and athletic director at the school.

## **Team: Ohio Bobcats**

**School:** Ohio University

**Year Team Established:** 1894

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@OhioFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Peden Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Ohio University

**Date Built:** 1929

**Facility Costs:** \$185,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was 100% financed by the university.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. The stadium was named after former Bobcat head coach Don Peden. A coach and Director of Athletics at Ohio for twenty-seven years, he was one of the founders of the Mid-American Conference and was monumental in the development of college athletics.

## **Team: Toledo Rockets**

**School:** University of Toledo

**Year Team Established:** 1917

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@ToledoFB](#)

**Stadium:** Glass Bowl

**Principal Owner:** University of Toledo

**Date Built:** 1937

**Facility Costs:** \$313,588

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 81%

**Facility Financing:** The project was paid for with \$272,000 from the federal government and \$41,558 from the City of Toledo and the university.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The University of Toledo proposed plans to upgrade the east side of the Glass Bowl, though it still needs approval from the Board of Trustees. The renovations will feature restrooms and a concession stand on that side of the stadium. The university also hopes to construct a new dining facility for its student athletes, but the exact location remains unknown. The project's estimated cost is roughly \$2.7 million and will be funded through private donations. The project's estimated completion date is set for August 2016.



**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 1946, Wayne Kohn, a Libby Owens Ford engineer, conceived the idea of using glass to rebuild the stadium. Glass blocks were installed throughout the stadium and a glass electric scoreboard was built in the south end zone. A new two-tier press box of blue vitrolite and glass blocks was also constructed. Lights were installed, beginning a tradition of night football at UT. It is now known as the Glass Bowl.

## **Team: Western Michigan Broncos**

**School:** Western Michigan University

**Year Team Established:** 1906

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@WMU\\_Football](#)

**Stadium:** Waldo Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Western Michigan University

**Date Built:** 1939

**Facility Costs:** \$250,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was 100% financed through donations and gifts to the university. The donors who contributed money for the construction of the stadium were awarded season tickets by WMU.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In August 2015, the university installed a new primary video scoreboard and two additional video boards at Waldo Stadium. The project's estimated cost is roughly \$2 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Western Michigan owns the naming rights and dedicated the stadium to WMU President Emeritus Dwight B. Waldo, the school's first president and a strong advocate of Broncos athletics.

## [MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE](#)

### **Team: Air Force Falcons**

**School:** United States Air Force Academy

**Year Team Established:** 1955

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@AFFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Falcon Stadium

**Principal Owner:** U.S. Air Force Academy

**Date Built:** 1962

**Facility Costs:** \$3.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was 100% funded through donations by Air Force personnel and civilian sources.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, Air Force announced improvements for Falcon Stadium. During the early part of the renovation, which will take five years to complete, Air Force will focus on team locker rooms, luxury suites on the west side, and a new scoreboard and video board. The estimated cost is \$30 million, and the project's funding will utilize both government grants and private donations.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. Discussions have surfaced among the Academy administration about changing the name. Since Fisher DeBerry earned election to the College Football Hall of Fame, university proponents have crusaded to name the stadium after him because of his coaching success at the AFA. However, opponents feel it should remain Falcon Stadium. As of August 2015, the stadium's name has not changed.

### **Team: Boise State Broncos**

**School:** Boise State University

**Year Team Established:** 1932

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@BroncoSportsFB](#)

**Stadium:** Albertsons Stadium (The Blue)

**Principal Owner:** Boise State University

**Date Built:** 1970

**Facility Costs:** \$2.2 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. In 2014, Albertsons LLC purchased the naming rights to Bronco Stadium. The deal is worth an estimated \$12.5 million and lasts for fifteen years.

## **Team: Colorado State Rams**

**School:** Colorado State University

**Year Team Established:** 1893

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@CSUFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Colorado State University

**Date Built:** 1968

**Facility Costs:** \$3 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, Colorado State University secured more than \$239 million in bonds for a new 36,000 seat football stadium. Of the \$239 million, the university will use \$220 million for construction funds, while the remaining funds will be used for capitalized interest for bond payments during construction. The project began in the summer of 2015 and will be completed by 2017.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named after Harry Hughes, a former head coach at CSU for thirty-one years. Another former head coach at CSU Sonny Lubick donated \$15 million that secured him additional naming rights for the stadium. However, the stadium will not bear its current name at the new proposed stadium, as university will sell the naming rights.

## **Team: Fresno State Bulldogs**

**School:** Fresno State University

**Year Team Established:** 1921

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@FresnoStateFB](#)

**Stadium:** Bulldogs Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Fresno State University

**Date Built:** 1980

**Facility Costs:** \$7 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In June 2015, Athletic Director Jim Bartko announced that the university will renovate Bulldogs Stadium in four phases as part of the university's "Athletics Master Plan." The upgrades will include renovating the seating bowl; the branding of a "Bulldog District" around the stadium; constructing a football operations center in the south end zone; and adding suites, a stadium club, and new press box on the west side. The project's estimated cost is \$80 million, and the project is slated to be completed in 2019.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. In conjunction with the proposed renovations, the university will potentially sell the naming rights, which could amount to roughly \$1 million annually.

## **Team: Hawai'i Warriors**

**School:** University of Hawai'i at Manoa

**Year Team Established:** 1909

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@HawaiiFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Aloha Stadium

**Principal Owner:** State of Hawai'i

**Date Built:** 1975

**Facility Costs:** \$37 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was paid for by the State of Hawai'i because it is a major attraction that hosts various events that generate money for the Hawaiian economy.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@AlohaStadiumHI](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The State of Hawai'i owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: Nevada Wolf Pack**

**School:** University of Nevada

**Year Team Established:** 1896

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@NevadaFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Mackay Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Nevada

**Date Built:** 1966

**Facility Costs:** \$6.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed by the university through private donations.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@MackayStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** In late 2014, the Nevada Board of Regents approved the renovations for Mackay Stadium. The renovations include adding an 8,5000-square-foot club level to the west side, loge boxes near the club level, over 4,000 chair-back seats, and restrooms. Additionally, the university plans to expand the east-side suites. The renovation is set to be completed prior to 2016-17 season and will cost \$11.5 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Since the early 1900s, Nevada's football team has played in facilities named after university benefactor Clarence Mackay.

## **Team: New Mexico Lobos**

**School:** The University of New Mexico

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@NewMexicoFB](#)

**Stadium:** University Stadium (Branch Field)

**Principal Owner:** The University of New Mexico

**Date Built:** 1960

**Facility Costs:** \$750,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The project was 100% funded by the university.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The University of New Mexico owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: San Diego State Aztecs**

**School:** San Diego State University

**Year Team Established:** 1921

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@Aztec Football](#)

**Stadium:** Qualcomm Stadium

**Principal Owner:** City of San Diego

**Date Built:** 1967

**Facility Costs:** \$27 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The City of San Diego issued a \$27 million bond to finance construction of the stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the mayor's stadium task force, the San Diego Chargers, and Qualcomm Stadium's manager revealed that Qualcomm Stadium may be too expensive to renovate. The task force chairman believed that renovations would cost roughly \$700 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Qualcomm Corporation paid \$18 million cash for twenty-year naming rights in 1997. The deal expires in 2017 and has an average annual payout of \$900,000.

## **Team: SJSU Spartans**

**School:** San Jose State University

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@SJSUSpartanFB](#)

**Stadium:** Spartan Stadium

**Principal Owner:** San Jose State University

**Date Built:** 1933

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** SJSU owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: UNLV Rebels**

**School:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**Year Team Established:** 1968

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@unlvfootball](#)

**Stadium:** Sam Boyd Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**Date Built:** 1971

**Facility Costs:** \$3.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was financed through private donations.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@SamBoydStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the UNLV Foundation began negotiations for land that will support a new football stadium, which could cost \$50 million. While the UNLV Board of Regents still need to approve the purchase, the 42,000 seat open-air stadium's estimated cost is \$523 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. When the \$3.5 million stadium was built in 1971, it was originally named Las Vegas Stadium. The stadium was renamed the Las Vegas Silver Bowl in 1978, and in 1984, it was renamed Sam Boyd Stadium in honor of local gaming pioneer Sam Boyd.

## **Team: Utah State Aggies**

**School:** Utah State University

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@USUFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Merlin Olsen Field at Maverik Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Utah State University

**Date Built:** 1968

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In addition to announcing new naming rights for the stadium, the university also announced several renovations to Maverik Stadium. The university will tear down the press box, which will affect seating arrangements for the 2015-16 season. As a result, Utah State will pay \$750,000 for temporary seating on the east side. In total, the project will cost \$36 million and feature a new sound system and new concession areas, among other additions. It is expected to be completed by the fall of 2016.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2015, the stadium was renamed Merlin Olsen Field at Maverik Stadium. Maverick, Inc. owns convenience stores throughout the Intermountain West. The partnership is a twenty-one-year agreement and entails advertising rights and signage on both the inside and outside of the stadium.

## **Team: Wyoming Cowboys**

**School:** University of Wyoming

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@wyo\\_football](#)

**Stadium:** Jonah Field at War Memorial Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Wyoming

**Date Built:** 1950

**Facility Costs:** \$1.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed through donations.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the University of Wyoming revealed plans for a \$44 million expansion to the Rochelle Athletics Center, which sits on the north end of War Memorial Stadium. The expansion will increase the square footage from 48,000 to 126,000. Marian Rochelle, who served as the main contributor for the Rochelle Athletic Center in 1998, will pledge \$3 million to launch the expansion, while the state of Wyoming will pledge \$6 million. Altogether, a private support program and the state will provide funds of \$24 million and \$20 million, respectively, toward the project. The timetable for its completion is unknown.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** A \$5 million gift was donated to the university and matched by the state to rename the playing surface Jonas Field. The stadium itself is named in honor of those who have served our country.



## PAC-12 CONFERENCE

### **Team: Arizona Wildcats**

**School:** University of Arizona

**Year Team Established:** 1899

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@ArizonaFBall](#)

**Stadium:** Arizona Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Arizona

**Date Built:** 1928

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium.

### **Team: Arizona State Sun Devils**

**School:** Arizona State University

**Year Team Established:** 1897

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@FootballASU](#)

**Stadium:** Sun Devil Stadium (Frank Kush Field)

**Principal Owner:** Arizona State University

**Date Built:** 1958

**Facility Costs:** \$1 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The city and state paid for the stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:.** In 2015, Arizona State University received the requisite approval from the Arizona Board of Regents for the final two phases of its three-phase renovation for Sun Devil Stadium that are expected to conclude for the 2017-18 season. Phase one is expected to be completed for the 2015-16 season and entails revamping the student section in the south end zone, adding a new student section in the north end zone, replacing the steel bleachers with permanent stadium seating, and adding stadium space for seating, concessions, and restrooms. Phase two, which will focus on renovating the north and east sides of the stadium, will begin at the end of the 2015-16 season. Finally, Phase three is slated to break ground in January 2017 and focuses on the west side of the stadium. The entire project is estimated to cost \$256 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: California Golden Bears**

**School:** University of California, Berkeley

**Year Team Established:** 1886

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@CalFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Kabam Field at Memorial Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of California, Berkeley

**Date Built:** 1923

**Facility Costs:** \$1.4 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** When the university launched a statewide campaign in October 1921 to build a football stadium on campus in honor of the WWI participants who lost their lives, the responses and results were staggering. In only one month, generous supporters of the university pledged more than \$1 million, and just two years later, the stadium was built.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, Memorial Stadium received a national Institute Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects for the \$321 million stadium renovations completed in 2012.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named after those who served and died in service to their country in World War I. In 2013, the university reached an agreement with Internet video game company Kabam (CEO and co-founder Kevin Chou is a Cal alumnus) for additional naming rights to the stadium. The partnership is a 15-year deal that is worth roughly \$18 million.

## **Team: Colorado Buffaloes**

**School:** University of Colorado at Boulder

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@RunRalphieRun](#)

**Stadium:** Folsom Field

**Principal Owner:** University of Colorado

**Date Built:** 1924

**Facility Costs:** \$65,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% university financed.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@Folsom\\_Field](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the University of Colorado at Boulder began construction of a \$233.5 million expansion that will house several campus teams in one facility. The project entails an expansion of Folsom Field, a new indoor practice facility, and a new parking garage.

Additionally, the new Champions Center will house a new locker room, dining facility, coaching office suites, a weight room, and a rooftop terrace for game-day events, among other additions.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium, and it is named after legendary coach Fred Folsom. In the spring of 2011, several companies were interested in purchasing the stadium's naming rights, and the stadium may take on any name the sponsor deems appropriate. As of August 2015, the name of the stadium has not changed.

## **Team: Oregon Ducks**

**School:** The University of Oregon

**Year Team Established:** 1893

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@WinTheDay](#)

**Stadium:** Autzen Stadium

**Principal Owner:** The University of Oregon

**Date Built:** 1967

**Facility Costs:** \$2.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The university financed 100% through donations.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the rights to the facility and it is named after the Thomas J. Autzen Foundation, which contributed \$250,000 of the original \$2.5 million raised to construct the stadium.

## **Team: Oregon State Beavers**

**School:** Oregon State University

**Year Team Established:** 1893

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@OSUBeaversFB](#)

**Stadium:** Reser Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Oregon State University

**Date Built:** 1953

**Facility Costs:** \$1 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was 100% privately financed.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@Reser\\_Stadium](#)

**UPDATE:.** In 2015, Oregon State University revealed renderings of its \$42 million Valley Football Center expansion project. The project will be funded solely by private donations and will expand the locker room, the training facility, and the equipment room. The project is

scheduled to break ground following the 2015-16 season and should be ready for the 2016-17 season.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Formerly known as Parker Stadium, Reser Stadium got its name in 1999 when Pat Reser of Beaverton, Oregon, made a personal seven-figure gift to OSU Athletics.

## **Team: Stanford Cardinal**

**School:** Stanford University

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@StanfordFball](#)

**Stadium:** Stanford Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Stanford University

**Date Built:** 1921

**Facility Costs:** \$200,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed through donations

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: UCLA Bruins**

**School:** University of California, Los Angeles

**Year Team Established:** 1919

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UCLAFootball](#)

**Stadium:** The Rose Bowl

**Principal Owner:** City of Pasadena

**Date Built:** 1922

**Facility Costs:** \$275,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** As of 2015, the stadium renovations were 95% complete, with the most recent additions including a brick donor plaza, renovated “Court of Champions,” and an enhanced Gate A. The remaining renovations will consist of improvements to additional gates and the North concourse. Also in 2015, former UCLA and Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman donated \$1 million to UCLA, which led to him receiving naming rights for the team’s strength and conditioning facility. The university will direct that donation toward the \$40 million Wasserman Football Center project.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The City of Pasadena owns the naming rights to the stadium and it was named the “Rose Bowl” by police reporter Harlan W. Hall, who had the Yale Bowl in mind when thinking of how an expanded structure would look.

## **Team: USC Trojans**

**School:** University of Southern California

**Year Team Established:** 1888

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@USC\\_Athletics](#)

**Stadium:** Memorial Coliseum

**Principal Owner:** University of Southern California

**Date Built:** 1923

**Facility Costs:** \$800,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@lacoliseum](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Memorial Coliseum was commissioned in 1921 as a memorial to the veterans of World War I. The city owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: Utah Utes**

**School:** University of Utah

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@Utah Football](#)

**Stadium:** Rice-Eccles Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Utah

**Date Built:** 1927

**Facility Costs:** \$133,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@Rice Eccles](#)

**UPDATE:.** In 2015, the University of Utah’s Board of Trustees approved a \$3.3 million renovation to Rice-Eccles Stadium’s men’s restrooms in the north end zone. The university will add 2,260 square feet of restroom space in the northwest corner and 2,685 square feet in the northeast corner.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. It is named after Robert Rice, a health club pioneer from the State of Utah who funded the original renovation

project, and Spencer Eccles, a University of Utah alumnus who donated \$10 million toward the major renovation project.

## **Team: Washington Huskies**

**School:** The University of Washington

**Year Team Established:** 1889

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UW\\_Football](#)

**Stadium:** Husky Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Washington

**Date Built:** 1920

**Facility Costs:** \$600,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** A student fund drive, in which students and businessmen sold plaques at \$50 and \$100 levels, provided the capital necessary to get the construction project off the ground.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium, but is in the market for a sponsor in order to collect revenue for the stadium renovations.

## **Team: Washington State Cougars**

**School:** Washington State University

**Year Team Established:** 1893

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@wsucougfb](#)

**Stadium:** Martin Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Washington State University

**Date Built:** 1972

**Facility Costs:** \$1 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed through donations.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In June 2014, the university unveiled a new 75,000 square foot football operations building, which includes five floors and features a new training room, weight room, locker room, team meeting room, and coaches' offices. The project's cost was \$61 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium, which has had several different names throughout its history, is now named after Clarence Martin, former Governor of Washington State, because his son, Dan Martin, gave the team \$250,000 in a funding project. Washington State owns the naming rights.

## **SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE (SEC)**

### **Team: Alabama Crimson Tide**

**School:** University of Alabama

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@AlabamaFTBL](#)

**Stadium:** Bryant-Denny Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Alabama

**Date Built:** 1929

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named after two Alabama greats. The first is Paul W. Bryant, for his winning tradition as a coach at Alabama. The second individual is George Denny, former University of Alabama President.

### **Team: Arkansas Razorbacks**

**School:** University of Arkansas

**Year Team Established:** 1894

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@RazorbackFB](#)

**Stadium:** Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Arkansas

**Date Built:** 1938

**Facility Costs:** \$492,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was financed under President Roosevelt's New Deal.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** As part of the university's \$300 million "Athletics Master Plan," Arkansas will build a new 81,000 square foot football center, which will cost roughly \$35 million. The project's estimated completion date is 2017.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium is named after the Donald Reynolds Foundation, which donated \$20 million for the 2001 renovation that added roughly 20,000 seats to the stadium. The university still owns the naming rights.

## **Team: Auburn Tigers**

**School:** Auburn University

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@FootballAU](#)

**Stadium:** Jordan-Hare Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Auburn University

**Date Built:** 1939

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@JordanHare334](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the university's Board of Trustees approved the addition of several upgrades for Jordan-Hare Stadium. The upgrades include a new video board (which will be the sport's largest ever), scoreboard, and audio system in the south end zone. The cost is \$13.9 million, which Auburn will pay through debt services, and the upgrades will be ready for the 2015-16 season. The Board of Trustees also approved a feasibility study for upgrades in the north end zone, which will include a new scoreboard, new locker room, and premium seating.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium is named for James Ralph "Shug" Jordan, Auburn's winningest football coach, and Clifford Leroy Hare, a member of Auburn's first football team, president of the old Southern Conference, and longtime chairman of Auburn's Faculty Athletic Committee. Legendary coach Pat Dye has also had his name forever attached to Jordan-Hare Stadium, as the turf officially became known as Pat Dye Field at Jordan-Hare Stadium prior to the 2005 Iron Bowl. Dye, who served as head coach and Athletics Director at Auburn from 1981-92 and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in December 2005, led Auburn to a 99-39-4 record and four SEC Championships in his twelve seasons.

## **Team: Florida Gators**

**School:** University of Florida

**Year Team Established:** 1906

[Team Website](#)

**Stadium:** Ben Hill Griffin Stadium ("The Swamp")

**Principal Owner:** University of Florida

**Date Built:** 1930

**Facility Costs:** \$118,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The University Committee took out \$118,000 in personal loans to cover the costs of the original building during the Great Depression. Initially, they had hoped for all public



funding, but the funds were not provided because the public felt that a stadium was unnecessary at that time.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the University of Florida revealed plans for an indoor football practice facility that will cost \$15 million and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2015.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium was renamed in 1930 in honor of citrus tycoon Ben Hill Griffin, Jr., an alumnus and major benefactor of the university and its sports programs.

## **Team: Georgia Bulldogs**

**School:** University of Georgia

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@FootballUGA](#)

**Stadium:** Sanford Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Georgia

**Date Built:** 1929

**Facility Costs:** \$360,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** Dr. Steadman Vincent Sanford had an idea to have members of the athletic association sign notes guaranteeing a bank loan to fund the stadium construction. The guarantors would be granted lifetime seats. The response was overwhelming, and in 1928 a loan of \$150,000 supported by fans and alumni allowed construction to begin on a stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** Sanford Stadium will feature a refurbished club lounge and concession area for the 2015-16 season. The combined cost is \$3.7 million. In September 2014, the University of Georgia Athletic Association Board of Directors voted to spend \$400,000 to determine the feasibility of an indoor football practice facility, which would also house other campus sports. Athletic Director Greg McGarity noted that private donations would have to serve as the basis for the requisite funds. Those discussions by the Board of Directors were expedited in 2015, as McGarity noted that the university is “moving very, very quickly,” and estimated that the facility would cost roughly \$30 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Georgia owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named after the late Dr. Steadman Vincent Sanford, former President of the University and Chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

## **Team: Kentucky Wildcats**

**School:** University of Kentucky

**Year Team Established:** 1881

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@UKFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Commonwealth Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Kentucky

**Date Built:** 1973

**Facility Costs:** \$12 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The facility was made possible thanks to a \$12 million donation by the construction firm of Huber, Hunt, and Nichols.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In addition to the completion of the \$120 million renovation to Commonwealth Stadium that will open for the 2015-16 season, the University of Kentucky released plans in October 2014 for a 90,000 square foot training facility adjacent to the stadium. The facility will include a locker room, meeting rooms, coaches' offices, dining facility, nutrition and health services, strength and conditioning area, and players' lounge. The facility is set to open in 2016 and will cost \$45 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

## **Team: LSU Tigers**

**School:** Louisiana State University

**Year Team Established:** 1893

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@LSUfbal](#)

**Stadium:** Tiger Stadium ("Death Valley")

**Principal Owner:** Louisiana State University

**Date Built:** 1924

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@LSUTigerStadium](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** LSU owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named for the team's nickname.

## **Team: Mississippi State Bulldogs**

**School:** Mississippi State University

**Year Team Established:** 1895

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@HailStateFB](#)

**Stadium:** Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field

**Principal Owner:** Mississippi State University

**Date Built:** 1914

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% university financed through student, faculty, and donor gifts.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named after the large financial commitment to renovations made by Floyd Davis Wade Sr.

## **Team: Missouri Tigers**

**School:** University of Missouri

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@MizzouFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Faurot Field at Memorial Stadium (“The Zou”)

**Principal Owner:** University of Missouri

**Date Built:** 1926

**Facility Costs:** \$350,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium cost \$350,000 and was financed through stadium bonds that were paid off from revenues generated from Don Faurot’s powerhouse split “T” teams of the 1930’s and 1940’s.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In late 2014, the university announced plans to build a new complex in the south end zone at Memorial Stadium, which will feature a new locker room, new football offices, weight room, and training room. The project might also entail new premium seating at the south end of the stadium. Athletic Director Mike Alden expects that the design process will last roughly nine to twelve months, while the building process will last twenty-four to thirty months.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The University of Missouri owns the naming rights and the playing field is named after legendary coach Don Faurot.

## **Team: Ole Miss Rebels**

**School:** University of Mississippi

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@OleMissFB](#)

**Stadium:** Vaught-Hemingway Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Mississippi

**Date Built:** 1915

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In late 2014, the university detailed the already-approved upgrades to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. Ole Miss will expand the south end zone seats by approximately 2,000 seats, including 770 seats in the field level club and thirty additional suites. The expansion will be ready for the 2015-16 season. The university will also enclose and expand the north end zone, which will increase the stadium's capacity to 64,038. This project will be ready for the 2016-17 season. In total, the renovations will cost \$35 million.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium. When the stadium opened, it was named for Judge William Hemingway, a professor of law and Chairman of the University's Committee on Athletics. On October 12, 1982, legendary Ole Miss coach Johnny Vaught's name was added to the stadium.

## **Team: South Carolina Gamecocks**

**School:** University of South Carolina

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@GamecockFB](#)

**Stadium:** Williams-Brice Stadium ("The Cockpit")

**Principal Owner:** University of South Carolina

**Date Built:** 1934

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was completely funded under President Roosevelt's New Deal.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The University of South Carolina will house several new football renovations for 2015-16 season and beyond. An indoor practice facility will be ready for the 2015-16 season. The Spring-Brooks Plaza will also be ready for the 2015-16 season, which will include new trees, concrete, brick, and a statute of Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers in an area around

the stadium. Finally, the university has plans to build potential suites and a football operations building at Williams-Brice Stadium, but nothing is imminent.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** During the 1971 stadium expansion, a significant gift from the estate of Mrs. Martha Williams-Brice helped increase the capacity of the stadium from 43,000 to more than 54,000. The name was officially changed from Carolina Stadium to Williams-Brice Stadium during a dedication ceremony before the September 9, 1972 home opener against Virginia.

## **Team: Tennessee Volunteers**

**School:** University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**Year Team Established:** 1891

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@Vol\\_Football](#)

**Stadium:** Neyland Stadium

**Principal Owner:** State of Tennessee

**Date Built:** 1921

**Facility Costs:** \$430,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** The funding for the stadium was provided by the State of Tennessee.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named for General Robert R. Neyland, the man most responsible for the growth and development of Tennessee's proud football tradition. Neyland served as head coach from 1926 to 1952, with two interruptions for military service.

## **Team: Texas A&M Aggies**

**School:** Texas A&M University

**Year Team Established:** 1894

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@AggieFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Kyle Field

**Principal Owner:** Texas A&M University

**Date Built:** 1927

**Facility Costs:** \$345,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The second and final phase of the renovation to Kyle Field will be ready for the 2015-16 season, which will complete the \$450 million renovation that began in November 2013. Of the \$450 million, 51% will be funded by annual seat licenses; 27% will be funded by campaign gifts; university students will fund 17%; and 5% will be funded by local government

agencies. In addition to Kyle Field's structural upgrades, new Wi-Fi capability and an advanced field drainage system will be added.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Texas A&M owns the naming rights to the stadium. The stadium was named after Edwin James Kyle, who served as a Dean and Athletic Council President.

## **Team: Vanderbilt Commodores**

**School:** Vanderbilt University

**Year Team Established:** 1890

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@VandyFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Vanderbilt Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Vanderbilt University

**Date Built:** 1922

**Facility Costs:** \$1.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Vanderbilt University owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## [SUN BELT CONFERENCE](#)

**Conference Update:** At the start of the 2014–15 season, the Sun Belt added Appalachian State University and Georgia Southern University from the FCS Division and also the University of Idaho and New Mexico State University, both former independent programs. The conference lost Western Kentucky University to C-USA.

### **Team: Appalachian State Mountaineers**

**School:** Appalachian State Mountaineers

**Year Team Established:** 1928

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@AppState\\_FB](#)

**Stadium:** Kidd Brewer Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Appalachian State University

**Date Built:** 1962

**Facility Costs:** \$32 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Formerly Conrad Stadium, the university changed its name to Kidd Brewer Stadium in 1988 to honor Kidd Brewer, one of the most successful head coaches in the university's football history.

### **Team: Arkansas State Red Wolves**

**School:** Arkansas State University

**Year Team Established:** 1911

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@RedWolvesFBall](#)

**Stadium:** Centennial Bank Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Arkansas State University

**Date Built:** 1974

**Facility Costs:** \$2.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 44%

**Facility Financing:** The original cost of the stadium was \$2.5 million, \$1.4 million of which was raised by friends and alumni. The state provided the rest of the funding.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In August 2014, Arkansas State University received a \$5 million contribution from Johnny Allison, who served as the university's Board of Trustees chairman in 1983. The

university will use the contribution toward its “Centennial Expansion” project, which will expand the stadium’s square footage to 35,741 feet and add forty-two loge boxes, twenty suites, and 300 club seats in the stadium’s revenue-generating areas. Improvements and additions of gate and ticket areas, concessions, and concourse bathrooms will also be part of the project.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2013, Centennial Bank purchased Liberty Bank, and the stadium’s naming rights were absorbed by Centennial. The stadium was renamed Centennial Bank Stadium for the 2014–15 season.

## **Team: Georgia Southern Eagles**

**School:** Georgia Southern University

**Year Team Established:** 1924

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@GSAthletics\\_FB](#)

**Stadium:** Allen E. Paulson Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University System of Georgia

**Date Built:** 1984

**Facility Costs:** \$4.7 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** Allen E. Paulson donated more than \$1 million to fund the stadium.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In late 2014, the university announced several upgrades for Allen E. Paulson Stadium. The upgrades include a new video display, which features a 15HD pixel layout, and a fixed-digit scoreboard.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The stadium is named after Allen E. Paulson after he donated more than \$1 million for the stadium’s construction.

## **Team: Idaho Vandals**

**School:** Idaho University

**Year Team Established:** 1892

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@VandalFootball](#)

**Stadium:** William H. Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center (“Kibbie Dome”)

**Principal Owner:** Idaho University

**Date Built:** 1971

**Facility Costs:** \$4 million; \$27 million in renovations in 2011.

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed through university donations and gifts.

[Facility Website](#)



**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center was named after William H. Kibbie, a former student who donated \$300,000 toward building of the facility. Kibbie attended the University of Idaho for a few weeks in 1936 before having to withdraw due to family hardship.

## **Team: Louisiana–Lafayette Ragin’ Cajuns**

**School:** University of Louisiana at Lafayette

**Year Team Established:** 1901

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@RaginCajunsFB](#)

**Stadium:** Cajun Field

**Principal Owner:** University of Louisiana at Lafayette

**Date Built:** 1971

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the university’s system board approved tier II of Louisiana Lafayette’s athletic facilities master plan, which will revamp the university’s baseball stadium and Cajun Field. Tier III will include a sports plaza behind the south end of Cajun Field. When fully completed, Cajun Field’s seating capacity will increase to roughly 62,000.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium, which is named after the school nickname.

## **Team: Louisiana–Monroe Warhawks**

**School:** University of Louisiana at Monroe

**Year Team Established:** 1931

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@ULM\\_FB](#)

**Stadium:** JPS Field at Malone Stadium

**Principal Owner:** University of Louisiana at Monroe

**Date Built:** 1978

**Facility Costs:** \$2.5 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% university financed.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the university began construction on an 11,750 square foot football facility that will be located on the stadium’s north end zone. The facility will feature a new locker room,

coaches' offices, and an outdoor patio overlooking the stadium. The facility's cost is \$4.1 million, which was solely funded through private donations, and it will be completed in 2016.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Malone Stadium is named for James Malone, the winningest coach in school history. In 2014, JPS Aviation/JPS Equipment Rental donated \$450,000 for the additional naming rights, which was used toward the new turf installed for the 2014-15 season. The deal will last for at least eight years.

## **Team: New Mexico State Aggies**

**School:** New Mexico State University

**Year Team Established:** 1893

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@NMStateFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Aggie Memorial Stadium

**Principal Owner:** New Mexico State University

**Date Built:** 1978

**Facility Costs:** \$4 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 100%

**Facility Financing:** Funded by the New Mexico Legislature as part of a capital outlay project.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the university's Board of Regents approved an addition of a new \$1.1 million skybox, which could be finished for the 2015-16 season. Stan Fulton, owner of Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino, will donate \$1 million, while the university will rely on additional donations for the remaining \$100,000. Also in 2015, the university announced a significant donation given by Allen Theatres that will cover a complete renovation to the football locker room. The university also used the donation for additional renovations to the weight room that was completed in 2014.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The university owns the naming rights to the stadium.

## **Team: South Alabama Jaguars**

**School:** University of South Alabama

**Year Team Established:** 2009

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@JagsFootball](#)

**Stadium:** Ladd-Peebles Stadium

**Principal Owner:** City of Mobile, Alabama

**Date Built:** 1948

**Facility Costs:** \$10 million in renovations

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% privately financed by a local banker who wanted to honor his mentor, Ernest F. Ladd.

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The city of Mobile owns the naming rights to the stadium.

**Team: Texas State Bobcats**

**School:** Texas State University

**Year Team Established:** 1899

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@TXSTATEFOOTBALL](#)

**Stadium:** Jim Wacker Field at Bobcat Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Texas State University

**Date Built:** 1981

**Facility Costs:** N/A

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Texas State University owns the naming rights to the stadium.

**Team: Troy Trojans**

**School:** Troy University

**Year Team Established:** 1946

[Team Website](#)

Team Twitter: [@TroyTrojansFB](#)

**Stadium:** Veterans Memorial Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Troy University

**Date Built:** 1950

**Facility Costs:** \$65,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 0%

**Facility Financing:** 100% university financed through donations and gifts

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** For the 2014-15 season, Troy University sold beer at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Troy University owns the naming rights to the stadium, which reverted to its original name when the naming rights deal with Movie Gallery ceased.

## **COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS (CFP)**

**UPDATE:** The College Football Playoff (CFP) debuted during the 2014-15 season. For the foreseeable future, the CFP will consist of a championship game, with two semifinal bowl games preceding it.

### **Championship Game**

**Update:** The two Division I FBS schools who win the semifinal bowl games will face one another in the championship game. Unlike the BCS, the championship game will be managed by the conferences and will not be a “bowl game.”

**Official Name:** College Football Championship Game

**Year Established:** 2014

**Stadium:** There is a separate bidding process that allows any city and stadium to bid to host the championship game. Moreover, any one of the six playoff cities can bid to host the championship game in addition to the “bowl game” it will host. The exception is that cities may not host both a semifinal and championship game in the same season. In the upcoming 2015–16 season, Glendale, Arizona will host the championship game. In the 2016–17 season, Tampa Bay, Florida will host the game, but a site is still to be determined for the 2017-18 season.

### **“New Years Six”**

**Update:** Four Division I FBS schools will participate in two semifinal bowl games to determine who will play in the College Football Championship Game. A selection committee will rank teams to play in the two bowl games, and all teams will be given equal opportunity to participate. There will not be an automatic qualification designation. When deciding which teams will participate in the semifinal games, a committee will consider factors such as strength of schedule, win-loss record, and whether a team is a conference champion.

**Official Name:** Playoff Semifinal

**Year Established:** 2014

**Stadium:** The semifinal games will rotate on an annual basis among six historical bowls: Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and Peach Bowl. The games will be played at the bowl’s respective location. In the upcoming 2015–16 season, the Orange Bowl and Cotton Bowl will host the two games. In the 2016–17 season, the Fiesta Bowl and Peach Bowl will host the two games, and in the 2017-18 season, the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl will host the two games. When a bowl game is not hosting a semifinal game, the site for that game will host its traditional bowl game.

## **Bowl: Peach Bowl**

**Official Bowl Name:** Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

**Year Bowl Established:** 1968

[Bowl Website](#)

Bowl Twitter: [@CFAPeachBowl](#)

**Stadium:** Georgia Dome

**Principal Owner:** State of Georgia

**Date Built:** 1992

**Facility Costs:** \$214 million; \$300 million in renovations in 2006

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 77%

**Facility Financing:** 77% Public; 23% Private

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@GeorgiaDome](#)

**UPDATE:** A new stadium will replace the Georgia Dome in 2017. The stadium's estimated cost is \$1.4 billion, and Atlanta hotel-motel taxes will pay \$200 million toward construction. However, that figure could exceed \$600 million over thirty years, depending on tax collections.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The State of Georgia owns the naming rights to the Georgia Dome.

## **Bowl: Cotton Bowl**

**Official Bowl Name:** The AT&T Cotton Bowl

**Year Bowl Established:** 1937

[Bowl Website](#)

Bowl Twitter: [@CottonBowlGame](#)

**Stadium:** Cowboys Stadium

**Principal Owner:** City of Arlington

**Date Built:** 2009

**Facility Costs:** \$1.2 billion

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 27%

**Facility Financing:** \$325 million financed by the public, \$150 million financed by the NFL, and \$525 million financed by the Dallas Cowboys. The public's financing contribution resulted in increasing the sales tax and motel-hotel tax, as well as charging an increased tax on car rentals.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@ATTStadium](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The Dallas Cowboys own the naming rights to Cowboys Stadium.

## **Bowl: Fiesta Bowl**

**Official Bowl Name:** Tostitos Fiesta Bowl

**Year Bowl Established:** 1971

[Bowl Website](#)

Bowl Twitter: [@Fiesta Bowl](#)

**Stadium:** University of Phoenix Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority (Global Spectrum)

**Date Built:** 2006

**Facility Cost:** \$455 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** Roughly 2%

**Facility Financing:** The NFL's Arizona Cardinals contributed \$147 million, the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority contributed more than \$298 million, and the City of Glendale, Arizona contributed \$9.5 million.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@UOPXStadium](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The University of Phoenix acquired the naming rights to the stadium in 2006. The deal is worth \$154.5 million over twenty years and is set to expire in 2027.

## **Bowl: Orange Bowl**

**Official Bowl Name:** Discover Orange Bowl

**Year Bowl Established:** 1935

[Bowl Website](#)

Bowl Twitter: [@OrangeBowl](#)

**Stadium:** Sun Life Stadium

**Principal Owner:** Stephen Ross (Principal) and H. Wayne Huizenga

**Date Built:** 1987

**Facility Costs:** \$115 million

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** 10%

**Facility Financing:** The first 90% was privately funded with money generated by leasing luxury boxes and clubhouse seats. The remaining 10% came from the State of Florida.

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@SunLifeStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the Miami Dolphins announced a \$400 million renovation that will take place over the next two years. Phase one, which is expected to be ready for the start of the 2015-16 season, includes changing every seat in the stadium and rebuilding the concourses on two levels, which will decrease the stadium's capacity will decrease by almost 12,000. Phase two, which is expected to be ready for the start of the 2016-17 season, includes the installation of a roof canopy.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** In 2010, Sun Life Stadium’s principal entered into a five-year contract with Sun Life Financial for the naming rights to the stadium. The contract will pay \$7.5 million per year for the naming rights.

## **Bowl: Rose Bowl**

**Official Bowl Name:** The Rose Bowl Game® presented by Vizio

**Year Bowl Established:** 1902

[Bowl Website](#)

Bowl Twitter: [@rosebowlgame](#)

**Stadium:** The Rose Bowl

**Principal Owner:** City of Pasadena, California

**Date Built:** 1922

**Facility Costs:** \$275,000

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

Facility Twitter: [@RoseBowlStadium](#)

**UPDATE:** As of 2015, the stadium renovations were 95% complete, with the most recent additions including a brick donor plaza, renovated “Court of Champions,” and an enhanced Gate A. The remaining renovations will consist of improvements to additional gates and the North concourse.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** The City of Pasadena owns the naming rights to the stadium and it was named “Rose Bowl” by police reporter Harlan W. Hall, who had the Yale Bowl in mind when thinking of how an expanded structure would look.

## **Bowl: Sugar Bowl**

**Official Bowl Name:** Allstate Sugar Bowl

**Year Bowl Established:** 1935

[Bowl Website](#)

Bowl Twitter: [@SugarBowlNola](#)

**Stadium:** Mercedes-Benz Superdome

**Principal Owner:** Louisiana Stadium/Expo District

**Date Built:** 1975

**Facility Costs:** \$134 million; \$85 million renovation in 2011

**Percentage of Stadium Publicly Financed:** N/A

**Facility Financing:** The stadium was financed through a bond issued backed by a hotel tax.

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2015, the New Orleans Saints announced renovations for the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, which includes two new LED video boards. The renovations will cost upwards of

\$40 million, \$25 million of which will come from team owner Tom Benson. SMG, an affiliate of American Capital Strategies Ltd., the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District (LSED), and others will contribute the rest of the remaining \$15 million. While a portion of the renovations will be finished by the start of the 2015-16 season, most will not be completed until 2016.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Mercedes-Benz obtained the naming rights for the Superdome in a ten-year deal that is expected to expire in 2020. The deal is worth between \$10 and \$12 million annually.