

Ohio State Head Coach Ryan Day Could Earn Up To \$1.55 Million In Incentives This Season



Ohio State head coach Ryan Day could receive as much as \$1.55 million in incentives this season after the university approved a contract amendment on Wednesday that updated the bonus structure of Day's contract to reflect the expanded 12-team College Football Playoff.

According to the amendment, which still needs to be approved by Ohio State's Board of Trustees on Thursday, Day would receive a \$1 million bonus if he leads Ohio State to its first national championship in a decade.

The Buckeyes' head coach will receive a bonus worth \$500,000 if he leads his team to the national championship, \$350,000 if Ohio State makes the CFP semifinals, \$250,000 if Ohio State makes it to the second round of the CFP and \$100,000 if it makes the 12-team playoff.

Day would also earn an additional \$250,000 bonus if Ohio State wins the Big Ten Championship Game, and a \$50,000 bonus for an appearance in the conference final.

Other bonuses for Day include \$50,000 if he wins Big Ten Coach of the Year, \$100,000 if he wins national coach of the year honors and \$150,000 if his team earns a combined team GPA of 3.5 or better.

These amendments could give the sixth-year Ohio State coach an added increase in earnings from last season, which totaled over \$10 million, \$9.96 million in pay along with a \$250,000 retention bonus.

In addition to Day's contract amendment, four new head coaches also received contract extensions on Wednesday.

Women's basketball's Kevin McGuff received a two-year contract extension through 2028 and a 3.25 percent merit increase to bring his salary to \$1,111,383 after leading the Buckeyes to a 26-6 record and Big Ten regular season title.

Longtime men's tennis leader Ty Tucker, who led the Buckeyes to a 34-2 record and appearance in the NCAA Tournament semifinals last season, received a three-year contract extension through 2029 and a 14.85 percent increase in base salary to \$390,000.

Finally, women's volleyball's Jen Flynn Oldenberg and wrestling's Tom Ryan both earned two-year extension that will have them under contract through 2027, with Oldenberg also earning a 32.48 percent base salary increase to bump her salary up to \$400,000, and Ryan getting a 5 percent increase to \$446,500.