

Ohio State Board Of Trustees Approves Ryan Day's Contract



The Ohio State Board of Trustees on Friday afternoon approved Ohio State head coach Ryan Day's contract.

Day's five-year, \$4.5 million deal — which officially began on Jan. 2 — will pay him a yearly base salary of \$850,000; \$2.39 million in media, promotions and public relation obligations; \$1.25 million in apparel/shoe/equipment; and \$10,000 in Coca-Cola appearance payments.

Day's contract will run through the 2023 season and includes retention payments of \$250,000 if he remains employed by the university on Jan. 31 of 2022 and 2024. He can also earn incentive-based bonuses for winning the Big Ten East (\$50,000); winning the Big Ten Championship Game (\$100,000); making the College Football Playoff (\$200,000); winning a semifinal game (\$250,000); and inning the national championship (\$350,000).

Other incentives include \$50,000 for being named the conference's coach of the year and \$75,000 for national coach of the year honors.

Day will also receive a \$1,200 per month vehicle stipend; a golf membership to a mutually agreed-upon course; access to a private jet for recruiting purposes (50 hours) and personal use (50 hours); 12 football tickets, five press box credentials, two parking passes and a suite to each home football game; and two tickets to each home basketball game.

If the Buckeyes achieve a cumulative grade-point average above 3.0 for the fall and spring semesters, Day will receive a \$50,000 bonus. He'll earn a \$100,000 bonus if the team GPA is above 3.3 and \$150,000 if it's better than 3.5.

Day — who replaces former head coach Urban Meyer — made \$400,000 during his first season as Ohio State's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 2017. He was given a \$600,000 raise and made \$1 million in 2018, but also received a \$487,000 lump-sum payment for filling in as interim head coach during Meyer's three-game suspension last season.