

2015 SEC BOWL AGREEMENTS

The Southeastern Conference has agreements with nine postseason bowls and a new process for the assignment of SEC member schools to bowl games that began with the 2014 season and extending for six years.

The new SEC bowl process coincided with the beginning of the new College Football Playoff that followed the 2014 college football season. The SEC also participates in the Allstate Sugar Bowl and the Capital One Orange Bowl (in selected years).

Under the new SEC bowl system, the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl in Orlando (vs. Big Ten), a longtime SEC bowl, will have the first selection of available SEC teams after any conference schools have qualified for the College Football Playoff, the Allstate Sugar Bowl or the Capital One Orange Bowl.

Following the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl, there will be a pool of six bowls comprised of renewals with the Outback Bowl

in Tampa (vs. Big Ten), Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl in Nashville (vs. ACC/Big Ten), TaxSlayer Bowl in Jacksonville (vs. ACC/Big Ten) and AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis (vs. Big 12), as well as new agreements with the Advocate V100 Texas Bowl in Houston (vs. Big 12) and Belk Bowl in Charlotte (vs. ACC).

In consultation with SEC member institutions, as well as these six bowls, the conference will make the assignments for the bowl games in this newly created pool system.

The SEC also renewed its relationship with both the Birmingham Bowl (vs. American) and the Independence Bowl in Shreveport (vs. ACC). The Birmingham Bowl will have the first selection of available teams following the pool of six bowls. The Independence Bowl will have the next selection of available teams following the Birmingham Bowl.

	<p>ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL Jan. 1 • 8:30 p.m. ET • ESPN New Orleans, La. • Mercedes-Benz Superdome (74,000) Teams: SEC vs. Big 12</p>		<p>AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL Jan. 2 • 3:20 p.m. ET • ESPN Memphis, Tenn. • Liberty Bowl Stadium (62,506) Teams: SEC vs. Big 12</p>
	<p>CAPITAL ONE ORANGE BOWL Dec. 31 • TBA • ESPN Miami, Fla. • Sun Life Stadium (75,000) Teams: ACC vs. SEC/Big Ten/Notre Dame (Orange Bowl will be National Semifinal in 2015)</p>		<p>ADVOCARE V100 TEXAS BOWL Dec. 29 • 9 p.m. ET • ESPN Houston, Texas • NRG Stadium (71,054) Teams: SEC vs. Big 12</p>
	<p>BUFFALO WILD WINGS CITRUS BOWL Jan. 1 • 1 p.m. ET • ABC Orlando, Fla. • Florida Citrus Bowl (70,000) Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten</p>		<p>BELK BOWL Dec. 30 • 3:30 p.m. ET • ESPN Charlotte, N.C. • Bank of America Stadium (74,455) Teams: SEC vs. ACC</p>
	<p>OUTBACK BOWL Jan. 1 • Noon ET • ESPN2 Tampa, Fla. • Raymond James Stadium (65,657) Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten</p>		<p>BIRMINGHAM BOWL Dec. 30 • Noon ET • ESPN Birmingham, Ala. • Legion Field (71,594) Teams: SEC vs. American</p>
	<p>FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY BOWL Dec. 30 • 7 p.m. ET • ESPN Nashville, Tenn. • LP Field (69,143) Teams: SEC vs. ACC/Big Ten</p>		<p>INDEPENDENCE BOWL Dec. 26 • 5:45 p.m. ET • ESPN Shreveport, La. • Independence Stadium (49,565) Teams: SEC vs. ACC</p>
	<p>TAXSLAYER BOWL Jan. 2 • Noon ET • ESPN Jacksonville, Fla. • Everbank Field (77,511) Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten/ACC</p>		

SEC BOWL SUCCESS

SEC IN THE BCS/CFP BOWL ERA

- The SEC has won seven of the last nine national championships, nine of the 16 BCS National Championships, two runner-up finishes and 23 overall national titles (AP, BCS, FWAA, coaches poll). The SEC appeared in 10 of the 16 BCS Championship Games, winning nine.
- Four different SEC schools have won the National Championship since 2006 (Auburn, 2010; Alabama, 2009, 2011, 2012; Florida, 2006 and 2008; LSU, 2007). Tennessee (1998) and LSU (2004) have also won the BCS crown. Auburn also appeared in the 2013 BCS Championship Game. A team from the SEC Western Division had advanced to five consecutive national championship games prior to last season. The Big 12 (Texas and Oklahoma) and the ACC (Miami and Florida State) have each had two schools win titles since 1998.
- Since 2006, half of the slots in the National Championship Game have been taken by SEC teams (10 of 20). The Big Ten has three appearances, Big 12 and Pac-12 have two each, while the ACC has one.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS SINCE 1992

Since the first SEC expansion in 1992, the SEC has the most national championships (AP, USA Today) with 11. During that time, the SEC has had more teams with national titles than any other conference (5). Here is a breakdown:

SEC (11) . . Florida (2008, 2006, 1996), LSU (2003, 2007), Tennessee (1998), Alabama (1992, 2009, 2011, 2012), Auburn (2010)

Big 12 (5) Texas (2005), Oklahoma (2000), Nebraska (1994, 1995, 1997)

Big Ten (3) Ohio State (2002, 2014), Michigan (1997)

Pac-10 (2) Southern California (2003, 2004)

ACC (3) . . Florida State (1993, 1999, 2013)

Big East (1) Miami, Fla. (2001)

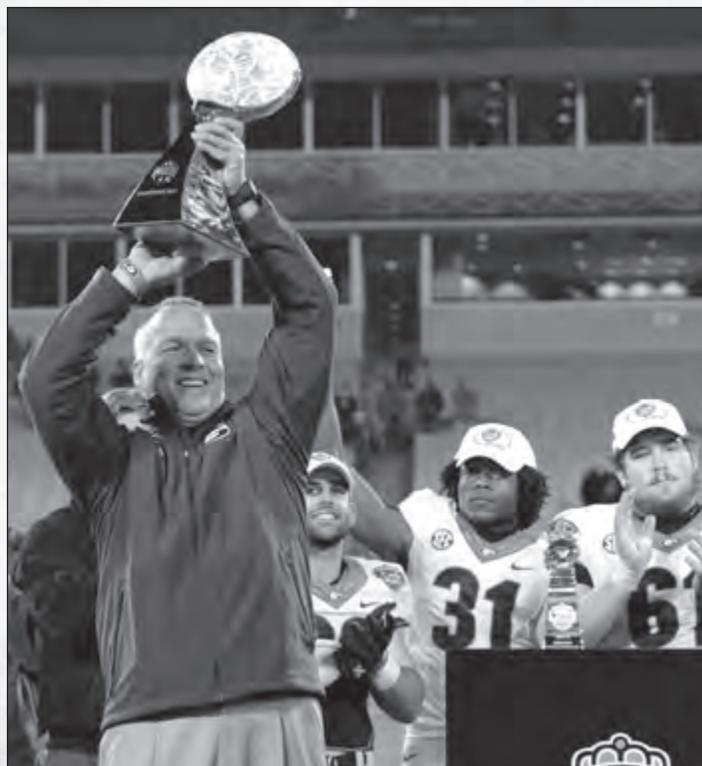
The SEC was the first conference to claim four consecutive Associated Press (first poll - 1936), National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame (first poll - 1959), Football Writers Association of America (first poll - 1954) and USA Today or UPI Coaches Poll (first poll - 1950) national championships.

SEC IN BOWL GAMES

- Since 2006, the SEC has accrued more bowl wins (56) and appearances (86) than any other conference. The conference's .651 bowl winning percentage is first among FBS leagues during that time.

SEC	56-30	.651
American	30-18	.625
Pac-12	32-22	.593
Mountain West	27-20	.574
Sun Belt	12-10	.545
Conference USA	26-24	.520
Independents	10-10	.500
Big 12	34-35	.493
ACC	32-46	.410
Big Ten	27-45	.375
MAC	12-31	.279

- The SEC finished 9-2 in BCS National Championship Games (LSU 2-1, Florida 2-0, Alabama 3-0, Tennessee 1-0, Auburn 1-1), 8-1 vs. non-SEC competition. The SEC had the most wins (17) and the highest winning percentage of any conference that has three-or-more appearances in BCS bowl games. The SEC was 17-10 in BCS games (.630 percentage), 16-9 (.640) in non-conference. Since 2006, the SEC has posted a 10-6 record in BCS bowl games, more wins than any other conference.
- During the recent seven-year winning streak, the SEC's average margin of victory in BCS National Championship Games is 17 points, which includes a three point victory over Oregon in 2011, the only game during the streak decided by single digits.
- With conference limits being removed in 2014 with the College Football Playoff, the SEC became the first conference to place three teams in CFP/BCS postseason bowls: Ole Miss (Chick-fil-A); Mississippi State (Orange); Alabama (Sugar/National Semifinal).



SEC SENDS NCAA-RECORD 12 TEAMS TO BOWL GAMES IN 2014; TIES ALL-TIME NCAA BOWL VICTORY RECORD

The SEC had a NCAA-record 12 teams participate in post-season bowl games in 2014-15. The SEC has sent no less than eight teams to post-season bowls in each of the last nine seasons.

The SEC sent nine teams to bowl games in 2006, 2007, 2011 and 2012, eight teams in 2008 and 10 teams in 2009, 2010 and 2013.

The most wins by the SEC in a bowl season is seven, set in 2007 and matched again in 2013 and 2014. During the last eight years (2007-14), the SEC is 50-27 (.649) in post-season bowl games.

Most Bowl Appearances – Single Season

- 12 – SEC, 2014
- 11 – ACC, 2013, 2014
- 10 – SEC, 2009, 2010, 2013
10 – ACC, 2008
10 – Big Ten, 2011, 2014
- 9 – SEC, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2012
9 – ACC, 2010
9 – Big 12, 2012
9 – Pac 12, 2013

Most Bowl Wins – Single Season

- 7 – SEC, 2007 (7-2); 2013 (7-3); 2014 (7-5)
- 6 – SEC, 2013 (5 times); Big 12 (once); Pac-12 (twice); Big Ten (once)
- 5 – SEC (7 times); Big 12 (3 times); Pac-10 (twice); ACC (3 times)

The SEC lead the nation in bowl victories last postseason, while second among the Power Five conferences in bowl winning percentage in the first year of the College Football Playoff era.

The SEC also won seven postseason bowl games in 2007 and 2013. The SEC is 56-30 (.651) in bowl games since 2006, winning six or more bowl games each year but 2010, when the league finished 5-5.

The SEC was represented by three teams in New Year's Six/Access Bowls this season (Alabama – AllState Sugar; Ole Miss – Chick-fil-A Peach; Mississippi State–Capital One Orange), with the Crimson Tide appearing in the semifinal of the inaugural College Football Playoff.

2014-15 Bowl Record by Conference:

Conference	Record	Win Pct.
SEC	7-5	.583
Pac-12	6-3	.667
Big Ten	6-5	.545
ACC	4-7	.364
Big 12	2-5	.286

The percentages of teams in bowls for each of the power conferences:

1. SEC 83.3 percent (12 of 14)
2. ACC 78.6 percent (11 of 14)
3. Big Ten 71.4 percent (10 of 14)
4. Big 12 70 percent (seven of 10)
5. Pac-12 66.7 percent (eight of 12)

SEC BOWL REVENUE DISTRIBUTION

- (A) For bowl games providing receipts which result in a balance of less than \$1,500,000, the participating institution shall retain \$1,000,000, plus a travel allowance as determined by the SEC Executive Committee. The remainder shall be remitted to the Commissioner and shall be divided into 15 equal shares with one share to the Conference and one share to each member institution.
- (B) For bowl games providing receipts which result in a balance between \$1,500,000 and \$3,999,999, the participating institution shall retain \$1,275,000, plus a travel allowance as determined by the SEC Executive Committee. The remainder shall be remitted to the Commissioner and shall be divided into 15 equal shares, with one share to the Conference and one share to each member institution.
- (C) For bowl games providing receipts which result in a balance between \$4,000,000 and \$5,999,999, the participating institution shall retain \$1,475,000, plus a travel allowance as determined by the SEC Executive Committee. The remainder shall be remitted to the Commissioner and shall be divided into 15 equal shares, with one share to the Conference and one share to each member institution.
- (D) For bowl games providing receipts which result in a balance of \$6,000,000 or more (including all CFP games), the participating institution shall receive \$2,000,000 (\$2,000,000 if the SEC team is a participant in the College Football Playoff semi-finals game; an additional \$2,100,000 if the SEC team is also a participant in the College Football Playoff championship game, which determines the National Championship), plus a travel allowance as determined by the SEC Executive Committee. Institutions participating in a College Football Playoff game may also request additional travel expenses, which may be granted to such institution at the Commissioner's discretion. The remainder shall be remitted to the Commissioner and shall be divided into 15 equal shares, with one share to the Conference and one share to each member institution.
- (E) Bowl Revenue Protection Insurance shall be deducted prior to Conference distribution. For bowl games with a contractually guaranteed ticket purchase number of 9,000 or more, the cost of unused tickets above 9,000 shall be deducted prior to Conference distribution, and the institution is financially responsible for 9,000 contractually guaranteed tickets. For bowl games with a contractually guaranteed ticket purchase number of less than 9,000, the institution is financially responsible for all contractually guaranteed tickets.



2015 SEC BOWL SELECTION PROCESS

CFP BOWLS

(Cotton (SF), Orange (SF), Fiesta, Sugar, Peach, Rose, CFP National Championship)

Bowl	Contract Teams	Date	Time
Cotton Bowl	Semifinal Game	Dec. 31, 2015	4 pm or 8 pm ET
Orange Bowl	Semifinal Game	Dec. 31, 2015	4 pm or 8 pm ET
Sugar Bowl	SEC vs. Big 12	Jan. 1, 2016	8:30 pm ET
Rose Bowl	Big Ten vs. Pac 12	Jan. 1, 2016	5 pm ET
Fiesta Bowl	Filled by CFP Selection Committee	Jan. 1, 2016	1:00 pm ET
Peach Bowl	Filled by CFP Selection Committee	Dec. 31, 2015	Noon ET
CFP NCG	Winners of Semifinal Games (Glendale, Ariz.)	Jan. 11, 2016	8:30 pm ET

Contract Bowls:

Sugar (SEC vs. Big 12 when Sugar is not a semifinal game)
 Rose (Pac 12 vs. Big Ten when Rose is not a semifinal game)
 Orange (ACC vs. highest ranked SEC/Big Ten non-champion or Notre Dame when Orange is not a semifinal game)

Access Bowls:

Cotton (Semifinal in 2015)
 Fiesta
 Peach

1. Which SEC Team qualifies for the CFP?

The winner of the SEC Championship Game (December 5, 2015) automatically qualifies for a spot in the Sugar Bowl if that team is not selected to participate in the four-team playoff. The

top four teams in the CFP Standings will play in the semifinals (Orange Bowl and Cotton Bowl) with the winners advancing to the CFP National Championship Game in Glendale, Ariz. (Monday, January 11).

2. How can additional SEC teams be selected for the CFP?

Additional SEC teams may be selected for one of the CFP access bowls based on its ranking in the final CFP Selection Committee rankings. There is no limit on the number of teams from any one conference that can be selected to participate in the CFP bowls.

3. How does the CFP selection process work?

The CFP Selection Committee ranks the top 25 teams and selects the four teams to participate in the semifinal games. Then, after the contract bowls are filled based on conference agreements, the Committee will assign teams to fill the remaining access bowls. Each conference champion from the contract bowls (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC & Pac 12) has a guaranteed spot in its contracted bowl or in an access bowl (Cotton, Fiesta or Peach) if the contracted bowl is a semifinal game and the conference champion is not selected to participate in a semifinal game. The highest ranked champion from the Mountain West, American, Conference USA, Sun Belt or MAC is guaranteed a spot in a CFP bowl and the remaining spots are filled based on the rankings of teams after the contract bowls have been filled.

4. Where is the CFP National Championship Game played?

The CFP National Championship Game will be played in locations selected by the CFP. The 2016 CFP National Championship Game will be played in Glendale, Arizona on January 11, 2016. Tampa, Florida will host the 2017 game on January 9, 2017.

SEC BOWLS

CITRUS BOWL:

(Orlando, FL) vs. Big Ten • January 1 – 1 p.m. (ET) ABC

After the CFP selection process the Citrus Bowl gets the first selection of available SEC Teams.

POOL OF SIX BOWLS:

After the Citrus Bowl selects a team, there will be a pool of six bowls and the Conference, in consultation with the institutions and the bowls, will make the assignments for these six bowl games from all eligible SEC teams.

The pool of six bowls are as follows:

Bowl	Date/Time	Network
Outback Bowl (Tampa, FL) vs. Big Ten	Jan. 1 – Noon (ET)	ESPN2
TaxSlayer Bowl (Jacksonville, FL) vs. Big Ten/ACC	Jan. 2 – Noon (ET)	ESPN
Music City Bowl (Nashville, TN) vs. ACC/Big Ten	Dec. 30 – 7:00 pm (ET)	ESPN
Texas Bowl (Houston, TX) vs. Big 12	Dec. 29 – 9:00 pm (ET)	ESPN
Belk Bowl (Charlotte, NC) vs. ACC	Dec. 30 – 3:30 pm (ET)	ESPN
Liberty Bowl (Memphis, TN) vs. Big 12	Jan. 2 – 3:20 p.m. (ET)	ESPN

2015-16 COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL SCHEDULE

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DATE / TIME (ET)	BOWL	SITE	MATCHUP	TV
TBA	Arizona Bowl	Arizona Stadium, Tucson, Ariz.	Mountain West vs. C-USA	TBA
Sat., Dec. 19, 12 p.m.	AutoNation Cure Bowl	Orlando Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.	American vs. Sun Belt	CBSSN
Sat., Dec. 19, 2 p.m.	Gildan New Mexico Bowl	University Stadium, Albuquerque, N.M.	C-USA vs. Mountain West	ESPN
Sat., Dec. 19, 3:30 p.m.	Royal Purple Las Vegas Bowl	Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.	Mountain West/BYU vs. Pac-12	ABC
Sat., Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m.	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl	Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, Ala.	MAC vs. Sun Belt	ESPN
Sat., Dec. 19, 9 p.m.	R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans, La.	Mountain West vs. Sun Belt	ESPN
Mon., Dec. 21, 2:30 p.m.	Miami Beach Bowl	Marlins Park, Miami, Fla.	American vs. C-USA	ESPN
Tues., Dec. 22, 3:30 p.m.	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	Albertsons Stadium, Boise, Idaho	MAC vs. Mountain West	ESPN
Tues., Dec. 22, 7 p.m.	Boca Raton Bowl	FAU Stadium, Boca Raton, Fla.	American vs. MAC	ESPN
Wed., Dec. 23, 4:30 p.m.	San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl	Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, Calif.	Mountain West vs. Army	ESPN
Wed., Dec. 23, 8 p.m.	GoDaddy Bowl	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Ala.	MAC vs. Sun Belt	ESPN
Thurs., Dec. 24, 12 p.m.	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl	Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium, Nassau, Bahamas	C-USA vs. MAC	ESPN
Thurs., Dec. 24, 8 p.m.	Hawai`i Bowl	Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, Hawai`i	American vs. Mountain West/BYU	ESPN
Sat., Dec. 26, 11 a.m.	St. Petersburg Bowl	Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fla.	ACC vs. American	ESPN
Sat., Dec. 26, 2 p.m.	Hyundai Sun Bowl	Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas	ACC/Notre Dame vs. Pac-12	CBS
Sat., Dec. 26, 2:20 p.m.	Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl	Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Texas	Big 12 vs. C-USA	ESPN
Sat., Dec. 26, 3:30 p.m.	New Era Pinstripe Bowl	Yankee Stadium, Bronx, N.Y.	ACC/Notre Dame vs. Big Ten	ABC
Sat., Dec. 26, 5:45 p.m.	Independence Bowl	Independence Stadium, Shreveport, La.	ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC	ESPN
Sat., Dec. 26, 9:15 p.m.	Foster Farms Bowl	Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, Calif.	Big Ten vs. Pac-12	ESPN
Mon., Dec. 28, 2:30 p.m.	Military Bowl presented by Northrop Grumman	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Annapolis, Md.	ACC/Notre Dame vs. American	ESPN
Mon., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.	Quick Lane Bowl	Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.	ACC/Notre Dame vs. Big Ten	ESPN2
Tues., Dec. 29, 2 p.m.	Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl	Amon G. Carter Stadium, Fort Worth, Texas	Mountain West vs. Big Ten	ESPN
Tues., Dec. 29, 5:30 p.m.	Russell Athletic Bowl	Orlando Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.	ACC/Notre Dame vs. Big 12	ESPN
Tues., Dec. 29, 9 p.m.	AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl	NRG Stadium, Houston, Texas	Big 12 vs. SEC	ESPN
Wed., Dec. 30, 12 p.m.	Birmingham Bowl	Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala.	American vs. SEC	ESPN
Wed., Dec. 30, 3:30 p.m.	Belk Bowl	Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte, N.C.	ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC	ESPN
Wed., Dec. 30, 7 p.m.	Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl	LP Field, Nashville, Tenn.	ACC/Notre Dame or Big Ten vs. SEC	ESPN
Wed., Dec. 30, 10:30 p.m.	National University Holiday Bowl	Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, Calif.	Big Ten vs. Pac-12	ESPN
Thurs., Dec. 31, 12 p.m.	Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.	New Year's Six	ESPN
Thurs., Dec. 31, 4 or 8 p.m.	College Football Playoff at Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic	AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas	National Semifinal	ESPN
Thurs., Dec. 31, 4 or 8 p.m.	College Football Playoff at Capital One Orange Bowl	Sun Life Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla.	National Semifinal	ESPN
Fri., Jan. 1, 12 p.m.	Outback Bowl	Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla.	Big Ten vs. SEC	ESPN2
Fri., Jan. 1, 1 p.m.	Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl	Orlando Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.	Big Ten vs. SEC	ABC
Fri., Jan. 1, 1 p.m.	Fiesta Bowl	University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.	New Year's Six	ESPN
Fri., Jan. 1, 5 p.m.	Rose Bowl Game presented by Northwestern Mutual	Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.	Big Ten vs. Pac-12 (New Year's Six)	ESPN
Fri., Jan. 1, 8:30 p.m.	Allstate Sugar Bowl	Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans, La.	SEC vs. Big 12 (New Year's Six)	ESPN
Sat., Jan. 2, 12 p.m.	TaxSlayer Bowl	EverBank Field, Jacksonville, Fla.	ACC/Notre Dame or Big Ten vs. SEC	ESPN
Sat., Jan. 2, 3:20 p.m.	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, Memphis, Tenn.	Big 12 vs. SEC	ESPN
Sat., Jan. 2, 6:45 p.m.	Valero Alamo Bowl	Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas	Big 12 vs. Pac-12	ESPN
Sat., Jan. 2, 10:15 p.m.	Cactus Bowl	Chase Field, Phoenix, Ariz.	Big 12 vs. Pac-12	ESPN
Mon., Jan. 11, 8:30 p.m.	College Football Playoff National Championship	University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.	National Championship	ESPN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

The College Football Playoff (CFP), named 2015 Sports Event of the Year by the SportsBusiness Journal, is a big success. Fans, including many who are new to the sport, enjoy it. The first College Football Playoff semifinals and national championship game were the three most-viewed programs in cable television history.

Every Game Counts

The playoff preserves the excitement and significance of college football's unique regular season where every game counts.

Four Teams

The selection committee ranks the teams based on championships won, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents and other factors.

Two Days

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day belong to college football, with two semifinal games and four other top bowl games continuing a wonderful tradition.

One Goal

The two teams winning the playoff semifinals compete for the national championship. That game is in a different city each year, always on a Monday night.

Universal Access

Every FBS team has equal access to the College Football Playoff based on its performance. No team automatically qualifies.

More Revenue

The format increases revenue for all conferences and independent institutions.

Governance

University presidents and chancellors from all 10 FBS conferences and Notre Dame serve on the CFP Board of Managers and govern the administrative operations, with commissioners (the Management Committee) managing the event. A small staff in the playoff office in Irving, Texas, carries out the detailed responsibilities.

Selection Committee

A talented group of high-integrity individuals with experience as coaches, student-athletes, college administrators and journalists, along with sitting athletics directors, comprise the selection committee. Members of the committee are: Jeff Long (chair), Barry Alvarez, Mike Gould, Pat Haden, Kirby Hocutt, Tom Jernstedt, Bobby Johnson, Tom Osborne, Dan Radakovich, Condoleezza Rice, Mike Tranchese, Steve Wieberg and Tyrone Willingham.

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Selection Committee Responsibilities

- Rank the top 25 teams and assign the top four to semifinals sites.
- Assign teams to New Year's bowls.
 - Create competitive matchups.
 - Attempt to avoid rematches of regular-season games and repeat appearances in specific bowls.
 - Consider geography.

Participants in the New Year's Bowls

Both participants in the Orange, Rose and Sugar Bowls are contracted outside the playoff arrangement (Big Ten and Pac-12 to Rose Bowl; SEC and Big 12 to Sugar Bowl; ACC to Orange Bowl against the highest ranked available team from the SEC, Big Ten and Notre Dame). If a conference champion qualifies for the playoff, then the bowl will choose a replacement from that conference. When those bowls host the semifinals and their contracted conference champions do not qualify, then the displaced champion(s) will play in one of the other New Year's bowls.

When not hosting semifinals, the Cotton, Fiesta and Peach Bowls will welcome displaced conference champions and the top-ranked champion from a non-contract conference. The highest-ranked available teams will fill any other berths. The selection committee will make the pairings.

SCHEDULE

							
2015-16	SEMIFINAL (Dec. 31)	SEMIFINAL (Dec. 31)	PEACH (Dec. 31)	FIESTA (Jan. 1)	SUGAR (Jan. 1)	ROSE (Jan. 1)	ARIZONA (Jan. 11)
2016-17	ORANGE (Dec. 31)	COTTON (Jan. 2)	SEMIFINAL (Dec. 31)	SEMIFINAL (Dec. 31)	SUGAR (Jan. 2)	ROSE (Jan. 2)	TAMPA BAY (Jan. 9)
2017-18	ORANGE (Dec. 30)	COTTON (Dec. 30)	PEACH (Jan. 1)	FIESTA (Dec. 30)	SEMIFINAL (Jan. 1)	SEMIFINAL (Jan. 1)	TBD (Jan. 8)

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