

2018 SEC BOWL AGREEMENTS

The Southeastern Conference has agreements with nine postseason bowls, not including College Football Playoff/New Year's Six games, and a process for the assignment of SEC member schools to bowl games that began with the 2014 season and extending for six years.

The 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 current SEC bowl system, the 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, New Year's Six, or the Allstate Sugar Bowl.

Following the Citrus Bowl, there will be a pool of six bowls

comprised of the Outback Bowl in Tampa (vs. Big Ten), Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl in Nashville (vs. ACC/Big Ten), TaxSlayer Gator Bowl in Jacksonville (vs. ACC/Big Ten), AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis (vs. Big 12), Academy Sports + Outdoors 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 the pool system.

The SEC also has a relationship with both the Birmingham Bowl (vs. American) and the Walk-On's 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.



ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 1 • 8:45 p.m. ET • ESPN
New Orleans, La. • Mercedes-Benz Superdome (72,500)
Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten



CAPITAL ONE ORANGE BOWL

Dec. 29 • 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. ET • ESPN
Miami, Fla. • Sun Life Stadium (75,000)
Teams: Semifinal this season



CITRUS BOWL

Jan. 1 • 1 p.m. ET • ABC
Orlando, Fla. • Camping World Stadium (60,219)
Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten



OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 1 • Noon ET • ESPN2
Tampa, Fla. • Raymond James Stadium (65,657)
Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten



FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY BOWL

Dec. 28 • 1:30 p.m. ET • ESPN
Nashville, Tenn. • Nissan Stadium (69,143)
Teams: SEC vs. ACC/Big Ten



TAXSLAYER GATOR BOWL

Dec. 31 • 7:30 p.m. ET • ESPN
Jacksonville, Fla. • Everbank Field (77,511)
Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten/ACC



AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL

Dec. 31 • 3:45 p.m. ET • ESPN
Memphis, Tenn. • Liberty Bowl Stadium (58,211)
Teams: SEC vs. Big 12



ACADEMY SPORTS + OUTDOORS TEXAS BOWL

Dec. 27 • 9 p.m. ET • ESPN
Houston, Texas • NRG Stadium (71,795)
Teams: SEC vs. Big 12



BELK BOWL

Dec. 29 • Noon ET • ABC
Charlotte, N.C. • Bank of America Stadium (73,778)
Teams: SEC vs. ACC



BIRMINGHAM BOWL

Dec. 22 • Noon ET • ESPN
Birmingham, Ala. • Legion Field (70,459)
Teams: SEC vs. American



WALK-ON'S INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Dec. 27 • 1:30 p.m. ET • ESPN
Shreveport, La. • Independence Stadium (48,975)
Teams: SEC vs. ACC



SEC BOWL SUCCESS

SEC IN THE BCS/CFP BOWL ERA

- The SEC has won nine of the last 12 national championships, 11 of the 20 BCS/CFP-era National Championships, four runner-up finishes and 25 overall national titles (AP, BCS, FWAA, coaches poll) in SEC history. The SEC has appeared in 11 of the last 12 National Championship Games and 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, 2015, 2017; Florida, 2006 and 2008; LSU, 2007). Five programs have advanced to the national championship game since 2008 as Georgia met Alabama in the 2018 CFP Championship Game. Tennessee (1998) and LSU (2003) have also won the former BCS crown. Auburn appeared in the 2013 BCS Championship Game, as did LSU in 2011. A team from the SEC Western Division had advanced to five consecutive national championship games prior to the 2014 season, when Alabama lost in the CFP semifinals. The ACC (Clemson, Miami and Florida State) has had three schools win titles since 1998, while the Big 12 (Texas and Oklahoma) has had two.
- Since 2006, over half of the slots in the National Championship Game have been taken by SEC teams (14 of 26). The Big Ten and ACC have three during that time, while the Big 12, Pac-12 has two.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS SINCE 1992

Since the first SEC expansion in 1992, the SEC has the most national championships (AP, USA Today) with 13. During that time, the SEC has had more teams with national titles than any other conference (6). Here is a breakdown:

SEC (13) Florida (2008, 2006, 1996), LSU (2003, 2007), Tennessee (1998), Alabama (1992, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017), Auburn (2010)

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

ACC (4) Florida State (1993, 1999, 2013), Clemson (2016)

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

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

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

SEC IN BOWL GAMES

- Since 2006, the SEC has accrued more bowl wins (76) and appearances (121) than any other conference. The conference's .628 bowl winning percentage is first among FBS leagues during that time.

SEC	76-45	.628
Sun Belt	22-15	.595
Mountain West	38-30	.559
American	38-32	.543
Pac-12	42-37	.532
Conference USA	37-34	.521
Big 12	46-44	.511
Independents	12-12	.500
ACC	53-58	.477
Big Ten	42-58	.420
MAC	16-45	.262

- The SEC is 5-2 in College Football Playoff games (not versus each other) and 1-1 in College Football Playoff National Championship Games (not versus each other). The SEC has appeared in three of the four CFP National Championship Games, winning two. 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 14-7 (.667) record in BCS/CFP games, more wins, appearances and winning percentage than any other conference.

- Eight different SEC teams, six from the SEC Western Division, have made BCS/ New Year's Six bowl game appearances since 2006: Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Ole Miss and Mississippi State.



SEC SENDS TWO TEAMS TO COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

Nine Southeastern Conference football teams learned their post-season bowl destinations on December 3, including No. 3-ranked Georgia which played No. 2 Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl while No. 4-ranked Alabama faced No. 1 Clemson in the Sugar Bowl on January 1 in semifinal games for the College Football Playoff.

It marked the first time one conference has placed two teams in the CFP semifinals in the same season.

The College Football Playoff committee first selected teams for the national semifinal games, the Rose Bowl Game presented by Northwestern Mutual and the All-state Sugar Bowl. The committee later announced the participants in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Capital One Orange Bowl, Goodyear Cotton Bowl and the PlayStation Fiesta Bowl.

In addition to Georgia and Alabama in the CFP semifinals, Auburn was selected to play in a CFP New Year's Six Game, meeting UCF in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl on January 1.

The SEC has now won 27 games in the last four postseasons, a national record. With 12 teams advancing to bowl games in 2016, the SEC became the first conference to send at least 10 teams to postseason bowls in four consecutive seasons. The SEC also sent a NCAA-record 12 teams to participate in postseason bowl games in 2014 and has sent no less than eight teams to post-season bowls in each of the last 11 seasons. The SEC established a national-record with nine postseason victories in 2015 and owned the previous record for postseason bowl victories with seven wins in 2007, 2013 and 2014.

The SEC is 76-45(.628) in bowl games since 2006, the only FBS league with a .600 or better winning percentage and 23 wins more than the next closest conference.

SEC IN THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

Teams in the Playoff (Record-Winning %)

SEC: 5 (6-3; .714) (Includes 2018 All-SEC National Championship Game)
(5-2; .714 in games not versus each other)

ACC: 4 (3-3; .500)

Big Ten: 3 (2-2; .500)

Pac-12: 2 (1-2; .333)

Big 12: 2 (0-2; .000)

National Championship Game Appearances

SEC: 4

ACC: 2

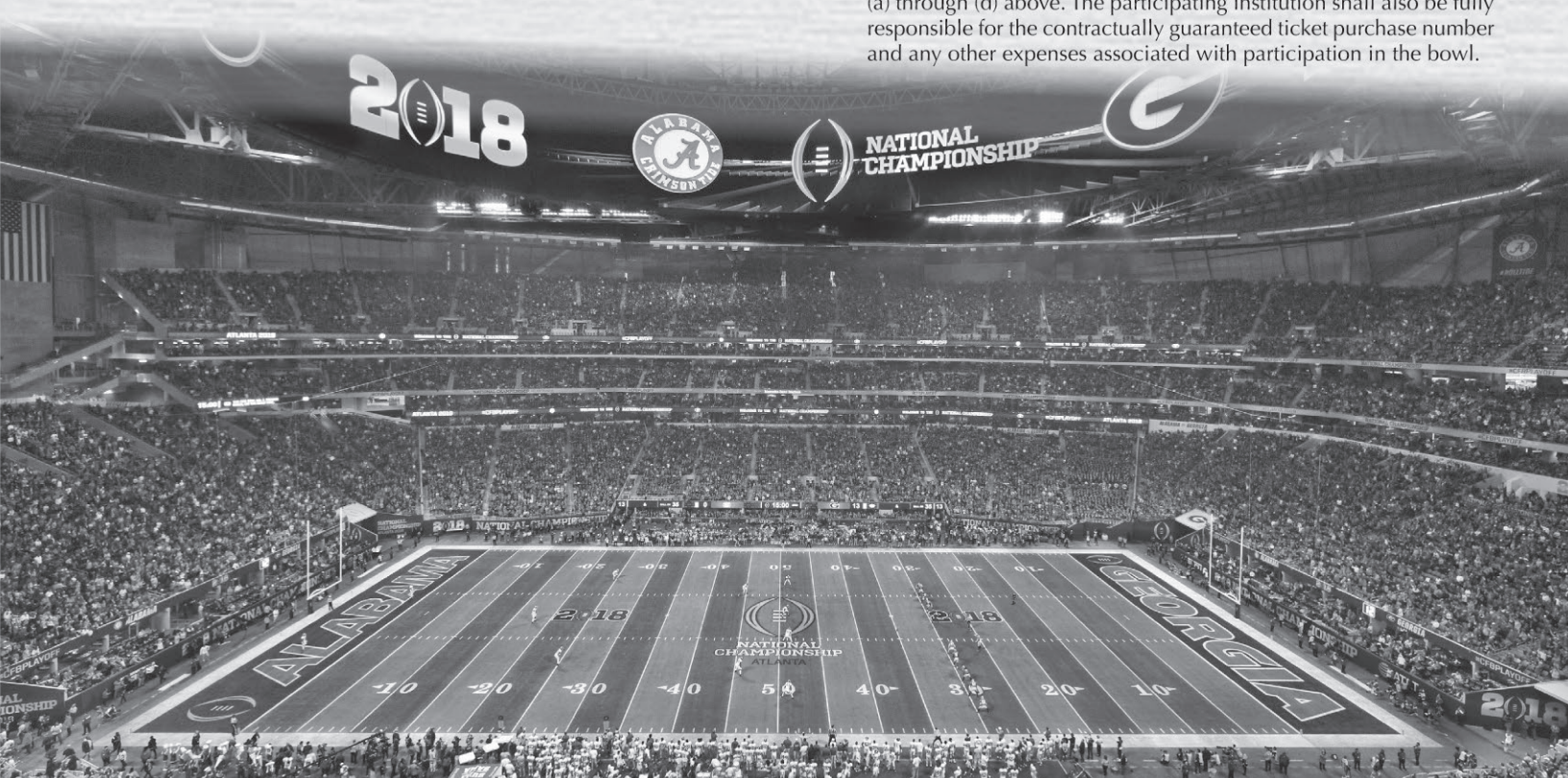
Big Ten: 1

Pac-12: 1

Big 12: 0

SEC BOWL REVENUE DISTRIBUTION

- For bowl games providing receipts which result in a balance of less than \$1,500,000, the participating institution shall retain \$1,050,000, 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.
- For bowl games providing receipts which result in a balance between \$1,500,000 and \$3,999,999, the participating institution shall retain \$1,325,000, 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.
- For bowl games providing receipts which result in a balance between \$4,000,000 and \$5,999,999, the participating institution shall retain \$1,525,000, 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.
- For bowl games providing receipts which result in a balance of \$6,000,000 or more and all College Football Playoff games, the participating institution shall receive \$2,050,000 (\$2,050,000 if the SEC team is a participant in the College Football Playoff semi-finals game; an additional \$2,150,000 if the SEC team is also a participant in the College Football Playoff championship game, which determines the National Champion), 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.
- Bowl Revenue Protection Insurance shall be deducted prior to Conference distribution.
- The cost of unused tickets up to the contractually guaranteed ticket purchase number shall be deducted prior to Conference distribution., except as provided in subsection (g) below.
- For bowl games in which a member institution participates as an "alternate" (e.g., 5-7 team) under NCAA Postseason Bowl Game requirements, the participating institution shall retain all revenue distributed by the bowl. The participating institution shall not receive a base retainage or travel allowance as set forth in subsections (a) through (d) above. The participating institution shall also be fully responsible for the contractually guaranteed ticket purchase number and any other expenses associated with participation in the bowl.



2018 SEC BOWL SELECTION PROCESS

CFP BOWLS

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

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:

- Fiesta
- Peach
- Cotton

1) Which SEC Team qualifies for the CFP?
The winner of the SEC Championship Game automatically qualifies for a spot in the Sugar Bowl if that team is not selected to participate in the four-team playoff. If the SEC Champion is selected to participate in the four-team playoff it will play in the Orange Bowl or Cotton Bowl.

2) How can additional SEC teams be selected for the CFP?
Additional SEC teams may be selected for the CFP Semifinals (Cotton or Orange) or one of the CFP access bowls (Fiesta or Peach) 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 can a SEC Team be selected to participate in the Orange Bowl?
The Orange Bowl is a semifinal game this year so the teams selected by the CFP Selection Committee will participate in the Orange Bowl. When the Orange Bowl is not a semifinal game and a SEC team is the highest ranked team by the CFP Selection Committee among the non-champions of the SEC and Big Ten and ranked higher than Notre Dame after the CFP semifinal games have been filled, then that team will participate in the Orange Bowl. There are eight years in which the Orange Bowl is not a semifinal game and the SEC is guaranteed three of the eight years, the Big Ten is guaranteed three of the eight years and the remaining two years can be filled by Notre Dame, the SEC or the Big Ten based on CFP Selection Committee rankings. To be clear, the SEC Champion can never participate in the Orange Bowl unless it is a semifinal game.

4) How does the CFP selection process work in 2018-19?
The CFP Selection Committee ranks the top 25 teams and selects the four teams to participate in the semifinal games (Orange and Cotton). Then, after the contract bowls (Sugar and Rose) are filled based on conference agreements, the Committee will assign teams to fill the remaining access bowls (Fiesta and Peach). 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 (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.

Bowl	Contract Teams	Date	Time	Network
Cotton Bowl	Semifinal	Dec. 29, 2018	4 or 8 p.m. ET	ESPN
Orange Bowl	Semifinal	Dec. 29, 2018	4 or 8 p.m. ET	ESPN
Peach Bowl	Filled by CFP Selection Committee	Dec. 29, 2018	Noon ET	ESPN
Fiesta Bowl	Filled by CFP Selection Committee	Jan. 1, 2019	1 p.m. ET	ESPN
Rose Bowl	Big Ten vs. Pac-12	Jan. 1, 2019	5:00 pm ET	ESPN
Sugar Bowl	SEC vs. Big 12	Jan. 1, 2019	8:45 pm ET	ESPN
CFP NCG	Winners of Semifinal Games (Bay Area, CA)	Jan. 7, 2019	8:00 pm ET	ESPN

SEC BOWLS

CITRUS BOWL
(Orlando, FL) vs. Big 10 (or ACC) January 1, 2019 – 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:

Texas Bowl (Houston, TX) vs. Big 12 – December 27 – 9 p.m. ET – ESPN

Belk Bowl (Charlotte, NC) vs. ACC – December 29 – Noon ET – ABC

Music City Bowl (Nashville, TN) vs. ACC/Big Ten – December 28 – 1:30 p.m. ET – ESPN

TaxSlayer Gator Bowl (Jacksonville, FL) vs. Big Ten/ACC – Dec. 31 – 7:30 p.m. ET – ESPN

Liberty Bowl (Memphis, TN) vs. Big 12 – December 31 – 3:45 p.m. ET – ESPN

Outback Bowl (Tampa, FL) vs. Big 10 – January 1 – Noon ET – ESPN2

BOWLS AFTER THE POOL OF SIX:

Birmingham Bowl
(Birmingham, AL) vs. American – December 22 – Noon ET – ESPN
The Birmingham Bowl selects after the CFP, Citrus Bowl and the Pool of Six Bowls (Outback Bowl, TaxSlayer Bowl, Music City Bowl, Texas Bowl, Belk Bowl and Liberty Bowl).

Independence Bowl
(Shreveport, LA) vs. ACC – December 27 – 1:30 p.m. ET – ESPN
The Independence Bowl selects after the CFP, Citrus Bowl, the Pool of Six (Outback Bowl, TaxSlayer Bowl, Music City Bowl, Texas Bowl, Belk Bowl and Liberty Bowl) and the Birmingham Bowl.

2018-19 COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME (ET)	GAME	TV	
Sat, Dec 15	12:00 p.m.	Celebration Bowl	ABC	
	2:00 p.m.	Gildan New Mexico Bowl	ESPN	
	2:30 p.m.	AutoNation Cure Bowl	CBSSN	
	3:30 p.m.	Las Vegas Bowl	ABC	
	5:30 p.m.	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl	ESPN	
	9:00 p.m.	R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl	ESPN	
Tue, Dec 18	7:00 p.m.	Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl	ESPN	
Wed, Dec 19	8:00 p.m.	Frisco Bowl	ESPN	
Thu, Dec 20	8:00 p.m.	Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl	ESPN	
Fri, Dec 21	12:30 p.m.	Bahamas Bowl	ESPN	
	4:00 p.m.	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	ESPN	
	12:00 p.m.	Birmingham Bowl	ESPN	
Sat, Dec 22	3:30 p.m.	Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl	ESPN	
	7:00 p.m.	Dollar General Bowl	ESPN	
	10:30 p.m.	Hawaii Bowl	ESPN	
	Wed, Dec 26	1:30 p.m.	Heart of Dallas Bowl	ESPN
	5:15 p.m.	Quick Lane Bowl	ESPN	
	9:00 p.m.	Cactus Bowl	FOX	
	Thu, Dec 27	1:30 p.m.	Walk-On's Independence Bowl	ESPN
	5:15 p.m.	New Era Pinstripe Bowl	ESPN	
	9:00 p.m.	Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl	FS1	
	Fri, Dec 28	1:30 p.m.	Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl	ESPN
	5:15 p.m.	Camping World Bowl	ESPN	
	5:30 p.m.	Arizona Bowl	CBSSN	
Sat, Dec 29	9:00 p.m.	Valero Alamo Bowl	ESPN	
	12:00 p.m.	Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl	ESPN	
	12:00 p.m.	Belk Bowl	ABC	
	4 or 8 p.m.	CFP Semifinal at Capital One Orange Bowl	ESPN	
Mon, Dec. 31	4 or 8 p.m.	CFP Semifinal at Goodyear Cotton Bowl	ESPN	
	12:00 p.m.	Military Bowl Presented by Northrop Grumman	ESPN	
	2:00 p.m.	Hyundai Sun Bowl	CBS	
	3:00 p.m.	San Francisco Bowl	FOX	
	3:45 p.m.	AutoZone Liberty Bowl	ESPN	
	7:00 p.m.	SDCCU Holiday Bowl	FS1	
	7:30 p.m.	TaxSlayer Gator Bowl	ESPN	
Tue, Jan 1	12:00 p.m.	Outback Bowl	ESPN2	
	1:00 p.m.	Citrus Bowl	ABC	
	1:00 p.m.	PlayStation Fiesta Bowl	ESPN	
	5:00 p.m.	Rose Bowl Game Presented by Northwestern Mutual	ESPN	
	8:45 p.m.	Allstate Sugar Bowl	ESPN	
	Mon, Jan 7	8:00 p.m.	CFP National Championship Presented by AT&T	ESPN



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

EVERY GAME COUNTS

The College Football Playoff is a four-team event to determine college football's national champion on the field, while preserving the significance of college football's unique regular season where every game counts.

THE BEST TEAMS

The selection committee ranks the teams based on the members' evaluation of the teams' performance on the field, using conference championships won, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, and comparison of results against common opponents to decide among teams that are comparable.

TRADITION

The New Year's holiday period belongs to college football, with two semifinal games rotating annually among the Cotton Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Orange Bowl, Peach Bowl, Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl.

CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY

The two winning teams from the Playoff Semifinals compete for the College Football Playoff National Championship. The national championship 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.

GOVERNANCE

The 10 FBS conferences manage the College Football Playoff and are members of the entity CFP Administration, LLC.

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: Rob Mullens (chair), Frank Beamer, Paola Boivin, Jeff Bower, Joe Castiglione, Herb Deromedi, Ken Hatfield, Chris Howard, Bobby Johnson, Ronnie Lott, Gene Smith, Todd Stansbury and Scott Stricklin.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

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

							
2018-19	SUGAR (JAN. 1)	ROSE (JAN. 1)	SEMIFINAL (DEC. 29)	SEMIFINAL (DEC. 29)	PEACH (DEC. 29)	FIESTA (JAN. 1)	BAY AREA (JAN. 7)
2019-20	SUGAR (JAN. 1)	ROSE (JAN. 1)	ORANGE (JAN. 1)	COTTON (DEC. 28)	SEMIFINAL (DEC. 28)	SEMIFINAL (DEC. 28)	NEW ORLEANS (JAN. 13)

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