



COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

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Beginning with the 2014-15 season, college football will enter a new four-team playoff era. The format is simple: the best four teams, two semifinals played in bowl games and a championship game played in a different city each year. It's the best of all worlds and the biggest innovation in the sport in decades.

Every Game Counts

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

The Best Four Teams

The selection committee will choose the four teams for the playoff based on body of work, strength of schedule, head-head results, comparison of results against common opponents, championships won and other factors.

Best of All Worlds

The new postseason structure creates an exciting four-team playoff that preserves the best regular season in sports and protects America's rich bowl tradition. It goes just the right distance and respects the academic calendar while limiting the number of games played by student-athletes.

A New Year's Spectacular

Fans will enjoy back-to-back triple headers. Two semifinals and four other premier bowl games will be played on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Those holidays will belong to college football. Semifinal games will rotate among six different bowls, extending the experience to more fans.

Championship Monday

The championship game will be on Monday night every year.

Site Selection

The Management Committee will select cities to host the National Championship Game. A city can host a bowl game and the championship game in the same year. A city cannot, however, host a semifinal and championship game in the same year.

Universal Access

Every FBS team will have equal access to the playoff based on its performance. No team will qualify automatically.

More Revenue

The popularity of the new format will increase revenue for all conferences and independent institutions.



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Conferences Manage the Event

The FBS conferences will manage the College Football Playoff. All 10 conferences are members of the new entity--CFP Administration, LLC. University presidents and chancellors from all 10 conferences and Notre Dame form the Board of Managers and will govern the administrative operations, with commissioners (the Management Committee) and managing the event with guidance from an advisory group of athletics directors. A small staff in the playoff's office in Irving, Texas, will carry out the detailed responsibilities.

Selection Committee

A talented group of high-integrity individuals with experience as coaches, student-athletes, collegiate administrators and journalists, along with sitting athletics directors, comprise the selection committee.

The group will meet in person several times each year.

Selection Committee Responsibilities

- Select the top four teams for the playoff, rank them and assign them to semifinal sites.
- Rank the next group of teams to play in other New Year's bowls if berths are available.
- Select the highest-ranked champion from the five conferences without New Year's bowl contracts.
- Assign teams to New Year's bowls
 - Create competitive matchups
 - Attempt to avoid rematches of regular-season games and repeat appearances
 - Consider geography

Participants in the Orange, Rose and Sugar Bowls

Both participants in these three 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 a contracted opponent.) 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 the other New Year's bowls.

Participants in the New Year's Bowls (Fiesta, Cotton, Atlanta)

- Displaced conference champions and the top-ranked champion from a non-contract conference
- Highest-ranked available teams will fill any other berths

College Football Playoff Schedule

	Sugar	Rose	Orange	Cotton	Atlanta	Fiesta	Championship
2014-15	Semi-Final (Jan. 1)	Semi-Final (Jan. 1)	Orange (Dec. 31)	Cotton (Jan. 1)	Atlanta (Dec. 31)	Fiesta (Dec. 31)	Arlington, Texas (Jan. 12)
2015-16	Sugar (Jan. 1)	Rose (Jan. 1)	Semi-Final (Dec. 31)	Semi-Final (Dec. 31)	Atlanta (Dec. 31)	Fiesta (Jan. 1)	Glendale, Ariz. (Jan. 11)
2016-17	Sugar (Jan. 2)	Rose (Jan. 2)	Orange (Dec. 31)	Cotton (Jan. 2)	Semi-Final (Dec. 31)	Semi-Final (Dec. 31)	Tampa, Fla. (Jan. 9)

