



**COLLEGE FOOTBALL  
PLAYOFF**

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

### EVERY GAME COUNTS

The College Football Playoff thrives because it preserves the significance of college football's unique regular season where every game counts.

### FOUR TEAMS

The selection committee ranks the teams, distinguishing among otherwise-equal teams by considering conference championships won, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents and other factors.

### TWO GAMES

The kickoff of the new year 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.

### ONE GOAL

The two teams winning the playoff semifinals compete for the College Football Playoff 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.

### REVENUE

The format provides revenue for all Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) 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 day-to-day 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: Kirby Hocutt (chair), Barry Alvarez, Jeff Bower, Herb Deromedi, Tom Jernstedt, Bobby Johnson, Jeff Long, Rob Mullens, Dan Radakovich, Condoleezza Rice, Steve Wieberg and Tyrone Willingham.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Rank the top 25 teams and assign the top four to semifinal 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.

# 2015-16 BY THE NUMBERS

DIGITAL

**4.16 BILLION**  Total social media impressions during championship week

**2.6 MILLION** Page views on [www.collegefootballplayoff.com](http://www.collegefootballplayoff.com) between Selection Day and the national championship game

 **37,102** Downloads of CFP Gameday, the official mobile app of the College Football Playoff

**1.9 TB** Data usage at University of Phoenix Stadium; equivalent to more than 5.5 million social media posts



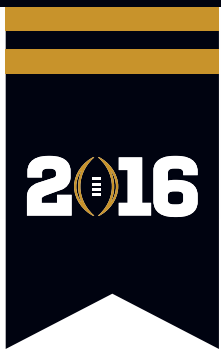
**400,000** Number of students inspired by college banners distributed to elementary schools in Arizona by the College Football Playoff Foundation



**124,695** Total square feet of décor material printed for University of Phoenix Stadium



**78,000** Pounds of décor material donated to local organizations for reuse and repurposing



**128** Number of banners displayed on-field during pregame pageantry at the national championship game, representing all FBS institutions

**30**

Number of stories lit by the Empire State Building to display the colors of the Alabama Crimson Tide and the College Football Playoff National Championship Trophy at the conclusion of the national championship game on January 11, 2016





**26.1 MILLION**

Number of viewers who watched the national championship game on ESPN



**75,765**

Attendees at the national championship game

Number of fans enjoying downtown championship campus events during championship week

**75,000**



**39,000**

Number of photos fans took with the College Football Playoff National Championship Trophy



**27,774**

Number of hot dogs eaten at University of Phoenix Stadium on game day



**12,000**

Pounds of prepared food recovered throughout championship week and given to those in need



**424**

Number of teacher projects flash-funded through DonorsChoose.org during Extra Yard for Teachers Awareness Week

**85**

Total number of points in the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship; the most scored in a college football national championship game since 1996

**45 + 40**



Number of 2015 rankings issued by the College Football Playoff Selection Committee

**2019**

**2018**

**2020**

**3**

Cities announced to host national championship games in 2018, 2019 and 2020

**1**

Number of teams crowned champion of the 2015 college football season

### THE COMPANY

CFP Administration, LLC, manages the administration operations of the College Football Playoff. Members of the company are the 10 Football Bowl Subdivision conferences (American Athletic, Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big 12, Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West, Pac-12, Southeastern and Sun Belt) and the University of Notre Dame.

### THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

[11 university presidents and chancellors]

The company's business, property and affairs are governed by the board. The board develops, reviews and approves annual budgets, policies and operating guidelines. It also appoints and removes officers of the company. It has authority over all aspects of the company's operations.

- **Rodney Bennett** – President, *University of Southern Mississippi (C-USA)*
- **Anthony Frank** – President, *Colorado State University (Mountain West)*
- **Burns Hargis** – President, *Oklahoma State University (Big 12)*
- **Jack Hawkins** – Chancellor, *Troy University (Sun Belt)*
- **Rev. John Jenkins** – President, *University of Notre Dame (Independent)*
- **Mark Keenum** – President, *Mississippi State University (SEC)*
- **Roderick McDavis** – President, *Ohio University (MAC)*
- **Max Nikias (chair)** – President, *University of Southern California (Pac-12)*
- **John Thrasher** – President, *Florida State University (ACC)*
- **Steadman Upham** – President, *University of Tulsa (American Athletic)*
- **To be determined** *(Big Ten)*

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

[10 conference commissioners and Notre Dame athletics director]

The committee manages day-to-day operations of the company. It has authority over those aspects of the company's operations that are not reserved exclusively for the board, but all of its decisions are subject to review by the board.

- **Mike Aresco** – Commissioner *(American Athletic)*
- **Karl Benson** – Commissioner *(Sun Belt)*
- **Bob Bowlsby** – Commissioner *(Big 12)*
- **Jim Delany** – Commissioner *(Big Ten)*
- **Judy MacLeod** – Commissioner *(C-USA)*
- **Greg Sankey** – Commissioner *(SEC)*
- **Larry Scott** – Commissioner *(Pac-12)*
- **Jon Steinbrecher** – Commissioner *(MAC)*
- **Jack Swarbrick** – Athletics Director *(Notre Dame)*
- **John Swofford** – Commissioner *(ACC)*
- **Craig Thompson** – Commissioner *(Mountain West)*





## THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The College Football Playoff National Championship Trophy is the ultimate goal of college football teams across the United States.

An ascending virtual football, the trophy's handcrafted gold brackets surround a hardened steel core. The trophy was created to be raised in celebration of the highest level of team achievement in college football.

The trophy was commissioned by CFP and designed by Pentagram Design. The design features a focused football at the center of the base that rises to form an actual-size ball. Standing at a total height of three feet and weighing 23 pounds, the trophy and base are two integral but separate pieces, so the trophy may be lifted up independently when it is awarded each year at the national championship game.

The trophy is handcrafted by the master fine art foundry Polich Tallix. Expert craftsmen worked for three months, combining cutting edge technologies with timeless metal casting and finishing techniques to create the trophy.

Handmade from 24k gold, bronze, and stainless steel, the trophy is 26.5 inches tall. The base is formed from bronze with a hand-rubbed black patina finish and is 12 inches high.

## 2011

With the fourth Bowl Championship Series (BCS) four-year term set to conclude after the 2013-14 season, the commissioners began creating a process for considering possible formats for the future. These discussions occurred during teleconferences October 4 and 12. The Presidential Oversight Committee members addressed the matter further in their in-person meeting in Denver November 14.

## 2012

During the winter and spring, the commissioners and presidents spent countless hours evaluating the many pros and cons of numerous possible formats. These formats ranged from returning to the old bowl system with no attempt to match the top two teams, to continuing the BCS, to creating a multi-team tournamentplayoff.

The commissioners met in person January 10 in New Orleans, February 21-22 and March 26 in Dallas and several times by teleconference. They affirmed a commitment to protect college football's regular season, the best in sports, and to preserve the bowl tradition and the bowl experience for students. Further, they focused on the realities of the academic calendar and options related to where the games should be played. They self-imposed a deadline of the summer of 2012 to decide what changes to propose to the presidents.

**April 25** – At a meeting in Hollywood, Florida, the commissioners took both an 8-team and a 16-team playoff off the table. They prepared a small number of four-team options for discussion in the conference meetings to be held in May. They discussed in detail the advantages and disadvantages of various ways to rank or qualify teams.

**June 12-13** – The commissioners met in Chicago to report on the consensus regarding the playoff that was developed during their recent conference meetings.

**June 20** – Meeting in the Sullivan Room at the InterContinental hotel in downtown Chicago, the commissioners voted unanimously to recommend a four-team playoff for 12 years beginning in 2014-15, with a selection committee choosing the participating teams.

**June 26** – Meeting at the Dupont Circle Hotel in Washington, D.C., the BCS Presidential Oversight Committee members voted unanimously to submit legislation to the NCAA board of directors that would allow two institutions to participate in two post-season games each year—thereby officially creating the playoff. The presidential group adopted the format and policies that had been recommended by the commissioners June 20. The NCAA would approve the proposal in August.

The presidents and chancellors also endorsed (1) rotating the semifinal games among six bowl sites and playing the championship game at neutral sites; (2) managing the championship game by the conferences; and (3) creating a selection committee that would rank the teams to play in the playoff, giving all the teams an equal opportunity to participate. Among the factors the committee would be instructed to value were win-loss record, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, and whether a team is a conference champion.

The presidents' group also decided to (1) play the semifinals New Year's Eve or New Year's Day; (2) create "Championship Monday" by setting the date of the championship game on the first Monday in January that is six or more days after the semi-final games; (3) establish the new format to cover a 12-year term, from the 2014-2015 season through the 2025-2026 season; (4) distribute revenue from the playoff according to a formula that (a) rewards conferences for success on the field, (b) accommodates teams' expenses, (c) acknowledges marketplace factors, (d) rewards academic performance of student-athletes; and (e) eliminate the "automatic qualification" designation.

**September 19** – The commissioners agreed to select the host for the first playoff championship game only, and to choose future hosts later.

**November 12** – In a Denver meeting, the presidents and chancellors unanimously approved the playoff format that called for a stand-alone championship game and semifinals rotating through three contract bowls and three other bowls. The group also took the following actions:

- Adopted a revenue-distribution plan and agreed to review it after four years to determine whether the allocations should be revised;
- Agreed that, the academic pool would be distributed through the conferences, or processed directly to the independent institutions;
- Determined to rotate the semifinals evenly among three contract bowls and three host bowls over the 12 years;
- Guaranteed a spot in one of the bowls to highest-ranked champion from the Big East (later became the American Athletic Conference), Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt conferences, as determined by the selection committee, when such champion does not qualify to play in one of the semifinals;
- Confirmed that the media rights would cover 12 championship games, 24 semifinals and 24 host bowls;
- Supported the concept of not having a title sponsor for the championship game;
- Decided that the Rose and Sugar Bowls would host semifinals in the same year; Orange Bowl and Host 1 in the same year; and Host 2 and Host 3 in the same year.
- Agreed that the champion of a contract-bowl conference that is displaced by the semifinals will play in one of the host bowls;
- Voted to create a limited liability corporation (LLC) to manage the eventplayoff, with the presidents and chancellors serving as the Board of Managers;

**November 14** – The Presidential Oversight Committee named Bill Hancock Executive Director of the new playoff. Hancock had been Executive Director of the BCS for three years. He had become BCS administrator in October 2005.

**November 18** – Michael Kelly was named Chief Operating Officer of the playoff.

**November 21** – The playoff group and ESPN reached an agreement in principle for the company to present the games for 12 years on an exclusive basis across ESPN platforms. The agreement included the national championship game and semifinals as well as other bowl games that would be a part of the rotation to host the semifinals.

# 2013

**January 8** – During a meeting in Miami, the commissioners unanimously agreed that the new eventplayoff would launch with semifinals January 1, 2015, in the Rose and Sugar Bowls. The group also agreed that the Orange Bowl and a yet-to-be-named bowl would host the semifinal games in the second year of the playoff. The hosts in the third year were also yet to be named.

**January 14** – Hancock and Kelly opened a temporary headquarters in the Conference USA suite of offices at 5201 N. O’Connor Blvd. in Irving, Texas.

**February 5** – Reid Sigmon was named Chief Financial Officer for the playoff.

**February 7** – The management committee unanimously agreed to implement a philanthropic program when the new structure begins. It also decided that the new event warranted a new trophy.

**March 13** – CFP Administration, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized to manage the administrative operation of the College Football Playoff. Under its operating agreement, members of the company were the ten Football Bowl Subdivision conferences and Notre Dame. The company would be governed by a board of managers, consisting of a university president or chancellor nominated by each member. Day-to-day operations of the company were to be managed by a management committee, consisting of the FBS commissioners and Notre Dame athletics director.

**April 23** – The name “College Football Playoff” was adopted for the new event and was announced in a news conference in Pasadena. Also, the group invited fans to choose the playoff’s logo through an online voting process

**April 24** – Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, was named to host the first national championship game of the newplayoff era. Also, the Fiesta Bowl, Cotton Bowl and Chick-fil-A Bowl were selected to be part of the semifinal host rotation. The management committee established the following semifinal rotation: year 1 – Rose and Sugar; year 2 – Orange and Cotton; year 3 – Chick-fil-A and Fiesta. Also, it was agreed that, for the sake of consistency, the name of a bowl participating in the arrangement should include specific wording, either traditional or descriptive of the local culture, in addition to the title sponsor’s name.

**April 25** – The management committee formulated plans for the selection committee, including, (1) it would be comprised of no more than 18 members; (2) each conference would be invited to nominate prospective members; (3) the management committee would choose the members and their terms, and also the chair; (4) committee members would not receive honoraria but would receive expense reimbursement; (5) members would serve three-year terms, with selected individuals’ terms being two or four years initially until a rotation has been achieved; and (6) members would not be eligible for re-election after their terms expire.

**April 29** – Some 101,670 fans participating in an online ballot chose the “gold football” logo for the playoff. It received 38 percent of the vote, compared with 25 percent, 24 percent and 13 percent for the other three candidates.

**May 7** – The board agreed to locate the playoff’s headquarters for CFP Administration LLC in Irving, Texas, at 545 East John Carpenter Freeway, in The Summit building. The office would open August 5.

**June 18** – The management committee decided several matters related to the selection committee, including: (1) members would fall into one of five classifications, including sitting athletics directors, and persons with experience as coaches, student-athletes, administrators and journalists; (2) persons currently working for media agencies, or serving as commentators in any media, are not eligible to serve; (3) five slots would go to athletics directors from the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC and Pac-12; (4) each nominee for the committee must be approved by unanimous consent of the management committee; and (5) committee members would not be expected to attend games in person and the CFP playoff group would not reimburse expenses for those who do attend games.

**October 16** – Membership of the first selection committee was announced in a news conference at the CFPplayoff headquarters in Irving, Texas. The 13 members were Barry Alvarez, athletics director, Wisconsin; Mike Gould, former superintendent, Air Force Academy; Pat Haden, athletics director, Southern California; Tom Jernstedt, former NCAA executive vice president; Jeff Long (chair), vice chancellor and athletics director, Arkansas; Oliver Luck, athletics director, West Virginia; Archie Manning, former student-athlete, Mississippi; Tom Osborne, former athletics director and coach, Nebraska; Dan Radakovich, athletics director, Clemson; Condoleezza Rice, former provost, Stanford; Mike Tranchese, former commissioner, Big East conference; Steve Wieberg, former journalist, *USA Today*; Tyrone Willingham, former head coach, Stanford, Notre Dame and Washington.

**November 10** – The board of managers authorized creation of the CFP Foundation.

**November 11** – The selection committee met for the first time, at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C. The members reviewed the proposed protocol and conducted an exercise on assigning teams to bowl sites.

**December 16** – Arizona and Tampa Bay were named to host the College Football Playoff national championship games in 2016 and 2017 respectively.

# 2014

**January 6** – The CFPplayoff group honored former Southeastern Conference commissioner Roy Kramer during pregame festivities at the final BCS national championship game in Pasadena.

**January 13** – Applications for the first College Football Playoff random ticket drawing were being accepted. Fans could apply for tickets to attend the championship game January 12, 2015.

**April 30** – It was determined that the selection committee would compile rankings seven times during the season, including selection Sunday. The rankings were to be announced Tuesday evenings beginning October 28. Also, the committee’s recusal policy and voting procedures were announced.

**May 1** – The group formally launched its philanthropic initiative, Extra Yard for Teachers, to honor and support teachers nationally and in the communities that host the College Football Playoff national championship.

**May 1** – Ticket prices for the 2015 national championship were adopted: club seating, \$650; general seating, \$450; student seating, \$200; standing-room-only, \$200.

**July 14** – The new College Football Playoff National Championship trophy was unveiled.

**October 28** – The selection committee convened at the Gaylord Hotel in Grapevine, Texas, and issued its first rankings.

**December 7** – The selection committee selected Alabama, Oregon, Florida State and Ohio State to compete in the first College Football Playoffplayoff.

## 2015

**January 1** – In the first CFP semifinals, Oregon defeated Florida State and Ohio State defeated Alabama.

**January 6** – The management committee and Board of Managers unanimously agreed to defray costs for student-athletes' parents or guardians to travel to the site of the CFP national championship.

**January 12** – Ohio State defeated Oregon, in the first CFP national championship at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

**February 9** – Texas Tech athletics director Kirby Hocutt was named to the selection committee, replacing Oliver Luck who had taken a position in the NCAA national office.

**March 27** – Former Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson was named to the selection committee, replacing Archie Manning who stepped down.

**May 7** – The board of managers voted unanimously to add two positions, increasing the CFP staff from 13 to 15.

**June 16** – Noting that the Army-Navy game would be played six days after the CFP selection day, the management committee unanimously agreed that, if the Army-Navy result may affect Army's or Navy's placement or seeding in a semifinalplayoff game or one of the other bowls that the committee may fill, the pairings for selected games involving Army or Navy only may be delayed so the committee can consider the result of the Army-Navy game.

**July 16** – Britton Banowsky was named Executive Director of the CFP Foundation.

**July 30** – In light of a new NCAA policy allowing it, the management committee and board of managers unanimously agreed to defray costs for student-athletes' parents or guardians to travel to the sites of the CFP semifinal games.

**November 4** – Atlanta; Santa Clara, Calif.; and New Orleans were named to host the championship games in 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively.



# 2016

**January 11** – Alabama defeated Clemson in the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship. The game was played at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

## **Board of Managers Chairs**

*(formerly BCS Presidential Oversight Committee, until March 2013)*

March 2003–June 2009: **Dave Frohnmayer**, *University of Oregon*

July 2009–July 2010: **Harvey Perlman**, *University of Nebraska*

September 2010–November 2011: **Graham Spanier**, *Penn State University*

November 2011–February 2013: **Charles Steger**, *Virginia Tech University*

March 2013–January 2016: **Harvey Perlman**, *University of Nebraska*

February 2016–present: **Max Nikias**, *University of Southern California*

## **BCS Coordinators**

1998–2000: **Roy Kramer**, *Southeastern Conference*

April 2000–2002: **John Swofford**, *Atlantic Coast Conference*

April 2002–2004: **Mike Traghese**, *Big East Conference*

April 2004–January 2006: **Kevin Weiberg**, *Big 12 Conference*

January 2006–2008: **Mike Slive**, *Southeastern Conference*

January 2008–December 2009: **John Swofford**, *Atlantic Coast Conference*

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FUTURE SCHEDULE

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	<b>SEMIFINAL (DEC. 31)</b>	<b>PEACH (JAN. 1)</b>	<b>PEACH (DEC. 29)</b>	<b>SEMIFINAL (DEC. 28)</b>
	<b>SEMIFINAL (DEC. 31)</b>	<b>FIESTA (DEC. 30)</b>	<b>FIESTA (JAN. 1)</b>	<b>SEMIFINAL (DEC. 28)</b>
	<b>SUGAR (JAN. 2)</b>	<b>SEMIFINAL (JAN. 1)</b>	<b>SUGAR (JAN. 1)</b>	<b>SUGAR (JAN. 1)</b>
	<b>ROSE (JAN. 2)</b>	<b>SEMIFINAL (JAN. 1)</b>	<b>ROSE (JAN. 1)</b>	<b>ROSE (JAN. 1)</b>
	<b>ORANGE (DEC. 30)</b>	<b>ORANGE (DEC. 30)</b>	<b>SEMIFINAL (DEC. 29)</b>	<b>ORANGE (JAN. 1)</b>
	<b>COTTON (JAN. 2)</b>	<b>COTTON (DEC. 30)</b>	<b>SEMIFINAL (DEC. 29)</b>	<b>COTTON (DEC. 28)</b>
	<b>TAMPA BAY (JAN. 9)</b>	<b>ATLANTA (JAN. 8)</b>	<b>BAY AREA (JAN. 7)</b>	<b>NEW ORLEANS (JAN. 13)</b>

# BILL HANCOCK

## **Executive Director**

Bill Hancock has achieved a unique trifecta in college athletics: he was the first director of the NCAA Final Four, first director of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) and the first director of the College Football Playoff. His five-decade career began in 1971 when he became assistant sports information director at the University of Oklahoma. He was later editor of the Hobart Democrat-Chief newspaper, and then Service Bureau Director and Assistant Commissioner at the Big Eight Conference. He then spent 16 years with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, 13 years as its director. In 2005, he was appointed administrator of the BCS. He became executive director in 2009 and was named to the same role for the playoff when it was created in 2012. Hancock earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Oklahoma. He and his wife, Nicki, have been married since 1968. Their son, Will, an SID himself, died in the Oklahoma State University airplane crash in 2001. Their other son, Nate and his wife, Kristin, live in Overland Park, Kansas. Their daughter-in-law, Karen Hancock, coaches soccer at Oklahoma State. Bill and Nicki are also the proud grandparents of Andie, William and Jack. Hancock has written two books, *Riding With the Blue Moth*, a narrative of the first of his two solo cross-country bicycle rides, and *This One Day in Hobart*, a history of his hometown in Oklahoma. His hobbies are history, writing, classical music and exercising. He is an accomplished speaker and frequently addresses grief-support groups around the country. He is an avid outdoorsman, having finished 15 marathons, including Boston and New York City. He enjoys backpacking, particularly in the Grand Canyon and in the Rocky Mountains. He has also directed Broadway musicals in community theater and once envisioned a career as a classical pianist. Hancock has served on the United States Olympic Committee staff at 12 Olympic Games and two Pan American Games. He has been inducted into the halls of fame of the College Sports Information Directors and the All College Basketball Classic. In 2010, the Kansas City Sports Commission honored him with its "Outstanding People in Sports" award. He was a 2012 winner of the Regents Alumni Award at the University of Oklahoma and a 2015 inductee of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. CoSIDA named him recipient of the Keith Jackson Eternal Flame Award in 2016.

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**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

### SELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIR

As chosen by the management committee, Kirby Hocutt, Director of Athletics at Texas Tech University, serves as the Selection Committee Chair.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The group is composed of some of college football's most decorated ambassadors including highly esteemed university administrators, former coaches, former student-athletes and sitting directors of athletics. Past members include former Nebraska coach and U.S. Congressman Tom Osborne and current NCAA executive Oliver Luck.

The current group of committee members has nine former college football players, two members of the College Football Hall of Fame, five members with head coaching experience at FBS institutions and one former university provost. Collectively the group has achieved 23 degrees of higher learning including ten master's degrees and one doctorate.

The members of the selection committee are:

- **Kirby Hocutt** – director of athletics, *Texas Tech University, Chair*
- **Barry Alvarez** – director of athletics, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
- **Jeff Bower** – former head coach, *University of Southern Mississippi*
- **Herb Deromedi** – former head coach, *University of Central Michigan*
- **Tom Jernstedt** – former NCAA Executive Vice President
- **Bobby Johnson** – former head coach, *Vanderbilt University*
- **Jeff Long** – vice chancellor and director of athletics, *University of Arkansas-Fayetteville*
- **Rob Mullens** – director of athletics, *University of Oregon*
- **Dan Radakovich** – director of athletics, *Clemson University*
- **Condoleezza Rice** – Stanford University professor, former Stanford provost and former United States Secretary of State
- **Steve Wieberg** – former college football reporter, *USA Today*
- **Tyrone Willingham** – former head coach of three FBS institutions

## HOW TO SELECT THE FOUR BEST TEAMS TO COMPETE FOR THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*(This document was created by the commissioners June 20, 2012, and was adopted unanimously by the university presidents when they formally created the playoff on June 26, 2012.)*

Ranking football teams is an art, not a science. Football is popular in some measure because the outcome of a game between reasonably matched teams is so often decided by emotional commitment, momentum, injuries and the “unexpected bounce of the ball.” In any ranking system, perfection or consensus is not possible and the physical impact of the game on student athletes prevents elaborate playoff systems of multiple games. For purposes of any four team playoff, the process will inevitably need to select the four best teams from among several with legitimate claims to participate.

### **Proposed Selection Process**

Establish a committee that will be instructed to place an emphasis on winning conference championships, strength of schedule and head-to-head competition when comparing teams with similar records and pedigree (treat final determination like a tie-breaker; apply specific guidelines).

The criteria to be provided to the selection committee must be aligned with the ideals of the commissioners, presidents, athletic directors and coaches to honor regular season success while at the same time providing enough flexibility and discretion to select a non-champion or independent under circumstances where that particular non-champion or independent is unequivocally one of the four best teams in the country.

When circumstances at the margins indicate that teams are comparable, then the following criteria must be considered:

- Championships won
- Strength of schedule
- Head-to-head competition (if it occurred)
- Comparative outcomes of common opponents (without incenting margin of victory)

We believe that a committee of experts properly instructed (based on beliefs that the regular season is unique and must be preserved; and that championships won on the field and strength of schedule are important values that must be incorporated into the selection process) has very strong support throughout the college football community.

Under the current construct, polls (although well-intended) have not expressed these values; particularly at the margins where teams that have won head-to-head competition and championships are sometimes ranked behind non-champions and teams that have lost in head-to-head competition. Nuanced mathematical formulas ignore some teams who “deserve” to be selected.

As we expand from two teams to four teams we want to establish a human selection committee that: (1) will be provided a clear set of guidelines; (2) will be expected to take the facts of each case and specifically apply the guidelines; and (3) will be led by a Chairperson who will be expected to explain publicly the committee's decisions.

Some of the guidelines and protocols expected to be established to guide the committee would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- While it is understood that committee members will take into consideration all kinds of data including polls, committee members will be required to discredit polls wherein initial rankings are established before competition has occurred;
- Any polls that are taken into consideration by the selection committee must be completely open and transparent to the public;
- Strength of schedule, head-to-head competition and championships won must be specifically applied as tie-breakers between teams that look similar;
- Committee members associated with any team under consideration during the selection process will be required to recuse themselves from any deliberations associated with that team;

We would expect this same set of principles to be applied, particularly at the margins (teams 10-11-12).

## COMMITTEE PROTOCOL

**1. Mission.** The committee's task will be to select the best teams, rank the teams for inclusion in the playoff and selected other bowl games and, then assign the teams to sites.

**2. Principles.** The committee will select the teams using a process that distinguishes among otherwise comparable teams by considering:

- Conference championships won,
- Strength of schedule,
- Head-to-head competition,
- Comparative outcomes of common opponents (without incenting margin of victory), and,
- Other relevant factors such as key injuries that may have affected a team's performance during the season or likely will affect its postseason performance.

**3. Voting Process.** The voting process generally will include seven rounds of ballots through which the committee members first will select a small pool of teams to be evaluated, then will rank those teams, with the top-ranked teams being placed in the rankings in groups of three or four. Individual ballots will be compiled into a composite ranking. Each committee member will independently evaluate an immense amount of information during the process. This evaluation will lead to individual qualitative and quantitative opinions that will inform each member's votes.



**4. Number of Teams to Be Ranked.**

The committee will rank 25 teams. If no champion of a non-contract conference is among that group, then the committee will conduct an additional process to identify the top-ranked champion of those conference champions.

**5. Meeting Schedule.** The committee will meet in person weekly beginning at mid-season to produce interim rankings before selection weekend.

The corresponding dates for the Fall of 2016 will be as follows:

Monday and Tuesday,  
October 31–November 1  
Monday and Tuesday, November 7–8  
Monday and Tuesday, November 14–15  
Monday and Tuesday, November 21–22  
Monday and Tuesday, November 28–29  
Friday–Sunday, December 2–4

**6. Point Persons for Gathering**

**Information.** The committee has assigned two members to be the “point persons” to gather material about the teams in each conference and the independent teams. The process will assure that each team is fully reviewed and that no information is overlooked.

The point persons will ensure that (1) the committee has complete, detailed information about each team, and (2) the conferences and independent institutions have an effective and efficient channel for providing facts to the committee.

The committee wishes to be clear about the role of the point persons. They are not and will not be advocates for teams in any conference or for any independent institution. They will not speak on behalf of any conference or institution during the committee’s deliberations or represent any conference’s or independent institution’s interests during those deliberations. Their function is to gather information and ensure that it is available to the committee. Their role as a liaison to a particular conference or independent institution is purely for the purpose of objective fact-gathering.

The point persons will communicate with conference staff members on three teleconferences during the regular season. The point persons will accept objective factual information from a conference and may actively seek such information from a conference during a teleconference. They may take subjective viewpoints provided by a conference comparing the performance of one conference institution to another. They will ensure that all information provided by a conference is presented to the committee for its consideration. Outside of the three teleconferences, there will be no contact between the point persons and any conference staff member, or vice-versa; all information will be relayed through the CFP staff.

Following are the point persons for 2016-17:

<i>American</i>	Barry Alvarez and Jeff Bower
<i>Atlantic Coast</i>	Condoleezza Rice and Rob Mullens
<i>Big Ten</i>	Jeff Long and Tyrone Willingham
<i>Big 12</i>	Steve Wieberg and Barry Alvarez
<i>Conference USA</i>	Rob Mullens and Tom Jernstedt
<i>Mid-American</i>	Bobby Johnson and Condoleezza Rice
<i>Mountain West</i>	Tyrone Willingham and Herb Deromedi
<i>Pac-12</i>	Tom Jernstedt and Bobby Johnson
<i>Southeastern</i>	Dan Radakovich and Steve Wieberg
<i>Sun Belt</i>	Jeff Bower and Dan Radakovich
<i>Independents</i>	Herb Deromedi and Jeff Long

**7. Metrics.** There will not be one single metric to assist the committee. Rather, the committee will consider a wide variety of data and information.

**8. Participants.** There shall be no limit on the number of teams that may participate from one conference in the playoff semifinals and the associated bowl games.

**9. Pairings for Semifinals.**

- A. The team ranked No. 1 by the selection committee will play team No. 4 in the semifinals. Team No. 2 will meet team No. 3.

- B. When assigning teams to sites, the committee will place the top two seeds at the most advantageous sites, weighing criteria such as convenience of travel for its fans, home-crowd advantage or disadvantage and general familiarity with the host city and its stadium. Preference will go to the No. 1 seed.

**10. Pairings for Selected Other Bowl Games.**

- A. All displaced conference champions and the highest ranked champion from a non-contract conference, as ranked by the committee, will participate in selected other bowl games and will be assigned to those games by the committee. If berths in the selected other bowl games remain available after those teams have been identified, the highest ranked other teams, as ranked by the committee, will fill those berths in rank order.

(Note: A “displaced conference champion” is a champion of a contract conference that does not qualify for the playoff in a year when its contract bowl hosts a semifinal game.)

- B. The committee shall create the best matchups in these bowl games in light of the following considerations. None of these considerations shall affect the ranking of teams. Also, none of these considerations will be controlling in determining the assignment of teams to available bowl games.
- The committee will use geography as a consideration in the pairing of teams and assigning them to available bowl games.
  - The committee will attempt to avoid regular-season rematches when assigning teams to bowls.

- To benefit fans and student-athletes, the committee will attempt to avoid assigning a team, or conference, or the highest-ranked champion of a non-contract conference, to the same bowl game repeatedly.
- The committee will consider regular-season head-to-head results when assigning teams to bowls.
- The committee will consider conference championships when assigning teams to bowls.

### **11. Selection Sequence.**

- Selection committee will rank teams 1-25.
- Selection committee will place teams in the playoff semifinals bowls.
- Contract bowls will fill their berths in accordance with their contracts.
- Selection committee will assign teams to remainder of the Cotton, Fiesta and Peach Bowl berths.

**12. Recusal Policy.** If a committee member or an immediate family member, e.g., spouse, sibling or child, (a) is compensated by a school, (b) provides professional services for a school, or (c) is on the coaching staff or administrative staff at a school or is a football student-athlete at a school, that member will be recused. Such compensation shall include not only direct employment, but also current paid consulting arrangements, deferred compensation (e.g., contract payments continuing after employment has ended) or other benefits.

The committee will have the option to add other recusals if special circumstances arise.

A recused member shall not participate in any votes involving the team from which the individual is recused.

A recused member is permitted to answer only factual questions about the institution from which the member is recused, but shall not be present during any deliberations regarding that team's selection or seeding.

Recused members shall not participate in discussions regarding the placement of the reduced team into a bowl game.

Following are the recusals for 2016-17:

Arkansas – Jeff Long  
 Central Michigan – Herb Deromedi  
 Clemson – Dan Radakovich  
 Duke – Tyrone Willingham  
 Oregon – Rob Mullens  
 Southern Mississippi – Jeff Bower  
 Stanford – Condoleezza Rice,  
 Tyrone Willingham  
 Texas Tech – Kirby Hocutt  
 Wisconsin – Barry Alvarez

**13. Terms.** Generally, the members shall serve three-year terms. Until the rotation has been achieved, certain terms may be shorter or longer. Terms shall be staggered to allow for an eventual rotation of members. Members will not be eligible for re-appointment.

### **Terms Expire February 2017**

Barry Alvarez  
 Kirby Hocutt  
 Bobby Johnson  
 Condoleezza Rice

### **Terms Expire February 2018**

Tom Jernstedt  
 Jeff Long  
 Dan Radakovich  
 Steve Wieberg  
 Tyrone Willingham

### **Terms Expire February 2019**

Jeff Bower  
Herb Deromedi  
Rob Mullens

**14. Committee Chair.** The Management Committee selected the first chair of the committee. The selection committee members will select future chairs.

## VOTING PROCESS

1. Each committee member will create a list of the 30 teams he or she believes to be the best in the country, in no particular order. Teams listed by three or more members will remain under consideration. At the conclusion of any round, other teams can be added to the group of teams under consideration by a vote of three or more members.
2. Each member will list the best six teams, in no particular order. The six teams receiving the most votes will comprise the pool for the first ranking step.
3. In the first ranking step, each member will rank those six teams, one through six, with one being the best. The three teams receiving the fewest points will become the top three seeds. The three teams that were not seeded will be held over for the next ranking step.
4. Each member will list the six best remaining teams, in no particular order. The three teams receiving the most votes will be added to the three teams held over to comprise the next ranking step.
5. Steps No. 3 and 4 will be repeated until 25 teams have been seeded. There will be seven rounds of voting; each round will consist of a “listing step” and a “ranking step.”

**Notes:**

A. Any “recused” member can participate in Step No. 1, but cannot list the team for which he or she is recused. “Recused” teams (i.e., teams for whom a member has been recused) receiving at least two votes in Step No. 1 will remain under consideration.

B. A recused member can participate in Step No. 2, but cannot list the recused team. If a recused team is within one vote of advancing to the pool, that team will be pooled with the team (or teams) receiving the fewest votes. If necessary, a “tie-breaker” ranking vote will be conducted among those teams to identify the team or teams that would be added to the pool.

C. A recused member cannot participate in Step No. 3 if the recused team is in the pool.

D. Between each step, the committee members will conduct a thorough evaluation of the teams before conducting the vote.

E. After each round is completed, any group of three or more teams can be re-considered if more than three members vote to do so. Step No. 3 would be repeated to determine if adjustments should be made.

F. After the first nine teams are seeded, the number of teams listed in Step No. 2 will be increased to eight, and the number of teams seeded and held in Steps No. 3 and 4 will be increased to four.

G. At any time in the process, the number of teams to be included in a pool may be increased or decreased with approval of more than eight members of the committee.

H. After any round of voting, a team or teams may be added to the initial pool by an affirmative vote of three or more committee members.

I. All votes will be by secret ballot.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **What is the mission of the selection committee?**

The committee's task is to select the best teams, rank the teams for inclusion in the playoff and selected other bowl games and then assign the teams to bowl sites.

#### **What is the voting procedure?**

The committee identifies small groups of teams and then will evaluate those teams against each other in a detailed and deliberative manner. The committee members then vote the teams into the rankings.

#### **What criteria will the selection committee use to rank the teams?**

The committee selects the teams using a process that distinguishes among otherwise comparable teams by considering conference championships won, strength of schedule, head-to-head competition, comparative outcomes of common opponents (without incurring margin of victory) and other relevant factors that may have affected a team's performance during the season or likely will affect its postseason performance.

Selection committee members have flexibility to examine whatever data they believe is relevant to inform their decisions. They also review a significant amount of game video. Among the many factors the committee members consider are win-loss record, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents and conference championships won. The playoff group has retained SportSource Analytics to provide the data platform for the committee's use. This platform allows the committee members to compare and contrast teams on every level possible. Each member evaluates the data at hand, and then the individuals will vote to produce a group decision.

#### **Are there ballot votes to determine the rankings?**

The voting process includes a series of ballots through which the committee members first select a pool of teams to be considered, then rank those teams. Individual ballots will be compiled into a composite ranking. Each committee member independently evaluates an immense amount of information during the process. This evaluation brings about individual qualitative and quantitative opinions that lead to each member's vote.

#### **Are the committee's deliberations made public?**

The selection committee's process and procedures are available on the [CollegeFootballPlayoff.com](http://CollegeFootballPlayoff.com) website. The committee has created an arrangement that allows for maximum disclosure, while also allowing the committee to deliberate among themselves in a thoughtful and effective manner, with the appropriate candor. Also, the committee conducts "mock" selection exercises to allow reporters to become familiar with the process.

### **How many teams does the selection committee rank?**

The committee ranks 25 teams.

### **Does the selection committee publicize its rankings throughout the season?**

Yes, after each meeting. The committee members meet weekly, in person, on Mondays and Tuesdays to produce rankings. The committee then meets again during selection weekend to conduct a final evaluation and determine the pairings for the playoff and the other bowls.

### **When does Selection Weekend happen?**

The committee's "selection weekend" will be Saturday and Sunday, December 3–4, 2016.

### **Why are there 12 members of the selection committee?**

The number was chosen to allow for good representation, active discussion and diversity of viewpoints. This is the right size — not too small or too large.

### **What criteria are used to choose members of the selection committee?**

The top-priority criterion is integrity. There are five categories of individuals: People with experience as (1) coaches, (2) student-athletes, (3) administrators, (4) journalists and also (5) sitting directors of athletics. The management committee gives careful consideration to the standards for membership and to identifying high integrity individuals who matched the criteria. Among the other valued attributes are football expertise, objectivity, ability to carefully evaluate and discern information and experience in making decisions under scrutiny. Members are asked to commit significant time to the endeavor.

### **Why are athletics directors on the committee?**

The directors of athletics (ADs) have some of the best institutional knowledge of college football, and the selection committee is much stronger with their participation. Many ADs have careers spanning more than one conference and many have worked at the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level as well. The goal is to make the selection committee the best and strongest it can be, which is why ADs are included. Like all selection committee members, ADs act in the best interest of the game.

### **Is there a recusal policy in place for committee members?**

Yes. Committee members will be recused from participating in votes involving a school's team if they or an immediate family member receives compensation from the school or has a professional relationship with that school. The committee has the option to add other recusals if special circumstances arise.

### **What are the terms of the recusal policy?**

A recused member shall not participate in any votes, nor be present during deliberations involving the team's selection or seeding, but may answer factual questions about the institution from which the member is recused. The recusal policy is virtually identical to the NCAA men's basketball committee policy.

### **How are the non-playoff teams selected for the other bowls that make up this new arrangement?**

All conferences negotiated individual bowl contracts for their champions. Five conferences have arranged contracts for their champions to play in New Year's bowl games — Atlantic Coast (Orange), Big Ten (Rose), Big 12 (Sugar), Pac-12 (Rose), and Southeastern (Sugar).

If it is not in the semifinals, the highest ranked champion of the other five Football Bowl Subdivision conferences (the American Athletic, Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt), as determined by the selection committee, will play in one of the other three New Year's bowls. Other available berths are awarded to the teams ranked highest by the committee. The committee assigns teams to bowls.

When the Cotton, Fiesta and Peach bowls are not hosting semifinal games, their participants will come from three pools: (1) The highest ranked champion among the five conferences listed in the paragraph above, (2) conference champions that are displaced when their contracted bowls host semifinals and (3) the remaining teams ranked highest in the committee's rankings.

The committee will assign teams to the non-playoff bowls to create the most compelling matchups, while considering other factors such as geographic proximity, avoiding rematches of regular-season games and avoiding rematches of recent years' bowl games.

### **Can selection committee members serve more than one term? If so, how many terms are allowed or can they serve forever if they like?**

Members serve one three-year term. Terms of the first group of committee members were staggered to allow for an eventual rotation. Until the rotation has been achieved, certain members' terms are shorter or longer.

### **Can a committee member be removed? If so, by whom and for what reasons?**

In the unlikely scenario where a committee member is unable to meet the obligations that come with serving on the committee, the management committee would appoint a replacement.

### **Who appoints the chair of the committee?**

The management committee appoints the committee chair.



### **Will the selection committee members be compensated?**

No, there will be no compensation for committee members. Expenses are reimbursed.

### **Will the committee members travel to games to watch in person?**

The members are not expected to attend games in person. They are expected to watch video extensively.

### **What is the role of the chair?**

The chair of the selection committee is responsible for the leadership of the committee and ensures an environment under which the committee members work together to evaluate teams and create rankings. The chair leads meetings, helps set the committee's agenda, and shares spokesperson duties with the executive director of the College Football Playoff. The chair -- and the selection committee itself -- are not involved in the operation of the playoff; its sole responsibility is ranking the teams and making the pairings.

### **What is the role of the CFP Executive Director and staff as it pertains to the selection committee operations? Is the executive director a voting member?**

The executive director does not have a vote, and the staff's role is to provide support to the committee. The executive director and staff direct the day-to-day business and administrative operations of the CFP itself, in keeping with the objectives established by the board of managers and management committee.

The selection committee is an independent body that operates according to the objectives established by the board of managers and management committee.

# RANKINGS

## 2016 RANKINGS SCHEDULE

The selection committee members will meet weekly, in person, on Mondays and Tuesdays to produce rankings. The committee will issue its first rankings Tuesday, November 1.

Date	Time (ET)	Network
Tues., Nov. 1	TBD	ESPN
Tues., Nov. 8	TBD	ESPN
Tues., Nov. 15	TBD	ESPN
Tues., Nov. 22	TBD	ESPN
Tues., Nov. 29	TBD	ESPN
Sun., Dec. 4	TBD	ESPN

## SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

The committee will meet in person weekly beginning at mid-season to produce interim rankings before selection weekend.

### The dates in the fall of 2016 will be as follows:

Monday and Tuesday,  
October 31–November 1  
Monday and Tuesday, November 7–8  
Monday and Tuesday, November 14–15  
Monday and Tuesday, November 21–22  
Monday and Tuesday, November 28–29  
Friday–Sunday, December 2–4

## SELECTION DAY

Selection Day will take place on Sunday, December 4. On this day, the semifinal matchups for the College Football Playoff will be announced.

## TENTATIVE SELECTION DAY TIMELINE

**12:30 p.m.** – CFP announces playoff semifinal pairings and semifinal bowl assignments live on ESPN

**3 p.m.** – CFP announces bowl pairings along with final top 25 rankings live on ESPN

**4 p.m.** – Telephonic news conference with coaches of semifinal No. 1 vs. No. 4

**4:20 p.m.** – Telephonic news conference with coaches of semifinal No. 2 vs. No. 3

**4:40 p.m.** – Telephonic news conference with coaches of Orange Bowl

**5 p.m.** – Telephonic news conference with coaches of Sugar Bowl

**5:20 p.m.** – Telephonic news conference with coaches of Cotton Bowl

**5:40 p.m.** – Telephonic news conference with coaches of Rose Bowl Game

*(All times Eastern)*

## 2015 RANKINGS

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### WEEK 9

(RELEASED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3)

1	Clemson	8-0
2	LSU	7-0
3	Ohio State	8-0
4	Alabama	7-1
5	Notre Dame	7-1
6	Baylor	7-0
7	Michigan State	8-0
8	TCU	8-0
9	Iowa	8-0
10	Florida	7-1
11	Stanford	7-1
12	Utah	7-1
13	Memphis	8-0
14	Oklahoma State	8-0
15	Oklahoma	7-1
16	Florida State	7-1
17	Michigan	6-2
18	Mississippi	7-2
19	Texas A&M	6-2
20	Mississippi State	6-2
21	Northwestern	6-2
22	Temple	7-1
23	UCLA	6-2
24	Toledo	7-0
25	Houston	8-0

### WEEK 10

(RELEASED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10)

1	Clemson	9-0
2	Alabama	8-1
3	Ohio State	9-0
4	Notre Dame	8-1
5	Iowa	9-0
6	Baylor	8-0
7	Stanford	8-1
8	Oklahoma State	9-0
9	LSU	7-1
10	Utah	8-1
11	Florida	8-1
12	Oklahoma	8-1
13	Michigan State	8-1
14	Michigan	7-2
15	TCU	8-1
16	Florida State	7-2
17	Mississippi State	7-2
18	Northwestern	7-2
19	UCLA	7-2
20	Navy	7-1
21	Memphis	8-1
22	Temple	8-1
23	North Carolina	8-1
24	Houston	9-0
25	Wisconsin	8-2

**WEEK 11**  
**(RELEASED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17)**

1	Clemson	10-0
2	Alabama	9-1
3	Ohio State	10-0
4	Notre Dame	9-1
5	Iowa	10-0
6	Oklahoma State	10-0
7	Oklahoma	9-1
8	Florida	9-1
9	Michigan State	9-1
10	Baylor	8-1
11	Stanford	8-2
12	Michigan	8-2
13	Utah	8-2
14	Florida State	8-2
15	LSU	7-2
16	Navy	8-1
17	North Carolina	9-1
18	TCU	9-1
19	Houston	10-0
20	Northwestern	8-2
21	Memphis	8-2
22	Ole Miss	7-3
23	Oregon	7-3
24	USC	7-3
25	Wisconsin	8-2

**WEEK 12**  
**(RELEASED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24)**

1	Clemson	11-0
2	Alabama	10-1
3	Oklahoma	10-1
4	Iowa	11-0
5	Michigan State	10-1
6	Notre Dame	10-1
7	Baylor	9-1
8	Ohio State	10-1
9	Stanford	9-2
10	Michigan	9-2
11	Oklahoma State	10-1
12	Florida	10-1
13	Florida State	9-2
14	North Carolina	10-1
15	Navy	9-1
16	Northwestern	9-2
17	Oregon	8-3
18	Ole Miss	8-3
19	TCU	9-2
20	Washington State	8-3
21	Mississippi State	8-3
22	UCLA	8-3
23	Utah	8-3
24	Toledo	9-1
25	Temple	9-2

## 2015 RANKINGS

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### WEEK 13

(RELEASED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1)

1	Clemson	12-0
2	Alabama	11-1
3	Oklahoma	11-1
4	Iowa	12-0
5	Michigan State	11-1
6	Ohio State	11-1
7	Stanford	10-2
8	Notre Dame	10-2
9	Florida State	10-2
10	North Carolina	11-1
11	TCU	10-2
12	Baylor	9-2
13	Ole Miss	9-3
14	Northwestern	10-2
15	Michigan	9-3
16	Oregon	9-3
17	Oklahoma State	10-2
18	Florida	10-2
19	Houston	11-1
20	Southern California	8-4
21	LSU	8-3
22	Temple	10-2
23	Navy	9-2
24	Utah	9-3
25	Tennessee	8-4

### WEEK 14

(FINAL RANKINGS - RELEASED SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 6)

1	Clemson	13-0
2	Alabama	12-1
3	Michigan State	12-1
4	Oklahoma	11-1
5	Iowa	12-1
6	Stanford	11-2
7	Ohio State	11-1
8	Notre Dame	10-2
9	Florida State	10-2
10	North Carolina	11-2
11	TCU	10-2
12	Ole Miss	9-3
13	Northwestern	10-2
14	Michigan	9-3
15	Oregon	9-3
16	Oklahoma State	10-2
17	Baylor	9-3
18	Houston	12-1
19	Florida	10-3
20	LSU	8-3
21	Navy	9-2
22	Utah	9-3
23	Tennessee	8-4
24	Temple	10-3
25	Southern California	8-5



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**No. 1 Clemson vs. No. 4 Oklahoma**

**No. 2 Alabama vs. No. 3 Michigan State**

## 2014 RANKINGS

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### WEEK 10

(RELEASED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28)

1	Mississippi State	7-0
2	Florida State	7-0
3	Auburn	6-1
4	Mississippi	7-1
5	Oregon	7-1
6	Alabama	7-1
7	TCU	6-1
8	Michigan State	7-1
9	Kansas State	6-1
10	Notre Dame	6-1
11	Georgia	6-1
12	Arizona	6-1
13	Baylor	6-1
14	Arizona State	6-1
15	Nebraska	7-1
16	Ohio State	6-1
17	Utah	6-1
18	Oklahoma	5-2
19	LSU	7-2
20	West Virginia	6-2
21	Clemson	6-2
22	UCLA	6-2
23	East Carolina	6-1
24	Duke	6-1
25	Louisville	6-2

### WEEK 11

(RELEASED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4)

1	Mississippi State	8-0
2	Florida State	8-0
3	Auburn	7-1
4	Oregon	8-1
5	Alabama	7-1
6	TCU	7-1
7	Kansas State	7-1
8	Michigan State	7-1
9	Arizona State	7-1
10	Notre Dame	7-1
11	Mississippi	7-2
12	Baylor	7-1
13	Nebraska	8-1
14	Ohio State	7-1
15	Oklahoma	6-2
16	LSU	7-2
17	Utah	6-2
18	UCLA	7-2
19	Arizona	6-2
20	Georgia	6-2
21	Clemson	6-2
22	Duke	7-1
23	West Virginia	6-3
24	Georgia Tech	7-2
25	Wisconsin	6-2



**WEEK 12****(RELEASED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11)**

1	Mississippi State	9-0
2	Oregon	9-1
3	Florida State	9-0
4	TCU	8-1
5	Alabama	8-1
6	Arizona State	8-1
7	Baylor	8-1
8	Ohio State	8-1
9	Auburn	7-2
10	Mississippi	8-2
11	UCLA	8-2
12	Michigan State	7-2
13	Kansas State	7-2
14	Arizona	7-2
15	Georgia	7-2
16	Nebraska	8-1
17	LSU	7-3
18	Notre Dame	7-2
19	Clemson	7-2
20	Wisconsin	7-2
21	Duke	8-1
22	Georgia Tech	8-2
23	Utah	6-3
24	Texas A&M	7-3
25	Minnesota	7-2

**WEEK 13****(RELEASED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18)**

1	Alabama	9-1
2	Oregon	9-1
3	Florida State	10-0
4	Mississippi State	9-1
5	TCU	9-1
6	Ohio State	9-1
7	Baylor	8-1
8	Mississippi	8-2
9	UCLA	8-2
10	Georgia	8-2
11	Michigan State	8-2
12	Kansas State	7-2
13	Arizona State	8-2
14	Auburn	7-3
15	Arizona	8-2
16	Wisconsin	8-2
17	Utah	7-3
18	Georgia Tech	9-2
19	Southern California	7-3
20	Missouri	8-2
21	Oklahoma	7-3
22	Clemson	7-3
23	Nebraska	8-2
24	Louisville	7-3
25	Minnesota	7-3

## 2014 RANKINGS

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### WEEK 14

(RELEASED TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25)

1	Alabama	10-1
2	Oregon	10-1
3	Florida State	11-0
4	Mississippi State	10-1
5	TCU	9-1
6	Ohio State	10-1
7	Baylor	9-1
8	UCLA	9-2
9	Georgia	9-2
10	Michigan State	9-2
11	Arizona	9-2
12	Kansas State	8-2
13	Arizona State	9-2
14	Wisconsin	9-2
15	Auburn	8-3
16	Georgia Tech	9-2
17	Missouri	9-2
18	Minnesota	8-3
19	Mississippi	8-3
20	Oklahoma	8-3
21	Clemson	8-3
22	Louisville	8-3
23	Boise State	9-2
24	Marshall	11-0
25	Utah	7-4

### WEEK 15

(RELEASED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2)

1	Alabama	11-1
2	Oregon	11-1
3	TCU	10-1
4	Florida State	12-0
5	Ohio State	11-1
6	Baylor	10-1
7	Arizona	10-2
8	Michigan State	10-2
9	Kansas State	9-2
10	Mississippi State	10-2
11	Georgia Tech	10-2
12	Mississippi	9-3
13	Wisconsin	10-2
14	Georgia	9-3
15	UCLA	9-3
16	Missouri	10-2
17	Arizona State	9-3
18	Clemson	9-3
19	Auburn	8-4
20	Oklahoma	8-3
21	Louisville	9-3
22	Boise State	10-2
23	Utah	8-4
24	LSU	8-4
25	Southern California	8-4

**WEEK 16****(FINAL RANKINGS - RELEASED SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7)**

1	Alabama	12-1
2	Oregon	12-1
3	Florida State	13-0
4	Ohio State	12-1
5	Baylor	11-1
6	TCU	11-1
7	Mississippi State	10-2
8	Michigan State	10-2
9	Mississippi	9-3
10	Arizona	10-3
11	Kansas State	9-3
12	Georgia Tech	10-3
13	Georgia	9-3
14	UCLA	9-3
15	Arizona State	9-3
16	Missouri	10-3
17	Clemson	9-3
18	Wisconsin	10-3
19	Auburn	8-4
20	Boise State	11-2
21	Louisville	9-3
22	Utah	8-4
23	LSU	8-4
24	Southern California	8-4
25	Minnesota	8-4

**PLAYOFF  
SEMIFINAL***presented by***No. 2 Oregon vs. No. 3 Florida State****PLAYOFF  
SEMIFINAL****No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Ohio State**

# CONFERENCE DIRECTORY



**American Athletic Conference**

15 Park Row West  
Providence, RI 02903  
*Phone:* (401) 453-0660  
*Fax:* (401) 751-8540  
*Website:* theAmerican.org  
*Commissioner:* Mike Aresco  
*Media Contact (football):* Chuck Sullivan  
(csullivan@theamerican.org)  
*Weekly Teleconference:*  
Mondays, 11 a.m. ET

**Atlantic Coast Conference**

4512 Weybridge Lane  
Greensboro, NC 27407  
*Phone:* (336) 854-8787  
*Fax:* (336) 854-8797  
*Website:* theacc.com  
*Commissioner:* John Swofford  
*Media Contact (football):* Mike Finn  
(mfinn@theacc.org)  
*Weekly Teleconference:*  
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. ET



**BIG 12** CONFERENCE

**Big Ten Conference**

5440 Park Place

Rosemont, IL 60018

Phone: (847) 696-1010

Fax: (847) 696-1150

Website: [bigten.org](http://bigten.org)

Commissioner: James E. Delany

Media Contact (football): Adam Augustine  
([aaugustine@bigten.org](mailto:aaugustine@bigten.org))

Weekly Teleconference:

Tuesdays, Noon ET

**Big 12 Conference**

400 East John Carpenter Freeway

Irving, TX 75062

Phone: (469) 524-1000

Fax: (469) 524-1045

Website: [big12sports.com](http://big12sports.com)

Commissioner: Bob Bowlsby

Media Contact (football): Bob Burda  
([bob@big12sports.com](mailto:bob@big12sports.com))

Weekly Teleconference:

Mondays, 10:50 a.m. ET



**Conference USA**

5201 North O'Connor Blvd., Suite 300  
Irving, TX 75039  
Phone: (214) 774-1300  
Fax: (214) 496-0055  
Website: [conferenceUSA.com](http://conferenceUSA.com)  
Commissioner: Judy MacLeod  
Media Contact (football): Russ Anderson  
([randerson@c-usa.com](mailto:randerson@c-usa.com))  
Weekly Teleconference: None

**Mid-American Conference**

24 Public Square, 15th Floor  
Cleveland, OH 22113  
Phone: (216) 566-4622  
Fax: (216) 858-9622  
Website: [mac-sports.com](http://mac-sports.com)  
Commissioner: Jon Steinbrecher  
Media Contact (football): Ken Mather  
([kmather@mac-sports.com](mailto:kmather@mac-sports.com))  
Weekly Teleconference:  
Mondays, 9:30 a.m. ET



**Mountain West Conference**

10807 New Allegiance Drive, Suite 250  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
*Phone:* (719) 488-4040  
*Fax:* (719) 487-7240  
*Website:* themw.com  
*Commissioner:* Craig Thompson  
*Media Contact (football):* Javan Hedlund  
(jhedlund@themw.com)  
*Weekly Teleconference:* None



**Pac-12 Conference**

360 3rd Street, 3rd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
*Phone:* (415) 580-4200  
*Fax:* (415) 549-2828  
*Website:* pac-12.org  
*Commissioner:* Larry Scott  
*Media Contact (football):* Dave Hirsch  
(dhirsch@pac-12.org)  
*Weekly Teleconference:* Tuesdays, 1 p.m. ET





**Southeastern Conference**

2201 Richard Arrington Blvd. North

Birmingham, AL 35203

*Phone:* (205) 458-3000

*Fax:* (205) 458-3030

*Website:* secsports.com

*Commissioner:* Mike Slive

*Media Contact (football):* Chuck Dunlap  
(cdunlap@sec.org)

*Weekly Teleconference:*

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. ET



**SUN BELT**<sup>TM</sup>  
CONFERENCE

**Sun Belt Conference**

Mercedes Benz Superdome

1500 Sugar Bowl Drive

New Orleans, LA 70112

*Phone:* (504) 299-9066

*Fax:* (504) 299-9068

*Website:* sunbeltsports.org

*Commissioner:* Karl Benson

*Media Contact (football):* John McElwain  
(mcelwain@sunbeltsports.org)

*Weekly Teleconference:*

Mondays, 11:30 a.m. ET

# NEW YEAR'S BOWLS



**DEC. 30 • 8 P.M. ET • ESPN**

**Capital One Orange Bowl**

Sun Life Stadium

14360 Northwest 77th Court

Miami Lakes, FL 33016

Phone: 305-341-4700

Fax: 305-341-4750

Chief Executive Officer: Eric L. Poms

Media Contact: Larry Wahl

(lwahl@orangebowl.org)

## QUICK FACTS

**Field (Capacity):**

New Miami Stadium (65,326)

**2015 Results:**

Clemson 37, Oklahoma 17

**Website:**

www.orangebowl.org

**Media Hotel:**

Renaissance Fort Lauderdale

Cruise Port Hotel

1617 Southeast 17th Street

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

**Phone Number:** 954-626-1700

## TENTATIVE GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

**Monday, December 26**

Arrival/Welcome Press Conference

**Tuesday, December 27**

O/D Press Conference

(Open Practice)

**Wednesday, December 28**

O/D Press Conference

(Open Practice)

**Thursday, December 29**

Head Coaches' Press Conference

**Friday, December 30**

Capital One Orange Bowl

## DIRECTIONS

**From Airports to Media Hotel**

*From Miami International Airport (MIA)*

Exit the Miami airport toward SR-112, take 112 to I-95

North toward Fort Lauderdale, follow Exit for I-595

East toward Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International

Airport, follow I-595 to Exit for U.S. 1 North/Federal

Highway, take U.S. 1 North to SE 17th St. and turn

right. Go approximately 3/4 mile and make a U-Turn

at Eisenhower Blvd. Fort Lauderdale Renaissance Cruise

Port Hotel will be on the right.

*From Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood*

*International Airport (FLL)*

Follow signs out of Fort Lauderdale airport for U.S. 1

North, take U.S. 1 North to SE 17th St. and turn right.

Go approximately 3/4 mile and make a U-Turn at

Eisenhower Blvd. Renaissance Fort Lauderdale Cruise

Port Hotel will be on the right.

## DIRECTIONS (continued)

### From Airports to Sun Life Stadium

*From Miami International Airport (MIA)*

Exit the Miami airport toward SR-112, take 112 to I-95 North toward Fort Lauderdale, take exit toward Florida Turnpike/Florida 826, get on the Turnpike to Exit 2X and continue straight to reach Sun Life Stadium.

*From Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood*

*International Airport (FLL)*

Exit the Fort Lauderdale airport toward I-595 West, exit onto Florida's Turnpike South toward Miami, follow signs to Miami and take Exit 2X and continue straight to reach Sun Life Stadium.

## ALL-TIME ORANGE BOWL RESULTS

1935	Bucknell 26, Miami 0	1977	Ohio State 27, Colorado 10
1936	Catholic 20, Mississippi 19	1978	Arkansas 31, Oklahoma 6
1937	Duquesne 13, Miss. State 12	1979	Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 24
1938	Auburn 6, Michigan State 0	1980	Oklahoma 24, Florida State 7
1939	Tennessee 17, Oklahoma 0	1981	Oklahoma 18, Florida State 17
1940	Georgia Tech 21, Missouri 7	1982	Clemson 22, Nebraska 15
1941	Miss. State 14, Georgetown 7	1983	Nebraska 21, LSU 20
1942	Georgia 40, TCU 26	1984	Miami 31, Nebraska 30
1943	Alabama 37, Boston College 21	1985	Washington 28, Oklahoma 17
1944	LSU 19, Texas A&M 14	1986	Oklahoma 25, Penn State 10
1945	Tulsa 26, Georgia Tech 12	1987	Oklahoma 42, Arkansas 8
1946	Miami 13, Holy Cross 6	1988	Miami 20, Oklahoma 14
1947	Rice 8, Tennessee 0	1989	Miami 23, Nebraska 3
1948	Georgia Tech 20, Kansas 14	1990	Notre Dame 21, Colorado 6
1949	Texas 41, Georgia 28	1991	Colorado 10, Notre Dame 9
1950	Santa Clara 21, Kentucky 13	1992	Miami 22, Nebraska 0
1951	Clemson 15, Miami 14	1993	Florida State 27, Nebraska 14
1952	Georgia Tech 17, Baylor 14	1994	Florida State 18, Nebraska 16
1953	Alabama 61, Syracuse 6	1995	Nebraska 24, Miami 17
1954	Oklahoma 7, Maryland 0	1996	Florida State 31, Notre Dame 26
1955	Duke 34, Nebraska 7	1997	Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21
1956	Oklahoma 20, Maryland 6	1998	Nebraska 42, Tennessee 17
1957	Colorado 27, Clemson 21	1999	Florida 31, Syracuse 10
1958	Oklahoma 48, Duke 21	2000	Michigan 35, Alabama 34 (ot)
1959	Oklahoma 21, Syracuse 6	2001	Oklahoma 13, Florida State 2
1960	Georgia 14, Missouri 0	2002	Florida 56, Maryland 23
1961	Missouri 21, Navy 14	2003	USC 38, Iowa 17
1962	LSU 25, Colorado 7	2004	Miami 16, Florida State 14
1963	Alabama 17, Oklahoma 0	2005	*USC 55, Oklahoma 19
1964	Nebraska 13, Auburn 7	2006	Penn State 26, Florida State 23 (3ot)
1965	Texas 21, Alabama 17	2007	Louisville 24, Wake Forest 13
1966	Alabama 39, Nebraska 28	2008	Kansas 24, Virginia Tech 21
1967	Florida 27, Georgia Tech 12	2009	Virginia Tech 20, Cincinnati 7
1968	Oklahoma 26, Tennessee 24	2010	Iowa 24, Georgia Tech 14
1969	Penn State 15, Kansas 14	2011	Stanford 40, Virginia Tech 12
1970	Penn State 10, Missouri 3	2012	West Virginia 70, Clemson 33
1971	Nebraska 17, LSU 12	2013	Florida State 31, Northern Illinois 10
1972	Nebraska 38, Alabama 6	2014	Clemson 40, Ohio State 35
1973	Nebraska 40, Notre Dame 6	2014	Georgia Tech 49, Mississippi State 34
1974	Penn State 16, LSU 9	2015	Clemson 37, Oklahoma 17
1975	Notre Dame 13, Alabama 11		
1976	Oklahoma 14, Michigan 6		

\* USC's participation later vacated



## PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL



## DEC. 31 • 3 P.M. OR 7 P.M. ET • ESPN College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

Georgia Dome  
3284 Northside Parkway NW, Suite 550  
Atlanta, GA 30327  
Phone: 404-586-8500  
Fax: 404-586-8508  
President & CEO: Gary P. Stokan  
Media Contact: Matt Garvey  
(mgarvey@cfabowl.com)

## QUICK FACTS

### Field (Capacity):

Georgia Dome (71,996)

### 2015 Results:

Houston 38, Florida State 24

**Website:** [www.cfapb.com](http://www.cfapb.com)

**Media Hotel:** Hyatt Regency Atlanta

265 Peachtree Street NE

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**Phone Number:** 404-577-1234

## TENTATIVE GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 26

Arrival/Welcome Press Conference

### Tuesday, December 27

O/D Press Conference

(Open Practice)

### Wednesday, December 28

O/D Press Conference

(Open Practice)

### Thursday, December 29

Media Day

(8 – 9 a.m. ET/9:30 – 10:30 a.m. ET)

### Friday, December 30

Head Coaches' Press Conference

### Saturday, December 31

College Football Playoff Semifinal at the  
Peach Bowl

## DIRECTIONS

### From Airport to Media Hotel:

Take 75/85 North, take the right-hand exit 248-C (International Blvd.). Turn left onto International Blvd. Turn right at the third traffic light onto Peachtree Center Avenue. Hyatt Regency Atlanta's Motor Lobby entrance is one block on the left.

### From Airport to the Georgia Dome

Take I-75/I-85 North to Central Ave. Exit 91. Then turn left on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, then turn right on Northside Drive. Turn right onto Falcon Way.

### ALL-TIME PEACH BOWL RESULTS

1968	LSU 31, Florida State 27	1993	North Carolina 21, Mississippi State 17
1969	West Virginia 14, South Carolina 3	1993	Clemson 14, Kentucky 13
1970	Arizona State 48, North Carolina 26	1995	North Carolina State 28, Mississippi State 24
1971	Mississippi 41, Georgia Tech 18	1995	Virginia 34, Georgia 27
1972	North Carolina State 49, West Virginia 13	1996	LSU 10, Clemson 7
1973	Georgia 17, Maryland 16	1998	Auburn 21, Clemson 17
1974	Texas Tech 6, Vanderbilt 6	1998	Georgia 35, Virginia 33
1975	West Virginia 13, North Carolina State 10	1999	Mississippi State 17, Clemson 7
1976	Kentucky 21, North Carolina 0	2000	LSU 28, Georgia Tech 14
1977	North Carolina State 24, Iowa State 14	2001	North Carolina 16, Auburn 10
1978	Purdue 41, Georgia Tech 21	2002	Maryland 30, Tennessee 3
1979	Baylor 24, Clemson 18	2004	Clemson 27, Tennessee 14
1981	Miami (Florida) 20, Virginia Tech 10	2004	Miami (Florida) 27, Florida 10
1981	West Virginia 26, Florida 6	2005	LSU 40, Miami (Florida) 3
1982	Iowa 28, Tennessee 22	2006	Georgia 31, Virginia Tech 24
1983	Florida State 28, North Carolina 3	2007	Auburn 23, Clemson 20 (OT)
1984	Virginia 27, Purdue 24	2008	LSU 38, Georgia Tech 3
1985	Army 31, Illinois 29	2009	Virginia Tech 37, Tennessee 14
1986	Virginia Tech 25, North Carolina State 24	2010	Florida State 26, South Carolina 17
1988	Tennessee 27, Indiana 22	2011	Auburn 43, Virginia 24
1988	North Carolina State 28, Iowa 23	2012	Clemson 25, LSU 24
1989	Syracuse 19, Georgia 18	2013	Texas A&M 52, Duke 48
1990	Auburn 27, Indiana 23	2014	TCU 42, Ole Miss 3
1992	East Carolina 37, North Carolina State 34	2015	Houston 38, Florida State 24



## QUICK FACTS

### Field (Capacity):

University of Phoenix Stadium (73,000)

### 2016 Results:

Ohio State 44, Notre Dame 28

### Website:

[www.fiestabowl.org](http://www.fiestabowl.org)

### Media Hotel:

JW Marriott Camelback Inn  
5402 E Lincoln Drive  
Scottsdale, AZ 85253

**Phone Number:** 480-948-1700

## TENTATIVE GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 26

Arrival/Welcome Press Conference

### Tuesday, December 27

O/D Press Conference  
(Open Practice)

### Wednesday, December 28

O/D Press Conference  
(Open Practice)

### Thursday, December 29

Media Day  
(10 – 11 a.m. ET/11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET)

### Friday, December 30

Head Coaches' Press Conference

### Saturday, December 31

College Football Playoff Semifinal at the  
Fiesta Bowl

**DEC. 31 • 3 P.M. OR 7 P.M. ET • ESPN**

### College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Fiesta Bowl

University of Phoenix Stadium  
7135 East Camelback Road, Suite 190  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

*Phone:* 480-350-0900

*Fax:* 480-736-4173

*Executive Director:* Mike Nealy

*Media Contact:* Ali FauntLeRoy  
([afauntleroy@fiestabowl.org](mailto:afauntleroy@fiestabowl.org))

## DIRECTIONS

### From Airport to Media Hotel

Take North 44th Street approximately 9 miles to where it curves into East McDonald Drive. Continue on East McDonald Drive to North Tatum Boulevard and turn left. Follow the boulevard to East Lincoln Drive and turn right. The resort will be on the left.

### From Airport to University of Phoenix Stadium

Exit Sky Harbor Airport and continue on East Sky Harbor Blvd. Head West towards Los Angeles on I-10. Take the AZ loop 101 Freeway North. Exit at Bethany Home and make a right off the exit. Make a left on 95th and the stadium will be on the right.

### ALL-TIME FIESTA BOWL RESULTS

1971	Arizona State 45, Florida State 38	1995	Colorado 41, Notre Dame 24
1972	Arizona State 49, Missouri 35	1996	Nebraska 62, Florida 24
1973	Arizona State 28, Pittsburgh 7	1997	Penn State 38, Texas 15
1974	Oklahoma State 16, BYU 6	1998	Kansas State 35, Syracuse 18
1975	Arizona State 17, Nebraska 14	1999	Tennessee 23, Florida State 16
1976	Oklahoma 41, Wyoming 7	2000	Nebraska 31, Tennessee 21
1977	Penn State 42, Arizona State 30	2001	Oregon State 41, Notre Dame 9
1978	Arkansas 10, UCLA 10	2002	Oregon 38, Colorado 16
1979	Pittsburgh 16, Arizona 10	2003	Ohio State 31, Miami 24 (2ot)
1980	Penn State 31, Ohio State 19	2004	Ohio State 35, Kansas State 28
1982	Penn State 26, USC 10	2005	Utah 35, Pittsburgh 7
1983	Arizona State 32, Oklahoma 21	2006	Ohio State 34, Notre Dame 20
1984	Ohio State 28, Pittsburgh 23	2007	Boise State 43, Oklahoma 42 (OT)
1985	UCLA 39, Miami 37	2008	West Virginia 48, Oklahoma 28
1986	Michigan 27, Nebraska 23	2009	Texas 24, Ohio State 21
1987	Penn State 14, Miami 10	2010	Boise State 17, TCU 10
1988	Florida State 31, Nebraska 28	2011	Oklahoma 48, Connecticut 20
1989	Notre Dame 34, West Virginia 21	2012	Oklahoma State 41, Stanford 38 (ot)
1990	Florida State 41, Nebraska 17	2013	Oregon 35, Kansas State 17
1991	Louisville 34, Alabama 7	2014	Central Florida 52, Baylor 42
1992	Penn State 42, Tennessee 17	2014	Boise State 38, Arizona 30
1993	Syracuse 26, Colorado 22	2016	Ohio State 44, Notre Dame 28
1994	Arizona 29, Miami 0		





## QUICK FACTS

### Field (Capacity):

AT&T Stadium (71,167)

### 2015 Results:

Alabama 38, Michigan State 0

### Website:

[www.cottonbowl.com](http://www.cottonbowl.com)

### Media Headquarters: Omni Dallas

555 S Lamar Street

Dallas, TX 75202

### Phone Number: 214-744-6664

## TENTATIVE

## GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, December 27

Arrival/Welcome Press Conference

### Wednesday, December 28

(Open Practice)

### Thursday, December 29

O/D Press Conference

(Open Practice)

### Friday, December 30

O/D Press Conference

### Saturday, December 31

Media Day

### Sunday, January 1

Head Coaches' Press Conference

### Monday, January 2

Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic

JAN. 2 • 1 P.M. ET • ESPN

### Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic

AT&T Stadium

One AT&T Way

Arlington, TX 76011

Phone: 817-892-4800

Fax: 817-892-4810

President & CEO: Rick Baker

Media Contact: Charlie Fiss

([charlie@cottonbowl.com](mailto:charlie@cottonbowl.com))

## DIRECTIONS

### From Airports to Media Hotel

*From Dallas Fort Worth International (DFW)*

Take TX-183 E and I-35E S to Commerce St in Dallas.

Take exit 428E from I-35E S (19.7 mi / 21 min).

Continue on Commerce St. (0.7 mi) Merge onto

Commerce St (0.3 mi). Turn right onto S Houston St

(0.2 mi). Turn left onto Young St (0.1 mi). Turn right

and the destination will be on the right (492 ft).

*From Dallas Love Field (DAL)*

Get on I-35E S from W Mockingbird Ln (2.5 mi).

Follow I-35E S to Commerce St. Take exit 428E from

I-35E S (5.0 mi). Follow Commerce St and S Lamar

St to your destination (0.8 mi). Merge onto Commerce

St (0.5 mi). Turn right onto S Lamar St (0.2 mi). Turn

right (194 ft) and then turn left. Destination will be

on the right (23 ft).

## DIRECTIONS (continued)

### From Airport to AT&T Stadium

*From Dallas Fort Worth International (DFW)*

Take International Pkwy, TX-97 Spur and TX-360 S to N Watson Rd in Arlington. Take the exit toward I-30/ Ave H/Lamar Blvd/6 Flags Dr from TX-360 S (10.6 mi / 12 min). Take E Lamar Blvd and Ballpark Way to AT&T Way (2.5 mi / 6 min). Merge onto N Watson Rd (394 ft). Turn right onto E Lamar Blvd (0.7 mi). Turn left onto Ballpark Way (1.0 mi). Turn right onto E Randol Mill Rd (0.5 mi). Turn left onto AT&T Way (0.2 mi). Arrive at AT&T Stadium.

*From Dallas Love Field (DAL)*

Get on TX-183 W from W Mockingbird Ln and John W. Carpenter Fwy (3.1 mi / 7 min). Continue on TX-183 W. Take TX-161 S and I-30 W to I-30 Frontage Rd in Arlington. Take exit 28B from I-30 W (17.3 mi / 17 min). Drive to N Collins St/Rte 157 (1.1 mi / 3 min). Merge onto I-30 Frontage Rd (0.3 mi). Turn left onto N Collins St/Rte 157 (0.8 mi). Arrive at AT&T Stadium.

## ALL-TIME COTTON BOWL RESULTS

1937 TCU 16, Marquette 6  
 1938 Rice 28, Colorado 14  
 1939 Saint Mary's (CA) 20, Texas Tech 13  
 1940 Clemson 6, Boston College 3  
 1941 Texas A&M 13, Fordham 12  
 1942 Alabama 29, Texas A&M 21  
 1943 Texas 14, Georgia Tech 7  
 1944 Texas 7, Randolph Field 7  
 1945 Oklahoma State 34, TCU 0  
 1946 Texas 40, Missouri 27  
 1947 Arkansas 0, LSU 0  
 1948 SMU 13, Penn State 13  
 1949 SMU 21, Oregon 13  
 1950 Rice 27, North Carolina 13  
 1951 Tennessee 20, Texas 14  
 1952 Kentucky 20, TCU 7  
 1953 Texas 16, Tennessee 0  
 1954 Rice 28, Alabama 6  
 1955 Georgia Tech 14, Arkansas 6  
 1956 Mississippi 14, TCU 13  
 1957 TCU 28, Syracuse 27  
 1958 Navy 20, Rice 7  
 1959 TCU 0, Air Force 0  
 1960 Syracuse, 23, Texas 14  
 1961 Duke 7, Arkansas 6  
 1962 Texas 12, Mississippi 7  
 1963 LSU 13, Texas 0  
 1964 Texas 28, Navy 6  
 1965 Arkansas 10, Nebraska 7  
 1966 LSU 14, Arkansas 7  
 1966 Georgia 24, SMU 9  
 1968 Texas A&M 20, Alabama 16  
 1969 Texas 36, Tennessee 13  
 1970 Texas 21, Notre Dame 17  
 1971 Notre Dame 24, Texas 11  
 1972 Penn State 30, Texas 6  
 1973 Texas 17, Alabama 13  
 1974 Nebraska 19, Texas 3  
 1975 Penn State 41, Baylor 20  
 1976 Arkansas 31, Georgia 10

1977 Houston 30, Maryland 21  
 1978 Notre Dame 38, Texas 10  
 1979 Notre Dame 35, Houston 34  
 1980 Houston 17, Nebraska 14  
 1981 Alabama 30, Baylor 2  
 1982 Texas 14, Alabama 12  
 1983 SMU 7, Pittsburgh 3  
 1984 Georgia 10, Texas 9  
 1985 Boston College 45, Houston 28  
 1986 Texas A&M 36, Auburn 16  
 1987 Ohio State 28, Texas A&M 12  
 1988 Texas A&M 35, Notre Dame 10  
 1989 UCLA 17, Arkansas 3  
 1990 Tennessee 31, Arkansas 27  
 1991 Miami 46, Texas 3  
 1992 Florida State 10, Texas A&M 2  
 1993 Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3  
 1994 Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21  
 1995 USC 55, Texas Tech 14  
 1996 Colorado 38, Oregon 6  
 1997 BYU 19, Kansas State 15  
 1998 UCLA 29, Texas A&M 23  
 1999 Texas 38, Mississippi State 11  
 2000 Arkansas 27, Texas 6  
 2001 Kansas State 35, Tennessee 21  
 2002 Oklahoma 10, Arkansas 3  
 2003 Texas 35, LSU 20  
 2004 Mississippi 31, Oklahoma State 28  
 2005 Tennessee 38, Texas A&M 7  
 2006 Alabama 13, Texas Tech 10  
 2007 Auburn 17, Nebraska 14  
 2008 Missouri 38, Arkansas 7  
 2009 Ole Miss 47, Texas Tech 34  
 2010 Ole Miss 21, Oklahoma State 7  
 2011 LSU 41, Texas A&M 24  
 2012 Arkansas 29, Kansas State 16  
 2013 Texas A&M 41, Oklahoma 13  
 2014 Missouri 41, Oklahoma State 31  
 2015 Michigan State 42, Baylor 41  
 2015 Alabama 38, Michigan State 0



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**Rose Bowl Game presented by  
Northwestern Mutual**

Rose Bowl Stadium  
391 South Orange Grove Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91184

*Phone:* 626-449-4100

*Fax:* 626-449-9066

*Executive Director:* William Flinn

*CAO:* Kevin Ash

*Media Contact:* Karen Linhart

([klinhart@rosebowlgame.org](mailto:klinhart@rosebowlgame.org))

## QUICK FACTS

**Field (Capacity):**

Rose Bowl Stadium (89,105)

**2016 Results:**

Stanford 45, Iowa 16

**Website:**

[www.tournamentofroses.com](http://www.tournamentofroses.com)

**Media Headquarters:**

The LA Hotel Downtown  
333 South Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

**Phone Number:** 213-617-1133

## TENTATIVE

## GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

**TBA**

## DIRECTIONS

### **From Airports to Media Hotel**

*From Los Angeles International Airport (LAX):* Exit airport and turn right (south) at South Sepulveda Boulevard. Head through the tunnel and take ramp on the right to I-105 East. Take the exit onto 110 North toward Los Angeles. Continue on 110 North. Follow signs for 3rd Street. Make a right at Flower Street. Turn right at 5th Street. Make a right at Figueroa Street. Hotel will be on the left.

*From Bob Hope Airport (Burbank):* Exit airport on Thornton Avenue going toward North Hollywood Way. Turn left on North Lincoln Street. Turn right on North San Fernando Boulevard. Take ramp on left to I-5 South toward Los Angeles. Take the exit to 110 South/Pasadena Freeway toward Los Angeles. Merge all the way to the right for a quick exit on 4th/6th Street toward Downtown/3rd Street/Wilshire Boulevard. Keep right at the fork and follow signs to 3rd Street. Turn left at South Beaudry Avenue followed by a slight left at West 4th Street. Make a left at South Figueroa (hotel will be on your left).

### **From Airports to Rose Bowl Stadium**

*From Los Angeles International Airport (LAX):* Exit airport and turn right (south) at South Sepulveda Boulevard. Head through the tunnel and take ramp on the right to the I-105 East. Take the exit onto 110 North toward Los Angeles. Continue on 110 North. Take the Marmion Way/ Avenue 64 exit. Make a left to continue on Avenue 64. At fork, veer right on to Melrose Avenue. Make a right on Colorado. Stay to the right to veer onto Linda Vista. Make a slight right onto Seco Street. Veer right to continue on Seco Street. Make a left at Arroyo Blvd. Stadium will be straight ahead.

*From Bob Hope Airport (Burbank):* Exit airport on Thornton Avenue going toward North Hollywood Way. Turn left on North Lincoln Street. Turn right on North San Fernando Boulevard. Take ramp on left to I-5 South toward Los Angeles. Merge onto the 134 East. Exit at San Rafael Avenue. Make a left onto Colorado. Make a slight right onto Seco Street. Veer right to continue on Seco Street. Make a left at Arroyo Blvd. Stadium will be straight ahead.

## ALL-TIME ROSE BOWL GAME RESULTS

1902	Michigan 49, Stanford 0	1967	Purdue 14, USC 13
1916	Washington State 14, Brown 0	1968	USC 14, Indiana 3
1917	Oregon 14, Penn 0	1969	Ohio State 27, USC 16
1918	Mare Island 19, Camp Lewis 7	1970	USC 10, Michigan 3
1919	Great Lakes 17, Mare Island 0	1971	Stanford 27, Ohio State 17
1920	Harvard 7, Oregon 6	1972	Stanford 13, Michigan 12
192	California 28, Ohio State 0	1973	USC 42, Ohio State 17
1922	California 0, Wash. & Jefferson 0	1974	Ohio State 42, USC 21
1923	USC 14, Penn State 3	1975	USC 18, Ohio State 17
1924	Navy 14, Washington 14	1976	UCLA 23, Ohio State 10
1925	Notre Dame 27, Stanford 10	1977	USC 14, Michigan 6
1926	Alabama 20, Washington 19	1978	Washington 27, Michigan 20
1927	Alabama 7, Stanford 7	1979	USC 17, Michigan 10
1928	Stanford 7, Pittsburgh 6	1980	USC 17, Ohio State 16
1929	Georgia Tech 8, California 7	1981	Michigan 23, Washington 6
1930	USC 47, Pittsburgh 14	1982	Washington 28, Iowa 0
1931	Alabama 24, Washington State 0	1983	UCLA 24, Michigan 14
1932	USC 21, Tulane 12	1984	UCLA 45, Illinois 9
1933	USC 35, Pittsburgh 0	1985	USC 20, Ohio State 17
1934	Columbia 7, Stanford 0	1986	UCLA 45, Iowa 28
1935	Alabama 29, Stanford 13	1987	Arizona State 22, Michigan 15
1936	Stanford 7, SMU 0	1988	Michigan State 20, USC 17
1937	Pittsburgh 21, Washington 0	1989	Michigan 22, USC 14
1938	California 13, Alabama 0	1990	USC 17, Michigan 10
1939	USC 7, Duke 3	1991	Washington 46, Iowa 34
1940	USC 14, Tennessee 0	1992	Washington 34, Michigan 14
1941	Stanford 21, Nebraska 13	1993	Michigan 34, Washington 31
1942	Oregon State 20, Duke 16	1994	Wisconsin 21, UCLA 16
1943	Georgia 9, UCLA 0	1995	Penn State 38, Oregon 20
1944	USC 29, Washington 0	1996	USC 41, Northwestern 32
1945	USC 25, Tennessee 0	1997	Ohio State 20, Arizona State 17
1946	Alabama 34, USC 14	1998	Mich. 21, Washington State 16
1947	Illinois 45, UCLA 14	1999	Wisconsin 38, UCLA 31
1948	Michigan 49, USC 0	2000	Wisconsin 17, Stanford 9
1949	Northwestern 20, California 14	2001	Washington 34, Purdue 24
1950	Ohio State 17, California 14	2002	Miami 37, Nebraska 14
1951	Michigan 14, California 6	2003	Okla. 34, Washington State 14
1952	Illinois 40, Stanford 7	2004	USC 28, Michigan 14
1953	USC 7, Wisconsin 0	2005	Texas 38, Michigan 37
1954	Michigan State 28, UCLA 20	2006	Texas 41, *USC 38
1955	Ohio State 20, USC 7	2007	USC 32, Michigan 18
1956	Michigan State 17, UCLA 14	2008	USC 49, Illinois 17
1957	Iowa 35, Oregon State 19	2009	USC 38, Penn State 24
1958	Ohio State 10, Oregon 7	2010	Ohio State 26, Oregon 16
1959	Iowa 38, California 12	2011	TCU 21, Wisconsin 19
1960	Washington 44, Wisconsin 8	2012	Oregon 45, Wisconsin 38
1961	Washington 17, Minnesota 7	2013	Stanford 20... Wisconsin 14
1962	Minnesota 21, UCLA 3	2014	Michigan State 24, Stanford 20
1963	USC 42, Wisconsin 37	2015	Oregon 59, Florida State 20
1964	Illinois 17, Washington 7	2016	Stanford 45, Iowa 16
1965	Michigan 34, Oregon State 7		
1966	UCLA 14, Michigan State 12		

\*USC's participation later vacated



## QUICK FACTS

### **Field (Capacity):**

Louisiana Superdome (72,500)

### **2016 Results:**

Ole Miss 48, Oklahoma State 20

### **Website:**

[www.allstatesugarbowl.org](http://www.allstatesugarbowl.org)

### **Media Hotel:**

Marriott Hotel at Convention Center  
859 Convention Center Blvd.  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 USA

**Phone Number:** 504-613-2888

## TENTATIVE GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

### **Tuesday, December 27**

Arrival/Welcome Press Conference

### **Wednesday, December 28**

TBA

### **Thursday, December 29**

(Open Practice)

### **Friday, December 30**

O/D Press Conference

### **Saturday, December 31**

O/D Press Conference

### **Sunday, January 1**

Head Coaches' Press Conference

### **Monday, January 2**

Allstate Sugar Bowl

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### **Allstate Sugar Bowl**

Mercedes-Benz Superdome

1500 Sugar Bowl Drive

New Orleans, LA 70112

Phone: 504-828-2440

Fax: 504-828-2441

Chief Executive Officer: Paul Hoolahan

Media Relations Contact: John Sudsbury  
([johns@sugarbowl.org](mailto:johns@sugarbowl.org))

## DIRECTIONS

### **From Airport to Media Hotel**

Take I-10 East toward New Orleans. When approaching city, follow I-10 sign and bear right toward Slidell at fork in Interstate. Take Poydras Street/Superdome exit 2/3 mile after road fork (exit left from Interstate to exit). Go straight for 1 mile. Turn right on Convention Center Boulevard. Marriott Hotel on right.

### **From Airport to Louisiana Superdome**

Take I-10 East toward New Orleans. When approaching city, follow I-10 sign and bear right toward Slidell at fork in Interstate. Take Poydras Street/Superdome exit 2/3 mile after road fork (exit left from Interstate to exit). Stadium is on right.

## ALL-TIME SUGAR BOWL RESULTS

1935	Tulane 20, Temple 14	1978	Alabama 35, Ohio State 6
1936	TCU 3, LSU 2	1979	Alabama 14, Penn State 7
1937	Santa Clara 21, LSU 14	1980	Alabama 24, Arkansas 9
1938	Santa Clara 6, LSU 0	1981	Georgia 17, Notre Dame 10
1939	TCU 15, Carnegie Mellon 7	1982	Pittsburgh 24, Georgia 20
1940	Texas A&M 14, Tulane 13	1983	Penn State 27, Georgia 23
1941	Boston College 19, Tennessee 13	1984	Auburn 9, Michigan 7
1942	Fordham 2, Missouri 0	1985	Nebraska 28, LSU 10
1943	Tennessee 14, Tulsa 7	1986	Tennessee 35, Miami 7
1944	Georgia Tech 20, Tulsa 18	1987	Nebraska 30, LSU 15
1945	Duke 29, Alabama 26	1988	Auburn 16, Syracuse 16
1946	Oklahoma State 33, St. Mary's 13	1989	Florida State 13, Auburn 7
1947	Georgia 20, North Carolina 10	1990	Miami 33, Alabama 25
1948	Texas 27, Alabama 7	1991	Tennessee 23, Virginia 22
1949	Oklahoma 14, North Carolina 6	1992	Notre Dame 39, Florida 28
1950	Oklahoma 35, LSU 0	1993	Alabama 34, Miami 13
1951	Kentucky 13, Oklahoma 7	1994	Florida 41, West Virginia 7
1952	Maryland 28, Tennessee 13	1995	Florida State 23, Florida 17
1953	Georgia Tech 24, Mississippi 7	1995	Virginia Tech 28, Texas 10
1954	Georgia Tech 42, West Virginia 19	1997	Florida 52, Florida State 20
1955	Navy 21, Mississippi 0	1998	Florida State 31, Ohio State 14
1956	Georgia Tech 7, Pittsburgh 0	1999	Ohio State 24, Texas A&M 14
1957	Baylor 13, Tennessee 7	2000	Florida State 46, Virginia Tech 29
1958	Mississippi 39, Texas 7	2001	Miami 37, Florida 20
1959	LSU 7, Clemson 0	2002	LSU 47, Illinois 34
1960	Mississippi 21, LSU 0	2003	Georgia 26, Florida State 13
1961	Mississippi 14, Rice 6	2004	LSU 21, Oklahoma 14
1962	Alabama 10, Arkansas 3	2005	Auburn 16, Virginia Tech 13
1963	Mississippi 17, Arkansas 13	2006	West Virginia 38, Georgia 35^
1964	Alabama 12, Mississippi 7	2007	LSU 41, Notre Dame 14
1965	LSU 13, Syracuse 10	2008	Georgia 41, Hawaii 10
1966	Missouri 20, Florida 18	2009	Utah 31, Alabama 17
1967	Alabama 34, Nebraska 7	2010	Florida 51, Cincinnati 24
1968	LSU 20, Wyoming 13	2011	*Ohio State 31, Arkansas 26
1969	Arkansas 16, Georgia 2	2012	Michigan 23, Virginia Tech 20 (ot)
1970	Mississippi 27, Arkansas 22	2013	Louisville 33, Florida 23
1971	Tennessee 34, Air Force 13	2014	Oklahoma 45, Alabama 31
1972	Oklahoma 40, Auburn 22	2015	Ohio State 42, Alabama 35
1972	Oklahoma 14, Penn State 0	2016	Ole Miss 48, Oklahoma State 20
1973	Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23		
1974	Nebraska 13, Florida 10		
1975	Alabama 13, Penn State 6		
1977	Pittsburgh 27, Georgia 3		

\*Ohio State's participation later vacated.

^ Georgia Dome (Atlanta)

# ALL BOWL SCHEDULE



## DEC. 17

### **Gildan New Mexico Bowl**

2 p.m. • ESPN • Albuquerque, NM  
University Stadium (37,457)  
Phone: 505-925-5999  
Executive Director: Jeff Siembieda,  
jeffrey.c.siembieda@espn.com  
Web: www.gildannewmexicobowl.com  
C-USA vs. MW

### **Las Vegas Bowl**

3:30 p.m. • ABC • Las Vegas, NV  
Sam Boyd Stadium (40,000)  
Phone: 702-732-3912  
Executive Director: John Saccenti,  
john.m.saccenti@espn.com  
Web: www.lvbowl.com  
MW vs. Pac-12

### **AutoNation Cure Bowl**

5:30 p.m. • CBSSN • Orlando, FL  
Camping World Stadium (65,000)  
Phone: 407-235-3925  
Executive Director: Alan Gooch,  
agooch@curebowl.com  
Web: www.curebowl.com  
American vs. Sun Belt

### **Raycom Media Camellia Bowl**

5:30 p.m. • ESPN • Montgomery, AL  
Cramton Bowl (25,000)  
Phone: 334-239-0546  
Executive Director: Johnny Williams,  
jwilliams@camelliabowl.com  
Web: www.camelliabowl.com  
MAC vs. Sun Belt

### **R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl**

9 p.m. • ESPN • New Orleans, LA  
Mercedes-Benz Superdome (72,500)  
Phone: 504-525-5678  
Executive Director: Billy Ferrante,  
billy@neworleansbowl.org  
Web: www.neworleansbowl.org  
C-USA vs. Sun Belt

## DEC. 19

### **Miami Beach Bowl**

2:30 p.m. • ESPN • Miami, FL  
Marlins Park (32,128)  
Phone: 305-480-1570  
Executive Director: TBD  
Web: www.miamibeachbowl.com  
American vs. MAC

## DEC. 20

### **Marmot Boca Raton Bowl**

7 p.m. • ESPN • Boca Raton, FL  
FAU Stadium (29,419)  
Phone: 561-212-8815  
Executive Director: Doug Mosley,  
dmosley@thebocabowl.com  
Web: www.thebocaratonbowl.com  
American vs. C-USA

## DEC. 21

### **San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl**

9 p.m. • ESPN • San Diego, CA  
Qualcomm Stadium (66,000)  
Phone: 619-285-5061  
Executive Director: Bruce Binkowski,  
bink@holidaybowl.com  
Web: www.poinsettiabowl.com  
BYU vs. MW

## DEC. 22

### **Famous Idaho Potato Bowl**

7 p.m. • ESPN • Boise, ID  
Albertsons Stadium (36,387)  
Phone: 208-424-1011  
Executive Director: Kevin McDonald,  
kevin.mcdonald@espn.com  
Web: www.famousidahopotatobowl.com  
MAC vs. MW

**DEC. 23****Popeyes Bahamas Bowl**

1 p.m. • ESPN • Nassau, Bahamas  
Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium  
(15,000)  
*Phone:* 704-973-5077  
*Executive Director:* Richard Giannini,  
richardcgiannini@gmail.com  
*Web:* www.popeyesbahamasbowl.com  
American/C-USA/MAC

**Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl**

4:30 p.m. • ESPN • Fort Worth, TX  
Amon G. Carter Stadium (45,000)  
*Phone:* 817-810-0012  
*Executive Director:* Brant Ringler,  
brant.b.ringler@espn.com  
*Web:* www.armedforcesbowl.com  
Navy vs. Big 12

**GoDaddy Bowl**

8 p.m. • ESPN • Mobile, AL  
Ladd-Peebles Stadium (40,846)  
*Phone:* 251-635-0011  
*President:* Jerry Silverstein,  
jerry@godaddybowl.com  
*Web:* www.godaddybowl.com  
MAC vs. Sun Belt

**DEC. 24****Hawai'i Bowl**

8 p.m. • ESPN • Honolulu, HI  
Aloha Stadium (50,000)  
*Phone:* 808-523-3688  
*Executive Director:* David A. K. Matlin,  
davidakmatlin@sheratonhawaiiibowl.com  
*Web:* www.sheratonhawaiiibowl.com  
C-USA vs. MW

**DEC. 26****St. Petersburg Bowl**

11 a.m. • ESPN • St. Petersburg, FL  
Tropicana Field (28,453)  
*Phone:* 727-290-9865  
*Executive Director:* Brett Dulaney,  
richard.b.dulaney@espn.com  
*Web:* www.stpetersburgbowl.com  
ACC/Notre Dame vs. American

**Quick Lane Bowl**

2:30 p.m. • ESPN • Detroit, MI  
Ford Field (65,000)  
*Phone:* 313-262-2000  
*Executive Director:* Kelly Kozole,  
Kelly.Kozole@lions.nfl.net  
*Web:*  
www.detroitlions.com/quicklanebowl.html  
ACC/Notre Dame vs. Big Ten

**Camping World Independence Bowl**

5 p.m. • ESPN2 • Shreveport, LA  
Independence Stadium (48,975)  
*Phone:* 318-221-0712  
*Executive Director:* Missy Setters,  
indybowl@independence.org  
*Web:* www.independencebowl.org  
ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC

## DEC. 27

### **Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl**

Noon • ESPN • Dallas, TX  
Cotton Bowl Stadium (92,200)  
Phone: 214-389-4300  
Executive Director: Brant Ringler,  
brant.b.ringler@espn.com  
Web: www.heartofdallasbowl.com  
Big Ten vs. C-USA

### **Military Bowl presented by Northrop Grumman**

3:30 p.m. • ESPN • Annapolis, MD  
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium  
(34,000)  
Phone: 202-776-2509  
Executive Director: Stephen J. Beck,  
sbeck@militarybowl.org  
Web: www.militarybowl.org  
ACC/Notre Dame vs. American

### **Holiday Bowl**

7 p.m. • ESPN • San Diego, CA  
Qualcomm Stadium (66,000)  
Phone: 619-283-5808  
Executive Director: TBD  
Web: www.holidaybowl.com  
Big Ten vs. Pac-12

### **Cactus Bowl**

10:15 p.m. • ESPN • Phoenix, AZ  
Chase Field (48,500)  
Phone: 480-350-0900  
Executive Director: Mike Nealy,  
mnealy@fiestabowl.org  
Web: www.cactusbowl.com  
Big 12 vs. Pac-12

## DEC. 28

### **New Era Pinstripe Bowl**

2 p.m. • ESPN • Bronx, NY  
Yankee Stadium (46,542)  
Phone: 646-977-8043  
Executive Director: Mark Holtzman,  
mholtzman@yankees.com  
Web: www.newerapinstripedbowl.com  
ACC/Notre Dame vs. Big Ten

### **Russell Athletic Bowl**

5:30 p.m. • ESPN • Orlando, FL  
Orlando Citrus Bowl (65,000)  
Phone: 407-423-2476  
CEO: Steve Hogan, shogan@fcsports.com  
Web: www.russellathleticbowl.com  
ACC/Notre Dame vs. Big 12

### **Foster Farms Bowl**

8:30 p.m. ET • FOX • Santa Clara, CA  
Levi's Stadium (68,500)  
Phone: 415-625-2877  
Executive Director: Gary Cavalli,  
gcavalli@sfbowl.org  
Web: www.sfbowl.org  
Pac-12 vs. Big Ten

### **AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl**

9 p.m. • ESPN • Houston, TX  
NRG Stadium (71,054)  
Phone: 832-667-2000  
Executive Director: Jamey Rootes,  
jamey.rootes@houstontexans.com  
Web: www.advocaretexasbowl.com  
Big 12 vs. SEC

**DEC. 29****Birmingham Bowl**

2 p.m. • ESPN • Birmingham, AL  
Legion Field (80,000)  
Phone: 205-733-3776  
Executive Director: Mark Meadows,  
mark.r.meadows@espn.com  
Web: www.birminghambowl.com  
American vs. SEC

**Belk Bowl**

5:30 p.m. • ESPN • Charlotte, NC  
Bank of America Stadium (73,778)  
Phone: 704-644-4047  
Executive Director: Will Webb,  
wwebb@charlottesports.org  
Web: www.belkbowl.com  
ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC

**Valero Alamo Bowl**

9 p.m. • ESPN • San Antonio, TX  
Alamodome (65,000)  
Phone: 210-226-2695  
President & CEO: Derrick Fox,  
derrickf@alamobowl.com  
Web: www.alamobowl.com  
Big 12 vs. Pac-12

**DEC. 30****AutoZone Liberty Bowl**

Noon • ESPN • Memphis, TN  
Liberty Bowl Memorial (60,121)  
Phone: 901-795-7700  
Executive Director: Steve Ehrhart,  
sehrhart@libertybowl.org  
Web: www.libertybowl.org  
Big 12 vs. SEC

**Hyundai Sun Bowl**

2 p.m. • CBS • El Paso, TX  
Sun Bowl Stadium (50,426)  
Phone: 915-533-4416  
Executive Director: Bernie Olivas,  
bolivas@sunbowl.org  
Web: www.sunbowl.org  
ACC/Notre Dame vs. Pac-12

**NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl**

TBA • TBA • Tucson, AZ  
Arizona Stadium (56,000)  
Phone: 480-517-9700  
Executive Director: Alan Young  
Web: www.azbowlgame.com  
C-USA vs. MW

**Franklin American Mortgage  
Music City Bowl**

3:30 p.m. • ESPN • Nashville, TN  
Nissan Stadium (69,143)  
Phone: 615-743-3130  
President/CEO: Scott Ramsey,  
sramsey@nashvillesports.com  
Web: www.musiccitybowl.com  
SEC vs. Big Ten/ACC/Notre Dame

**Capital One Orange Bowl**

8 p.m. • ESPN • Miami Gardens, FL  
Sun Life Stadium (72,230)  
Phone: 305-341-4700  
CEO: Eric Poms, epoms@orangebowl.org  
Web: www.orangebowl.org  
ACC vs. Big Ten/SEC/Notre Dame

## DEC. 31

### **Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl**

11 a.m. • ABC • Orlando, FL  
Camping World Stadium (65,000)  
Phone: 407-423-2476  
CEO: Steve Hogan, shogan@fcsports.com  
Web: www.capitalonebowlgame.com  
SEC vs. Big Ten/ACC/Notre Dame

### **TaxSlayer Bowl**

11 a.m. • ESPN • Jacksonville, FL  
EverBank Field (77,511)  
Phone: 904-798-1700  
President & CEO: Rick Catlett,  
rick@taxslayerbowl.com  
Web: www.taxslayerbowl.com  
SEC vs. Big Ten/ACC/Notre Dame

### **College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl**

3 p.m. or 7 p.m. • ESPN • Atlanta, GA  
Georgia Dome (71,250)  
Phone: 404-586-8500  
President & CEO: Gary Stokan,  
gstokan@cfabowl.com  
Web: www.cfapb.com  
College Football Playoff Selection Committee

### **College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Fiesta Bowl**

3 p.m. or 7 p.m. • ESPN • Glendale, AZ  
University of Phoenix Stadium (73,000)  
Phone: 480-350-0900  
Executive Director: Mike Nealy,  
mnealy@fiestabowl.org  
Web: www.fiestabowl.org  
College Football Playoff Selection Committee

## JAN. 2

### **Outback Bowl**

1 p.m. • ABC • Tampa, FL  
Raymond James Stadium (65,890)  
Phone: 813-874-2695  
President & CEO: Jim McVay,  
jimmcvay@outbackbowl.com  
Web: www.outbackbowl.com  
Big Ten vs. SEC

### **Goodyear Cotton Bowl**

1 p.m. • ESPN • Arlington, TX  
AT&T Stadium (71,167)  
Phone: 817-892-4800  
President: Rick Baker, rick@cottonbowl.com  
Web: www.cottonbowl.com  
College Football Playoff Selection Committee

### **Rose Bowl Game presented by Northwestern Mutual**

5 p.m. • ESPN • Pasadena, CA  
Rose Bowl (89,105)  
Phone: 626-449-4100  
Executive Director: Bill Flinn,  
bflinn@tournamentofroses.com  
Web: www.tournamentofroses.com  
Big Ten vs. Pac-12

### **Allstate Sugar Bowl**

8:30 p.m. • ESPN • New Orleans, LA  
Mercedes Benz Superdome (72,003)  
Phone: 504-828-2440  
CEO: Paul Hoolahan, paulh@sugarbowl.org  
Web: www.allstatesugarbowl.org  
Big 12 vs. SEC

## JAN. 9

### **College Football Playoff National Championship**

8:30 p.m. • ESPN • Tampa, FL  
Raymond James Stadium (71,000)  
Phone: 469-262-5200  
Executive Director: Bill Hancock,  
bhancock@collegefootballplayoff.com  
Web: www.collegefootballplayoff.com

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF



## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TAMPA BAY 2017

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**QUICK FACTS**

**Field (Capacity):**

Raymond James Stadium (71,000)

**Website:**

[www.collegefootballplayoff.com](http://www.collegefootballplayoff.com)

**Media Headquarters:**

Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina  
700 South Florida Ave.  
Tampa, Florida 33602

**Phone Number:** 813-221-4900

**DIRECTIONS**

**From Tampa International Airport (TPA)  
to Media Hotel**

Follow Interstate 275 North for six miles to downtown exit 44. Take the Ashley Drive ramp toward Tampa Street. Make a slight right turn merging onto North Ashley Drive. Turn left onto East Whiting Street, right onto South Franklin Street and left onto Old Water Street. The hotel is immediately on the right.

**From St Petersburg-Clearwater  
International Airport (PIE) to Media Hotel**

Follow Interstate 275 North for six miles to downtown exit 44. Take the Ashley Drive ramp toward Tampa Street. Make a slight right turn merging onto North Ashley Drive. Turn left onto East Whiting Street, right onto South Franklin Street and left onto Old Water Street. The hotel is immediately on the right.

**JAN. 9 • 8:30 p.m. ET • ESPN**

**College Football Playoff**

Raymond James Stadium (71,000)

4201 N. Dale Mabry Highway

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Head north and merge onto Airport Recirculation Drive. Take a slight right onto Blue Departure Drive, followed by a slight left onto George J Bean Outbound Pkwy. Take the ramp to West Spruce Street. Keep right at the fork and follow signs for Interstate 275/Tampa/Saint Petersburg. Keep left at the fork to continue toward West Spruce Street. Continue onto West Boy Scout Blvd, then merge onto West Columbus Drive. Turn left onto US-92 E. The stadium will be on the right.

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James Stadium**

Head northwest on Roosevelt Blvd. Turn left onto 46th Street North, and then left onto 144th Ave North. Turn right onto FL-686 East. Keep left at the fork and follow signs for FL-686 E/FL-688 E/I-275/Tampa/St Petersburg and merge onto FL-688 E/Ulmerton Road. Keep left at the fork, following signs for I-275 North. Take the US-92 West exit, keeping right at the fork. Follow signs for Macdill AFB, then turn left onto US-92 E. The stadium will be on the right.



## MEDIA SCHEDULE

(All times listed ET)

### Friday, January 6

#### **FWAA Past President's Dinner**

Tampa Club

6:30 p.m. social/7:30 p.m. dinner

### Saturday, January 7

#### **Media Day**

Amalie Arena

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

\* *Higher ranked playoff semifinal winner to appear first.*

#### **Eddie Robinson**

#### **Coach of the Year Reception**

Jackson's Waterfront Room

5:30 p.m.

### Sunday, January 8

#### **Head Coaches Press Conference**

Tampa Convention Center

9 a.m.

#### **Media Party**

Amalie Arena

7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

### Monday, January 9

#### **FWAA Awards Breakfast**

Tampa Marriott Waterside

(Champions Sports Bar)

9 a.m.

#### **College Football Playoff**

#### **National Championship**

Raymond James Stadium

8:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 10

#### **Champions Press Conference**

Tampa Convention Center

10 a.m.

#### **Host Committee Press Conference**

Tampa Convention Center

11 a.m.

**2016  
COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
SUMMARY**



## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### ARIZONA 2016

**2016 College Football Playoff  
National Championship  
University of Phoenix Stadium  
Glendale, Arizona – January 11, 2016**

**Attendance:** 75,765

**Kickoff Time:** 6:33 p.m. MT

**End of Game:** 10:18 p.m. MT

**Total Elapsed Time:** 3:45

Teams	1	2	3	4	Score
<b>#2 Alabama (14-1)</b>	7	7	7	24	<b>45</b>
<b>#1 Clemson (14-1)</b>	14	0	10	16	<b>40</b>

### SCORING SUMMARY

- UA** Derrick Henry 50 yd run (Adam Griffith kick), 3-59 (0:55), 7:55, 1st
- CU** Hunter Renfrow 31 yd pass from Deshaun Watson (Greg Huegel kick), 6-54 (2:29), 5:18, 1st
- CU** Hunter Renfrow 11 yd pass from Deshaun Watson (Greg Huegel kick), 7-73 (2:17), 0:00, 1st
- UA** Derrick Henry 1 yd run (Adam Griffith kick), 7-42 (2:23), 9:35, 2nd
- UA** O.J. Howard 53 yd pass from Jake Coker (Adam Griffith kick), 3-64 (0:53), 12:53, 3rd
- CU** Greg Huegel 37 yd field goal, 9-55 (2:43), 10:10, 3rd
- CU** Wayne Gallman 1yd run (Greg Huegel kick), 9-60 (3:38), 4:48, 3rd
- UA** Adam Griffith 33 yd field goal, 8-64 (2:33), 10:34, 4th

### SCORING SUMMARY (continued)

- UA** O.J. Howard 51 yd pass from Jake Coker (Adam Griffith kick), 2-50 (0:49), 9:45, 4th
- CU** Greg Huegel 31 yd field goal, 6-61 (1:58), 7:47, 4th
- UA** Kenyan Drake 95 yd kickoff return (Adam Griffith kick), 7:31, 4th
- CU** Artavis Scott 15 yd pass from Deshaun Watson (Watson rush failed), 8-75 (2:51), 4:40, 4th
- UA** Derrick Henry 1 yd run (Adam Griffith kick), 8-75 (3:33), 1:07, 4th
- CU** Jordan Leggett 24 yd pass from Deshaun Watson (Greg Huegel kick), 6-68 (0:50), 0:12, 4th

### FINAL STATISTICS

	Alabama	Clemson
<b>First Downs</b>	18	31
<b>Rushing</b>	6	9
<b>Passing</b>	11	20
<b>Penalty</b>	1	2
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	46-138	38-145
<b>Passing Yards</b>	335	405
<b>Passes Comp-Att-Int</b>	16-25-0	30-47-1
<b>Total Offense</b>		
<b>(Plays-Yards)</b>	71-473	85-550
<b>Punt Returns-Yards</b>	1-12	2-22
<b>Kickoff Returns-Yards</b>	5-196	3-68
<b>Punts (Number-Avg)</b>	7-42.4	6-44.2
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	0-0	2-0
<b>Sacks By:</b>		
<b>(Number-Yards)</b>	2-14	5-31
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	2-21	4-27
<b>3rd Down Conversions</b>	9-18	6-14
<b>4th Down Conversions</b>	0-0	0-0

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing:** UA – Derrick Henry, 36-158, 3 TD; Kenyan Drake, 1-1. CU – Deshaun Watson, 20-73; Wayne Gallman, 14-45, TD; Artavis Scott, 2-19, Zac Brooks, 1-4; Ray-Ray McCloud, 1-4.

**Passing:** UA – Jake Coker, 16-25-0, 335, 2 TD. CU – Deshaun Watson, 30-47-1, 405, 4 TD.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS (continued)**

**Receiving:** UA – Calvin Ridley, 6-14; O.J. Howard, 5-208, 2TD; ArDarius Stewart, 2-63; Kenyan Drake, 2-21; Richard Mullaney, 1-29. CU – Hunter Renfrow, 7-88, 2 TD; Charone Peake, 6-99; Jordan Leggett, 5-78, TD; Zac Brooks, 4-39; Artavis Scott, 4-33, TD; Wayne Gallman, 3-61; Ray-Ray McCloud, 1-7.

**Punting:** UA – JK Scott, 7-297, 42.4. CU – Andy Teasdall, 6-265, 44.2.

**Returns:** UA – Punt: Cyrus Jones, 1-12; Kickoff: Kenyan Drake, 5-196; Int.: Eddie Jackson, 1-0. CU – Punt: Artavis Scott, 2-22; Kickoff: Artavis Scott, 2-59; Milan Richard, 1-9.

**Field Goals:** UA – Adam Griffith, 1-2 (44 Missed, 33 Good). CU – Greg Huegel, 2-3 (44 Missed, 37 Good, 31 Good).

**Tackles**

**(Solo-Assist-Total; QBS-Yds; TFL-Yds):**

UA – Geno Matias-Smith (11-0-11); Reuben Foster (8-1-9, TFL-1-5); Cyrus Jones (4-1-5); Reggie Ragland (4-1-5); Marlon Humphrey (3-2-5, TFL-1-2); Minkah Fitzpatrick (3-1-4); Da’Shawn Hand (3-1-4, TFL-2-6); Dillon Lee (3-0-3); Rashaan Evans (3-0-3, QBS-2-14, TFL-2-14); A’Shawn Robinson (2-1-3); Eddie Jackson (2-1-3); Denzel Devall (2-1-3); Dalvin Tomlinson (1-0-1); Jarran Reed (1-0-1); D.J. Pettway (1-0-1, TFL-1-1); Adam Griffith (1-0-1); Maurice Smith (1-0-1); Ronnie Harrison (1-0-1); Keith Holcombe (0-1-1); Bradley Sylve (0-1-1). CU – T.J. Green (6-5-11); B.J. Goodson (10-0-10); Kevin Dodd (7-0-7, QBS-3-20, TFL-5-26); Travis Blanks (4-0-4); D.J. Reader (3-1-4); Shaq Lawson (3-1-4, QBS-2-11, TFL-2-11); Cordrea Tankersley (2-2-4, TFL-1-2); Ben Boulware (2-1-3); Christian Wilkins (1-2-3); Jayron Kearse (2-0-2); Mackensie Alexander (2-0-2); Dorian O’Daniel (1-1-2); Austin Bryant (1-1-2); Carlos Watkins (1-1-2, TFL-1-1); Greg Huegel (1-0-1); Scott Pagano (1-0-1); J.D. Davis (1-0-1); Mark Fields (0-1-1); Van Smith (0-1-1); Adrian Baker (0-1-1).

**GAME RECAP**

The second national championship game of the College Football Playoff era was nothing short of a thriller, as the University of Alabama claimed the program’s sixteenth national title, defeating the Clemson Tigers, 45-40, at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

In a game in which offense was pivotal, Clemson quarterback and Heisman finalist Deshaun Watson set the record for most total yards in national championship game history, putting up 478 yards against the Crimson Tide – a feat that would be overshadowed by performances from Alabama’s biggest offensive threats. Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry rushed for 158 yards on 36 carries and three touchdowns, while Offensive Player-of-the-Game O.J. Howard had five receptions for 208 yards and two touchdowns.

Tied 14-14 at halftime, Alabama’s special teams unit provided the boost the Crimson Tide needed to roll past the Tigers. A kickoff return for a touchdown, the team’s sixth special-teams touchdown of the season (tied for most in the FBS at the time), a blocked field goal in the second quarter and a game-changing onside kick recovery with 10:34 left in the fourth quarter put the Tide in front to stay.

The victory marked the fourth Alabama Crimson Tide national championship in seven years.

## STARTING LINEUPS

### Alabama Crimson Tide

#### Pos. No. Offense

LT	74	Cam Robinson
LG	71	Ross Pierschbacher
C	70	Ryan Kelly
RG	50	Alphonse Taylor
RT	76	Dominick Jackson
TE	88	O.J. Howard
QB	14	Jake Coker
RB	2	Derrick Henry
WR	13	ArDarius Stewart
WR	3A	Calvin Ridley
WR	16	Richard Mullaney

#### Pos. No. Defense

DL	86	A'Shawn Robinson
DL	93	Jonathan Allen
DL	90	Jarran Reed
JACK	30	Denzel Devall
CB	29	Minkah Fitzpatrick
MIKE	19	Reggie Ragland
WILL	10	Reuben Foster
CB	5	Cyrus Jones
CB	26	Marlon Humphrey
SS	4	Eddie Jackson
FS	24	Geno Matias-Smith

### Reserves

3-Bradley Sylve, 9-Da'Shawn Hand, 9-Bo Scarbrough, 15-Ronnie Harrison, 15-JK Scott, 17-Kenyan Drake, 18-Cooper Bateman, 20-Shaun Dion Hamilton, 21-Maurice Smith, 22-Ryan Anderson, 25-Dillon Lee, 32-Rashaan Evans, 33-Derrick Gore, 34-Damien Harris, 42-Keith Holcombe, 46-Michael Nysewander, 47-Christian Miller, 54-Dalvin Tomlinson, 55-Cole Mazza, 56-Tim Williams, 57-D.J. Pettway, 58-Brandon Greene, 75-Bradley Bozeman, 81-Derek Kief, 84-Hale Hentges, 94-Dakota Ball, 94-Da'Ron Payne, 95-Darren Lake, 99-Adam Griffith.

### Clemson Tigers

#### Pos. No. Offense

LT	75	Mitch Hyatt
LG	78	Eric Mac Lain
C	57	Jay Guillermo
RG	55	Tyrone Crowder
RT	73	Joe Gore
TE	16	Jordan Leggett
WR	13	Hunter Renfrow
QB	4	Deshaun Watson
RB	9	Wayne Gallman
WR	3	Artavis Scott
WR	19	Charone Peake

#### Pos. No. Defense

DE	98	Kevin Dodd
DT	94	Carlos Watkins
DT	48	D.J. Reader
DE	90	Shaq Lawson
SLB	11	Travis Blanks
MLB	44	B.J. Goodson
WLB	10	Ben Boulware
CB	2	Mackensie Alexander
SS	1	Jayron Kearsae
FS	15	T.J. Green
CB	25	Cordrea Tankersley

### Reserves

1-Trevion Thompson, 5-Germone Hopper, 6-Dorian O'Daniel, 17-Jefferie Gibson, 18-Jadar Johnson, 21-Adrian Baker, 21-C.J. Davidson, 23-Van Smith, 24-Zac Brooks, 24-Mark Fields, 27-C.J. Fuller, 29-Marcus Edmond, 30-Jalen Williams, 31-Ryan Carter, 32-Andy Teasdall, 33-J.D. Davis, 34-Kendall Joseph, 34-Ray-Ray McCloud, 37-Judah Davis, 40-Roderick Byers, 42-Christian Wilkins, 44 Garret Williams, 49-Richard Yeargin, 50-Justin Falcinelli, 51-Taylor Hearn, 56-Scott Pagano, 69-Maverick Morris, 76-Jim Brown, 80-Milan Richard, 81-Stanton Seckinger, 84-Cannon Smith, 85-Seth Ryan, 87-D.J. Greenlee, 91-Austin Bryant, 92-Greg Huegel.

**2015  
COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
SUMMARY**



**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
NORTH TEXAS 2015

**2015 College Football Playoff National Championship**  
**AT&T Stadium**  
**Arlington, Texas – January 12, 2015**  
**Attendance:** 85,689  
**Kickoff Time:** 7:33 p.m. CT  
**End of Game:** 11:10 p.m. CT  
**Total Elapsed Time:** 3:37

Teams	1	2	3	4	Score
<b>#4 Ohio State (14-1)</b>	14	7	7	14	<b>42</b>
<b>#2 Oregon (13-2)</b>	7	3	10	0	<b>20</b>

**SCORING SUMMARY**

- ORE** Keanon Lowe 7 yd pass from Marcus Mariota (Aidan Schneider kick), 11-75 (2:39), 12:21, 1st
- OSU** Ezekiel Elliott 33 yd run (Sean Nuernberger kick), 10-97 (3:16), 04:36, 1st
- OSU** Nick Vannett 1 yd pass from Cardale Jones (Sean Nuernberger kick), 4-46 (1:27), 01:08, 1st
- OSU** Cardale Jones 1 yd run (Sean Nuernberger kick), 6-49 (2:16), 04:49, 2nd
- OSU** Aidan Schneider 26 yd field goal, 12-66 (4:01), 00:48, 2nd
- ORE** Byron Marshall 70 yd pass from Marcus Mariota (Aidan Schneider kick), 1-70 (0:10), 11:23, 3rd
- ORE** Aidan Schneider 23 yd field goal, 12-75 (6:39), 06:39, 3rd

**SCORING SUMMARY (continued)**

- OSU** Ezekiel Elliott 9 yd run (Sean Neurnberger kick), 12-75 (6:39), 00:00, 3rd
- OSU** Ezekiel Elliott 2 yd run (Sean Neurnberger kick), 9-76 (4:13), 09:44, 4th
- OSU** Ezekiel Elliott 1 yd run (Sean Neurnberger kick), 5-14 (2:17), 00:28, 4th

**FINAL STATISTICS** **Ohio State** **Oregon**

<b>First Downs</b>	28	20
<b>Rushing</b>	18	7
<b>Passing</b>	8	13
<b>Penalty</b>	2	0
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	61-296	33-132
<b>Passing Yards</b>	333	242
<b>Passes Comp-Att-Int</b>	16-23-1	24-38-1
<b>Total Offense</b>		
<b>(Plays-Yards)</b>	84-538	71-465
<b>Punt Returns-Yards</b>	3-32	0-0
<b>Kickoff Returns-Yards</b>	1-23	4-52
<b>Punts (Number-Avg)</b>	3-42.0	6-40.0
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	3-3	1-0
<b>Sacks By:</b>		
<b>(Number-Yards)</b>	2-6	1-17
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	5-30	10-76
<b>3rd Down Conversions</b>	8-15	2-12
<b>4th Down Conversions</b>	3-3	0-2

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing:** OSU – Ezekiel Elliott, 36-246, 4 TD; Cardale Jones, 21-38, TD; Curtis Samuel, 1-6; Jalin Marshall, 2-3; Corey Smith, 1-3. ORE – Thomas Tyner, 12-62; Marcus Mariota, 10-39; Royce Freeman, 10-22; Byron Marshall 1-9.

**Passing:** OSU – Cardale Jones, 16-23-1, 242, TD. ORE – Marcus Mariota, 24-37-1, 333, 2 TD; Jeff Lockie 0-1-0.

**Receiving:** OSU – Jalin Marshall, 5-52; Michael Thomas, 4-53; Corey Smith, 2-76; Nick Vannett, 2-9, TD; Devin Smith 1-45; Curtis Samuel 1-8; Ezekiel Elliott, 1-(-1). ORE – Byron Marshall, 8-169, TD; Evan Baylis, 5-25; Dwayne Stanford, 4-61; Keanon Lowe, 3-55, TD; Charles Nelson, 2-21; Thomas Tyner, 2-2.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS (continued)

**Punting:** OSU – Cameron Johnston, 3-126, 42.0. ORE – Ian Wheeler, 6-240, 40.0.

**Returns:** OSU – Punt: Jalin Marshall, 3-32; Kickoff: Curtis Samuel, 1-23; Int.: Eli Apple, 1-8. ORE – Kickoff: Charles Nelson, 4-52; Int.: Danny Mattingly, 1-0.

**Field Goals:** ORE – Aidan Schneider, 2-2 (26 Good, 23 Good).

### Tackles

#### (Solo-Assist-Total; QBS-Yds; TFL-Yds):

OSU – Tyvis Powell (5-4-9); Darron Lee (4-4-8); Eli Apple (5-2-7); Curtis Grant (5-1-6); Vonn Bell (3-3-6, QBS-1-1, TFL-1-1); Joshua Perry (2-4-6); Doran Grant (4-1-5, TFL-1-1); Raekwon McMillan (3-2-5, TFL-0.5-2); Adolphus Washington (1-2-3, QBS-1-5, TFL-1-5); Joey Bosa (2-0-2, TFL-1-2); Tommy Schutt (1-0-1); Steve Miller (1-0-1); Armani Reeves (1-0-1); Chris Worley (1-0-1); Jalin Marshall (1-0-1); Corey Smith (1-0-1); Kyle Clinton (1-0-1); Tyquan Lewis (0-1-1); Rashad Frazier (0-1-1, TFL-0.5-1); Michael Bennett (0-1-1).  
 ORE – Reggie Daniels (7-2-9); Arik Armstead (5-4-9); DeForest Buckner (5-3-8); Rodney Hardrick (6-1-7); Chris Seisay (5-2-7, TFL-1-1); Tony Washington (4-3-7, TFL-0.5-0); Troy Hill (4-1-5); Erick Dargan (4-1-5, TFL-1-1); Alex Balducci (3-2-5, TFL-0.5-1); Derrick Malone (4-0-4); Joe Walker (3-1-4); Tyson Coleman (1-3-4, QBS-1-17, TFL-1-17); Danny Mattingly (2-0-2, TFL-1-2); Christian French (1-1-2); Charles Nelson (1-0-1); Jimmie Swain (1-0-1); Tyree Robinson (1-0-1); Keanon Lowe (0-1-1); Dwayne Stanford (0-1-1); Ian Wheeler (0-1-1); Sam Kamp (0-1-1).

## GAME RECAP

The Ohio State Buckeyes claimed the inaugural College Football Playoff National Championship, defeating the Oregon Ducks, 42-20, in front of a crowd of 85,689 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

Led by Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota, the Ducks came out charging, putting up 75 yards in 11 plays on the opening drive. However, the Buckeyes and Cardale Jones had different plans on a night that marked just the third career start for the Ohio State quarterback. The redshirt sophomore passed for 242 yards and a touchdown, while helping orchestrate 538 yards of total offense to help the team overcome four turnovers.

Offensive Player of the Game, Ezekiel Elliott, had a breakout night, running for a career-high 246 yards, setting a championship game (BCS and CFP) record for rushing yards, to go along with four touchdowns.

Defensively, Ohio State held Oregon to a season-low 20 points and 465 yards of total offense, almost 100 yards below the team's season average. The Buckeyes also held Oregon to 132 yards on the ground, over 100 yards fewer than its season average of 241.9. Defensive Player of the Game Tyvis Powell had nine tackles throughout the game, five of which were solo, and a pass breakup.

14 unanswered points in the fourth quarter sealed Ohio State's fate to become the first champions of the playoff era, marking the team's 8th national championship in program history. The Buckeyes' 14 victories tied the NCAA record for most in a season, while Ohio State extended its winning streak to 13, the longest in the nation as of January 2015.



## STARTING LINEUPS

### Ohio State Buckeyes

#### Pos. No. Offense

LT	68	Taylor Decker
LG	54	Billy Price
C	50	Jacoby Boren
RG	65	Pat Elflein
RT	76	Darryl Baldwin
TE	5	Jeff Heurman
WR	6	Evan Spencer
QB	12	Cardale Jones
RB	15	Ezekiel Elliott
WR	3	Michael Thomas
WR	9	Devin Smith

#### Pos. No. Defense

DE	97	Joey Bosa
DT	92	Adolphus Washington
DT	63	Michael Bennett
DE	88	Steve Miller
SLB	43	Darron Lee
MLB	14	Curtis Grant
WLB	37	Joshua Perry
CB	13	Eli Apple
S	23	Tyvis Powell
S	11	Vonn Bell
CB	12	Doran Grant

### Reserves

1-Erick Smith, 2-Dontre Wilson, 4-Curtis Samuel, 5-Raekwon McMillan, 7-Damon Webb, 16-Cam Burrows, 17-Rashad Frazier, 17-Jalin Marshall, 19-Gareon Conley, 20-Ron Tanner, 25-Bri'onte Dunn, 26-Armani Reeves, 28-Warren Ball, 33-Dante Booker, 35-Chris Worley, 38-Craig Fada, 39-Kyle Clinton, 41-Bryce Haynes, 44-Chris Rock, 48-Joe Burger, 52-Donovan Munger, 55-Cam Williams, 57-Chase Farris, 59-Tyquan Lewis, 72-Chris Carter, 73-Antonio Underwood, 80-Noah Brown, 81-Nick Vannett, 84-Corey Smith, 85-Marcus Baugh, 90-Tommy Schutt, 95-Cameron Johnston, 96-Sean Nuernberger.

### Oregon Ducks

#### Pos. No. Offense

LT	75	Jake Fisher
LG	54	Hamani Stevens
C	55	Hroniss Grasu
RG	78	Cameron Hunt
RT	73	Tyrell Crosby
TE	81	Evan Baylis
QB	8	Marcus Mariota
RB	24	Thomas Tyner
WR	9	Byron Marshall
WR	7	Keanon Lowe
WR	85	Dwayne Stanford

#### Pos. No. Defense

DE	9	Arik Armstead
NG	56	Alex Balducci
DE	44	DeForest Buckner
OLB	91	Tony Washington
ILB	48	Rodney Hardrick
ILB	22	Derrick Malone
OLB	33	Tyson Coleman
CB	12	Chris Seisay
DB	4	Erick Dargan
S	8	Reggie Daniels
CB	13	Troy Hill

### Reserves

12-Taylor Alie, 17-Jeff Lockie, 2-Tyree Robinson, 3-Dior Mathis, 6-Charles Nelson, 10-Johnathan Loyd, 17-Juwaan Williams, 18-Jimmie Swain, 21-Royce Freeman, 31- Kenny Bassett, 35-Joe Walker, 38-Ian Wheeler, 41-Aidan Schneider, 45-T.J. Daniel, 46-Danny Mattingly, 49-Matt Wogan, 51-Isaac Ava, 55-Tui Talia, 58-Tanner Carew, 62-Matt Pierson, 76-Jake Pisarcik, 82-Zac Schuller, 83-Johnny Mundt, 86-Torrodne Prevot, 92-Henry Mondeaux, 96-Christian French, 99-Sam Kamp.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF  
RECORDS**

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

## Rushing

**MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, SEMIFINALS**

- 26 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (150 yards, 2 TD)
- 24 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (145 yards, 1 TD)
- 20 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (230 yards, 2 TD)
- 20 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Dec. 31, 2015 (75 yards, 2 TD)
- 17 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (43 yards, 0 TD)
- 15 Samaje Perine, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (58 yards, 1 TD)
- 15 Dalvin Cook, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (103 yards, 0 TD)
- 13 Thomas Tyner, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (124 yards, 2 TD)
- 13 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (95 yards, 1 TD)

**MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 36 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (158 yards, 3 TD)
- 36 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (246 yards, 4 TD)
- 21 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (38 yards, 1 TD)
- 20 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (73 yards, 0 TD)

**MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, TWO-GAME**

- 56 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (476 yards, 6 TD)
- 56 Derrick Henry, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (233 yards, 5 TD)
- 44 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (218 yards, 1 TD)
- 40 Wayne Gallman, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (195 yards, 3 TD)
- 38 Cardale Jones, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (81 yards, 1 TD)

**MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A HALF, SEMIFINALS**

- 119 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (15 attempts)
- 117 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (12 attempts, first half)
- 113 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (8 attempts, second half)
- 111 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (19 attempts)
- 90 Dalvin Cook, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (12 attempts)
- 69 Thomas Tyner, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (6 attempts)

**MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A HALF, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 148 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (25 attempts, second half)
- 128 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (20 attempts)
- 98 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (11 attempts, first half)
- 55 Thomas Tyner, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10 attempts)

**MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A HALF, TWO-GAME**

- 265 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (37 attempts)
- 166 Derrick Henry, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (33 attempts)
- 164 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (24 attempts)
- 148 Wayne Gallman, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (25 attempts)
- 124 Thomas Tyner, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (16 attempts)

**MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK, SEMIFINALS**

- 145 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (24 attempts)
- 62 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (8 attempts)
- 43 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (17 attempts)
- 29 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (10 attempts)

**MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 73 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (20 attempts)
- 39 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10 attempts)
- 38 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (21 attempts)

**MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK, TWO-GAME**

- 218 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (44 attempts)
- 101 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (18 attempts)
- 81 Cardale Jones, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (38 attempts)

**MOST NET YARDS, SEMIFINALS**

- 230 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (20 attempts, 2 TD)
- 150 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (26 attempts, 2 TD)
- 145 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (24 attempts, 1 TD)
- 124 Thomas Tyner, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (13 attempts, 2 TD)
- 103 Dalvin Cook, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (15 attempts, 0 TD)
- 95 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (13 attempts, 1 TD)
- 80 Karlos Williams, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (12 attempts, 1 TD)

**MOST NET YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 246 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (36 attempts, 4 TD)
- 158 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (36 attempts, 3 TD)

**MOST NET YARDS, TWO-GAME**

- 476 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (56 attempts, 6 TD)
- 233 Derrick Henry, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (56 attempts, 5 TD)
- 218 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (44 attempts, 1 TD)
- 195 Wayne Gallman, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (40 attempts, 3 TD)

## Passing

### **MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS, SEMIFINALS**

- 45 Jameis Winston, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (29-45-1, 348 yards, 1 TD)
- 41 Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (26-41-2, 311 yards, 1 TD)
- 39 Connor Cook, Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (19-39-2, 210 yards, 0 TD)
- 36 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (22-26-3, 237 yards, 2 TD)
- 36 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (26-36-1, 338 yards, 2 TD)
- 35 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (18-35-1, 243 yards, 1 TD)

### **MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 47 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 405 yards, 4 TD)
- 37 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-37-1, 333 yards, 2 TD)

### **MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS, TWO-GAME**

- 78 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (46-78-2, 592, 5 TD)
- 73 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (50-73-2, 671 yards, 4 TD)

### **MOST PASSING YARDS IN A HALF, SEMIFINALS**

- 226 Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (17-23-0, 1 TD)
- 212 Jameis Winston, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (16-24-0, 1 TD)
- 181 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (8-10-0, 2 TD)
- 177 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (12-22-3, 1 TD)
- 177 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (16-20-0, 0 TD)

### **MOST PASSING YARDS IN A HALF, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 253 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (7-12-0, 2 TD)
- 243 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (18-29-0, 2 TD)
- 193 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (18-23-0, 1 TD)
- 171 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10-15-0, 1 TD)

### **MOST PASSING YARDS IN A HALF, TWO-GAME**

- 430 Jake Coker, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (23-32-0, 2 TD)
- 374 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (26-33-0, 3 TD)

**MOST COMPLETIONS, SEMIFINALS**

- 29 Jameis Winston, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (29-45-1, 348 yards, 1 TD)
- 26 Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (26-41-2, 311 yards, 1 TD)
- 26 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (26-36-1, 338 yards, 2 TD)
- 25 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (25-30-0, 286 yards, 2 TD)
- 22 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (22-36-3, 237 yards, 2 TD)
- 18 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (18-35-1, 243 yards, 1 TD)

**MOST COMPLETIONS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 30 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 405 yards, 4 TD)
- 25 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (16-25-0, 335 yards, 2 TD)
- 24 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-37-1, 333 yards, 2 TD)

**MOST COMPLETIONS, TWO-GAME**

- 50 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (50-73-2, 671 yards, 4 TD)
- 50 Jake Coker, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (41-55-0, 621 yards, 4 TD)
- 46 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (46-78-2, 592 yards, 5 TD)

**MOST CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS, SEMIFINALS**

- 8 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 8 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 8 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 7 Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 6 Jameis Winston, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 6 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 6 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 5 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 5 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS, TWO-GAME**

- 13 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG

**MOST NET YARDS, SEMIFINALS**

- 348 Jameis Winston, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (29-45-1, 1 TD)
- 338 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (26-36-1, 2 TD)
- 311 Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (26-41-2, 1 TD)
- 286 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (25-30-0, 2 TD)
- 243 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (18-35-1, 1 TD)
- 237 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (22-36-3, 2 TD)

**MOST NET YARDS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

- 405 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 4 TD)
- 335 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (16-25-0, 2 TD)
- 333 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-37-1, 2 TD)
- 242 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (16-23-1, 1 TD)

**MOST NET YARDS, TWO-GAME**

- 671 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (50-73-2, 4 TD)
- 621 Jake Coker, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (41-55-0, 4 TD)
- 592 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (46-78-2, 5 TD)
- 485 Cardale Jones, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (34-58-2, 2 TD)

**MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 3 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 2 Connor Cook, Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 2 Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 1 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 1 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 1 Jameis Winston, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 1 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 1 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 1 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 1 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED,  
TWO-GAME**

- 2 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG
- 2 Cardale Jones, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG
- 2 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG

**Receiving****MOST RECEPTIONS, SEMIFINALS**

- 9 Amari Cooper, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (71 yards, 2 TD)
- 8 Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (138 yards, 2 TD)
- 7 ArDarius Steward, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (37 yards, 0 TD)
- 7 Sterling Shepard, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (87 yards, 0 TD)
- 7 Michael Thomas, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (66 yards, 1 TD)
- 7 Darren Carrington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (165 yards, 2 TD)
- 6 Evan Baylis, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (73 yards, 0 TD)
- 6 Travis Rudolph, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (96 yards, 1 TD)
- 6 Rashad Greene, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (59 yards, 0 TD)

**MOST RECEPTIONS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 8 Byron Marshall, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (169 yards, 1 TD)
- 7 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (88 yards, 2 TD)
- 6 Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (14 yards, 0 TD)
- 6 Charone Peake, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (99 yards, 0 TD)

**MOST RECEPTIONS, TWO-GAME**

- 14 Calvin Ridley, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (152 yards, 2 TD)
- 13 Byron Marshall, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (189 yards, 1 TD)

**MOST YARDS RECEIVING, SEMIFINALS**

- 165 Darren Carrington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (7 receptions, 2 TD)
- 138 Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (8 receptions, 2 TD)
- 96 Travis Rudolph, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (6 receptions, 1 TD)
- 87 Devin Smith, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 receptions, 1 TD)
- 87 Sterling Shepard, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Jan. 1, 2015 (7 receptions, 0 TD)
- 73 Evan Baylis, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (6 receptions, 0 TD)
- 72 Jesus Wilson, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (5 receptions, 0 TD)
- 71 Amari Cooper, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (9 receptions, 2 TD)

**MOST YARDS RECEIVING,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 208 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (5 receptions, 2 TD)
- 169 Byron Marshall, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (8 receptions, 1 TD)
- 99 Charone Peake, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (6 receptions, 0 TD)
- 88 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (7 receptions, 2 TD)
- 78 Jordan Leggett, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (5 receptions, 1 TD)
- 76 Corey Smith, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (2 receptions, 0 TD)

**MOST YARDS RECEIVING, TWO-GAME**

- 267 O.J. Howard, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (8 receptions, 2 TD)
- 189 Byron Marshall, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (13 receptions, 1 TD)



**MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A HALF,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 126 Darren Carrington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (4 receptions)
- 70 Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (4 receptions, first half)
- 68 Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (4 receptions, second half)
- 63 DeAndrew White, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 receptions)
- 62 Sterling Shepard, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (5 receptions)
- 60 Dede Westbrook, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (3 receptions)
- 59 Travis Rudolph, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (4 receptions)
- 55 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 receptions)
- 54 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (4 receptions)
- 53 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (4 receptions)

**MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A HALF,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 183 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4 receptions)
- 93 Byron Marshall, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (2 receptions, second half)
- 76 Byron Marshall, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (6 receptions, first half)
- 76 Corey Smith, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (2 receptions)

**MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A HALF,  
TWO-GAME**

- 238 O.J. Howard, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (6 receptions)

**Total Offense****MOST PLAYS, SEMIFINALS**

- 55 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (24 yards rushing, 31 yards passing)
- 53 Jameis Winston, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (8 yards rushing, 45 yards passing)
- 52 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (17 yards rushing, 35 yards passing)
- 51 Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (10 yards rushing, 41 yards passing)
- 46 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (10 yards rushing, 36 yards passing)
- 46 Connor Cook, Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (7 yards rushing, 39 yards passing)
- 44 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (8 yards rushing, 36 yards passing)

**MOST PLAYS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 67 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (20 rushing, 47 passing)
- 47 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10 rushing, 37 passing)
- 44 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (21 rushing, 23 passing)

**MOST PLAYS, TWO-GAME**

- 122 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (44 rushing, 78 passing)
- 96 Cardale Jones, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (38 rushing, 58 passing)
- 91 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (18 rushing, 73 passing)

**MOST TOTAL YARDS, SEMIFINALS**

- 400 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (62 rushing, 338 passing)
- 333 Jameis Winston, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (-15 rushing, 348 passing)
- 332 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (145 rushing, 187 passing)
- 296 Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (-15 rushing, 311 passing)
- 286 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (43 rushing, 243 passing)
- 280 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (-6 rushing, 286 passing)
- 266 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (29 rushing, 237 passing)

**MOST TOTAL YARDS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 478 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (73 rushing, 405 passing)
- 372 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (39 rushing, 333 passing)
- 315 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (-20 rushing, 335 passing)
- 280 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (38 rushing, 242 passing)

**MOST TOTAL YARDS, TWO-GAME**

- 810 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (218 rushing, 592 passing)
- 772 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (101 rushing, 671 passing)
- 595 Jake Coker, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (-26 rushing, 621 passing)
- 566 Cardale Jones, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (81 rushing, 485 passing)

## Tandem Offense

### **MOST TANDEM PLAYS, SEMIFINALS**

- 21 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (20 rush, 1 reception)
- 21 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (20 rush, 1 reception)
- 18 Dalvin Cook, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (15 rush, 3 receptions)
- 17 Karlos Williams, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (12 rush, 5 receptions)
- 17 Samaje Perine, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (15 rush, 2 receptions)
- 15 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (13 rush, 2 receptions)
- 14 Royce Freeman, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (12 rush, 2 receptions)

### **MOST TANDEM PLAYS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 37 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (36 rush, 1 reception)
- 17 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (14 rush, 3 receptions)
- 14 Thomas Tyner, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (12 rush, 2 receptions)

### **MOST TANDEM PLAYS, TWO-GAME**

- 58 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (56 rush, 2 receptions)

### **MOST TANDEM YARDS, SEMIFINALS**

- 243 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (230 rush, 13 receiving)
- 149 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (95 rush, 54 receiving)
- 139 Karlos Williams, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (80 rush, 59 receiving)
- 127 Dalvin Cook, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (103 rush, 24 receiving)

### **MOST TANDEM YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 245 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (246 rush, -1 receiving)

### **MOST TANDEM YARDS, TWO-GAME**

- 488 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (476 rush, 12 receiving)

## Scoring

### **MOST POINTS, SEMIFINALS**

- 12 Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 rec. TD)
- 12 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 12 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 12 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 12 Amari Cooper, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rec. TD)
- 12 Thomas Tyner, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 12 Royce Freeman, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 12 Darren Carrington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rec. TD)

**MOST POINTS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 24 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 rush TD)
- 18 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3 rush TD)
- 12 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 rec. TD)
- 12 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 rec. TD)

**MOST POINTS, TWO-GAME**

- 40 Derrick Henry, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (6 rush TD)
- 36 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (6 rush TD)

**MOST POINTS RUSHING, SEMIFINALS**

- 12 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 TD)
- 12 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 TD)
- 12 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 TD)
- 12 Thomas Tyner, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 TD)
- 12 Royce Freeman, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 TD)

**MOST POINTS RUSHING,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 24 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 TD)
- 18 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3 TD)

**MOST POINTS RUSHING, TWO-GAME**

- 36 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (6 TD)

**MOST POINTS RECEIVING, SEMIFINALS**

- 12 Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 TD)
- 12 Darren Carrington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 TD)
- 12 Amari Cooper, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 TD)

**MOST POINTS RECEIVING,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 12 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 TD)
- 12 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 TD)

**MOST POINTS RECEIVING, TWO-GAME**

- 18 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (3 TD)

**MOST POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 18 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 pass TD, 1 rush TD)
- 18 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 pass TD, 1 rush TD)
- 12 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 12 Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 rec. TD)
- 12 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 pass TD)
- 12 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (1 pass TD, 1 rush TD)
- 12 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 12 Thomas Tyner, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 12 Royce Freeman, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 12 Darren Carrington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rec. TD)
- 12 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 12 Amari Cooper, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rec. TD)

**MOST POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 24 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4 pass TD)
- 24 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 rush TD)
- 18 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3 rush TD)
- 12 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 rec. TD)
- 12 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 rec. TD)
- 12 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (1 pass TD, 1 rush TD)
- 12 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (2 pass TD)

**MOST POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR,  
TWO-GAME**

- 36 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (6 rush TD)
- 36 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (5 pass TD, 1 rush TD)
- 30 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (4 pass TD, 1 rush TD)
- 30 Derrick Henry, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (5 rush TD)

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS, SEMIFINALS**

- 2 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 2 Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 rec. TD)
- 2 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 2 Thomas Tyner, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 2 Royce Freeman, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rush TD)
- 2 Darren Carrington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rec. TD)
- 2 Amari Cooper, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rec. TD)
- 2 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 rush TD)

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 4 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 rush TD)
- 3 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3 rush TD)
- 2 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 rec. TD)
- 2 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 rec. TD)

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS, TWO-GAME**

- 6 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (6 rush TD)
- 5 Derrick Henry, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (5 rush TD)

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING, SEMIFINALS**

- 2 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 2 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 2 Thomas Tyner, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 2 Royce Freeman, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 2 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 4 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 3 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING, TWO-GAME**

- 6 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG
- 5 Derrick Henry, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING, SEMIFINALS**

- 2 Calvin Ridley, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 2 Darren Carrington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 2 Amari Cooper, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 2 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 2 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING,  
TWO-GAME**

- 3 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson, 2015  
Orange & 2016 NCG

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 2 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan  
State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015  
2 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida  
State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015  
2 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State,  
Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 4 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama,  
Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016  
2 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson,  
Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016  
2 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio  
State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING,  
TWO-GAME**

- 5 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015  
Orange & 2016 NCG  
4 Jake Coker, Alabama, 2015 Cotton &  
2016 NCG  
4 Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 2015 Rose &  
2015 NCG

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR, SEMIFINALS**

- 3 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida  
State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015  
(1 rush TD, 2 pass TD)  
3 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State,  
Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (1 rush TD, 2 pass TD)

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 4 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama,  
Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4 pass TD)  
4 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon,  
North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 rush TD)  
3 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson,  
Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3 rush TD)

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR, TWO-GAME**

- 6 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar  
& 2015 NCG (6 rush)  
6 Deshaun Watson, Clemson, 2015  
Orange & 2016 NCG (1 rush, 5 pass)  
5 Derrick Henry, Alabama, 2015 Cotton  
& 2016 NCG (5 rush)

**MOST POINTS BY KICKER, SEMIFINALS**

- 13 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Oklahoma,  
Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (4 PAT, 3 FG)  
10 Sean Nuernberger, Ohio State vs.  
Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (4 PAT, 2 FG)  
9 Aidan Schneider, Oregon vs. Florida  
State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (6 PAT, 1 FG)  
8 Adam Griffith, Alabama vs. Michigan  
State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (5 PAT, 1 FG)  
8 Roberto Aguayo, Florida State vs.  
Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015, (2 PAT, 2 FG)

**MOST POINTS BY KICKER,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 10 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama,  
Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4 PAT, 2 FG)  
9 Adam Griffith, Alabama vs. Clemson,  
Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (6 PAT, 1 FG)  
8 Aidan Schneider, Oregon vs. Ohio  
State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015  
(2 PAT, 2 FG)

**MOST POINTS BY KICKER, TWO-GAME**

- 23 Greg Huegel, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (8 PAT, 5 FG)
- 17 Adam Griffith, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (11 PAT, 2 FG)
- 17 Aidan Schneider, Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (8 PAT, 3 FG)

**MOST FIELD GOALS, SEMIFINALS**

- 3 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (26 yards, 36 yards, 43 yards)
- 2 Roberto Aguayo, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (28 yards, 26 yards)
- 2 Sean Nuernberger, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (22 yards, 21 yards)

**MOST FIELD GOALS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 2 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (37 yards, 31 yards)
- 2 Aidan Schneider, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (26 yards, 23 yards)

**MOST FIELD GOALS, TWO-GAME**

- 5 Greg Huegel, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG

**MOST PAT, SEMIFINALS**

- 6 Aidan Schneider, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 5 Adam Griffith, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 5 Adam Griffith, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST PAT, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 6 Adam Griffith, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 6 Sean Nuernberger, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 5 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

**MOST PAT, TWO-GAME**

- 11 Adam Griffith, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG

**TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS, SEMIFINALS**

- 1 Christian French, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (Rec.)
- 1 Michael Thomas, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (Rec.)

**TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS, CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

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**BLOCKED PAT RETURN**

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**MOST PUNT RETURNS, SEMIFINALS**

- 5 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (80 yards)
- 2 Macgarrett Kings, Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (14 yards)
- 2 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (10 yards)
- 2 Christion Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (10 yards)



**MOST PUNT RETURNS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 3 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (32 yards)
- 2 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (22 yards)

**MOST PUNT RETURNS, TWO-GAME**

- 6 Cyrus Jones, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (92 yards)
- 5 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (42 yards)

**MOST PUNT RETURN YARDAGE,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 80 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (5 attempts)
- 14 Macgarrett Kings, Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2 attempts)
- 10 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 attempts)
- 10 Christion Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2 attempts)

**MOST PUNT RETURN YARDAGE,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 32 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (3 attempts)
- 22 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 attempts)
- 12 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (1 attempt)

**MOST PUNT RETURN YARDAGE,  
TWO-GAME**

- 92 Cyrus Jones, Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (6 attempts)
- 42 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (5 attempts)

**MOST PUNT RETURNS FOR  
TOUCHDOWN, SEMIFINALS**

- 1 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (57 yards)

**MOST PUNT RETURNS FOR  
TOUCHDOWN,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

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**MOST KICKOFF RETURNS, SEMIFINALS**

- 7 Christion Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (102 yards)
- 6 Kermit Whitfield, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (131 yards)
- 4 Alex Ross, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (97 yards)

**MOST KICKOFF RETURNS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 5 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (196 yards)
- 4 Charles Nelson, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (52 yards)

**MOST KICKOFF RETURNS, TWO-GAME**

- 4 A. Scott, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (94 yards)
- 3 Curtis Samuel, Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (46 yards)

**MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDAGE,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 131 Kermit Whitfield, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (6 attempts)
- 102 Christion Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (7 attempts)
- 97 Alex Ross, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (4 attempts)
- 55 Jesus Wilson, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (3 attempts)

**MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDAGE,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 196 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (5 attempts)
- 59 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 attempts)
- 52 Charles Nelson, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 attempts)

**MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDAGE,  
TWO-GAME**

- 94 A. Scott, Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (4 returns)

**MOST KICKOFF RETURNS FOR  
TOUCHDOWN, SEMIFINALS**

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**MOST KICKOFF RETURNS FOR  
TOUCHDOWN,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 1 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (95 yards)

Longest Plays

**LONG PLAYS, SEMIFINALS**

- 85 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (Rush TD)
- 58 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (Rush)
- 56 Darren Carrington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (Rec. TD)
- 52 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (Rec.)

**LONG PLAYS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 70 Byron Marshall, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (Rec. TD)
- 63 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (Rec.)
- 53 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (Rec. TD)

**LONGEST RUSHING TOUCHDOWN,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 85 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 25 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 23 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015

**LONGEST RUSHING TOUCHDOWN,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 50 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 33 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**LONGEST PASS, SEMIFINALS**

- 56 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (TD)
- 52 Blake Sims, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**LONGEST PASS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 70 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (TD)
- 63 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

**LONGEST PASSING TOUCHDOWN,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 56 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 50 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 47 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**LONGEST PASSING TOUCHDOWN,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 70 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 53 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 51 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

**LONGEST FIELD GOAL, SEMIFINALS**

- 47 Adam Griffith, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 43 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 36 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 28 Roberto Aguayo, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 28 Aidan Schneider, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 26 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 26 Roberto Aguayo, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015

**LONGEST FIELD GOAL,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 37 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 33 Adam Griffith, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 31 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 26 Aidan Schneider, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**LONGEST PUNT, SEMIFINALS**

- 73 JK Scott, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 60 Cameron Johnston, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 56 JK Scott, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 54 Jake Hartbarger, Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 52 Austin Seibert, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 40 Ian Wheeler, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 38 Cason Beatty, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015

**LONGEST PUNT,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 57 Andy Teasdall, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 52 J.K. Scott, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 52 Ian Wheeler, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 48 Cameron Johnston, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**LONGEST PUNT RETURN, SEMIFINALS**

- 57 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (TD)
- 10 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 10 Christion Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**LONGEST PUNT RETURN,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 17 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 13 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 12 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

**LONGEST PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN, SEMIFINALS**

57 yards, Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015

**LONGEST PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

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**LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN, SEMIFINALS**

- 35 Kermit Whitfield, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 34 Christion Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 28 Alex Ross, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 22 R.J. Shelton, Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 22 Jesus Wilson, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 20 Devon Allen, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015

**LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 95 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (TD)
- 43 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 23 Curtis Samuel, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 20 Charles Nelson, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN, SEMIFINALS**

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**LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

95 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (TD)

**LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN, SEMIFINALS**

- 41 Steve Miller, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (TD)
- 32 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 29 Tyvis Powell, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 21 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 9 Ben Boulware, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 7 Vonn Bell, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

8 Eli Apple, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN, SEMIFINALS**

41 Steve Miller, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

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**BLOCKED PAT RETURN**

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**LONGEST MISCELLANEOUS RETURN,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 58 T. Washington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (fumble recovery-TD)
- 57 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (interception return-TD)
- 41 Steve Miller, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (interception return-TD)
- 32 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (interception return)

**LONGEST MISCELLANEOUS RETURN,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

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**FUMBLE RECOVERY FOR TOUCHDOWN,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 58 T. Washington, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (fumble recovery)

**FUMBLE RECOVERY FOR TOUCHDOWN,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

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**Team Records****MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, SEMIFINALS**

- 58 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (312 yards)
- 45 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (301 yards)
- 42 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (281 yards)
- 39 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (180 yards)
- 35 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (154 yards)
- 34 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (170 yards)

**MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 61 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (296 yards)
- 46 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (138 yards)
- 38 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (145 yards)
- 33 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (132 yards)

**MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, TWO-GAME**

- 103 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (577 yards)
- 96 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (457 yards)
- 81 Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG (292 yards)
- 78 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (433 yards)

**MOST NET YARDS, SEMIFINALS**

- 312 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (58 attempts)
- 301 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (45 attempts)
- 281 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (42 attempts)
- 180 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (39 attempts)
- 170 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (34 attempts)

**MOST NET YARDS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 296 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (61 attempts)
- 145 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (38 attempts)

**MOST NET YARDS, TWO-GAME**

- 577 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (103 attempts)
- 457 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (96 attempts)

**MOST YARDS PER RUSH, SEMIFINALS**

- 6.7 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (45-301 yards)
- 6.7 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (42-281 yards)
- 5.4 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 2016 (58-312 yards)
- 5.0 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (34-170 yards)
- 4.6 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (39-180 yards)

**MOST YARDS PER RUSH, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 4.9 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (61-296 yards)

**MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS, SEMIFINALS**

- 48 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (29-48-1, 348 yards)
- 43 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (26-43-2, 311 yards)
- 39 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (19-39-2, 210 yards)
- 36 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (26-36-1, 338 yards)
- 36 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (19-36-1, 256 yards)
- 36 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (22-36-3, 237 yards)

**MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 47 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 405 yards)
- 38 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-38-1, 333 yards)

**MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS, TWO-GAME**

- 79 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (47-79-2, 623 yards)
- 74 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (50-74-2, 671 yards)

**MOST COMPLETIONS, SEMIFINALS**

- 29 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (29-48-1, 348 yards)
- 26 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (26-36-1, 338 yards)
- 26 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (26-43-2, 311 yards)
- 25 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (25-31-0, 286 yards)
- 22 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (22-36-3, 237 yards)
- 19 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (19-36-1, 256 yards)
- 19 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Jan. 1, 2015 (19-39-2, 210 yards)

**MOST COMPLETIONS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 30 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 405 yards)
- 24 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-38-1, 333 yards)

**MOST COMPLETIONS, TWO-GAME**

- 50 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (50-74-2, 671 yards)

**MOST NET YARDS, SEMIFINALS**

- 348 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (29-48-1)
- 338 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (26-36-1)
- 311 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (26-43-2)
- 286 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (25-31-0)
- 256 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (19-36-1)
- 237 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (22-36-3)

**MOST NET YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 405 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1)
- 335 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (16-25-0)
- 333 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-38-1)
- 242 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (16-23-1)

**MOST NET YARDS, TWO-GAME**

- 671 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (50-74-2)
- 623 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (47-79-2)

**HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE, SEMIFINALS**

- .806 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (25-31-0)
- .722 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (26-36-1)
- .611 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (22-36-3)
- .600 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (29-48-1)
- .600 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (26-43-2)

**HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- .695 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (16-23-1)
- .640 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (16-25-0)
- .638 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1)
- .631 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-38-1)

**MOST YARDS PER ATTEMPT, SEMIFINALS**

- 9.4 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (26-36-1, 338 yards)
- 9.2 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (25-31-0, 286 yards)
- 7.2 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (29-48-1, 348 yards)
- 7.2 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (26-43-2, 311 yards)
- 7.1 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (19-36-1, 256 yards)

**MOST YARDS PER ATTEMPT, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 13.4 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (16-25-0, 335 yards)
- 10.5 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (16-23-1, 242 yards)
- 8.8 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-38-1, 333 yards)
- 8.6 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 405 yards)

**MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 3 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 2 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 2 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 1 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 1 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 1 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 1 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015

**MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 1 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 1 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 1 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED,  
TWO-GAME**

- 2 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG
- 2 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG
- 2 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG

**MOST PLAYS, SEMIFINALS**

- 90 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 87 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 81 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 78 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 76 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 70 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 66 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015

**MOST PLAYS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 85 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 84 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 71 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 71 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST PLAYS, TWO-GAME**

- 175 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG
- 162 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG
- 152 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG



**MOST TOTAL YARDS, SEMIFINALS**

- 639 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (301 rush, 338 pass)
- 537 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (281 rush, 256 pass)
- 530 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (312 rush, 218 pass)
- 528 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (180 rush, 348 pass)
- 440 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (154 rush, 286 pass)
- 407 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (170 rush, 237 pass)

**MOST TOTAL YARDS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 550 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (145 rush, 405 pass)
- 538 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (296 rush, 242 pass)
- 473 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (138 rush, 335 pass)
- 465 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (132 rush, 333 pass)

**MOST TOTAL YARDS, TWO-GAME**

- 1104 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG  
(433 rush, 671 pass)
- 1080 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG  
(457 rush, 623 pass)
- 1075 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG  
(577 rush, 498 pass)

**MOST YARDS PER PLAY, SEMIFINALS**

- 7.9 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (81-639 yards)
- 6.9 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (78-537 yards)
- 6.7 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (66-440 yards)
- 6.1 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (87-528 yards)
- 5.9 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (90-530 yards)
- 5.8 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (70-407 yards)

**MOST YARDS PER PLAY,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 6.7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (71-473 yards)
- 6.5 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (85-550 yards)
- 6.5 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (71-465 yards)
- 6.4 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (84-538 yards)

**MOST POINTS, SEMIFINALS**

- 59 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015
- 42 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015
- 38 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015
- 37 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015
- 35 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015
- 20 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST POINTS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 45 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 42 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 40 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 20 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST POINTS, TWO-GAME**

- 84 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG
- 83 Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG
- 79 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG

**MOST POINTS, WINNING TEAM,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 59 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 42 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 38 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 37 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015

**MOST POINTS, WINNING TEAM,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 45 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 42 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST POINTS, WINNING TEAM,  
TWO-GAME**

- 84 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG
- 83 Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG

**LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 39 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 38 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 20 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015

**LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 22 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**SMALLEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 7 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 20 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015

**SMALLEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 5 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS, SEMIFINALS**

- 8 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015  
(5 rush, 2 pass, 1 fumble recovery)
- 5 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015  
(2 rush, 2 pass, 1 punt return)
- 5 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (3 rush, 2 pass)
- 5 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015  
(2 rush, 2 pass, 1 INT return)

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 6 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016  
(2 pass, 3 rush, 1 kickoff return)
- 6 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (1 pass, 5 rush)
- 5 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4 pass, 1 rush)

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS, TWO-GAME**

- 11 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG  
(7 rush, 3 pass, 1 INT return)
- 11 Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG  
(5 rush, 4 pass, 1 punt return, 1 kickoff return)

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 5 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 3 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 3 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 5 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 3 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 2 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 2 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 2 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 2 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 4 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 2 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 2 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING,  
TWO-GAME**

- 5 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG
- 4 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST HALF,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 21 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 20 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 18 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 17 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 16 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 13 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST HALF,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 21 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 14 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 14 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND HALF, SEMIFINALS**

- 41 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 28 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 22 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 21 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 14 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 7 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND HALF, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 31 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 26 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 21 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 10 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN ONE HALF, SEMIFINALS**

- 41 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (2nd half)
- 28 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (2nd half)
- 22 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2nd half)
- 21 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (2nd half)
- 21 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (1st half)
- 20 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (1st half)
- 18 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (1st half)

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN ONE HALF, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 31 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2nd half)
- 26 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2nd half)
- 21 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (1st half)
- 21 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (2nd half)

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST QUARTER, SEMIFINALS**

- 14 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 8 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 7 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 6 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST QUARTER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 14 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 14 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 7 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND QUARTER, SEMIFINALS**

- 14 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 13 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 10 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 10 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 10 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 10 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND QUARTER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 7 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN THIRD QUARTER, SEMIFINALS**

- 27 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 21 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 14 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 14 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN THIRD QUARTER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 10 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 10 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 7 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN FOURTH QUARTER, SEMIFINALS**

- 14 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 8 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 7 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 7 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 7 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN FOURTH QUARTER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 24 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 16 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 14 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN ANY QUARTER, SEMIFINALS**

- 27 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (3rd quarter)
- 21 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (3rd quarter)
- 14 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (3rd quarter)
- 14 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (1st quarter)
- 14 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (2nd quarter)
- 14 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (3rd quarter)
- 14 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (4th quarter)

**MOST POINTS SCORED IN ANY QUARTER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 24 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4th quarter)
- 16 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4th quarter)
- 14 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (1st quarter)
- 14 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (1st quarter)
- 14 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4th quarter)

**MOST YARDS SCORING DRIVE (TOUCHDOWN), SEMIFINALS**

- 96 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (7 plays)
- 95 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (4 plays)
- 84 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (7 plays)
- 81 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (5 plays)

**MOST YARDS SCORING DRIVE (TOUCHDOWN), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 97 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10 plays)

**MOST PLAYS IN SCORING DRIVE (TOUCHDOWN), SEMIFINALS**

- 12 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (71 yards)
- 12 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (75 yards)
- 10 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (75 yards)
- 10 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (75 yards)
- 10 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (75 yards)

**MOST PLAYS IN SCORING DRIVE (TOUCHDOWN), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 12 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (75 yards)
- 11 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (75 yards)
- 10 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (97 yards)
- 9 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (60 yards)

**LONGEST SCORING DRIVE  
(TOUCHDOWN), SEMIFINALS**

- 5:07 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (12 plays, 71 yards)
- 4:40 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (9 plays, 50 yards)
- 4:24 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (9 plays, 75 yards)
- 4:09 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (12 plays, 75 yards)
- 3:47 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (10 plays, 75 yards)
- 3:44 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (10 plays, 75 yards)
- 3:05 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (8 plays, 79 yards)
- 3:00 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (10 plays, 75 yards)

**LONGEST SCORING DRIVE  
(TOUCHDOWN),  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 6:39 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (12 plays, 75 yards)
- 4:13 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (9 plays, 76 yards)
- 3:38 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (9 plays, 60 yards)
- 3:33 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (8 plays, 75 yards)
- 3:16 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (10 plays, 97 yards)

**MOST YARDS SCORING DRIVE  
(FIELD GOAL), SEMIFINALS**

- 88 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (19 plays)
- 80 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (10 plays)

**MOST YARDS SCORING DRIVE  
(FIELD GOAL),  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 66 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (12 plays)
- 64 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (8 plays)

**MOST PLAYS IN SCORING DRIVE  
(FIELD GOAL), SEMIFINALS**

- 19 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (88 yards)
- 13 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (65 yards)
- 11 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (71 yards)

**MOST PLAYS IN SCORING DRIVE  
(FIELD GOAL),  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 12 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (66 yards)

**LONGEST SCORING DRIVE (FIELD GOAL),  
SEMIFINALS**

- 4:48 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (13 plays, 65 yards)
- 4:45 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (19 plays, 88 yards)
- 4:43 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (10 plays, 48 yards)
- 4:08 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (11 plays, 71 yards)

**LONGEST SCORING DRIVE (FIELD GOAL),  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 4:01 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (12 plays, 66 yards)

**MOST FIRST DOWNS, SEMIFINALS**

- 30 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 30 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 28 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 24 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 23 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST FIRST DOWNS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 31 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 28 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST FIRST DOWNS, TWO-GAME**

- 61 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG
- 51 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG

**MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING, SEMIFINALS**

- 17 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 17 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 12 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 12 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 10 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 18 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING, TWO-GAME**

- 30 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG
- 26 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG

**MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING, SEMIFINALS**

- 17 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 16 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 12 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 12 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015
- 10 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 10 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015

**MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 20 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 13 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING, TWO-GAME**

- 30 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG
- 25 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG

**MOST FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY, SEMIFINALS**

- 3 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 3 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 2 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 2 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015
- 1 four different times



**MOST FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016
- 2 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST PUNTS, SEMIFINALS**

- 9 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (9-411, 45.7 average)
- 7 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (7-385, 55.0 average)
- 6 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (6-279, 46.5 average)
- 6 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (6-233 yards, 38.8 average)
- 6 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (6-279, 46.5 average)

**MOST PUNTS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (7-297, 42.4 average)
- 6 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (6-265, 44.2 average)
- 6 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (6-240, 40.0 average)

**HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE (MIN. 2  
PUNTS), SEMIFINALS**

- 55.0 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (7-385 yards)
- 46.5 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (6-279 yards)
- 46.5 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (6-279 yards)
- 45.7 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (9-411 yards)

**HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE  
(MIN. 2 PUNTS),  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 44.2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (6-265 yards)
- 42.4 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (7-297 yards)
- 42.0 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (3-126 yards)

**MOST PUNT RETURNS, SEMIFINALS**

- 5 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (5-80 yards)
- 3 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (3-16 yards)
- 2 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (2-10 yards)
- 2 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (2-10 yards)

**MOST PUNT RETURNS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 3 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (3-32 yards)
- 2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (2-22 yards)

**MOST PUNT RETURNS, TWO-GAME**

- 6 Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG  
(6-92)
- 5 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG  
(5-42)

**MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 80 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (5 attempts)
- 16 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (3 attempts)

**MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 32 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (3 attempts)
- 22 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (2 attempts)
- 12 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (1 attempt)

**MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS, TWO-GAME**

- 92 Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG  
(6 attempts)
- 42 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG  
(5 attempts)

**HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE  
(MIN. 2 ATTEMPTS), SEMIFINALS**

- 16.0 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (5-80 yards)
- 5.3 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (3-16 yards)
- 5 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (2-10 yards)
- 5 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (2-10 yards)

**HIGHEST PUNT RETURN  
AVERAGE (MIN. 2 ATTEMPTS),  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 11.0 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (2-22 yards)
- 10.7 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (3-32 yards)

**MOST KICKOFF RETURNS, SEMIFINALS**

- 9 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (9-186 yards)
- 7 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (7-102 yards)
- 4 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2016 (4-97 yards)

**MOST KICKOFF RETURNS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 5 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (5-196 yards)
- 4 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (4-52 yards)

**MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDS,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 186 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (9-186, 20.7 average)
- 102 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (7-102, 14.6 average)
- 97 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (4-97, 24.3 average)

**MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 196 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (5-196, 39.2 average)
- 68 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (3-68, 22.7 average)
- 52 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (4-52, 13.0 average)

**HIGHEST KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE  
(MIN. 2 RETURNS), SEMIFINALS**

- 24.3 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (4-97 yards)
- 20.7 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (9-186 yards)
- 17.5 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (2-35 yards)
- 16.0 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (3-48 yards)
- 14.6 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (7-102 yards)

**HIGHEST KICKOFF RETURN  
AVERAGE (MIN. 2 RETURNS),  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 39.2 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (5-196 yards)  
22.7 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016 (3-68 yards)  
13.0 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (4-52 yards)

**MOST FUMBLES, SEMIFINALS**

- 7 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015  
2 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015  
2 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015  
2 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST FUMBLES,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 3 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015  
2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016

**MOST FUMBLES, TWO-GAME**

- 5 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG

**MOST FUMBLES LOST, SEMIFINALS**

- 4 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015  
1 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015  
1 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015

**MOST FUMBLES LOST,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 3 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015

**MOST FUMBLES LOST, TWO-GAME**

- 4 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG

**MOST PENALTIES, SEMIFINALS**

- 6 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (6-33 yards)  
6 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (6-69 yards)  
6 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (6-48 yards)  
6 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (6-50 yards)  
5 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (5-65 yards)  
5 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015 (5-40 yards)  
4 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (4-24 yards)  
4 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015 (4-36 yards)

**MOST PENALTIES,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 10 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (10-76 yards)  
5 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (5-30 yards)

**MOST PENALTIES, TWO-GAME**

- 16 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG  
(16-126 yards)  
9 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG  
(9-67 yards)  
9 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG  
(9-54 yards)

### **MOST PENALTY YARDS, SEMIFINALS**

- 69 Alabama vs. Michigan State, 2016 (6 penalties)
- 65 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, 2016 (5 penalties)
- 50 Oregon vs. Florida State, 2015 (6 penalties)
- 48 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (6 penalties)
- 40 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (5 penalties)

### **MOST PENALTY YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 76 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10 penalties)

### **MOST PENALTY YARDS, TWO-GAME**

- 126 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG (16 penalties)

## Defensive Records

### **TOTAL TACKLES, SEMIFINALS**

- 14 P.J. Williams, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (8 solo, 6 assist)
- 12 Dominique Alexander, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (4 solo, 8 assist)
- 12 Landon Collins, Alabama vs. Ohio State, 2015 (9 solo, 3 assist)
- 11 Riley Bullough, Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (6 solo, 5 assist)
- 11 Frank Shannon, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (7 solo, 4 assist)
- 10 Curtis Grant, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (5 solo, 5 assist)
- 10 Nate Andrews, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (7 solo, 3 assist)
- 10 T. J. Green, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (7 solo, 3 assist)

### **TOTAL TACKLES, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 11 Geno Matias-Smith, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (11 solo)
- 11 T.J. Green, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (6 solo, 5 assist)

### **SOLO TACKLES, SEMIFINALS**

- 9 Landon Collins, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (12 total)
- 8 Vonn Bell, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (8 total)
- 8 P.J. Williams, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (14 total)
- 7 Darron Lee, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (7 total)
- 7 Nate Andrews, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (10 total)
- 7 Troy Hill, Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (9 total)
- 7 Frank Shannon, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (11 total)
- 7 T.J. Green, Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (10 total)

**SOLO TACKLES,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 11 Geno Matias-Smith, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (11 total)
- 10 B.J. Goodson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (10 total)
- 8 Reuben Foster, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (9 total)
- 7 Reggie Daniels, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (9 total)
- 7 Kevin Dodd, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (7 total)

**ASSISTED TACKLES, SEMIFINALS**

- 8 Dominique Alexander, Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (12 total)
- 6 P.J. Williams, Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (14 total)
- 5 Curtis Grant, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (10 total)
- 5 Reggie Ragland, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (7 total)

**ASSISTED TACKLES,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 5 T.J. Green, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (11 total)

**QUARTERBACK SACKS, SEMIFINALS**

- 2 Jonathan Allen, Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015
- 2 Darron Lee, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015
- 1 held by nine different players

**QUARTERBACK SACKS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 3 Kevin Dodd, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 2 Rashaan Evans, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 2 Shaq Lawson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

**TEAM QUARTERBACK SACKS,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 5 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange, Dec. 31, 2015 (41 yards)
- 4 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton, Dec. 31, 2015 (29 yards)
- 3 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (17 yards)
- 3 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (21 yards)
- 2 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (18 yards)

**TEAM QUARTERBACK SACKS,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 5 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (31 yards)
- 2 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (6 yards)
- 2 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (14 yards)

**TEAM QUARTERBACK SACKS,  
TWO-GAME**

- 10 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG (72 yards)
- 6 Alabama, Cotton & NCG (43 yards)
- 5 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG (23 yards)

**FUMBLES RECOVERED, SEMIFINALS**

- 4 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (65 yards)
- 1 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose, Jan. 1, 2015 (0 yards)
- 1 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar, Jan. 1, 2015 (4 yards)

**FUMBLES RECOVERED,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

3 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015 (0 yards)

**FUMBLES RECOVERED, TWO-GAME**

7 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG  
(65 yards)

**FUMBLES FORCED, SEMIFINALS**

6 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015  
1 Michigan State vs. Alabama, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015  
1 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015  
1 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015

**FUMBLES FORCED,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

2 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015

**FUMBLES FORCED, TWO-GAME**

8 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG

**INTERCEPTIONS MADE, SEMIFINALS**

1 held by 11 different players

**INTERCEPTIONS MADE,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

1 held by three different players

**INTERCEPTIONS MADE-TEAM,  
SEMIFINALS**

3 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015  
2 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015  
2 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015  
1 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015  
1 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015  
1 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015  
1 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015

**INTERCEPTIONS MADE-TEAM,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

1 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016  
1 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015  
1 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015

**INTERCEPTIONS MADE-TEAM,  
TWO-GAME**

4 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG  
3 Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG  
2 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG

**INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE,  
SEMIFINALS**

- 77 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015
- 32 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015
- 21 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015
- 10 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015
- 0 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015
- 0 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015

**INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 8 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015

**INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE,  
TWO-GAME**

- 85 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG

**PASSES BROKEN UP, SEMIFINALS**

- 8 Alabama vs. Michigan State, Cotton,  
Dec. 31, 2015
- 7 Alabama vs. Ohio State, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015
- 6 Oregon vs. Florida State, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015
- 5 Clemson vs. Oklahoma, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015
- 3 Oklahoma vs. Clemson, Orange,  
Dec. 31, 2015
- 3 Ohio State vs. Alabama, Sugar,  
Jan. 1, 2015
- 1 Florida State vs. Oregon, Rose,  
Jan. 1, 2015

**PASSES BROKEN UP,  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

- 7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona,  
Jan. 11, 2016
- 3 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015
- 1 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas,  
Jan. 12, 2015

**PASSES BROKEN UP, TWO-GAME**

- 15 Alabama, 2015 Cotton & 2016 NCG
- 7 Oregon, 2015 Rose & 2015 NCG
- 6 Ohio State, 2015 Sugar & 2015 NCG
- 6 Clemson, 2015 Orange & 2016 NCG

## Miscellaneous Records

### ATTENDANCE

91,322	Semifinal: Rose Oregon 59, Florida State 20 January 1, 2015
85,689	NCG Ohio State 42, Oregon 20 January 12, 2015
82,812	Semifinal: Cotton Alabama 38, Michigan State 0 December 31, 2015
75,765	NCG Alabama 45, Clemson 40 January 11, 2016
74,682	Semifinal: Sugar Ohio State 42, Alabama 35 January 1, 2015
67,615	Semifinal: Orange Clemson 37, Oklahoma 17 December 31, 2015

### GAME LENGTH

3:45	NCG Alabama vs. Clemson January 11, 2016
3:41	Semifinal: Orange Clemson vs. Oklahoma December 31, 2015
3:41	Semifinal: Sugar Ohio State vs. Alabama January 1, 2015
3:37	NCG Ohio State vs. Oregon January 12, 2015
3:37	Semifinal: Rose Oregon vs. Florida State January 1, 2015
3:19	Semifinal: Cotton Alabama vs. Michigan State December 31, 2015



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### LOGO/PHOTO REQUESTS

To request College Football Playoff logos, photos, or other marks, please e-mail: **media@collegefootballplayoff.com**.

### FTP SITE

To download all approved marks, please utilize the College Football Playoff's FTP site:

#### **ftp.collegepressbox.tv**

User: cfbplayoff@collegepressbox.tv

PW: Tampa2017

*\*Login is case sensitive*

### INTERVIEW REQUESTS

To request an interview with College Football Playoff Executive Director Bill Hancock, College Football Playoff Selection Committee Chair Kirby Hocutt or other College Football Playoff executives, please e-mail **media@collegefootballplayoff.com**.

### MEDIA CREDENTIALING POLICIES

To ensure that all qualified media agencies have the appropriate access, these policies have been developed by the 10 Football Bowl Subdivision commissioners, the Notre Dame athletic director and the College Football Playoff. The policies will be strictly enforced at the Cotton, Peach, Fiesta, Orange, Rose and Sugar Bowls along with the Playoff Semifinals and College Football Playoff National Championship.

Requests for all working media credentials shall be directed to the host media director for each bowl—and to the CFP Senior Director of Communications and Brand Management for the championship game. The deadline for applying is the second Friday after Selection Day.

A “press agency” for purposes of these criteria shall mean a daily or weekly publication, cable system, radio or television station or network having a legitimate working function and requiring immediate news coverage. “Immediate news coverage” for purposes of these criteria shall mean that the editorial, audio and/or visual deadline for the bowl game action being documented occurs no later than six days after the competition at the site has been completed.

A press agency or television or radio station in the bowl or national championship game cities' immediate geographic area that has staffed Division I college football games on a regular basis throughout the season and does not otherwise meet the criteria may be designated as a “minority media enterprise.” A “minority media enterprise” shall mean a business enterprise involved in the dissemination of college football news on a weekly basis or more frequently to audiences from ethnically, socially or culturally diverse backgrounds. Such minority media enterprises may receive one press box credential if space is available. International media and agencies are further addressed within these policies.

Each application will stand on its merits for each particular bowl game, as well as for the national championship game. Membership in a writers, or broadcasters association does not automatically qualify an agency or individual for credentials. Having been credentialed for other bowl games does not automatically qualify an agency or individual for credentials.

An individual holding a credential must adhere to the terms and conditions of the CFP credential and is subject to removal from the stadium for violating CFP credential policies.

Except for television camera and truck operators, a credential may be issued only to an authorized full-time, salaried representative of, or a representative who regularly and customarily performs services for, the agency submitting the request. Credentials are not transferable.

Executives and/or staff without game day duties or assignments will not be credentialed.

Each entity shall only qualify for one category.

Credential requests will be considered only if they are submitted by the sports editor, by the sports director/producer or by the photo editor.

Subject to limitations of space and at the host media director’s discretion, credentials at all sites shall be assigned in accordance with the following policies:

## PRINT

Separate publications sharing common ownership may not be combined for purposes of meeting circulation or other criteria.

1. A daily agency with circulation greater than 50,000, a weekly with circulation greater than 500,000 or a monthly with circulation greater than 750,000 will be identified as “national media” and will qualify for credentials. Press agencies may receive credentials according to the following circulation requirements:

<b>Daily Circulation</b>	<b>Credentials</b>
50,000 – 99,999	one seat
100,000 – 199,999	two seats
200,000 – 299,999	three seats
300,000 – 499,000	four seats
500,000 – 699,999	five seats
700,000 and above	six seats
<b>Weekly Circulation</b>	<b>Credentials</b>
500,000 – 3 million	two seats
3 million and above	three seats
<b>Monthly Circulation</b>	<b>Credentials</b>
750,000 – 3 million	two seats
3 million and above	three seats

2. An agency that does not meet Criterion No. 1 may qualify for credentials if a full-time staff member has covered all of the participating institution's regular-season games.
3. The Associated Press and the primary newspaper(s) that provide daily coverage at the site of the bowl game or national championship game may receive a maximum of eight seats.
4. At the media director's discretion, a maximum of two credentials may be issued to reporters representing the non-sports side of the major newspaper that covers all regular-season games of the participating institution.
5. At the media director's discretion, a maximum of two credentials may be issued to reporters representing the non-sports side of the major newspaper in the host city.
6. The official student newspaper from each participating school may be issued four credentials.
7. The official yearbook from each participating school may be issued one credential.
8. The official alumni magazine from each participating school may be issued one credential.
9. No other university publications will be granted access unless space allows.

## STILL PHOTOGRAPHY

Sports editors or photo editors shall request all credentials. Most media agencies will be limited to a maximum of two credentials.

Subject to limitations of space, credentials for photo staff members shall be assigned to agencies requiring immediate news coverage in accordance with the following priorities:

### **Photographers**

1. The primary press agencies at the host site of the College Football Playoff games that cover college football on a regular basis may receive a maximum of four credentials.
2. The Associated Press, Getty, Sports Illustrated and USA TODAY Sports Images each may receive a maximum of six credentials. Reuters, Icon and Cal Sports Media may receive a maximum of four credentials.
3. A press agency with a minimum daily circulation of 350,000, a weekly circulation of 500,000, or a monthly circulation of one million may receive one credential.
4. A participating institution may receive a total of four credentials for media/photo agencies that do not meet the minimum daily or weekly circulation requirements. These agencies shall be certified by the director of athletics or designated representative of the participating institution to have staffed at least 80 percent of its games throughout the season.
5. A publication whose primary purpose is the coverage of college football and does not meet the criteria listed above may be eligible for one credential at the discretion of the host media director.

6. Each athletics department may be issued three photographer passes, plus one pass with stadium access for a crowd photographer. This includes the university's official website and any other athletic department entities.
7. A maximum of four photographers certified by the director of media relations for each participating school may be issued to media organizations affiliated with the school (e.g. student newspaper, yearbook, alumni magazine) and all other media organizations whose coverage is primarily directed at such institution and its activities. The student newspaper shall be granted two of these credentials.
8. A maximum of two credentials may be granted for each participating conference.
9. A temporary sideline credential may be issued to one photographer designated by each school's director of media relations to photograph the band's pregame, halftime and postgame only.
10. For access to the sidelines, photographers must wear vests provided by the bowl or national championship game.

### **Photo Couriers, Editors and Technicians**

A media entity requiring credentials for immediate news coverage may be granted credentials for couriers, editors and/or technicians subject to the media coordinator's discretion. These credentials will have limited sidelines access.

## TELEVISION

1. A television station or regional cable network from the locale of the College Football Playoff games may be represented by a maximum of two crews.
2. A television station or regional network from the locale of the participating institution, which has staffed all of its home games may qualify for one (1) crew.
3. A conference's television or digital network may be entitled to be represented by a maximum of two crews; additional credentials may be issued at the discretion of the host media director.
4. Each division (i.e., the sports, news, entertainment and affiliate divisions) from a national television network or cable system that originates a daily sports news program (e.g., Fox, ABC, CBS, NBC, ESPN, CNN) may be represented by one crew.
5. A television station in a market area estimated to have a minimum of two million U.S. television households (Top 10) the previous year by the A.C. Nielsen Company may be represented by one crew.
6. At the discretion of the host media director, no more than two credentials may be authorized to other news services that have news and sports programming.
7. Each participating institution may be represented by a maximum of three crews (athletic department, coaches' show, coaches' video, etc.).
8. A crew is defined as no more than four individuals, including one camera operator.

### RADIO

1. Two credentials may be assigned to a radio station in the geographic area of the bowl or national championship game host city that regularly covers college football games (i.e., full-time staff members attend games and file reports) and airs six or more sports reports each day.
2. Two credentials may be assigned to individuals of a radio station that cover college football games (i.e., full-time staff members attend games and file reports) at least 90 percent of a participating institution's home games and airs six or more sports reports each day.
3. One media credential may be assigned to each of the following radio entities: American Forces Radio, ABC, AP, CBS, Fox Sports Radio, NBC, National Public Radio, Sporting News Radio, Sports Byline USA, USA Radio Network and Voice of America. This credential must be requested by the sports editor/assignment editor from the radio entity.
4. A radio network that will originate a live play-by-play broadcast is entitled to the number of individuals it used to originate games during the most recently completed regular season. Entities that produce national radio broadcasts under rights assigned through ESPN shall be limited to a maximum of eight credentials.
5. Credentials may be assigned to student radio stations that cover the participating team during the regular season. Student radio shall be limited to a maximum of six credentials.
6. One credential may be assigned to a full-time staff member of a radio station in a market area representing at least four million radio homes (Top 10) that regularly covers college football games and has a daily sports talk program.

## DIGITAL AND ONLINE MEDIA

1. Credential(s) may be issued to full-time staff members of an online agency that (1) registers at least ten million unique users per month in each of the 12 months before the game and (2) covers college football daily.
2. The official web site of a competing institution, as designated by the school's sports information director, may receive a maximum of three credentials (with a maximum of two seats).
3. The official web site of a competing conference, as designated by the conference's sports information director, may receive a maximum of two credentials in addition to the conference's credentials noted elsewhere in this policy.
4. A print, radio or television agency will not receive more credentials than the number provided for elsewhere in this document. An agency may allot one (or more) of its credentials to its online entity.
5. If space is available, an online entity that does not meet the other criteria herein may qualify for credentials if a full-time staff member has covered all of the participating institution's regular-season games. Such credential may be issued only to a full-time staff member.
6. Online entities will not receive during-game field access.
7. An online service that is recognized as an outlet intended primarily for the purpose of delivering news related to the recruitment of student-athletes does not qualify for credentials.

## INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

When space is available, credentials will be issued to a full-time, salaried employee or a representative who regularly and customarily performs services for:

1. A newspaper that has a minimum circulation of five percent of the total population of the country.
2. A specialty publication that has a minimum circulation of one percent of the total population of the country
3. The official publication of the country's organization for governance of "American football."
4. A television station that has a signal reaching 25 percent of the homes in the country.
5. Each of the two largest sports networks in the country.
6. All international media requests must be accompanied by a letter of request (in English) from the sports editor/director on official company letterhead.

### AGENCIES NOT ELIGIBLE

Credentials shall not be issued to the following:

1. Persons solely for the purpose of writing or gathering material for books, short films or movies.
2. Magazines (semi-annual, quarterly or annual).
3. Representatives of syndicated television or cable programmers who are not producing programs for immediate news coverage (i.e., to air within 24 hours).
4. Telephone reporting services.
5. Entities normally identified as “tout sheets,” and other publications devoted solely to gambling.
6. Scouts from professional teams; (the bowls will offer to sell tickets to the professional league office if requested and if tickets are available, with the understanding that the professional league will distribute the tickets to the teams as it wishes).
7. Agencies that normally provide specific services for a media agency (e.g., scores) if many of its clients have been accredited to staff the event.
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News conferences will be conducted during the week of each game. The host media coordinator will have the authority to designate and require any student-athlete to attend any news conference.

### GAME DAY

**Locker Room.** Locker rooms will be open to the media for a minimum of 30 minutes after the postgame cooling-off period ends. Student-athletes who do not play in the game may depart earlier. The SID or designated representative must ensure that anyone who has played in the game stays in the locker room for the mandatory open period.

The head coach has the option to allow representatives from ESPN and the institution's radio rightsholder into the locker room before the game and during the cooling-off period after the game. The institution's media or operations representative must confirm its plans prior to game day with the corresponding bowl staff member.

**Cooling-Off Period.** A "cooling-off period" has been set aside for a coach to be with the student-athletes in the locker room after each game. The period for the losing team begins when the coach enters the locker room immediately after the game. The period for the winning team begins after conclusion of the trophy presentation immediately upon the head coach exiting the on-field stage.

The period will be 20 minutes for the winning team and 10 minutes for the losing team. A coach may shorten the cooling-off period but may not extend it. The coach and student-athletes must report to the interview room immediately after the cooling-off period ends. The host media coordinator will arrange for transportation (when applicable) to and from the locker room.

The media coordinator will work with event operations on maintaining timing and will also assign a representative from its staff to oversee coordination of each locker room.

**"Selected Media" Policy.** Except for ESPN as noted in the "locker rooms" section above, no interviews may take place during the cooling-off period. If a coach permits one media representative to enter the locker room before the cooling-off period has ended, the locker room will be open to all other media representatives desiring access.

### PRACTICES

Each institution has the option of having its practices in the locale of the bowl open or closed to the media.

For those institutions choosing the “closed” option, a continuous 15-minute period during a minimum of two practices at the designated practice site must be open to the media — and one of those practices must be two days before the game. The 15-minute period will begin at the end of pre-practice stretching and warm-up drills. The team may not choose to have these media availabilities on its first practice, nor its final walk-through. No interviews will be conducted during the open portion of the practices; media will stand on the sidelines and may photograph the first 15 minutes of the practice.

If the bowl does not conduct media day, then six to eight different student-athletes shall be made available after practice an additional day. Each institution has the option to make coaches and student-athletes available in conjunction with other practices and shall notify the media bowl coordinator of any such availability in advance.

## NEWS CONFERENCES DURING GAME WEEK

Each bowl will conduct news conferences during the week of the game. It is preferred that news conferences take place at the media hotel headquarters, with the exception of the arrival press conference and media day. The bowl shall propose a schedule of news conferences to the institutions; the bowl and the institution shall agree upon the schedule not later than December 15. Once the bowl and the institution have agreed to the schedule, it shall not be adjusted. It is suggested that all news conferences during game week take place in the morning; for Playoff Semifinals morning times are required. The suggested game-week schedule is as follows:

- Day 1** Coach and a minimum of two student-athletes upon arrival: news conference at airport, team hotel or other location identified by the bowl.
- Day 2** Visiting team offensive coordinator and selected starting offensive student-athletes, home team defensive coordinator and selected starting defensive players at media hotel. (Suggested times are 8:30 a.m. for visiting team and at 9:30 a.m. for home team).
- Day 3** Visiting team defensive coordinator and selected starting defensive student-athletes and home team offensive coordinator and selected starting offensive players at media hotel. (Suggested times are 8:30 a.m. for visiting team and 9:30 a.m. for home team). *Note: The student-athletes who accompany the coaches to the news conferences on Day 2 and Day 3 must include the starting quarterback, leading rusher, leading tackler, all major national award winners and first-team All-Americans.*

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**Day 4** Media day\* at stadium or other location chosen by the bowl, for all coaches and student-athletes. Student-athletes shall wear game jerseys. The head coach and four student-athletes will sit on risers on the sideline. Other student-athletes will sit in the stands/at tables depending on the format. Each session shall be one full hour.

**Day 5** Head coaches at media hotel. (Suggested times are visiting team at 8:30 a.m., home team at 9 a.m.)

**Day 6** Game Day.

\*Required for College Football Playoff Semifinals; optional at other bowls. If the bowl opts not to conduct media day, then it is suggested that the activities on Day 2 and Day 3 take place on Days 3 and 4.

\*\*Coordinator press conferences shall last for 45 minutes; media day for one hour.

## NEWS CONFERENCES, POSTGAME

Representatives of each team shall participate in a news conference after the game.

**Postgame News Conference.** The bowl media coordinator and institutions' media directors will identify two student-athletes to participate in the postgame news conference, based on performance. The bowl media coordinator will distribute the names of these individuals to the media before the end of the cooling off period.

**Obligation of Coach.** Regardless of any personal regular-season radio or television contracts, the coach is first obligated to all media staffing the game and must report to the interview room immediately after the cooling-off period ends. After fulfilling this commitment to the media staffing the game, the coach and student-athletes may participate in other interviews, on field photos or other celebrations.

The coach may not delay a postgame interview with the covering media to conduct a program for a single newspaper, radio, online or television reporter unless requested to grant a short interview by ESPN or the national radio network as noted herein.

**Order of Appearance.** The losing coach and student-athletes shall be scheduled in the interview room before the winning coach and student-athletes.

**Timing.** The scoreboard operator shall start the clock at 20 minutes immediately upon the head coach exiting the on-field stage. After 20 minutes, the winning team's representatives will be escorted to the locker room and interview room.

## TELEVISION AND RADIO RIGHTSHOLDERS, POSTGAME

If requested, the winning coach, losing coach and winning student-athletes shall grant postgame interviews, not to exceed four minutes, to the rightsholding television and/or the rightsholding radio networks, provided the networks are still providing live coverage from the facility. The media coordinator (or his/her designee), not the television or radio network, will be responsible for terminating the four-minute interview period.

The rightsholding television network will have the first choice of individuals to interview, then the rightsholding radio networks.

The networks cannot inordinately delay the coaches' and student-athletes' return to the locker room. If the networks are not prepared to conduct live interviews immediately, it will be necessary for the interviews to be taped. Any interview with the losing coach should be conducted off the field, near the locker room.

## TICKET DISTRIBUTION

There are select ways for the public to get tickets to the College Football Playoff National Championship:

**1. 50+% of tickets are allocated to the two participating institutions.**

Each team will receive 20,000 tickets.

**2. Random Drawing**

Tickets will be made available to fans who enter the College Football Playoff random ticket drawing each year. Winners of the drawing will have the right to purchase up to four tickets. The random ticket drawing will open the February prior to each year's national championship game. The random ticket drawing for the 2017 College Football Playoff National Championship is now closed.

**3. TeamTix**

A select number of tickets will be made available to fans. Fans may make reservations to purchase tickets for any particular team, with prices determined by demand. If that team qualifies for the national championship game, the fan will be able to purchase tickets at face value.

**4. Playoff Premium**

College Football Playoff National Championship Playoff Premium packages include tickets, hotel rooms and pregame hospitality.

**For more information:**

**Website:** [www.collegefootballplayoff.com/playoff-premium](http://www.collegefootballplayoff.com/playoff-premium)

**Email:** [premium@collegefootballplayoff.com](mailto:premium@collegefootballplayoff.com)

**Phone:** 469-706-0050

**5. Official College Football Playoff Fan-to-Fan Ticket Exchange**

Through the official Fan-to-Fan Ticket Marketplace of the College Football Playoff National Championship, Ticketmaster offers fans the ability to buy or sell tickets to the 2017 College Football Playoff National Championship. Ticketmaster serves as the only resale marketplace able to offer fans real Ticketmaster Verified Tickets. The market will open in fall 2016.

## REVENUE DISTRIBUTION POLICIES

The following estimates of the CFP revenue distribution are based on preliminary calculations for the 2016-2017 season and are only approximate projections of potential revenue distribution from each component:

(1) Each conference will receive \$300,000 for each of its schools when the school's football team meets the NCAA's APR for participation in a post-season football game. Each independent institution will also receive the \$300,000 when its football team meets that standard.

(2) Each of the 10 conferences will also receive a base amount. For conferences that have contracts for their champions to participate in the Orange, Rose or Sugar Bowl, the base combined with the full academic performance pool will be approximately \$55 million for each conference. The five conferences that do not have contracts for their champions to participate in the Orange, Rose or Sugar Bowls will receive approximately \$83.5 million in aggregate (full academic pool plus base), which the conferences will distribute as they choose. Notre Dame will receive a payment of \$2.83 million if it meets the APR standard; the other three independents will share \$930,462.

(3) A conference will receive \$6 million for each team that is selected for the semifinal games. There will be no additional distribution to conferences whose teams qualify for the national championship game. A conference will receive \$4 million for each team that plays in a non-playoff bowl under the arrangement (in 2014-2015, the Cotton, Fiesta and Peach Bowls).

(4) Each conference whose team participates in a playoff semifinal, Cotton, Fiesta or Peach Bowl, or in the national championship game will receive \$2.16 million to cover expenses for each game.

Additionally, certain conferences in the Football Championship Subdivision conferences will receive \$2.43 million in aggregate.

For more information, please visit:

**[www.collegefootballplayoff.com/revenue-distribution](http://www.collegefootballplayoff.com/revenue-distribution)**

### FAMILY REIMBURSEMENT

Through the family reimbursement program, the College Football Playoff offsets expenses for student-athletes' parents or guardians to travel to the CFP Semifinals and the CFP National Championship.

The program debuted in January 2015, before the first CFP National Championship in North Texas. In August, 2015, the CFP expanded the program to include the semifinals.



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<b>Entity/Three-Game Event</b>	Moniker "College Football Playoff" ("CFP" on second reference and for abbreviation)
<b>Entity (formal/legal)</b>	"CFP Administration, LLC"
<b>Championship Game</b>	"College Football Playoff National Championship" ("College Football Playoff National Championship " or "national championship game" on second reference)
<b>Semifinal Game</b>	"College Football Playoff Semifinal" (Plural: "College Football Playoff Semifinals") ("Playoff Semifinal" or "Playoff Semifinals" or "semifinal" or "semifinals" on second reference)
<b>Specific Semifinal Game</b>	"College Football Playoff Semifinal at (insert sponsor when applicable) (insert bowl name)" (i.e. College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl) or "Playoff Semifinal at (insert sponsor when applicable) (insert bowl name)" as a second or shortened reference (i.e. Playoff Semifinal at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl).
<b>Board of Managers (University Presidents)</b>	"College Football Playoff Board of Managers" ("board of managers" on second reference)
<b>Commissioners Group</b>	"College Football Playoff Management Committee" ("management committee" on second reference)
<b>Selection Committee</b>	"College Football Playoff Selection Committee" ("selection committee" on second reference)

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF  
FOUNDATION**



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The College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation is the charitable arm of the College Football Playoff and supports education and teachers in America. The CFP Foundation creates multiple partnerships to execute its initiatives, expand impact and support positive educational outcomes.

The CFP Foundation's reach encompasses early childhood education, creating a college going culture, and supporting the teaching profession. Within these initiatives, the primary focus of the Foundation is teachers, expressed through the cause brand Extra Yard for Teachers ("EYFT"). The mission of EYFT is to elevate the teaching profession by inspiring and empowering quality teachers.

The CFP Foundation activates around the community hosting the CFP National Championship with three major events benefiting the Foundation's educational initiatives & Extra Yard for Teachers.



**EXTRA YARD  
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## CHAMPIONING GREAT CLASSROOM LEADERS

Extra Yard for Teachers (EYFT) is the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation's primary cause brand. The mission of EYFT is to elevate the teaching profession by **inspiring** and **empowering** quality teachers. The College Football Playoff provides an enormous platform to go the extra yard for teachers who have gone the extra yard for us.

To **INSPIRE** teachers, Extra Yard for Teachers focuses on *perception* and *pipeline*. EYFT will use the platform of college football to uplift the perception of the teaching profession while encouraging top students to explore teaching as a prospective career.

To **EMPOWER** teachers, Extra Yard for Teachers focuses on *teacher recognition*, *financial support*, and *professional development*. Through the access college football provides, EYFT seeks to recognize teachers on major platforms, provide direct financial support into teacher classrooms, and increase the number and diversity of professional development opportunities through partnerships.



**1,500+**

teachers recognized at football games in season and at the national championship game.



**\$2.25 million**

given to fund teacher classroom needs.



**\$1 million**

dedicated to teacher professional development through partner organizations.



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**TOM MICKLE  
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

### TOM MICKLE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Honoring tradition, the College Football Playoff continues to administer the Tom Mickle Internship. The 2016-17 season will be the 11th year for the program, which provides an opportunity for a young person to become involved in administering the national championship game. It honors the memory of Mr. Mickle, who made many contributions to college football in general and to the development of the BCS in particular.

At the time of his passing, Mickle was the executive director of Florida Citrus Sports, host of the Capital One Bowl and the Champs Sports Bowl. Prior to his appointment at Florida Citrus Sports in 2002, he was an associate commissioner at the Atlantic Coast Conference and also had been an assistant athletics director at Duke University.

### TOM MICKLE INTERNS

<b>2006–07 Fiesta Bowl</b>	Kelly Bishop, Auburn <i>B.A. Mass Communications</i>
<b>2007–08 Sugar Bowl</b>	Perry Thomas, Mississippi State <i>B.A. Communications, M.S. Physical Education</i>
<b>2008–09 Orange Bowl</b>	Thomas Norton, Wake Forest <i>B.A. Communications</i>
<b>2009–10 Rose Bowl</b>	Andrew Tanker, NC State <i>B.A. Media Communications</i>
<b>2010–11 Fiesta Bowl</b>	Lauren Sujkowski, Penn State <i>B.A. Public Relations</i>
<b>2011–12 Sugar Bowl</b>	Allison Horowitz, Tulane <i>B.A. Economics and Social Policy</i>
<b>2012–13 Orange Bowl</b>	Jennifer Sun, LSU <i>B.S. Sports Administration</i>
<b>2013–14 Rose Bowl</b>	Douglas Ingels, Wisconsin <i>B.S. Journalism and Mass Communications</i>
<b>2014–15 College Football Playoff</b>	Ali Rogers, Clemson University <i>B.A. Communication Studies</i>
<b>2015–16 College Football Playoff</b>	Lauren Fender, Baylor University <i>B.A. Business Administration</i>
<b>2016–17 College Football Playoff</b>	Lindsey LeJeune, University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Texas A&M University <i>B.S. Kinesiology, M.S. Sport Management</i>

### 2014-15 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF INTERNS

Ella Forrest, Ben Habern, Kristen Pugh and Ali Rogers

### 2015-16 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF INTERNS

Dana Boyle, Lauren Fender, Alvin Hines II, Stephen Iannotta and Jake Wittkop





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