

2011 SEC BOWL AGREEMENTS

The Southeastern Conference has agreements to send nine of its member institutions to postseason bowl games following the 2011 season. The winner of the SEC Championship Game will automatically participate in the Bowl Championship Series comprised of the Sugar, Rose, Orange and Fiesta Bowls.

The Capital One will make its pick following the BCS selections. The Cotton Bowl has the first preference of teams from the Western Division and the Outback Bowl has first preference of teams from the Eastern Division. The Cotton or Outback Bowl can select teams

outside of its divisional preference, but must not select them before the opposite bowl selects from its divisional preference.

The Chick-fil-A Bowl has the selection of preference following the Cotton and Outback Bowls, followed by the Gator Bowl with the sixth selection. The Gator Bowl is in its second year to the SEC bowl lineup. The Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl will receive the seventh selection.

The AutoZone Liberty and BBVA Compass Bowls share the eight and ninth selections and will make their selections, not in any specific order, but in consultation with the SEC Office.

BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Following the 2011 college football regular season, the Bowl Championship Series will determine the National Championship. This season will also mark the sixth year of the BCS National Championship Game, which stands alone from the four traditional BCS bowls but will be hosted by each of the bowls once during a four-year cycle.

The BCS will once again consist of the FedEx Orange, Allstate Sugar, Rose, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and the BCS National Championship Game. The conferences with automatic berths include the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conferences.

All BCS games will be televised on ESPN for the second straight year in 2012.

The Bowl Championship Series guarantees a matchup between college football's top two teams in a true national championship game.

A Division I-A independent team or champion of Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West, Sun Belt or Western Athletic conferences will be guaranteed a slot in one of the five BCS games should that team be ranked 12th or higher in the final BCS standings or if a team is ranked in the top 16 and its ranking is higher than that of a champion from a conference that has an automatic berth in one of the BCS bowls. Should two such teams reach this criteria, the BCS will take the highest ranked team in the final BCS standings. Notre Dame will have an automatic berth if it is in the top eight of the final BCS Standings.

At the conclusion of the 2011 regular season, the BCS National Championship Game will be hosted in New Orleans, La., on Jan. 9 at 8:30 p.m. EST. The BCS National Championship Game will have the top two teams ranked in the BCS final regular season standings.

Other BCS games following the 2011 regular season include the Rose Bowl on Jan. 2 at 5 p.m. EST, Allstate Sugar Bowl on Jan. 3 at 8:30 p.m. EST, Discover Orange Bowl on Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. EST and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 5 at 8:30 p.m. EST.

Each host site of a BCS bowl will host the national championship game during the four year cycle. Phoenix hosted the National Championship Game in January 2007, New Orleans hosted in January 2008, Miami hosted in January 2009, Pasadena hosted in January of 2010 and Phoenix again in January 2011 as Auburn defeated Oregon.



ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 3 • 8:30 p.m. ET • ESPN
New Orleans, La. • Superdome (72, 968)
Teams: BCS vs. BCS



CAPITAL ONE BOWL

Jan. 2 • 1 p.m. ET • ESPN
Orlando, Fla. • Florida Citrus Bowl (65,438)
Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten



OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 2 • 1 p.m. ET • ABC Sports
Tampa, Fla. • Raymond James Stadium (65,657)
Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten



AT&T COTTON BOWL

Jan. 6 • 8 p.m. ET • FOX Sports
Arlington, Texas • Cowboys Stadium (75,815)
Teams: SEC vs. Big 12



CHICK-FIL-A BOWL

Dec. 31 • 7:30 p.m. ET • ESPN
Atlanta, Ga. • Georgia Dome (71,228)
Teams: SEC vs. ACC



GATOR BOWL

Jan. 2 • 1 p.m. ET • ESPN2
Jacksonville, Fla. • Jacksonville Municipal Stadium (73,000)
Teams: SEC vs. Big Ten



FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY BOWL

Dec. 30 • 6:40 p.m. ET • ESPN
Nashville, Tenn. • LP Field (68,000)
Teams: SEC vs. ACC



AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL

Dec. 31 • 3:30 p.m. ET • ABC
Memphis, Tenn. • Liberty Bowl Stadium (62,338)
Teams: SEC vs. Conference USA



BBVA COMPASS BOWL

Jan. 7 • 1 p.m. ET • ESPN
Birmingham, Ala. • Legion Field (71,594)
Teams: SEC vs. Big East

