

# NCAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

## COMPARISON WITH NFL & FCS CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS

The NFL and NCAA FCS football championship playoffs have both established themselves as successful and generally accepted methods that produce an undisputed Champion each year.

CFP (BCS) 2014	NFL	FCS
4 Teams 2 Rounds 6 Post Season Bowls (2 feeders) 4 Teams by CFP (BCS) Ranking & Committee 10 Conferences (3 Indie Teams) 128 Teams	12 Teams (considering 4 more) 4 Rounds 4 Rd 1 Wild Card Play-in Games 8 Division Champions & 4 non-champions w/ most wins 2 Conferences of 4 Divisions ea 32 Teams	24 Teams (20 Teams in 2012) 5 Rounds 8 Rd 1 Play-in Games 10 Conference Champions & 14 at-large by Committee 12 Conferences 126 Teams

The factors from this comparison that would make a successful Playoff for the FBS are:

1. A sufficient number of teams to include the most likely best team (16 teams).
2. Every Conferences team plays every other member to determine its Champion (9 teams).
3. Limit the number of FBS teams in order to reduce the number of weak teams (90 teams).
4. Include all 10 Conference Champions and 6 Second Place teams with the most wins.
5. Just wins No Polls, Computer Rankings nor Committees that would insert subjective criteria.
6. Equal chance for every team go to the playoff and equal number of playoff games, no byes.

The current **CFP (BCS)** 4 Team Playoff Plan started in 2014 utilizes 6 Bowl Games to match the 4 highest ranked teams in 2 Semi-Final Bowl Games to feed into the National Championship Game.

As late as May of 2012 the BCS maintained no changes were necessary because the Plan from 1998 was a complete success and highly popular with the fan base. The BCS claimed that every game counts and it always matches the #1 vs #2 in the National Championship Game.

All of a sudden in June 2012 a Playoff is needed, but there was still nothing wrong with the BCS. The new Plan still uses Polls and Computer Rankings with the addition of a Selection Committee and a [Strength of Schedule](#) component instead of just wins to select their 4 Playoff teams.

The **NFL** playoff sends 12 teams from its 32 team league to a bifurcated 4 round single elimination tournament. The only criteria for inclusion in this Playoff is how many games each team wins, no polls, computers nor committees. Divided into 2 Conferences with 4 Divisions of 4 teams, every division champion is automatically included then the 2 teams from each Conference with the most wins get a second chance to go to a Round 1 elimination game versus a Division Champion. The 2 Division Champions in each Conference with the most wins gain a bye from Round 1 then Round 2 becomes an 8 Team Playoff. The [NFL Playoff is flawed](#) with too many teams and not enough wins. The problem is a weak 4 team Division in 2012 sent a 9-7 New York Giants to a Superbowl win.

The **FCS** playoff currently has an unbalance format resulting in an unfair and unequal status for their 24 playoff teams. Too many teams and too many games ruins the college and amateur concepts along with adding the disadvantage of an extra game for 8 of the teams in Round 2. More than 4 teams are needed but 24 is too many teams and too many games.

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