

PERFECT PLAYOFF PLAN

NO PATSY RULE

No Major College Football Division Team will be allowed to schedule Opponents from the Lower Divisions (a Patsy team) in order to pad their winning record.

This proposed 16 Team PERFECT PLAYOFF PLAN for the Reorganized NCAA Division 1 FBS using the S.A.F.E. Philosophy provided the REFORM impetus for this **NO PATSY RULE**.

Identified need:

The current scheduling of a meaningless 12th Regular Season Game against an FCS Patsy will be dropped thus reducing the number of Regular Season games to 11 over a 12 week Regular Season ending the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This schedule will accommodate a 4 Round, 16 Team National Championship Playoff ending no later than Saturday January 11th.

This Plan reduces the Post Season to 29 Bowls from the currently planned 41 Bowls. While providing at least 48 eligible teams with 6 or more wins to fill those licensed Bowls.

Regular Season implications of the Rule:

In the 2015 season 102 FBS teams won 97 of the 105 Patsy games giving 11 teams a 6th win to become Bowl eligible ending with only 77 eligible teams or 3 short of the 80 needed.

In the 2014 season 103 of the 128 FBS teams played 108 Patsy Games winning 100 games. Allowing 16 of the 79 FBS Bowl eligible teams to get their 6th win against a Patsy. Otherwise there would have only been 63 teams eligible for the 76 Bowl slots.

The 2013 season once again had 103 FBS teams playing 108 Patsy Games and winning 94 games thus allowing 9 FBS teams to become Bowl eligible with a 6th win.

While the 2012 Season saw 101 FBS teams play 108 lower Division FCS Patsy Games. Allowing 11 of the 72 Bowl Eligible teams to gain their 6th win to become eligible, otherwise there would have only been 61 teams to fill the 70 slots in the 35 Bowl Games.

August 2, 2012 the NCAA announced rules changes to allow some 6-7 and 5-7 teams to become eligible for a Post Season Bowl Game. Exposing an ugly Bowl scenario for the NCAA.

Summary of Benefits of the No Patsy Rule for a 16 Team Playoff:

In the interest of the health and safety of the Student Athlete an 11 game Season without meaningless games against FCS Patsies would still provide the required 48 Teams with 6 or more wins to fill the initially proposed 29 Licensed Playoff & Post Season Bowl Games. Likewise a reduced 12 week Regular Season will give 3 more weeks for Academic activities.

The **16 Team Playoff** for the Major College Football Division will consist of 15 Games (8 home elimination games and 7 Bowl Games) in the 4 Round Single Elimination Playoff, with 22 Bowls for the remaining 44 eligible teams not including in the Final 4 Playoff teams.

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