

THE 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.

The proposed **PERFECT PLAYOFF PLAN 16** for the **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 the 12 weeks ending the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This schedule will accommodate a 4 Round, 16 Team National Championship Playoff ending no later than January 11th of the following year.

This Plan reduces the Post Season to **27 bowls** from the currently planned 42 Bowls. While providing at least 44 eligible teams with 6 or more wins for those 27 licensed Bowls.

Regular Season implications of the Rule:

In the 2016 season 12 teams beat a Patsy to make 77 FBS teams bowl eligible, 3 short of the needed 80 teams, requiring 3 losing teams two at 5-7 and one at 6-7 to be included.

In the 2015 season 102 FBS teams won 97 of 105 Patsy games giving 10 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.

In 2012 of the 76 eligible teams, 10 teams won their 6th game against an FCS Patsy.

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 the PERFECT PLAYOFF PLAN:

In the interest of the Student Athlete's safety a reduced 11 game Season without a meaningless 12th game against an FCS Patsy would still provide the required 44 Teams with 6 or more wins to fill the initially proposed 27 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 20 Bowls for the remaining 40 eligible teams not included in the Final 4 Playoff teams.

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