



## **BOWL GRID**

**DEC. 7, 2009**

No huge surprises, though Alabama's opponent is anything but clean after the final-minute chaos of the Big 12 title game. I can live with Texas; I could have accepted TCU. Cincy would have been a bad match because they can't stop anyone. Nice to see Iowa get the nod over Penn State for a BCS wild-card, rewarding the Hawkeyes for their head-to-head win on the road. Why did the Fiesta Bowl choose TCU vs. Boise State? Not only is it a rematch of last year's Poinsettia Bowl, but now neither team has the chance to claim a postseason win over one of the big boys.

### **BCS TIER**

#### **BCS Championship**

Jan. 7 – Pasadena, Calif.

BCS #1 vs. BCS #2

Alabama (13-0) vs. Texas (13-0)

#### **Orange Bowl**

Jan. 5 – Miami Gardens, Fla.

ACC champ vs. BCS

Georgia Tech (11-2) vs. Iowa (10-2)

#### **Fiesta Bowl**

Jan. 4 – Glendale, Ariz.

Big 12 champ\* vs. BCS

TCU (12-0) vs. Boise St. (13-0)

#### **Sugar Bowl**

Jan. 1 – New Orleans

SEC champ\* vs. BCS

Cincinnati (12-0) vs. Florida (12-1)

#### **Rose Bowl**

Jan. 1 – Pasadena, Calif.

Big Ten champ vs. Pac-10 champ

Ohio St. (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-2)

\* lost representative to BCS Championship/replacement choice

## **OTHER BOWLS**

### **GMAC Bowl**

Jan. 6 – Mobile, Ala.

MAC champ vs. ACC\*

Central Mich. (11-2) vs. Troy (9-3)^

### **Cotton Bowl**

Jan. 2 – Arlington, Texas

Big 12 #2 vs. SEC

Oklahoma St. (9-3) vs. Mississippi (8-4)

### **Liberty Bowl**

Jan. 2 – Memphis, Tenn.

C-USA champ vs. SEC

East Carolina (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-5)

### **Alamo Bowl**

Jan. 2 – San Antonio

Big 12 vs. Big Ten

Texas Tech (8-4) vs. Michigan St. (6-6)

### **International Bowl**

Jan. 2 – Toronto

Big East vs. MAC

South Florida (7-5) vs. Northern Illinois (7-5)

### **Papajohns.com Bowl**

Jan. 2 – Birmingham, Ala.

Big East vs. SEC

Connecticut (7-5) vs. South Carolina (7-5)

### **Capital One Bowl**

Jan. 1 – Orlando

Big Ten #2 vs. SEC #2

Penn St. (10-2) vs. LSU (9-3)

### **Outback Bowl**

Jan. 1 – Tampa

Big Ten vs. SEC

Northwestern (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5)

### **Gator Bowl**

Jan. 1 – Jacksonville, Fla.

Big East #2 vs. ACC

West Virginia (9-3) vs. Florida St. (6-6)

### **Chick-fil-A Bowl**

Dec. 31 – Atlanta

ACC #2 vs. SEC  
Virginia Tech (9-3) vs. Tennessee (7-5)

**Insight Bowl**

Dec. 31 – Tempe, Ariz.  
Big 12 vs. Big Ten  
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Iowa St. (6-6)

**Texas Bowl**

Dec. 31 – Houston  
Navy/C-USA vs. Big 12  
Navy (8-4) vs. Missouri (8-4)

**Sun Bowl**

Dec. 31 – El Paso, Texas  
Pac-10 vs. Big 12  
Stanford (8-4) vs. Oklahoma (7-5)

**Armed Forces Bowl**

Dec. 31 – Fort Worth, Texas  
C-USA vs. Mtn. West  
Houston (10-3) vs. Air Force (7-5)

**Holiday Bowl**

Dec. 30 – San Diego  
Pac-10 vs. Big 12  
Arizona (8-4) vs. Nebraska (9-4)

**Humanitarian Bowl**

Dec. 30 – Boise, Idaho  
WAC vs. Mtn. West\*  
Idaho (7-5) vs. Bowling Green (7-5)

**Champs Sports Bowl**

Dec. 29 – Orlando  
ACC vs. Big Ten  
Miami (9-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-3)

**EagleBank Bowl**

Dec. 29 – Washington, D.C.  
ACC\* vs. Army/C-USA  
Temple (9-3) vs. Army (5-6)+ or UCLA (6-6)  
+ if Army beats Navy on Saturday

**Independence Bowl**

Dec. 28 – Shreveport, La.  
SEC vs. Big 12  
Georgia (7-5) vs. Texas A&M (6-6)

**Music City Bowl**

Dec. 27 – Nashville, Tenn.

SEC vs. ACC  
Kentucky (7-5) vs. Clemson (8-5)

**Emerald Bowl**

Dec. 26 – San Francisco  
Pac-10 vs. ACC  
USC (8-4) vs. Boston Coll. (8-4)

**Meineke Car Care Bowl**

Dec. 26 – Charlotte, N.C.  
Big East vs. ACC  
Pittsburgh (9-3) vs. North Carolina (8-4)

**Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl**

Dec. 26 – Detroit  
MAC vs. Big Ten\*  
Ohio (9-4) vs. Marshall (6-6)

**Hawaii Bowl**

Dec. 24 – Honolulu  
WAC vs. C-USA  
Nevada (8-4) vs. SMU (7-5)

**Poinsettia Bowl**

Dec. 23 – San Diego  
Mtn. West vs. Pac-10  
Utah (9-3) vs. California (8-4)

**Las Vegas Bowl**

Dec. 22 – Las Vegas  
Mtn. West vs. Pac-10  
BYU (10-2) vs. Oregon St. (8-4)

**New Orleans Bowl**

Dec. 20 – New Orleans  
Sun Belt champ^ vs. C-USA  
Middle Tenn. (9-3) vs. Southern Miss. (7-5)

**St. Petersburg Bowl**

Dec. 19 – St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Big East vs. C-USA  
Rutgers (8-4) vs. Central Fla. (8-4)

**New Mexico Bowl**

Dec. 19 – Albuquerque, N.M.  
WAC vs. Mtn. West  
Fresno St. (8-4) vs. Wyoming (6-6)

\* conference unable to fill slot/wild-card selection

^ Sun Belt order redone to send champion Troy vs. MAC champ Central Mich.

