

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 resulting in an 11 game Regular Season over a 12 weeks ending the Saturday after Thanksgiving. An 11 game Season accommodates the 4 Round, 16 Team National Championship Playoff with only the final 2 teams playing 15 games. The 11 game season results in the Playoffs ending on the Saturday falling between January 5th and the 11th.

Regular Season implications of this Rule:

For 2019 the 130 FBS teams had 108 teams win 110 of 113 Patsy games, with 14 of the required 78 Bowl Eligible teams only Eligible by winning their 6th game against an FCS Patsy.

In 2018 the 130 FBS teams won 105 of 109 Patsy games with 11 teams winning their 6th game to become Bowl Eligible leaving only 69 eligible teams for the 78 needed Bowl teams.

In 2017 the 130 FBS teams won 88 of 95 Patsy games, giving 12 teams their 6th win to become Bowl Eligible. Without these 12 teams there were only 68 eligible for the 40 Bowls.

In the 2016 season 12 of the 77 Bowl eligible teams won their 6th game against a Patsy, 3 short of the needed 80 teams, requiring two teams 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 won 100 Patsy games, allowing 16 of the 79 Bowl eligible teams to win their 6th game preventing a short fall of 13 teams for the Bowls.

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.

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 make a shortened 12 week Regular Season that gives 3 more weeks for Academic activities and a maximum 15 games for two teams.

The **16 Team Playoff** for the **Major College Football Division** will consist of 15 Games (8 home elimination games and 7 Bowl Games) in a 4 Round Single Elimination Playoff and 20 Bowls for the remaining 40 eligible teams not included in the Final 4 Playoff teams.

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