



Bowl Championship Series

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BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SELECTION POOL ANNOUNCED

PROVIDENCE – The Bowl Championship Series announced today the following institutions are under consideration for selection to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, Nokia Sugar Bowl, FedEx Orange Bowl and Rose Bowl.

Florida State, the Atlantic Coast Conference representative, has already clinched a berth in the BCS. Ohio State, the Big Ten co-champion, has also been assured of a BCS selection by virtue of its conference tiebreaker. The representatives from the other participating conferences (Big East, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC), which receive an automatic bid to one of the BCS bowls, have not been determined. The following is a list of potential conference representatives:

Big East:	Miami, Pittsburgh, West Virginia
Big 12:	Colorado, Oklahoma
Pac-10:	USC, Washington State
SEC:	Arkansas, Georgia, LSU

The following institutions are also under consideration for the two at-large positions:

Iowa, Kansas State, Notre Dame, Texas

All other institutions have been released for consideration by other bowls. To qualify for the at-large pool to a BCS bowl, teams must have nine regular-season wins (not including wins in exempt games) and be ranked in the top 12 of the final BCS standings on Dec. 8.

There are ways for the aforementioned teams to qualify automatically for an at-large berth. If Notre Dame finishes in the top six of the final BCS standings, it is guaranteed an at-large slot. If the team that is No. 3 in the final BCS poll is an at-large team, it is guaranteed a berth. If any at-large slots remain unfilled after applying the previous criteria, and the No. 4-ranked team is an at-large team, it is guaranteed a berth.

The team selection process for the BCS bowls is as follows:

Teams ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the final BCS standings will participate in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3. The following conference representatives will serve as the host team in the respective BCS bowl games, unless such team is ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in the final BCS standings: Nokia Sugar Bowl (SEC), FedEx Orange Bowl (Big East or ACC) and Rose Bowl (Big Ten & Pac-10). Should a bowl lose its host team(s) to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, such bowl(s) will be allowed first choice of the remaining teams (except the host team of another bowl). The bowl losing the No. 1-ranked team shall have the first choice.

The Big 12 champion is normally the host team for the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. This year, if the Big 12 champion is not ranked No. 1 or No. 2, it is not obligated to a specific bowl.