

This idea keeps the best of the bowl traditions alive, while providing every school a chance to win the national championship:

Rose Bowl - Big 10 Champ v. Pac 10 Champ

Sugar Bowl - SEC Champ v. at large

Orange Bowl - Big 12 champ v. at-large

Fiesta Bowl - ACC champ v. at-large

Cotton Bowl - at large v. at large

This keeps the historical bowl ties as close as possible (I suppose you could switch Big 12 to Fiesta and ACC to Orange for geography purposes). Also, Cotton Bowl was historically one of the major bowls.

Have a committee pick the 5 at large teams. Make a rule that at least 2 of the at-large bids **MUST** go to conference champions, and one of those conference champs must go to the Cotton Bowl.

Then play you 1-2 game after those 5 bowls. Make a rule that any undefeated team after the 5 bowls must be guaranteed a spot in the 1-2 game, unless there are more than 2 undefeated teams. Committee to determine teams if 1 or more has losses.