

Add the Cotton Bowl into the series. Assign the major conferences to the four non-national championship bowls as you see fit or perhaps following tradition. Top eight in the current system play in one of these four games on Jan. 1. Winners advance to a semi-final game played 7 to 13 days later on a Saturday. The two remaining teams play 7 days later in the fifth (National Championship) bowl. Rotate the five bowls as the national championship game. Shortening every teams regular schedule by one game will give them the the opportunity to add one or two games to their schedule in the championship tournament. Now you have anyone in the top eight with a chance to be the national champion and all the bowls have meaning.