

A Proposal for NCAA Division 1-A Football

1. The financial proceeds from all bowl games would, after NCAA-allowable expenses are reimbursed to each participating school, be distributed evenly among all Division 1-A schools. (Rationale: financial equity; the focus becomes more purely just on competition and prestige among student athletes)
2. If no playoff games beyond the current bowl games are allowed, then there will often be a dispute over who should be acknowledged as National Champion. So, create an equitable structure that allows for Co-National Champions. (Rationale: purity of the sport; avoid unfair situations, a reliance on arbitrary poll votes to identify a National Champion; avoid competing claims and disputed titles).
3. Maintain the current bowl system, and perhaps even the current BCS ranking system. Then use the following criteria for bowl match-ups:
4. Scenario #1- 2 undefeated teams after the regular season- They play each other for the National Championship.
5. Scenario #2- 3 or more undefeated regular season teams (has never happened in recent history)- Two play each other, with the other one playing the top-ranked team with one loss). If there is more than one undefeated team after the bowls, declare them both as Co-National Champions.

6. Scenario #3- Only one undefeated team or no undefeated teams after the regular season-

Any undefeated team, and any team with only one regular-season loss, will play in the major bowls, in addition to the highest-ranked other teams. After the bowl games, if there are no longer any undefeated teams, any Division 1-A teams still with only one loss would be a Co-National Champion.

Though this proposal will not fully satisfy fans who would want a single National Champion determined on the field, it would be more equitable than any previous system for crowning a National Champion, and would eliminate much arbitrariness to the process. This proposal would also reduce the current financial and prestige disparity between the Division 1-A football *ihavesi* (major conferences) and *ihave-notsi* (other conferences).