

2025-26 College Football Bowl Game Schedule, Scores, TV Channels & Times

The **2025-26 college football bowl season** is officially underway, bringing excitement, tradition, and drama to fans across the country. With marquee matchups, holiday classics, and emerging bowl games drawing attention, this season's lineup offers something for every college football enthusiast.

From kickoff times and TV channels to updated scores and broadcast details, here's your complete guide to the **2025-26 bowl schedule**, including key games, viewing windows, and how to watch every contest live.

What Makes the 2025-26 Bowl Season Special

The college football postseason is about more than wins and losses. Each bowl game represents:

- 🎉 A celebration of season accomplishments
- 🏆 Opportunities for teams to cap strong years
- 📺 National and regional broadcast excitement
- 🏈 Player showcases for fans and scouts alike

Unlike the regular season, bowl games draw broader attention from casual viewers and hard-core fans, with many matchups taking place around major holidays.

How the Bowl System Works

College football's postseason is structured around a series of bowl games featuring teams selected by:

- Conference tie-ins

- Rankings and records
- Selection committee decisions
- Eligibility requirements (typically six or more wins)

The most prominent bowls—New Year’s Six and the College Football Playoff (CFP)—carry the highest stakes, while other bowl games provide competitive matchups and national exposure for programs from various conferences.

Full 2025-26 Bowl Game Schedule

Below are the major bowl games scheduled for the 2025-26 season, including **dates, kickoff times, TV channels, and real-time score tracking**.


December Bowl Games

Boca Raton Bowl






- 📅 Date: Dec. 16, 2025
- 🕒 Kickoff: 5:30 p.m. ET
- 📺 TV: ESPN
- 🏟️ Location: Boca Raton, FL
- 📝 Notes: Exciting early bowl with strong mid-major matchups.

Independence Bowl






- 📅 Date: Dec. 18, 2025
- 🕒 Kickoff: 1:00 p.m. ET
- 📺 TV: ABC/ESPN
- 🏟️ Location: Shreveport, LA

-  Notes: Teams from multiple conferences compete in a historic setting.






Armed Forces Bowl

-  Date: Dec. 19, 2025
-  Kickoff: 3:30 p.m. ET
-  TV: ESPN2
-  Location: Fort Worth, TX
-  Notes: Themes of service and community highlighted throughout.

Liberty Bowl

-  Date: Dec. 20, 2025
-  Kickoff: 4:00 p.m. ET
-  TV: ESPN
-  Location: Memphis, TN
-  Notes: Always competitive with strong fan support.

Sun Bowl

-  Date: Dec. 26, 2025
-  Kickoff: 12:00 p.m. ET
-  TV: CBS
-  Location: El Paso, TX
-  Notes: One of the holiday season's most enduring traditions.

Texas Bowl

-  Date: Dec. 27, 2025

- 🕒 Kickoff: 7:00 p.m. ET
 - 📺 TV: ESPN
 - 🏟️ Location: Houston, TX
 - 📝 Notes: Great matchup potential with dynamic offenses.
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New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Bowls

These are some of the most anticipated games of the season:

Outback Bowl

- 📅¹⁷ Date: Dec. 31, 2025
- 🕒 Kickoff: 2:00 p.m. ET
- 📺 TV: ABC
- 🏟️ Location: Tampa, FL
- 📝 Notes: Traditional power conference crossover bowl.

Peach Bowl

- 📅¹⁷ Date: Dec. 31, 2025
- 🕒 Kickoff: 5:00 p.m. ET
- 📺 TV: ESPN
- 🏟️ Location: Atlanta, GA
- 📝 Notes: Part of the New Year's Six.

Cotton Bowl

- 📅 Date: Jan. 1, 2026
- 🕒 Kickoff: 12:30 p.m. ET
- 📺 TV: ESPN
- 🏟️ Location: Arlington, TX
- 📝 Notes: Major bowl game with CFP implications.

Fiesta Bowl

- 📅 Date: Jan. 1, 2026
- 🕒 Kickoff: 4:00 p.m. ET
- 📺 TV: ESPN
- 🏟️ Location: Glendale, AZ
- 📝 Notes: Always a high-scoring, high-profile matchup.





Rose Bowl

- 📅 Date: Jan. 1, 2026
- 🕒 Kickoff: 8:00 p.m. ET
- 📺 TV: ESPN/ABC
- 🏟️ Location: Pasadena, CA
- 📝 Notes: The “Granddaddy of Them All,” rich with history.





College Football Playoff (CFP) Games

The four teams selected for the CFP will compete in the following:





CFP Semifinal – Peach Bowl

-  Date: Jan. 1, 2026
-  Kickoff: 5:00 p.m. ET
-  TV: ESPN
-  Notes: Semifinal 1 of the national title race.

CFP Semifinal – Fiesta Bowl

-  Date: Jan. 1, 2026
-  Kickoff: 4:00 p.m. ET
-  TV: ESPN
-  Notes: Semifinal 2 decides national championship contenders.

CFP National Championship

-  Date: Jan. 12, 2026
-  Kickoff: 8:00 p.m. ET
-  TV: ESPN
-  Notes: Season finale deciding the national champion.

Updated Scores: Real-Time Tracking

Throughout the bowl season, scores are updated continuously as games are in progress.

Example Score Reporting Framework:

- **Dec. 19 – Armed Forces Bowl:** Team A 24, Team B 17
- **Dec. 26 – Sun Bowl:** Team C 31, Team D 28

- **Dec. 31 – Outback Bowl:** Team E 21, Team F 20

Score trends matter, especially for fans tracking rivals, conference performance, or upset possibilities.

TV Channels and Broadcast Details

Every bowl game is nationally televised, with major networks carrying the most significant matchups.

- **ESPN & ESPN2:** Coverage for most December and New Year's bowls
- **ABC:** Select high-profile bowl games and New Year's Day action
- **CBS:** Traditional holiday bowls with regional interest
- **Streaming Platforms:** Many bowl games also stream live through official apps and digital services

Check your local listings and cable or streaming provider schedules to confirm access in your area.

How to Watch on Mobile & Streaming

If you're on the go, most bowl games offer:

- Live streaming via the **official network app**
- **Mobile alerts** and live stats
- Highlights and condensed replays after the final whistle
- Multi-device support across tablets, phones, and connected TVs

Streaming options make it easier than ever to follow every kickoff and finish.

Which Bowls Have the Best Matchups?

While every bowl has its fans, several consistently draw national interest:

- **Rose Bowl:** Historic prestige and usually strong teams
- **Cotton Bowl:** Competitive games with CFP impact
- **Fiesta & Peach Bowls:** Often feature ranked teams with explosive playmakers
- **CFP National Championship:** The ultimate prize

Game selection factors include poll rankings, conference tie-ins, and season storylines.

Why Bowl Games Still Matter

Even beyond tradition, bowl games offer:

- Extra practice time for teams
- Exposure for emerging players
- Recruiting visibility
- Fun postseason experiences for fans and alumni

For many programs, bowls are a reward for a season's hard work and a stepping stone for future growth.

AEO – Frequently Asked Questions

? When does the 2025-26 bowl season begin?

The season kicks off in mid-December and runs through mid-January.

? How many bowl games are there?

There are over 40 bowl games, including the CFP semifinals and national title game.

? Where can I watch bowl games?

Bowl games are broadcast on networks like ESPN, ABC, CBS, and available via streaming platforms.

? Do all bowl games feature ranked teams?

Not always. Some bowl matchups include mid-major or emerging programs, while prestigious bowls usually feature ranked teams.

? Are bowl games relevant to national rankings?

Yes, especially the New Year's Six and CFP games, which influence final rankings and national title outcomes.

Final Thoughts

The **2025-26 college football bowl season** carries all the pageantry, excitement, and unforgettable moments that fans expect from postseason play. With a full slate of games, clear TV channels and kickoff times, and real-time score updates, following the action has never been easier.

Whether you're tuning in to see a historic Rose Bowl matchup, rooting for a mid-December upset, or watching the College Football Playoff drama unfold, this bowl season delivers nonstop gridiron passion.

Mark your calendars, set your reminders, and get ready for weeks of exciting football as teams compete for pride, glory, and postseason success.