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The College Football Playoff and RQ+ Announce Officiating Agreement for 2024-25 and 2025-26 Postseasons

IRVING, Texas - The College Football Playoff (CFP) and RQ+ have entered into an agreement for officiating services, effective with the upcoming 2024-25 postseason.

“The College Football Playoff is excited to utilize RQ+ in all rounds for our officiating needs,” said Byron Hatch, the CFP’s Chief Operating Officer. “The use of the RQ+ platform creates consistency on behalf of CFP office staff members, our bowl partners and the officials fortunate to be selected to work these contests.”

RQ+ will create an officiating experience customized to the College Football Playoff in a private and secure environment. The platform will house all CFP officiating assignments, facilitate payments to officials, among other officiating support roles, which will allow each user to utilize the integrated assigning, payment, video collaboration and signature software. RQ+’s internal triggers will ensure safe and timely payment upon the completion of each game, regardless of round or location.

“RQ+ is excited to be affiliated with the CFP,” said Andrew Steratore, RQ+ Football executive. “This agreement broadens our presence in the intercollegiate football space with one of the greatest sporting events in the world. All stakeholders agreed the need for consistency and structure in an expanding football landscape was paramount and we’re ecstatic to be involved.”

“Over the past several years, RQ+ has demonstrated that they have an innovative platform with outstanding customer service,” said Steve Shaw, CFO National Coordinator of Football Officials. “With the expansion of the CFP and all CFO officials already on the platform, we look forward to a seamless coordination from the first round through the national championship game. I am delighted to be expanding our partnership with RQ+.”

The first round of the College Football Playoff will begin Friday, December 20, 2024, at campus sites and will conclude with the national championship game on Monday, January 20, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia.

ABOUT CFP

The College Football Playoff (CFP) is the event that crowns the national champion in college football. The CFP Selection Committee ranks the top 25 teams at the end of the season. The 12 playoff participants consist of the five highest-ranked conference champions, plus the next seven highest-ranked teams. The four highest-ranked conference champions will be seeded one through four and receive a first-round bye. The schools seeded five through eight will host those seeded nine through 12 in first-round games. The quarterfinals and semifinals rotate annually among six bowl games – the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic, Vrbo Fiesta Bowl, Capital One Orange Bowl, Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential and the Allstate Sugar Bowl. This year’s quarterfinals will take place on December 31, 2024 and January 1, 2025, while the semifinals will be January 9-10, 2025. The College Football Playoff National Championship will be Monday, January 20, 2025, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. For additional information on the College Football Playoff, visit CollegeFootballPlayoff.com.

ABOUT RQ+

Based in Indianapolis, IN, RQ+ is an innovative technology platform shaped by the evolving end-to-end needs of stakeholders in the officiating space. RQ+ leverages technology to enhance officiating development through registration, education, assigning, and payment solutions.

RQ+ is viewed by many as the leader in officiating services at the intercollegiate and professional levels with over 70,000 users in 31 sports worldwide. For more information about RQ+, visit refquest.com.