



TaxSlayer Gator Bowl

Scouting Overview

2026

Scouting Selection Process

- Game selection will be offered to members in the following order:
 - Board of Trustees & Chairman's Club - ~Exclusive 10 Day Window
 - Green Jacket Members who attend the Scouting Draft Party
 - Green Jacket Members unable to attend the Scouting Draft Party
 - ***Reminder: Class of 2026 and Junior Members are unable to scout.***

Green Jacket Scouting Draft

- Game Selection pick order will be chosen by lottery for the Scouting Draft Party.
- There will be two rounds in the draft & the draft will be conducted as a snake draft. (The first pick in Round 1 will have the last pick in Round 2)
- Members are allowed to choose another member to attend their selected game. Subsequently, the selected member will lose their game selection pick in that round.
- Green Jacket Members may represent the Bowl at games from our partner conferences (home field only).
- Teams who are ineligible for participation in TaxSlayer Gator Bowl will not be available for scouting (IE. Duke, Missouri, Ole Miss & Virginia)
- Two Green Jacket Members are permitted to attend each game. Guests are not allowed to serve as official representatives.
- The Team Selection Committee reserves the first right to attend certain games.

Mandatory Training

- Training is mandatory for all Trustees, Chairman's Club, and Green Jacket members that will be scouting a game.
- A series of training sessions will be held throughout July/August to accommodate all scouts.
 - Training will be held during the Scouting Draft Party for those in attendance.
- Scouting Committee Rules and Responsibilities and Game Fact Sheet included in training materials.



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Green Jacket Member Personal Responsibility

- Green Jacket members are responsible for making air and ground transportation arrangements as well as hotel accommodation.
- All expenses incurred on scouting trips are the responsibility of the Trustee, Chairman's Club and Green Jacket Member.
- Any scouting trip cancelled by a Green Jacket Member within 2 weeks of a selected visit may result in restrictions for future scouting.
- Green Jacket Members must follow the guidelines provided in the Rules and Responsibilities.
- All Members must provide a photo following each scouting experience.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Selection of game does not guarantee approval of credentials by University.

Staff Responsibility

- Staff will be responsible for communication with the University and will arrange for credentials & parking. Members will be notified when requests have been approved and materials have been received.
- Staff will provide each member with a travel packet including the following information:
 - Information sheet on home team's University President, Athletic Director, SID and Head Coach
 - Scouting Rules and Responsibilities
 - Press Box leave-behind materials
 - TaxSlayer Gator Bowl lapel pins

Selection Committee Privileges

- After completing a scouting visit as an official representative, Green Jacket members may attend virtual Team Selection Committee Meetings as observers only.
- Team Selection Committee Meetings will be held at the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl offices and are scheduled for:
 - November 18th @ 5:00 pm
 - December 2nd @ 5:00 pm
- The selection of the opponents for the 82nd TaxSlayer Gator Bowl is solely the responsibility of the Team Selection Committee. **Scouting Committee members may not attend Sunday Selection.**



TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Rules & Responsibilities

Attire

- **STRICTLY ENFORCED:** TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Members who are scouting a game are to wear the "official uniform" which includes:
 - TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Green jacket with pocket patch and name tag
 - Khaki or grey slacks / skirt (no jeans and no shorts)
 - Collared Shirt underneath jacket
 - Athletic shoes or the like
- **PLEASE NOTE:** No jeans are allowed to be worn with your official TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Green Jacket. We understand that the jackets are hot, as such, you may remove your jacket while in press box. Jacket must be worn at all times while on field level.

Rules & Responsibilities

- *If the opportunity presents itself*, introduce yourself to the Athletic Director of each school **NO LATER** than one hour prior to kickoff.
- **REMINDER-** As a representative of the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, your behavior must be above reproach, especially when dressed in TaxSlayer Gator Bowl affiliated attire. Behavior contrary to these expectations will result in loss of future privileges and inclusion in Bowl activities.
- Scouting Committee members will have seats in the Press Box or in the stands, depending on institutions availability.
- Check in with the Sports Information Director for the home team. The SID will be your primary contact. Introduce yourself and keep all conversations brief.
- If your credentials allow you field access, you must leave the field 45 minutes prior to kick-off and **DO NOT** return to the field.
- Arrive in the Press Box 30 minutes prior to kick-off. Be visible in the press box for Media questions. You must have a working knowledge of the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Team Selection Process and be prepared with "generic comments." Remember, no outward show of support for either team!
- **DO NOT INDICATE OR REPRESENT ANY PREFERENCE IN TEAM SELECTION FOR THE TAXSLAYER GATOR BOWL.**
- While in the Press Box you are permitted to eat the food provided for the media.
- Remember to share and leave behind the materials you have been provided.
- Scouting Committee Members will be responsible for all expenses incurred during official visits, including but not limited to air travel, ground transportation, lodging and misc. expenses.
- Staff will arrange for a credential and a parking pass.



82nd TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Fact Sheet

- **Game Date:** Wednesday, December 30th
- **Game Time:** 11:30 a.m.
- **TV Network:** ESPN
- **Stadium:** EverBank Stadium
- **Location:** Jacksonville, Florida
- **Affiliations:** Southeastern Conference vs. Atlantic Coast Conference

- **Southeastern Conference:**

Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU, Mississippi State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Ole Miss, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas A&M, Texas, Vanderbilt

- **Atlantic Coast Conference:**

Boston College, Cal, Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Miami, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Pittsburgh, Stanford, SMU, Syracuse, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest

Independent: Notre Dame

TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Historical Games

- 81st Game:** December 27, 2025 (Virginia 13; Missouri 6)
80th Game: January 2, 2025 (Duke 20; Ole Miss 52)
79th Game: December 29, 2023 (Clemson 38; Kentucky 35)
78th Game: December 30, 2022 (Notre Dame 45; South Carolina 38)
77th Game: December 31, 2021 (Wake Forest 38; Rutgers 10)



2026 Scouting Committee Agreement & Training Form

Name: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email address: _____

Game Selection #1: _____

Game Selection #2: _____

Members may select up to two games to scout per season.

In order to serve as an Official Bowl Scout, members must attend a TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Scout Training Session. Please select the below training session that you will attend:

- ___ Option 1: Thursday, July 30th at Noon - Zoom
___ Option 2: Thursday, August 20th at 8:30 am – Zoom

Please sign below to indicate you agree to abide by all TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Scouting Committee requirements as stated during training and found in the Scouting Committee Overview and Rules and Responsibilities. Additionally, you understand the financial responsibilities incumbent with game visits.

Name

Date

**Please return the completed form to Germaine Colter
Email: germaine@gatorbowl.com**