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**University of South Florida and University of South Carolina  
Selected to Play in the 2016 Birmingham Bowl**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — University of South Florida, representing the American Athletic Conference and University of South Carolina, representing the Southeastern Conference, will meet in the 2016 Birmingham Bowl, game officials announced Sunday.

The 2016 Birmingham Bowl will be played Thursday, December 29, 2016, at 1 p.m. CT at historic Legion Field in Birmingham, Alabama. The game will air nationally on ESPN and ESPN Radio.

The 2016 Birmingham Bowl will be the second meeting between the two schools, following a 2004 meeting where South Carolina won in Columbia.

“We are pleased to select USF and South Carolina to play in the 2016 Birmingham Bowl. This should be a fantastic match-up featuring two teams who are just a few hours from our city,” said Mark Meadows, Executive Director of the Birmingham Bowl. “We are excited to have the fan bases of these two teams come to our great city. I know the people of Birmingham will show visiting fans what true southern hospitality during bowl week. We hope their fans and the residents of Birmingham come out to see both teams play at historic Legion Field.”

USF Head Coach Willie Taggart said his team is looking forward to coming to Birmingham for the game.

“This is a great opportunity for our program to go out and show the country what we are all about and add another significant victory to a record-breaking season. We wanted to make going to bowl games a regular occurrence again at South Florida, so it’s great to be returning to a bowl for a second straight season and have the opportunity to play an SEC opponent in Birmingham,” said Taggart.

This will be USF’s second appearance in the Birmingham Bowl. The Bulls defeated East Carolina 24-7 in the inaugural Birmingham Bowl in 2006.

Coach Muschamp said his team is looking forward to their trip to Birmingham.

“We’re excited to play in the Birmingham Bowl,” said Muschamp. “It’s another chance for the 2016 team to play together. It also gives us an opportunity to continue to improve our program in our first year. We look forward to playing in historic Legion Field, the site of the first two SEC Championship games, and in the state Alabama, which will be a homecoming for eight of our players.”

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This will be South Carolina's second appearance in the Birmingham Bowl.

Tickets to the 2016 Birmingham Bowl are on sale now and may be purchased by phone at 877-464-9529 and online at [www.birminghambowl.com](http://www.birminghambowl.com). Tickets are also available at the Legion Field Box Office now through game day. Corporate packages, which include premium ticket locations, hospitality benefits, and corporate branding, are available by calling 205-733-3776 ext. 102 or by emailing [mark.r.meadows@espn.com](mailto:mark.r.meadows@espn.com).

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The Birmingham Bowl is one of 13 bowl games owned and operated by ESPN Events, a division of ESPN. For more information on the Birmingham Bowl, please visit [www.birminghambowl.com](http://www.birminghambowl.com). For up-to-the-minute information, please follow our social handles on [Facebook.com/birminghambowl](https://www.facebook.com/birminghambowl) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/birminghambowl).

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