

## THE GOLDEN RULES FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL RANKINGS 2009

Changes from 2008 are indicated in **red**.

1. Each team receives **1** point for each victory over a Division IA opponent. (This includes beating a team twice in the same season.)
2. Each team is penalized **1** point for each defeat (including defeats by non-IA opponents).
3. Each team receives **.25** for each victory (against Division IA opponents) of each team it defeats. This total continues throughout the season as teams defeated earlier in the season gain victories later.
4. Each team loses **.25** for each loss of each team that defeats it. This total also continues throughout the season.
5. If team A defeated team B, then A receives a bonus of **1/25** of the total number of victories of the teams that B defeated. Similarly, if team A lost to team B, A's score is decreased by **1/25** of the total number of losses of the teams that defeated B.
6. **No margin of victory bonuses are awarded.**
7. A margin of loss penalty is deducted as follows:

# losses of winning team	Point Margin		
	10-24	25-39	>39
<b>9+</b>	-.5	-1	-1.5
<b>5-8</b>	0	-.5	-1
<b>&lt;5</b>	0	0	-.5

8. A road win bonus is awarded as follows:

# wins of home team	Bonus
<b>&lt;7</b>	0
<b>7-8</b>	.5
<b>9-10</b>	1
<b>11+</b>	1.5

Note: Game must be played at opponent's home stadium. \*\*

9. A home loss penalty is deducted as follows:

# losses of visiting team	Penalty
<b>&gt;8</b>	-1.5
<b>7-8</b>	-1
<b>5-6</b>	-.5
<b>&lt;5</b>	0

10. The total of the points gained or lost by a team from items **1-9** above is divided by the number of games the team has played against Division IA opponents (plus the number of games lost to non-Division IA opponents if applicable). The resulting quotient is the team's ranking score. If teams are tied in ranking score, they will be ranked among themselves according to the number of wins of teams they defeated.

\*\* Exceptions are Arkansas playing at Little Rock and Vanderbilt playing at Titans Stadium.