

Information about the NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate Report

The 2005-06 NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) Public Reports have been prepared by the NCAA, based on information provided by each Division I institution. All Division I institutions are required to distribute this report to prospective student-athletes and parents.

The APR report provides information about student-athletes at the institution who received athletics financial aid or for teams that do not award athletics aid, were recruited by the institution.

The report gives information about the academic progress and retention of student-athletes at the institution for the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years, unless otherwise noted. Once available, four years of data will be compiled to calculate a team's multiyear APR. The report provides an APR for each sport at the institution and national APR averages for various subgroups.

The APR is based on each student-athlete, having the opportunity to earn two points during each regular academic term of full-time enrollment (e.g., fall semester). One point is awarded if the student-athlete is academically eligible to compete the following regular academic term (or has graduated). The other point is awarded if the student-athlete returns to the institution as a full-time student the next regular academic term. The APR is calculated by adding all points earned by student-athletes over the past three academic years and dividing that number by the total possible points that could have been earned. That number is then multiplied by 1,000.

When a team's academic performance, measured by that team's APR, falls below 925, that team becomes subject to penalties if any student-athlete on that team did not return to the institution as a full-time student and was not academically eligible when the student-athlete left the institution. This penalty is known as a contemporaneous penalty and potentially limits the amount of athletics aid that the team may award.

A team becomes subject to incremental historical penalties each year the team's APR is below 900. These penalties range from an Occasion-One Penalty of a public warning to an Occasion-Four Penalty that could affect the institution's Division I membership status. After receiving a public warning, an institution's team must have a multiyear APR of at least 900 for three consecutive years or the team will be subject to the next level of penalties.

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The APR report lists an institution's sponsored sports. The overall number of teams reporting data for that sport is listed in parentheses next to each sport.

The multiyear APR is the APR that is calculated based on academic data reported by institutions from the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years. Footnotes at the bottom of the report provide further clarification of issues that affect the APR:

- a. (*) This symbol indicates that the data cell contains information about three or fewer student-athletes and due to federal privacy regulations, these data are not published.
- b. (+) This symbol indicates that the team is not subject to a contemporaneous penalty due to a squad-size adjustment. Until the full four-year data set is available, a squad-size adjustment will be used for purposes of applying penalties. The squad-size adjustment helps ensure that low-performing teams are accurately identified given the smaller than intended data set.
- c. (^) This symbol indicates that the team is not subject to a contemporaneous penalty because the team is performing better than the institution's general student body. If the team's graduation rate, based on the multiyear APR, is significantly better than the general student body, the team receives a waiver of any penalty.
- d. (@) This symbol indicates that the team is not subject to historical penalties because the team has demonstrated academic improvement and a favorable comparison based on other academic or institutional factors.
- e. (~) This symbol indicates that the team is not subject to historical penalties due to a squad-size adjustment. Until the full four-year data set is available, a squad-size adjustment will be used for purposes of applying penalties. The squad-size adjustment helps ensure that low-performing teams are accurately identified given the smaller than intended data set.
- f. (%) This symbol indicates that the team is not subject to contemporaneous or historical penalties because the team's APR is based on one year of academic data.
- g. (!) This symbol indicates that the team is not subject to historical penalties because the team's APR is based on two years of academic data.

The APR report also compares a team's APR with the APR of other Division I teams and ranks them by percentile. It is important to note that a team with a perfect APR of 1,000 may be ranked in the 80th percentile (0 = low rank, 100 = high rank) due to the large number of teams with this rate.

A team's APR (not percentile rank) is compared in several additional categories. A team's APR is compared to the average APR for all Division I teams in that particular sport. Additionally, a team's APR is further compared to the average APR of other teams in that particular sport at public institutions and private institutions. Finally, a team's APR is compared to the average

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APR for teams in that particular sport at Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, NCAA Football Championship Subdivision institutions and Division I institutions. Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision institutions sponsor football while Division I institutions do not.