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Miami's Athletic Teams Excel According to NCAA's Academic Progress Rate Data

APR Scores of Football, Men's Cross Country, Men's Golf and Field Hockey Pace All MAC Schools

INDIANAPOLIS—The most recent NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rates (APR) report for all NCAA Division I institutions were released Wednesday, and, once again, Miami University's athletic teams are in exceptional standing in all categories.

Three Miami teams—men's cross country, men's golf and field hockey—have perfect 1000 APR scores. Women's soccer (993), women's swimming (992) and women's tennis (992) have the university's three next-highest APRs, closely followed by women's cross country (987) and women's basketball (981). None of the 17 Miami teams included on the NCAA report ranked below 960.

Miami's high-profile Division I sports of baseball, football and men's basketball are receiving exemplary marks on their latest report cards, according to the latest NCAA APR. MU baseball's four-year APR is 962 as compared to the national average of 946. The RedHawk men's basketball posted a score of 968, much higher than the national APR of 933. Miami football's APR is 966, 27 points better than the national APR average of 939.

Four Miami teams—football (966), men's cross country (1000), men's golf (1000) and field hockey (1000)—topped all Mid-American Conference teams in APR scores, while four others—men's swimming (976), women's basketball (981), women's soccer (993) and women's swimming (992)—ranked second among MAC schools in APR scores. Five other RedHawk teams ranked third among conference schools.

A total of six Miami teams had a perfect 1000 APR score for the 2007-08 year: men's cross country, men's golf, women's basketball, field hockey, softball (19 of 19) and volleyball.

Every Division I sports team calculates its APR each academic year, based on the eligibility, retention and graduation of each scholarship student-athlete. An APR of 925 projects to an NCAA Graduation Success Rate of approximately 60 percent. The average APR for all Division I student-athlete is 961, according to the latest NCAA data. The average APR for male student-athletes is 951, while the average for female student-athletes is 969.

The most recent APR scores are multi-year rates based on the scores from the 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years.

The report indicates that nearly all of the more than 6,000 Division I teams are achieving or exceeding the standards for academic performance based on four years of data. Only 177 teams at 107 institutions will be sanctioned for poor performance, while 712 teams were publicly recognized last month for APRs in the top 10 percent of each sport. Miami's soccer, tennis and golf teams were among three of those highest achieving programs.

APR scores per institution, along with penalties per school and teams receiving public recognition, are available online at www.ncaa.org.