

Ram Rules – APR Release

On May 17, 2011, the NCAA released the Academic Progress Rate data to the public. This report contained a multi-year rate, which gauges the academic progress and retention of student-athletes at institutions for the 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10 academic years for each varsity sport. The APR is based on each student-athlete having the opportunity to earn 4 total points each year (2 points per semester). One point is awarded if the student-athlete is academically eligible to compete at the end of the semester, with the second point being awarded if the student-athlete returns to the institution for the following term. Those teams scoring under the minimum threshold of 925 may be penalized through deductions in their maximum financial aid limits.

Full APR scores for all Division I sports teams, including penalties for low-performing teams, will be released later this spring. This will be the sixth year of immediate penalties and the fifth year for historically-based penalties.

Based on their most recent multiyear Academic Progress Rate, 909 teams have earned NCAA Public Recognition Awards, up from 841 teams last year. This year's list is composed of 525 women's teams and 384 men's or mixed teams. The awards are given annually to teams scoring in the top 10 percent nationally in each sport with their APRs. Those teams receiving the recognition award posted APR scores ranging from 977 to a perfect 1,000.

Two UNC men's teams and five women's teams were on the APR Public Recognition Awards list this year. Congratulations to those recognized teams: Men's Basketball, Men's Swimming, Women's Fencing, Women's Golf, Women's Gymnastics, Women's Swimming, and Women's Volleyball! To date, UNC is proud of the fact that no sport program has been penalized through the APR.

The Head Coaches' APR Portfolio was also released for the first time this year and includes APR information for head coaches from all NCAA sports. This new database contains the single-year Academic Progress Rates for all Division I head coaches. The University of North Carolina had 11 coaches with perfect APR scores (1000) for 2009-2010. These coaches include: Dennis Craddock, Rich DeSelm, Derek Galvin, Sarah Haney, John Inman, Brian Kalbas, Jan Mann, Ron Miller, Joe Sagula, Karen Shelton, and Peter Watson. Congratulations to those coaches!

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