

NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate Improvement

The NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program (APP) structure allows some relief from penalties and the loss of access to postseason competition to those squads exhibiting meaningful NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) improvement. To determine which teams will be subject to APP penalties and/or loss of access to postseason competition, a simultaneous review of various factors will be used. This model places strong emphasis on low-performing teams demonstrating meaningful academic improvement. In order to receive relief, the team must meet the improvement review factor as established by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.

Teams with an APR below 930 will be subject to the following improvement reviews:

1. Access to Postseason Competition.

Teams that have demonstrated meaningful improvement can avoid the loss of access to postseason competition beginning with the second instance the team loses access to postseason competition. Improvement is defined as two-year average APR of at least 950 in the most recent two years of APP data.

2. APP Penalties.

Teams that have demonstrated meaningful improvement can avoid Level-Two and -Three penalties with improvement. Improvement is defined as two-year average APR of at least 950 in the most recent two years of APP data.

The two-year APR average will be calculated by summing the APR points earned in the two most recent years (including delayed-graduation points earned during those two years) and dividing by the sum of the points possible for the two most recent years.