



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

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Re: University Statement on NCAA Academic Progress Report and Sanctions

The NCAA Division I Committee on Academics has announced that Prairie View A&M University's Academic Progress Rate (APR) in Football and Women's Basketball fell below the required standard and, as a consequence, the football program will be ineligible for post-season competition.

Since we closely monitor the APR, we were aware of the need to work with Academic Affairs to take corrective action, and the following steps are already being taken:

- A new Director of Athletics Academic Support Services will monitor athletes' academic performances, make needed changes to improve their academic performances, and oversee athletics' academic advising and learning support programs.
- Incoming transfer and freshmen student athletes are now required to enroll in the Transfer Experience and First Year Experience courses. The courses are designed to support the transition into the university environment, introduce students to different support services, teach students the rich history of the university, as well as provide learning strategies for academic and personal success in college.
- Eight academic peer tutors will be hired as support to student athletes' progress.
- Athletes will have access to 24-hour online tutoring through a nationally recognized tutoring company while traveling.
- Women's basketball will devote four additional hours per week to tutoring.

Like all those who love and support Prairie View Athletics, we are disappointed that our APR score renders us ineligible for post-season play. We commit to ensuring that our student athletes are prepared to succeed not only in their sport but also in the classroom.