



NCAA president says reform is working

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ARLINGTON – NCAA president Myles Brand said Friday that the NCAA's academic reform effort is working.

The Academic Progress Rate, in its fourth year, is the NCAA's attempt to measure academic progress for each sport at every university. APR is based on the eligibility, retention and graduation of student-athletes on scholarship. An APR of 925 is equal to an NCAA graduation rate of about 60 percent.

Teams with an APR of below 925 that have a student leave school academically ineligible can lose up to 10 percent of their scholarships.



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NCAA president Myles Brand promises penalties will be harsher next year for teams that continue to underachieve with their APR.

Brand, who was in town Friday speaking at the National Football Foundation's 11th annual "Play It Smart" Conference, said penalties will be harsher next year for teams that continue to underachieve with their APR.

"We're moving next year to keeping teams out of postseason play," Brand said. "That will get their attention."

Regarding the football bowl system, Brand said he backs college presidents and is in favor of the current college football bowl system rather than switching to a playoff format.

"[The presidents] really don't want to turn college football into a tournament sport," Brand said.