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Booster Bulletin

Information for Boosters and Representatives of Athletics Interests

GAMECOCKS RELEASE APR SCORES

All 19 Sports Above 950 in Multi-Year Scores For Fourth-Straight Year

All 19 of the University of South Carolina's countable intercollegiate sports posted a multi-year score of 950 or better for the fourth-consecutive year, according to the Academic Progress Rate (APR) statistics that were [released this week](#).

Highlighting the South Carolina data is nine teams (men's basketball, women's basketball, women's golf, men's soccer, women's swimming/diving, men's tennis, women's tennis, women's cross country, and volleyball) with a perfect single-year score (1,000) for the 2013-14 campaign.

Additionally, women's cross country made a single-year jump of 70 points from 930 in 2012-13 to 1000 for the 2013-14 campaign. Men's basketball's single-year score rose 22 points to 1000 and baseball's single-year score rose 19 points to 990. Women's golf and women's tennis also earned recognition from the NCAA for being in the top ten percent of all NCAA Division I women's golf and tennis teams after both posting a perfect four-year multiyear rate of 1000.

The APR is a point system based on scholarship student-athletes' eligibility and retention for a pre-determined four-year time period. NCAA sports falling below the established point cutoff (930) may be subject to penalties including scholarship reductions. The data released on Wednesday includes the scholarship student-athletes on rosters from the 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14 academic years.



- > **Baseball**
 - 5/1—Auburn
 - 5/2—Auburn
 - 5/3—Auburn
 - 5/6—Wofford
 - 5/8—@ Texas A&M
 - 5/9—@ Texas A&M
 - 5/10—@ Texas A&M
 - 5/12—USC Upstate
 - 5/14—LSU
 - 5/15—LSU
 - 5/16—LSU
 - 5/19—Missouri SEC Tournament
- > **Men's Tennis**
 - 5/21—First Round
 - 5/22—Second Round
- > **Women's Tennis**
 - 5/9—Princeton (in Charlottesville, Va.)
 - 5/10—@ Virginia
 - 5/20—NCAA Singles Championship

South Carolina's Multi-Year APR Rate (Four-Year Rolling Period) by Sport:

Sport	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Single Year
								2013-14
Baseball	928	947	947	953	959	955	962	990
Men's Basketball	909	908	930	968	983	983	989	1000
Women's Basketball	963	959	962	960	980	990	990	1000
Football	929	938	954	966	966	980	975	955
Men's Golf	976	982	994	980	993	990	986	972
Women's Golf	966	985	977	984	991	992	1000	1000
Men's Soccer	976	978	986	977	973	981	989	1000
Women's Soccer	966	980	979	967	966	969	964	955
Softball	960	964	979	986	983	984	982	976
Men's Swimming/Diving	948	943	959	985	983	993	990	985
Women's Swimming/Diving	974	980	985	985	998	995	998	1000
Men's Tennis	979	989	1000	989	979	981	984	1000
Women's Tennis	978	977	970	985	985	992	1000	1000
Women's Cross Country	983	987	990	990	991	966	975	1000
Men's Indoor Track/Field	952	965	976	963	964	967	956	926
Women's Indoor Track/Field	965	971	976	973	978	970	973	985
Men's Outdoor Track/Field	953	968	979	963	965	967	957	926
Women's Outdoor Track/Field	964	970	976	972	978	970	973	985
Volleyball	983	989	989	995	995	995	995	1000



TOP TIP #8 FOR FRIENDS AND FANS OF SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS

For May 2015, the Office of Compliance Services will review tip #8 from the Top Tip for Friends and Fans of South Carolina Athletics from the September 2014 edition of the Booster Bulletin:

8. You may continue established relationships with friends and neighbors whose children are prospective or current student-athletes. You may not recruit the prospect to USC or exchange benefits unless the relationship meets the NCAA guidelines for a pre-existing relationship.

What Is a Pre-Existing Relationship?

The NCAA has a four-part test to determine if a relationship between a booster and a prospective student-athlete is pre-existing:

1. Did the relationship develop as a result of the athlete's participation in athletics?
2. Did the relationship begin prior to the athlete becoming a prospective student-athlete?
3. Did the relationship develop prior to the athlete attaining fame due to his or her athletics ability or accomplishments?
4. Have the benefits offered to the athlete before and after the athlete's attainment of athletics fame been consistent?
 - ⇒ Must be consistent in both nature and value
 - ⇒ Ex: use of a beach house—likely impermissible if it wasn't available before the athlete gained fame for his or her athletics accomplishments

Remember that a prospective student-athlete is defined by the NCAA as an individual who has started classes for the ninth grade.

Please inform the Office of Compliance Services if you believe that you have a relationship that may meet the criteria above. It is important that you do not assume that your relationship automatically meets these criteria. Providing benefits to a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete without meeting this test could render an athlete ineligible and result in punitive actions against you as a booster, possibly including disassociation from the University.

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- > **Track**
 - 5/14-16—SEC Outdoor Championships
 - 5/28-30—NCAA Regionals
 - 6/10-13—NCAA Outdoor Championship
 - 6/25-28—USATF Junior Outdoor Championship
 - 6/26-28—USATF Outdoor Championship

- > **Softball**
 - 5/1—Mississippi State
 - 5/2—Mississippi State
 - 5/3—Mississippi State
 - 5/6—Texas A&M (in Baton Rouge, La.)
 - 5/7—Florida (in Baton Rouge, La.)
 - 5/15—UCF (in Tallahassee, Fla.)
 - 5/16—Dartmouth (in Tallahassee, Fla.)
 - 5/16—UCF (in Tallahassee, Fla.)

- > **Men's Golf**
 - 5/14-16—NCAA Regionals
 - 5/29-6/3—NCAA Championship

- > **Women's Golf**
 - 5/7-9—NCAA Regionals
 - 5/22-25—NCAA Championship

