

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY REVIEWS

Evaluate your academic structure through an independent lens.

Strengthen your program's systems devoted to student-athlete academic integrity and success.

In collegiate athletics today, academic integrity matters. Increasing NCAA eligibility standards and a recent emphasis by the NCAA enforcement staff on infractions cases involving academic misconduct have resulted in a national conversation regarding student-athletes' academic progress and the infrastructures supporting their success.

While on every campus athletics and academic professionals strive to ensure compliance with all NCAA rules governing academics, even the most diligent professionals can have blind spots. Not only do these blind spots leave you vulnerable to NCAA infractions, but they can also damage an institution's academic and athletic reputation, which can result in a loss of revenue and support from alumni and other key constituents.

By identifying these blind spots our independent confidential review can provide value.

The NCAA fall-out from an academic misconduct violation may include, among other sanctions, financial penalties, postseason bans, scholarship reductions, as well as a potential lack of institutional control finding—not to mention the ensuing damage to the institution's academic and athletic profile from embarrassing media coverage.

Let Us Put Our Combined Experience to Work for You

Fortunately, no college or university needs to fear a call from the NCAA—or to struggle alone to understand the complexities of NCAA expectations. **Academic Integrity Reviews** are an innovative collaboration between Forward Progress Athletics Consulting and Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC designed to provide you with data, independent analysis and solutions to assist you with evaluating and improving your academic structures supporting student-athletes.

An **Academic Integrity Review** is a proactive program that provides a comprehensive, confidential approach to analyzing your current academic practices and policies, identifies vulnerabilities and works with you to minimize your exposure and safeguard your reputation—before any damage occurs.

Why Choose Bond and Forward Progress?

Together, Bond and Forward Progress offer an end-to-end slate of NCAA regulatory and APP/APR services, delivered with objectivity, discretion and practical guidance.

Thanks to our experience, depth and unique understanding of the issues and processes governing collegiate sports, we can help you successfully navigate the high-stakes, complex NCAA landscape, and provide innovative solutions to protect your institution.

Bond's Collegiate Sports Practice Group, which includes several former NCAA staff members, is the industry leader in NCAA compliance matters. The attorneys and consultants at Bond have represented Division I institutions in hundreds of NCAA infractions matters. We know warning signs on a campus related to the potential for academic impropriety. We are experienced in conceiving, designing, refining and implementing NCAA rules compliance programs and preventive structures and in reviewing and monitoring the systems to ensure their efficacy.

Forward Progress—founded by John Shukie, a former NCAA Director who helped manage the Academic Performance Program (APP)—is the industry leader in APP management and consulting services, including APR improvement plans and analysis of academic data.

What We Provide

By conducting in-depth analyses of your institution's policies, procedures and data and viewing each through a series of objective lenses, our **Academic Integrity Review** offers a thorough, candid perspective on any potential vulnerabilities that could cause NCAA enforcement and APR issues. For example:

- ✓ *How does the graduation rate of your football team's players compare with that of the entire student body?*
- ✓ *Are your baseball team members clustering disproportionately in online courses?*
- ✓ *Do the policies governing your tutors clearly define what kind of help is allowable?*
- ✓ *How much remediation do your "special talent" admittees require to bring their performance closer to that of your overall student body?*

Using our independent, confidential recommendations, you'll have the tools you need to strengthen your preventive systems and structures, and our analyses will allow you to further develop policies to reduce exposure. Our services include:

- ✓ Analyses of student-athlete admission profiles.
- ✓ Analyses of Academic Progress Rate (APR) data for select teams.
- ✓ Evaluation of academic support structures for student-athletes.
- ✓ Evaluation of policies and procedures regarding tutors, athletics academic advisers, and the academic disciplinary process.
- ✓ Analyses of major and course distributions for student-athletes.
- ✓ Final reports with substantive data, recommendations and actionable items.

Our reviews can be conducted and reports produced in ways that maintain attorney-client privilege.

Why wait for a crisis to threaten your good reputation and the success of your sports programs?

Call today to learn how Bond and Forward Progress can help you secure your reputation and ensure the continued success of your athletic programs.

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