ACADEMIC BASED REVENUE DISTRIBUTION PRIMER

To earn an academic unit, an institution must meet ONE of the academic unit criteria:

**APR**
Division I APR for previous year is equal to or greater than 985. Average of single year scores for all teams.

**GSR**
Graduation Success Rate for most recently available year is equal to or greater than 90 percent. Average of single year scores for all teams.

**FGR**
Difference between student-athlete and student body rates for most recently published Federal Graduation Rate is equal to or greater than 13 percentage points.

Timeline for Academic Unit Revenue Distribution

- March / April 2018 First mock reports available
- March / April 2019 Second mock reports available
- March / April 2020 Final reports available
- May / June 2020 First actual financial distribution to conferences

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: Are recipients of an academic unit required to use the funds specifically for academic initiatives?
   A: No, the funds are “unrestricted.” Institutions/conferences may use funds from their academic distribution how they see most appropriate. Funds will be distributed to conferences who are free to distribute the funds in accordance with their existing distribution policies.

2. Q: Why did the Division I Board of Directors base the APR criteria in a manner that weighs each sport equally?
   A: The group studied an alternative model that weighs all student-athletes equally rather than by teams. Before, larger teams would count heavier than smaller teams and outcomes significantly decreased the number of qualifying institutions in almost every Division I membership category.

3. Q: Will there be a published report of all institutions that earn an academic unit?
   A: No. There will not be any NCAA publishing of who earned an academic unit.

4. Q: Is there a waiver process for an institution that does not earn an academic unit?
   A: No. There is no waiver process. Institutions may submit data adjustments during the APR and GSR data collection phases.