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## Alabama State University Board of Trustee Athletic Committee Report



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## Return to Play Plan: Key Points

- Preparation before returning to campus/Athletic Facilities
  - Self Quarantine
  - Monitoring of Contacts 14 days prior
  - Those traveling from Level 3 countries will have to quarantine for 14 days
  - Fever Free during “home” quarantine period without the use of medicine
  - No Symptoms of COVID-19 during the “home” quarantine period
- Return to Campus/Exercise
  - All student athletes will be tested for COVID-19 upon their return to campus
  - Temperature checks will occur daily
  - Health education sessions (conducted by Student Health)
  - App to monitor wellness/symptoms (this will be university-wide)
  - Specific bubbling for student-athletes who may have similar medical conditions
  - Limited amount of student-athletes in weight room facilities to accommodate social distancing measures



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## Return to Play Plan: Key Points (continued)

- Facility Preparedness
  - Limited Access and designated entry and exit points
  - Sanitation stations, wipes, hand sanitizer readily available
  - Mask Mandatory
  - Social Distancing
  - Frequent reminders throughout Athletic facilities to “Know Your Ws”
  - Disinfect “high touch” areas multiple times of the day
  - Fogging/Deep cleaning of all Athletic Facilities in the evening
- Additional Items
  - Increased access for Mental Health care services for student-athletes
  - Team travel limited to essential personnel only
  - Increased emphasis on PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY of all student-athletes during the pandemic



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## COVID-19 Football Season Ticket Refund Policy

### Highlights:

- Three options if games or season is cancelled
  - Donate funds to the Hornet Club
  - Apply an account credit towards the 2021 football season
  - Receive a refund for tickets, prorated or full
- Renewal Deadline extended to July 31, 2020
- Payment Plan Option available this year (allows for payments to be spread through August 31, 2020)
- Single Game Tickets On Sale—August 3, 2020
- No day of game ticket purchases—only digital on game day





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## Football Season Ticket Updates (as of Monday, July 13, 2020)

Description	2020		2019		Yearly Comparison	
	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount		
Loge Level	10	\$6,750.00	58	\$39,150.00	-48	(\$32,400.00)
Club Level	10	\$5,400.00	91	\$49,140.00	-81	(\$43,740.00)
South Side Lower Level (30 to 30)	97	\$13,095.00	338	\$45,630.00	-241	(\$32,535.00)
South Side Lower Level (End to 30)	88	\$9,680.00	296	\$32,560.00	-208	(\$22,880.00)
South Side Upper Level (End to 30)	2	\$220.00	5	\$550.00	-3	(\$330.00)
South Side Upper Level (30 to 30)	41	\$4,920.00	105	\$12,600.00	-64	(\$7,680.00)
Family Plan	28	\$1,820.00	124	\$8,060.00	-96	(\$6,240.00)
F/S and Young Alumni	3	\$225.00	10	\$750.00	-7	(\$525.00)
F/S Loge	2	\$1,080.00	16	\$8,640.00	-14	(\$7,560.00)
F/S Club	11	\$4,752.00	41	\$17,712.00	-30	(\$12,960.00)
F/S South Side Lower Level (30 to 30)	15	\$1,620.00	38	\$4,104.00	-23	(\$2,484.00)
F/S South Side Lower Level (End to 30)	2	\$150.00	33	\$2,904.00	-31	(\$2,754.00)
F/S South Side Upper Level (30 to 30)	1	\$35.00	16	\$1,536.00	-15	(\$1,501.00)
F/S North Side Lower Level (End to 30)			41	\$1,435.00	-41	(\$1,435.00)
Totals	310	\$49,747.00	1212	\$224,771.00	-902	(\$175,024.00)



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## **Suite Sales, Nitra Avery, Director of Auxiliary Services**

- Current Availability (Addendum C)
- Renewal Process
- Prices (Addendum D)



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## 2020 Game Day Operations—the new norm

### Proposed Game Day Adjustments

- Reduced Fan Capacity (inclusive of Club lounge, suites, and terrace)
- Mask Mandatory Facility
- Social Distancing Required
- Temperature Checks upon entry
- Designated Entry Points
- No Tailgating or RVs for the 2020 football season
- Use of external production team for streaming all home games, with high quality viewing for fans
- Limited Sideline/Press Box Access
- Limited Amount of Tickets given to visiting teams







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## 2020 Game Day Operations—the new norm (continued)

### Proposed Game Day Adjustments

- No visiting bands allowed
- Mighty Marching Hornets will perform from the stands
- Mighty Marching Hornets will sit on the visiting team side (*where the visiting bands would normally sit*)
- Student section will also encompass the end zone
- Cashless Facility and Parking (credit cards and/or digital pay only)
- No day of game ticket purchases--Digital Tickets will be strongly encouraged
- Highschool pass will not be accepted this year
- Athletic Staff Tickets, University Leadership, complimentary tickets, etc. will be reduced this year







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## 2020 Game Day Operations—the new norm

(continued)

- The goal is to have the plan finalized and released to the public the week of August 3





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## Compliance Update

### Certification Audit

- After further discussion with our consultant regarding the certification audit it was recommended that we provide written responses to Buckner's questions in the audit and share that information with the NCAA
- The responses were submitted the first week of April
- On May 20, 2020 we received official word from Angie Cretors associate at the Compliance Group, stating that "the (NCAA) enforcement staff indicated that they will not be moving forward with any review of Mr. Buckner's audit report."



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## Compliance Update

### Probation Status

- Our Senior Associate AD for Internal Operations has worked directly with The Compliance Group to compile all information needed to remove us from probation, and restore us to our full membership status from an Infractions case that occurred in 2012
- The Compliance Group submitted the second draft of the packet of information to send to the NCAA early this month
- We are currently reviewing the information and plan to submit to the NCAA before the month is out





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## Compliance Update

### Academic Progress Rate (APR)

- What is APR?
  - An academic based metric used to hold institutions accountable for the academic progress of their student-athletes
  - Accounts for the eligibility and retention of each student-athlete for each academic term



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## Compliance Update

APR is calculated as follows:

- Each student-athlete receiving athletic aid earns one point for staying in school and one point for being academically eligible
- A team's total points are divided by points possible and then multiplied by 1000 to equal the team's APR
- In addition to a team's current-year APR, its rolling four year APR is also used to determine accountability
- Reporting for APR is done using a tax model (i.e. data is from the previous year)
  - *Teams must earn a four year average APR of 930 to compete in championships*



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## Compliance Update

### APR

- Men's Basketball suffered rapid declines in its single year APR scores beginning with the 2014-15 roster

NCAA Reporting Year	MBB Roster Year	Single Year Score	Multi-Year Score
*2015-2016	2014-2015	980	957
2016-2017	2015-2016	854	951
2017-2018	2016-2017	875	939
**2018-2019	2017-2018	923	909

\*2013-14 squad had a perfect score of 1000, therefore the decline started with the 2014-15 roster

\*\*The perfect score of the 1000 rolled off this year, which caused the drastic decline in the multi-year score





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## Compliance Update

### APR—Moving Forward (Next Steps)

- Strong emphasis on restructuring key units within the internal units in the department, by replacing certain personnel and increasing staffing in the areas of Compliance and Academics
- A comprehensive committee was formed to create an academic improvement plan for the men's basketball program
  - This plan was submitted and accepted by the NCAA
- This committee is committed to the revitalization of our Men's Basketball program's APR status for the long term, and will continue to educate and implement the necessary actions in efforts to avoid significant declines in any of our programs moving forward



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**24**

STUDENT-ATHLETES  
EARNING 4.0

STUDENT-ATHLETES  
EARNING ABOVE 3.0

**218**

2020 ALL SPORTS  
CUMULATIVE GPA

**3.30**

**3.42**

2020 SPRING  
DEPARTMENT GPA

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS WITH 3.0 OR HIGHER



HIGHEST SEMESTER TEAM

WOMEN'S TENNIS - 3.974  
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - 3.581



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