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Conference Commissioners

NAIA CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION (CCA)  SEE PAGE 21, CCA MINUTES PAGE 23

All commissioners of NAIA affiliated conferences and the commissioner or the Association of Independent Institutions are members of the CCA.

This association recommends policies for the continued operation of the national conference affiliation program for men’s and women’s programs. The association works to strengthen interconference and conference-association relationships. It isolates problems common to NAIA conferences and organizes to study and achieve solutions to these problems. This association shall meet twice annually, once in conjunction with the National Convention and one other time each year. Each affiliated conference shall have its Commissioner or President eligible to vote on association business. The association shall elect its own Executive Committee, consisting of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Past Chair and one other member.

The CCA has the following standing committees:

- Sponsorships Committee – Works with the National Office sponsorships staff to identify prospective national sponsors, promote current sponsors to the membership, and assist in the implementation of sponsorship agreements.
- New Commissioner Orientation Group – Coordinates the orientation process for new NAIA commissioners.

CONFERENCE LIAISONS  SEE PAGE 22

Each NAIA conference is assigned a staff member from the NAIA National Office to serve as its membership liaison. Conference liaison duties include:

- Provide service and guidance to conference leaders and member institution administrators related to the implementation of the NAIA strategic plan.
- Attend conference meetings regularly (usually one meeting annually per conference).
- Communicate consistently with conference leaders regarding the planning and implementation of NAIA programs and initiatives, including but not limited to membership standards and accountability, Champions of Character, presidential involvement, conference governance and administration, and NAIA advocacy.
- Provide support to conference and member institution administrators related to membership recruitment and retention.

IMPORTANT DATES  SEE PAGE 6

The NAIA calendar includes important dates and deadlines for all athletics administrators and items specific to conference commissioners are shaded. Nomination deadlines and forms for All-American awards, Scholar Athlete awards, Scholar Team awards, and other specialty awards is included in the Awards section, page 31.

ONLINE RESOURCES

A resource bank for commissioners is available on the NAIA website at Membership // Membership Resources // Commissioners

NAIAHELP.COM

Conference commissioners are responsible for submitting conference information online through www.NAIAHelp.com. Required information includes conference meeting dates and sites, conference personnel, rating committee representatives, and other pertinent information. Commissioners also have access to information submitted through NAIAHelp by conference members. NAIAHelp questions should be directed to naiahelp@naia.org.

AFFILIATED CONFERENCE CERTIFICATION

The annual deadline for Affiliated Conference Certification forms is April 1st. Conference commissioners are required to submit to the NAIA National Office the list of schools that are conference members. Sport qualification plans are created based on this information as well as the information from each institution’s Declaration of Intent to Participate. The conference members listed on the certification forms as of the April 1st deadline each year will be included in the qualification plans as a conference member. All schools which are accepted into a conference following the April 1st deadline will not be included as a conference member until the following academic year.

An Affiliated Conference must meet the following requirements:

1. An affiliated conference shall be organized under governing documents that include formal recognition of the responsibility to operate in a manner consistent with minimum standards established by the NAIA.
2. Governing documents of an affiliated conference shall require that final authority for the operations of the conference reside with a formal body (e.g., Conference Council of Presidents) composed of institutional chief executive officers within the conference.
3. Governing documents of an affiliated conference shall establish those matters fully within the direct control of chief executive officers, including, but not limited to:
   a. Amendments to the constitution, bylaws and other governing documents;
   b. Budget approval and financial oversight;
   c. Employment and supervision of the conference commissioner;
   d. Conference membership; and
e. Approval of the conference strategic plan.

4. Enumeration of the above responsibilities shall not be construed to deny the right of the Conference Council of Presidents to exercise any other power or perform other duties within the field of governance of the affairs of the conference.

5. Presidents shall exercise authority in matters under their direct control by convening at least one meeting annually, in which votes may be exercised only by presidents in attendance.

6. An affiliated conference shall employ a commissioner to provide effective leadership and administrative support to the conference, and may employ other professional staff determined by the conference necessary to ensure adherence to NAIA standards. The commissioner shall not be concurrently employed by any conference member institution.

NOTE: Affiliated conferences not fully in compliance with this criterion when it takes effect will be required to submit a specific plan and timetable by which the conference will fulfill the provisions.

7. Authorize the National Administrative Council to conduct periodic reviews of affiliated conference operations and determine sanctions related to violations of conference requirements. Conference sanctions would be consistent with those currently in place for institutional violations of NAIA rules.

8. Establish a Champions of Character Conference Committee, composed primarily of Champions of Character campus liaisons. The committee shall be charged with development and oversight of conference character education and activities.

9. An affiliated conference must have a minimum of six (6) institutions with NAIA membership;

10. The constitution or charter of an affiliated conference shall provide for a commissioner, eligibility chair, faculty athletics representative, registrar, information director, and designate(s) for supervisor of officials;

11. The eligibility rules and standards of an affiliated conference shall be as strict as the NAIA;

12. An affiliated conference shall sponsor a minimum of three (3) championships in NAIA-recognized sports, of which at least one (1) must be conducted each season (fall-winter-spring) for men and women (co-ed conferences). Single-gender conferences must sponsor a minimum of three (3) championships in NAIA-recognized sports, of which at least one (1) must be conducted each season (fall-winter-spring).

Affiliated conferences must have at least four (4) institutional teams participating in each of the championship events;

13. An affiliated conference shall pay national dues to be established by the Council of Presidents and/or abide by revenue sharing policies with the NAIA for postseason events to be established by the appropriate council;

14. An affiliated conference must have a conduct in competition oversight committee composed of a minimum of three members. The committee's responsibilities include recommending the scope of the conference's activities related to event management, hospitality, conduct in competition, and sanctions related to conduct in competition within the conference; and

15. Governing documents of an affiliated conference shall include a clearly defined application and approval process for conference membership. (Effective May 2010)

CCA POLICIES

The following policies have been adopted by the Conference Commissioners Association (CCA):

1. Must conduct at least two in-person meetings of conference athletics administrators annually.
2. The conference commissioner (or designate) must attend all official meetings of the Conference Commissioners Association.
3. The conference representative on the National Administrative Council must attend all official meetings of the Council.
4. Conference representatives must meet all deadlines for requested information, including but not limited to:
   a. Nominations for national awards
   b. Conference tournament plans
   c. Conference tournament results
   d. Annual conference certification forms
   e. Annual conference organization report forms
   f. Officials' rating forms
   g. Ratings information
   h. Statistical information

REVIEW OF AFFILIATED CONFERENCE OPERATIONS

The Council of Presidents (COP) is responsible for conducting periodic reviews of affiliated conference operations and determining sanctions related to violations of conference requirements. The annual Conference Evaluation, which was developed out of the 2012 White Paper on NAIA Conferences, tracks progress and provides accountability for NAIA affiliated conference requirements. A Conference Review Committee has been appointed by the COP to review the evaluation, report to the COP and deliver recommendations to the COP and individual conferences.

LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

Legislative amendments to the NAIA constitution and bylaws sponsored by an NAIA affiliated conference/A.I.I. or NAIA coaches association must have a minimum of one additional NAIA affiliated conference/A.I.I., NAIA council or NAIA standing committee co-sponsor the proposed amendment.
Proposals shall be submitted in writing to the NAIA Chief Executive Officer/President no later than 90 days prior to the annual meeting of the Association.

During the annual meeting, each NAIA Affiliated Conference and the Association of Independent Institutions shall be granted one vote as designated by the commissioner, or, if the conference/association has no commissioner, the president/chair of the conference/association.

**NAIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

NAIA membership applications are accepted prior to October 1 of each year. Applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee. If the Membership Committee approves a campus visit, a Membership Evaluation Team (MET), consisting of a president, an athletics director, a faculty athletics representative, and a National Office staff member, will conduct the one-day evaluation visit. The visit includes an evaluation of the institution’s readiness for NAIA membership and an education of NAIA history, operations, rules, and regulations. The MET recommendation is submitted to the Membership Committee and the Council of Presidents, with a final decision during the COP’s April meeting. If approved, the membership is effective with the following academic year.

Additional information on the NAIA application process can be found [Join the NAIA](http://naia.org) on NAIA.org.

**RATINGS**

The NAIA Department of Sports Information conducts national ratings of the top teams throughout the course of the academic year for various sports. National ratings are compiled from the balloting of the respective sports’ rating committee. Raters for conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated groupings are appointed by the conference/A.I.I. commissioner.

Each conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping must designate a three-person oversight committee to monitor its weekly ratings.

**POSTSEASON COMPETITION**

Deadlines, page 65; Factsheets, page 47. Qualification Plans are now online and real time under every sport and each [Coaches Corner](http://coachescorner.naia.org).

Postseason qualifying tournaments are planned and administered by the conference/A.I.I. and subject to approval by the department of championships based on National Administrative Council policies.

Qualifying tournament plans must be submitted to the NAIA National Office no later than:

- September 1 Volleyball, Men’s and Women’s Soccer, Men’s and Women’s Cross Country
- November 1 Men’s and Women’s Basketball
- February 1 Softball, Baseball, Men’s and Women’s Golf, Men’s and Women’s Tennis

**SELECTION OF OFFICIALS**

Selection of officials varies from sport to sport. All NAIA National Championships have a supervisor of officials who is responsible for the acquisition and assignment of game officials in cooperation with the NAIA Sport Manager. For national championship opening rounds, conference commissioners will work with the NAIA National Office for the selection of officials. Football, basketball, and baseball are handled differently in that there is a national supervisor of officials who is responsible for the acquisition of officials, while the on-site supervisor of officials is responsible for the organization and assignment of selected officials. Football nominating information is sent in the fall to all conference supervisors of officials. Basketball officials are nominated by the conferences to the national supervisor through a nomination process. The national supervisor utilizes the nominating information to select and obtain officials for the basketball national championship. Conferences/A.I.I. are asked to nominate umpires for baseball and softball by early fall. The NAIA Sport Managers coordinate selection of umpires with assistance from the officers of the baseball and softball coaches association.

**NAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTER PLAYNAIA.ORG RESOURCES**

**NAIA LOGOS AND MARKS**

The name National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, initials NAIA, logo, and other NAIA symbols and insignia are registered in the United States Patent and Trademarks Office. The name, initials, and marks are fully protected and are the exclusive property of the Association. Expressed, written approval by the NAIA President/CEO is required for the use of the NAIA initials, name or marks in connection with any items offered for commercial sale, awards, or promotion, including such use at NAIA events.

Conferences and member institutions are strongly encouraged to use the NAIA logos and marks in print materials, web products, media opportunities, regular season and postseason events, and licensed products.

**CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS**

The NAIA National Office is responsible for obtaining corporate partnerships on behalf of its members. The CCA works with the National Office staff to provide input on potential opportunities, promote current sponsors to the membership, and assist in the implementation of sponsorship agreements.
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Conference Commissioners Association Minutes

Convention Meeting Minutes
Westin Charlotte Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina
April 11-12, 2015

Attendees: Will Wolper, American Midwest; John Sullivan, Appalachian Athletic; Don Ott, California Pacific; Rob Cashell, Cascade; Jeff Schimmelfennig, Chicagoland; J.D. Collins, Crossroads; Kent Paulson, Frontier; Mike Daniels, Golden State; Corey Westra, Great Plains; Steve Martin, Gulf Coast; Lori Thomas, Heart of America; Scott Crawford, Kansas Collegiate; Bill Melton, Kentucky Intercollegiate; Eric Ward, Mid-South; Cory Anderson, North Star; Tony Stigliano, Red River; Mike Hall, Southern States; Mark Pope, The Sun; Rob Miller, Wolverine-Hoosier.

1. Growth Strategy
   a. Strategic plan was originally about who we are at the NAIA and a key point was strengthening our conferences. This group really came through to work both with your conference and what is best for the NAIA as a whole. The current situation of higher education leaves the NAIA to either sit back and wait to see what will happen or move forward to a position of power. Two years ago the focus became:
      i. Bring more student-athletes
      ii. Bring more quality institutions to the association
      iii. Bring more revenue generation opportunities
      iv. Intentionally include student-athletes in our structure
   b. Many new initiatives coming forward including: Arbiter, InCred, Showcases and Path to Play. Path to Play was an initiative from last year which had a lot of really good ideas, but was not implemented in the end. The discussions are ongoing, and will try to tackle the issues that were brought up during the last year.

2. Approval of December Minutes
   a. Motion: Miller/Cashell
   b. Vote: 18-0-0 APPROVED

3. Substance Abuse Education and Testing
   a. Last September the COP approved substance abuse policy including having the institutions pay for the educational information. Education is required 2 years prior to testing National Championships. Several workshops are being held throughout convention in order to share information. Eligibility is linked now to completion of education for student-athletes. The option is there for institutions to test on campus using Drug Free Sport, however that is not included in this policy, as the approved policy refers only to education on campus and testing at National Championships. The two years of education is to help our student-athletes get ready for testing, however it should also be a time for institutions to get ready for testing.
   b. “June 2015 Schools confirm list” – Schools will be in charge of including their lists, and students who play in sports where we require eligibility certification.
   c. A student has to “keep up” with their year’s class requirement. Everything will happen in NAIA Help and will link to ECP which is searchable by whoever is working with eligibility on campuses.

4. Champions of Character
   a. Several new groups will be used for Champions of Character feedback and trainings including Council for Student-Athletes (CSA) and the Association of Student-Athletes (ASA). Many of the CoC legislative motions that come forward in the future will move through these two groups.
   b. Conference Reports on Conduct in Competition will be reported out to the Commissioners in June this year.
   c. Conferences used to receive their “Champions of Character Conference” based on 60% of their schools reaching status. The CoC Committee is looking at requiring conferences to do more in order to gain the title. This year there is a “gold, silver, bronze” tier for the school award. The committee feels that the award should be an achievement award where schools actually have to strive to get the designation. Along with this change, the committee is looking to make the conference award one where the conferences are more active.
   d. Many conferences are getting flak from their Presidents based on the fact that too much of the scorecard is based on student-athlete action. Others think that the scorecard itself is “teaching to a test.”
   e. The proposed conference scorecard is shown on page 40 of the conference commissioner’s book.

5. Conference Evaluations / Conference Review Committee
   a. The Conference Review Committee has suggested newly required and newly recommended practices. The CCA will need to approve the new requirements. Items that are newly required were all previously recommended. Newly recommended items all came from the White Paper.
   b. While these are all good practices, many of these are budget items that, while they may not be massive in themselves, tends to add up.
   c. B.6 – Change language to “and/or intentional communication with Presidents.”
   d. There are several different ways to fill out the form, including using other members as well as working on your form yourself.
   e. Motion: Approve the recommendations and requirements with the slight change to B.6. Miller/Westra
6. Membership Update

   a. The National Office is working on the schedule for this year’s Summit. The Membership position is still open and will be re-posted to several different Higher Education sites.
   b. Current membership is at 252, with seven schools in the NCAA pipeline, two closing their doors and 6 current applicants that will be voted on by COP this weekend.
   c. New marketing materials have been sent to about 100 schools (about 37 NCAA). Follow up communication will come from the NAIA National Office, Commissioners, ADs and/or Presidents who may know somebody at the targeted schools.

7. Officiating Initiatives

   a. Honig’s Whistle Stop
      i. Numbers year-over-year are up from Honig’s sales. Checks were recently received at the National Office and should make it to the conference soon.
   b. Arbiter Sports
      i. One of the roundtable topics tomorrow will be discussing disbursement of the net revenues and what are the CCA Initiatives the group would like this money to go toward (approximately $32,900). While there has been some kick back from officials, we have seen many positives from the Arbiter system. The National Office has been able to disseminate information, both to officials and to coaches, and create a more direct tie to the officiating committee.
   c. Officiating Ad Hoc Committee
      i. This committee would most likely be comprised of commissioners and assigns to be a part of the committee. This group will, among other things, evaluate the process through which officials are selected to national championships. Suggestions:
         ii. Pete Hanson, GPAC
         iii. Mike Fischer, Frontier
         iv. Tony Stigliano, RRAC
         v. Men’s and Women’s Soccer Assignor, The Sun

8. Registrars Association

   a. The Registrars Association chair, Heidi Hoskinson from Friends University, showed the organizational structure and the formatting of the association. In addition to the officers, this structure will include an advisory board, made up of conference registrars, so the RA can ensure it is tailoring its education and programming to meet the need of these individuals as well. Conferences are required to have a Conference Registrar, and the Registrars Association is trying to help encourage this by giving conference registrars a role in the RA governance structure.
   b. The Conference Registrar space tends to be the practical application of the academic rule when applied to a specific situation. It is a good voice to have when looking over different eligibility scenarios and has been very helpful at the national level in the Eligibility Center.
   c. Six conferences currently have Conference Registrars, while two are considering it.
   d. Conference Eligibility Chairs discussed during their convention meeting the need for Eligibility Chairs to have NAIAHelp access. Commissioners will need to provide that access. Additionally, eligibility training tests were discussed as a tool provided by the National Office to be used voluntarily. Some Conference Eligibility Chairs are interested in requiring completion by different constituents, so they may be talking with their respective commissioners about appropriate enforcement, etc.


   a. Ball Adoption Approval Process
      i. In September CCA discussed the need for some type of administrative oversight beyond coaches associations in deciding what ball would be adopted in a given sport. There was not a clear conclusion at that time as to who that should be. After further discussion, it was determined that this is ultimately a function of the NAC, and the NAC Executive Committee will now bear this oversight responsibility.
   b. Emerging Sports
      i. NAC approved a new policy for Emerging Sports last year with 25 sponsoring institutions for an Invitational and 40 sponsoring institutions for a Championship. Bowling is in a unique situation where they are not sure if they want to apply based on the Smart Funds situation and the ability to make money while bowling as a member of an institution. An application is anticipated for Invitational status for 2016-17.
      ii. Men’s and Women’s Lacrosse could apply for 2016-17 based on their numbers, but we are not sure if they will apply based on the fact that they enjoy the structures that they currently play in. Both sports have formed coaches associations as well as started working on coaches manuals.
      iii. Men’s Volleyball is well organized and is 100% committed to applying for Invitational status and there has been continual growth for the last few years
      iv. Cheer & Dance just wrapped up their first Invitational year, there was a steep learning curve regarding what each group was responsible for. In this upcoming second year of Invitational status all incoming student-athletes will go through the Eligibility Center. The deadlines for all Qualifying Competitions and National Invitational will have a May 1 deadline this year.
c. Baseball Selection Committee
   i. Report is provided in the CCA notebook. The detailed results will be presented at Inside the Bridge. Further discussion will happen by NAC at NACDA in deciding if/how to move forward with the program.

10. Convention Survey
    a. Please fill it out and give it to a staff member. This will help us as we consider adjusting the timing or format of convention.

The meeting was adjourned.
Conference Commissioners Association

Fall Meeting Minutes
Kansas City Airport Marriott, Kansas City, Missouri
September 27-28, 2014

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1. INTRODUCTIONS: Attendees introduced themselves, and Kent Paulson welcomed new members of the CCA.

2. WORKSHOP: STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEES: Rob Miller and Rob Cashell discussed how they have used SAACs in their conferences and what benefits the conference derives from these groups. J.D. Collins discussed the recent Crossroads League Champions of Character Summit.

Angela Crawford and Justin Glenn introduced the Association of Student-Athletes, which will give student-athletes input on issues pertaining to the overall student-athlete experience, and further leadership opportunities within the NAIA. Each conference will nominate four student-athletes to serve two-year terms (following the academic year), and 23 will be selected to serve. The goal is to have one in-person meeting at convention and several virtual meetings throughout the year. Conference nominations should be submitted by December 2. This report is going to COP this weekend as an action item to sponsor legislation.

3. OPENING REMARKS: John Leavens thanked the group for their continued commitment and dedication to the NAIA and the CCA. Leavens addressed the survey filled out by CCA regarding national office service. Overall, staff is rated at a 3.8 out of 5. CCA specifically noted that responsiveness is the area where we could show the biggest improvement, followed by communication and follow through.

4. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kent Paulson conducted a brief review of the meeting agenda. Motion to approve the April 2014 minutes (Miller/Pope). The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. CHAMPIONSHIPS. Dustin Wilke addressed 2013-2014 reimbursement figures, noting that over the last six years over $1 million has been reimbursed, and M/W soccer and volleyball had their highest reimbursement in three years. Kevin Dee noted that COP is considering a possible change in football reimbursement to shift some of the financial burden from institutions hosting (rights fees) to institutions traveling via road trips to alleviate the burden for multiple-round hosts.

2014-2015 Championship Outlook: There are four new hosts: M Soccer (Delray, FL), Football (Daytona, FL), W DI Basketball (Independence, MO), M Golf (Pooler, GA). Additionally, the championships department at the national office has been restructured to organize jobs based on tasks rather than sport. Sport Managers (Wilke, Glenn) will handle administrative tasks and committee liaisons. Event Managers (Austin Bennett, Jamie Adams, Mac Stephenson) will focus on on-site administration and championship promotion/marketing.

The NAIA-ADA Board of Directors was established this summer in order to engage and empower NAIA Athletics Directors.

6. ELIGIBILITY CENTER. Matt Hanson referenced the materials found in the notebook and that the Eligibility Center continues to be successful and improve in case processing and service levels. Hanson also reviewed the department restructuring: Leavens remains as Executive Director, Hanson is Director of Legislative Services and Eligibility Services, Courtney Felix and Leah McCormack are Directors of Eligibility Services. Leavens noted that even though Legislative Services is combining with the Eligibility Center in the area of customer service, Legislative Services remains independent of the center for purposes of appeals and reviews.

7. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES. Hanson delivered a report on the number of cases processed in recent years and a breakdown of the penalties for rules violations, noting the spike and continued rise of cases. Several commissioners noted the significant increase in learning disability exceptions and lack of expertise in this area by conference eligibility committees. Hanson noted the use of a Learning Disability Advisory Committee at the national level for this reason.
Substantive changes were made to the Competitive Experience Evaluative Criteria to alleviate provisions that were overly inclusive, resulting in a high number of leagues determined countable, effective immediately.

Hanson noted the new per-sport membership option available to conferences, and raised several items that should be considered (and potentially included in governing documents) for those conferences allowing per-sport membership. For per-sport member institutions, those institutions will submit eligibility through the conference in which the team is a member. Football conferences (CSFL and MSFL) are not affiliated conferences and do not have eligibility chairs, which is why they continue to submit eligibility through the affiliated conference in which a school has full membership.

Hanson clarified the difference between per-sport membership and the recent NAC policy change that allowed for conferences to join for purposes of a specific sport in an unaffiliated grouping. The NAC policy allows for such groupings to be created/dissolved on a season-by-season basis, would require multiple conferences (in their entirety) to join, but does not otherwise join those schools. Per-sport membership allows for individual institution(s) to join a conference for a particular sport and have membership in that conference (access to rankings, awards, eligibility, etc.), as defined by the conference.

Cashell discussed inconsistencies within current hardship limits (anywhere between 10%-25%), and the apparent lack of intention behind these inconsistencies. The CCC will be sponsoring legislation and is seeking co-sponsorship. Motion for CCA to cosponsor legislative proposal of Cascade, moving limits to 20% in each sport (Sullivan/Melton). Motion passes 19-0-1.

The legislation limiting JV contests to not exceed the number of varsity contests in that terms is an issue for schools looking to offset JV contests. In the long-term, a legislative amendment would be required to adjust this rule. In the short term, multiple conferences are requesting exceptions through the NEC and would like support from the CCA. Motion for resolution by CCA to provide letter of support for conferences requesting an exception. (Melton/Pope). Motion passes 17-2-1.

There is a proposal to include football conferences as represented bodies on the CCA and COP. Both proposals allow for representation by the football conference if the conference is not already represented in the body. Motion to co-sponsor the legislation related to CCA, and support the legislation related to the COP. (Collins/Pope). Motion passes 20-0-0.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Hanson will communicate Evaluative Criteria changes to membership in the coming week.
- Allen will distribute a conference profile regarding per-sport membership and what each conference offers/allows.
- Cascade proposal should be adjusted to reflect 2 meets as the limit for ITF.
- Allen will draft a letter of support by CCA, for approval by CCA Exec.
- A legislative proposal regarding the JV legislation will be addressed in the coming months.

8. **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS.** Lynn Meredith reported that the Marketing & Communications department has made great strides in the past year. He noted that the initiatives outlined to CCA a year ago have nearly all been accomplished. The department continues to emphasize consistent branding throughout the association and increased marketing of the Eligibility Center. He also highlighted the success and brand value of the Champions of Character luncheon. The department is also focusing on College Night presentations at area high schools as a grass roots approach for spreading the NAIA message, including the Play On! website with resources for high schools across the country to put on their own college sports information sessions.

9. **NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.** John Sullivan gave a brief overview of NAC activity. A task force was created to establish consistency in bracketing policies across all basketball divisions as well as implement the naming of bracket quadrants for all basketball national championships. The group created a modification to the targeting rule in football to address situations where instant replay is not in use. Westra urged caution and careful attention about how the modification is employed as we approach postseason. A task force was put together to address poor efficiency and perceived bias in the ratings and selections process. Men’s and Women’s Soccer ratings now begin in week 3 for purposes of the MRPI. Daniels noted that while this may affect publicity efforts, its aim is to ensure selection of the right teams. Men’s and Women’s Basketball will allow raters to go outside the recommended conference order on national ballots.

The NAC asked the NAIA-ATA to come up with policies on concussion plans, head gear, Emergency Action Plans (EAP), and CPR training. Stigliano discussed a conference concussion policy that would prohibit a student from returning to competition in a road game, and would require them to return home and be evaluated by home medical staff before returning to play.

10. **BASEBALL SELECTION COMMITTEE.** Mike Daniels explained how baseball is being used as a one-year pilot program to study the selection process. This implements a selection committee which includes an area ranking committee and a national rating committee. This is intended to allow for
discussion in the process, where now it is purely based on algorithms. The baseball coaches association also chose to allow for neutral raters to be included in the process. The coaches association will be making a final vote in January.

**ACTION ITEM:** Mike Daniels requested each commissioner go back to their rater and understand if they buy-in to the philosophy to move it forward on a pilot basis. National office staff will send the information out separately to commissioners for easier distribution to baseball coaches.

11. **CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS / CONFERENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE.** Kevin Dee reported on the conference evaluations and the work of the Conference Review Committee (CRC), scheduled for additional discussion during the joint COP/CCA meeting. For consistency’s sake and confidentiality, national office staff did much of the individual review but at the direction of the CRC. Dee stressed the need for feedback from commissioners to ensure this is a process/output that’s helpful and serves the underlying goal of strengthening conferences.

Crawford noted it would be helpful to differentiate between marketing and sports information, as well as membership recruitment and membership retention. Collins noted that we should use this as a starting point for discussion and evaluation internally within the conference.

Ruth Feldblum highlighted a few items from the Finance & Operations Benchmark information and the valuable insights we can gain from year-over-year trends. Feldblum asked for feedback from commissioners regarding structure of the benchmark survey and what should be adjusted moving forward.

ACTION ITEMS:

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- Staff will determine if the system can automatically cross check the list of officials assigned within Arbiter vs. those officials paid/trained through the NAIA section.

12. **OFFICIATING INITIATIVES.** Kevin Dee reminded everyone that regarding Honig’s officials’ apparel, basketball is a requirement for all conferences (unless they have an existing contract with a competitor). In April, an option for using patches rather than branded shirts was suggested. After further evaluation, Honig’s is not interested in deviating from the initial agreement and the decision was made to remain with the initial jerseys, not patches. Don Ott noted that there are some unique circumstances where patches are necessary (late additions to the officiating ranks for conference tournaments). The national office can facilitate that. Ward encouraged the decision (and communication) of those decisions as quickly as possible for 2014-2015.

Bob Lade discussed the Arbiter Sports system and gave an update on registrations for officials. The testing information should launch by mid-late October, and baseball and softball should launch in December. Lade gave a demonstration of how the site works for NAIA officials. Several commissioners stressed the importance of clear communication and definitive answers to all parties involved.

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13. **CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS.** Michael Brooks outlined a national office emphasis on revenue sharing with conferences.

Collegiate Awards is the new NAIA awards provider. Matt Miller explained that the company is relatively new to the retail side of the industry but has been on the supply side for many years. Miller gave a brief demo of the website, which allows them to prepopulate your selected products so you can order on demand. Each conference will also receive a $250 credit with Collegiate Awards.

14. **BALL SPONSORSHIPS.** Mark Kramer from Rawlings provided background regarding the development of the flat-seam balls and explanation of the factors contributing to the recent price increase. Kramer clarified that no one should be paying more than $75/box. If they are, there is an issue with that particular dealer and Rawlings can help connect them with a dealer that can provide a better price. For anyone with conference contracts with Rawlings, they should contact Kramer directly to discuss pricing because their existing contracts were related to a different product (raised seam) and therefore aren’t valid for the flat seam. Dee noted that national office staff lapsed in its communication with all interested parties of the change, which may lend to a change in procedure for who signs off on such changes.

Rawlings is coming out with the new R2 football which more closely mirrors the Wilson GST ball (industry premium). The current NAIA ball is the Rawlings ST5. Kramer noted he does not currently know what the price differential would be form the ST5 to the R2. Under the current structure, this will likely come up with the coaches at their January meeting.

ASA and NCAA are reviewing a softball change (differentiation in coring compression). This isn’t a topic of conversation with NAIA coaches yet, but likely will be once the discussion grows at the NCAA level.
Lori Thomas asked who should be driving the discussion related to who has authority over ball adoptions. There was consensus that there needs to be an oversight group beyond coaches who actually approves ball adoption decisions. There were mixed opinions on if that should be CCA, NAC or ADA.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- National office staff will distribute a list of national baseball dealers to all commissioners. Conferences can contract with any dealer around the country to get the best deal available, and can also contact Mark Kramer with any questions.
- Kramer can provide specifics about the football price differential, and those will be distributed to commissioners.

15. **PATH TO PLAY.** John Leavens and Jim Carr presented the new NAIA initiative to create a digital platform for athletic enrollment management. Leavens addressed the NAIA’s unique opportunity to bring coaches to the table, which is one of the major factors differentiating Path to Play from other recruiting services and/or enrollment management services. We also have the opportunity to partner with NCSA/Be Recruited, which ensures access to 500,000 students who want to play in college as well as expertise in the industry. Brian Finucane addressed the opportunity within the marketplace and the technological framework that’s been designed, including a partnership with a leading technology firm.

16. **SHOWCASES.** Austin Bennett summarized the initial showcase from June 2014. The showcase hosted 336 prospective student-athletes, 383 parents, and 72 NAIA coaches. The initial showcase essentially broke even (showed nominal loss), but projections for future showcases anticipate improvement and profit generation The NAIA is putting together a schedule of several showcases around the country over the next year, including metropolitan locations (Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, etc.) and regional locales in conjunction with conferences.

17. **EMERGING AND INVITATIONAL SPORTS.** Dustin Wilke gave an overview of upcoming communications related to emerging/invitational sports, including a webinar detailing the new policy and what coaches associations need to do in order to allow the sport to be promoted to the next level. There will also be sport-specific calls/webinars for each group of coaches through the end of the fall. Justin Glenn outlined Competitive Cheer & Dance’s status and information related to this year’s qualification and timeline. The goal is to have Qualifying Competition sites and a National Invitational site established by the end of October.

18. **SPORTS INFORMATION / NAIA-SIDA.** Ryan Ermeling, Stretch Internet president, demonstrated the NAIA TV channel. Game Central 2.0 is the updated video portal that will house live championship streaming and serve as an aggregate site for all NAIA content. Ermeling also detailed discounts that are available for conferences that are in partnership, and do not require 100% of conference institutions to provide discounts/benefits. Chad Waller and Alan Grosbach noted the consolidated SID White Paper. Grosbach highlighted the Triple Play concept, which is a proven method of broadening the reach and impact of all three entities. Waller noted a 28% rise in CoSIDA membership during a 1-year period (from 2013 to 2014), which corresponds to 60% membership of all NAIA schools (only CoSIDA members have access to CoSIDA academic All-Americans). Waller announced the creation of an NAIA SIDs calendar (deadlines, events, announcements, etc.) which was activated this week.

**ACTION ITEM:** Send SID White Paper Executive summary electronically.

19. **CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER.** Kristin Gillette reported that there is a continuing focus from the national office to create resources for institutions/conferences. Gillette provided an update on the Scorecard, reiterating the Gold/Silver/Bronze conference designations. Ejections also new relate in 10 point deductions, with unlimited ejections counting against the Scorecard.

20. **STUDENT-ATHLETE WELFARE COUNCIL.** Angela Crawford and Glenn described the legislative proposal creating a new NAIA council to oversee student-athlete welfare. Just under half of the council will be comprised of student-athletes from the ASA, with the rest of the council coming from COP, ADA, FARA, CCA, ATA, coaches associations and the Champions of Character Advisory Committee. This council is being proposed to the COP for sponsorship of the legislation, to be voted on by COP this weekend. **Motion to support (Cashell/Collins) legislation creating SAWC and ASA passes 20-0-0.**

Gillette explained the proposal COP will be voting on this weekend regarding substance abuse education and testing. If the COP sponsors the legislation, it would go for a legislative vote in April 2015 to incorporate the educational mandate, with the championship testing coming two years later. Education would begin 2015-2016. Championship testing would begin 2017-2018.

21. **FIVE YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY.** Ward has had several conversations with others about changing the eligibility parameters to five seasons of competition within 10 semester terms of attendance. The Mid-South presidents believe there has been a significant shift in higher ed since the last time this was
addressed at the NAIA level. Ward cited the four-year graduation rates of all schools within his conference as an example of how few students graduate in four years, stating the actual average is 4.9 years. A move in this direction would be differentiating in the NAIA and provide recruiting and retention benefits. Ward asked for discussion and a straw vote of the interest of the group to see if it’s worth moving forward. Ward believes that if there was widespread support from a straw poll, several of his presidents would be willing to lead the charge and further study.

Paulson noted that without having an indication of the COP’s interest, it’s difficult for commissioners to give an accurate indicator of their constituents. Miller noted it would be helpful to have a survey of different constituent groups to see their interest level.

ACTION ITEM: National office staff will work with the commissioners (EW, SC, MH) to create a survey for several constituent groups.

22. SPONSORSHIPS. Jeromy Olson presented Sports Field Engineering’s product. Michael Brooks informed the CCA that a portion of the royalties going to the national office will now be shared with conferences.

Scott Mossman from Synergy gave a presentation on the product and demonstrated its statistical and analytical capabilities for basketball. Well over one-third of NAIA schools are using Synergy, and it is quickly becoming the market leader. The national proposal asks for $2,000/basketball team (M/W separate) + $1,000 for up to five subsequent sports. In those subsequent sports, video exchange is currently available but not the analytical breakdown. (Volleyball analytics may be available in the future but that’s undetermined and not part of this proposal.)

The proposal currently requires a mandate for all schools that would go into place 2015-2016 (as a grace period year) with 100% participation by 2016-2017. If it’s just basketball, the NAIA gets $50,000. If it’s basketball + the extra $1,000 (by all schools), the NAIA gets $150,000. There would be a 50% revenue share off the initial $50,000. Anywhere above the $50,000 would also carry a revenue share but we’d decide how to carve that up based on what the mandate/options are.

Pope highlighted the quality of the product and the fact that in a few years most schools will be signed with Synergy anyway. Crawford noted the difficulty of (1) the mandate, as institutions want their own flexibility, and (2) the additional $1,000 which may not be wanted/applicable for many institutions. Cashell and Stigliano noted that commissioners do not write the checks, so the mandate is difficult for commissioners to force.

ACTION ITEM: National office staff will take this information back to Synergy for further discussion.

An executive session was held. The meeting was adjourned.
I. NAIA

HISTORY
The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) is a completely autonomous association currently administering programs of intercollegiate athletics for approximately 275 fully accredited colleges and universities of moderate enrollment. The fundamental tenet of the NAIA is that intercollegiate athletics is an integral part of the total educational program of the institution. This belief is strongly reflected in the governing documents, activities and organizational structure of the Association.

Established in 1940 as the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB), the Association expanded to include other programs in 1952. The NAIA became the first intercollegiate sports governing body to provide championship opportunities for both men and women when the women’s program was established on August 1, 1980. (Additional information relative to the history of the NAIA can be found in the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook.)

PHILOSOPHY
The purpose of the NAIA is to promote education and development of students through intercollegiate athletic participation. Member institutions, although varied and diverse, share a common commitment to high standards and the principle that athletics serve as an integral part of education.

The NAIA embraces the concept of the student and recognizes the importance of the individuality of each member institution, the value of the conference and independent structure, and the benefits of membership in a national association. (Additional information relative to the philosophy of the NAIA can be found in the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook.)

PAST CHAMPIONS
A complete listing of past NAIA champions and championships can be found in the respective coaches’ manuals as well as on the NAIA website, www.NAIA.org.

COACHES OF THE YEAR
A complete listing of coach of the year recipients can be found in the respective coaches’ manual as well as on the NAIA website, www.NAIA.org.

NAIAHELP
Athletic administrators are responsible for submitting declaration of intent information, school and staff information, and end of year reports online through www.NAIAMarketing.com.

II. Coaches Association

Information regarding sport coaches associations and past presidents can be found in the respective coaches’ manual. These manuals can be downloaded from the NAIA website. It is important that all coaches be involved and active in their coaches association. Coaches associations assist in developing policies and procedures for their sport. Please encourage your coaches to participate.

III. Awards

A. COACH OF THE YEAR
Each coaches association has the opportunity to identify a national coach of the year for its sport. For a brief description of the selection procedure of each sport, please refer to National Administrative Council (NAC) section of the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook. More specific details may be found in the respective coaches’ manual.

B. ALL-AMERICA
All-America awards are annually bestowed on the most outstanding athletes in the NAIA. Criteria for the awards and the procedures for selection and implementation are forwarded by each coaches association and approved by the National Administrative Council. Additional and specific details, relative to a particular sport, are outlined in each coach’s manual, as well as in NAC section of the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook. Although each sport is unique and thorough details should be obtained from each coach’s manual, a brief listing of deadlines for complete nomination packets can be found in Appendix C of this manual. Please note some sports recognize All-America selections by order of finish, while others require submission of materials at the conference/A.I.I. level.
The NAIA strongly recommends All-America nomination material be sent via overnight, registered or certified mail. The NAIA will not be responsible for nominations that are lost in the mail when not sent by one of the above listed methods. The NAIA is not responsible for material faxed to the National Office.

C. DAKTRONICS-NAIA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

Criteria:

• Nominee is junior or above in academic standing.
• Nominee has been in attendance at the nominating institution two full academic years as a non-transfer student or a minimum of one full academic year as a transfer student.
• Nominee has a minimum grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of the nomination deadline (for transfer students the GPA is only at current NAIA institution).
• Nominee has been certified as eligible and is listed on the eligibility certificate submitted to conference eligibility chair.
• Nomination form is complete and submitted through SIDHelp.
• All the above information is to be received by the sport specific deadline to be eligible for national press release/website, certificate and honors database. All criteria must be met by this date.
• NOTE: There are no statistical/playing requirements needed to receive this award.

Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete nominations will continue to be filled out via the SIDHelp admin website at www.naiasports.org/admin. You must have an account in order to fill out nomination forms as the forms are no longer available through coaches’ manuals. SIDHelp is the only way to nominate student-athletes as a Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete. If you don’t have an account, please sign up and create your own. Your access will be granted (usually) within 24 hours.

D. SCHOLAR TEAM

In recognition of academic achievement, the NAIA names a Scholar Team for all sports in which Scholar-Athletes are recognized. Based on a 3.0 season GPA on a 4.0 scale, all members of the team who appear on the eligibility certificate will be included in the GPA compilation.

Download the NAIA Scholar Team Award Form at http://www.naia.org/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=27900&ATCLID=205327004

E. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for national championships.

Certificates of participation are presented to each participant in a national championship. Team awards and the traditional championship banner are standard awards at NAIA national championships, while individual awards and awards for outstanding play vary from sport to sport. Specific details are outlined in the respective coach’s manual.

F. NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

National Players of the Week are selected from Conference/Independent Players of the Week for each of the 22 conferences and the Association of Independent Institutions. Honorees are released in conjunction with national ratings on Tuesdays.

The NAIA National Player of the Week is selected from a pool of conference players of the week, beginning with the first awarding in the first week of the season for the following sports (volleyball, men's cross country, women's cross country, football, men's soccer, women's soccer, women's basketball, men's basketball, wrestling, men's swimming and diving, women's swimming and diving, men's indoor track and field, women's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field, men's golf, women's golf, men's tennis, women's tennis, baseball and softball). SID representatives from each conference nominate players for the national award and a voting panel comprised of SIDs from various conferences vote using SIDHelp.

Voting criteria that may be used:
1) Statistics/results
2) Team success
3) Various records (school, conference, national) broken
4) Level of competition
5) Comments from the specific nomination form

G. CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER TEAM AWARD

The Champions of Character Team Award sponsored by Buffalo Funds is an annual award given at the end of each sport season. Each sport will award the Champions of Character Team Award to one team on a yearly basis and all NAIA teams are eligible for the team award. Teams must be...
nominated by their institution. Award winners will be selected based upon their documented display of exemplary character and sportsmanship on the field, on campus, and in the community. Specifically, fulfillment of the five core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership will be taken into consideration.

H. HALL OF FAME

The NAIA maintains a Hall of Fame program recognizing outstanding contributions in all areas and at all levels. The basic aim of the Hall of Fame program is to honor those individuals, who over a period of years have distinguished themselves with service to the NAIA. The Hall of Fame program honors individuals in three categories: Meritorious Service, Coach and Athlete.

Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed by the NAIA. Specific criteria, nomination forms, and general information are outlined in Appendix A of this manual as well as in the NAC policy in the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook.

I. ATHLETICS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Each affiliated conference/A.I.I. may nominate one athletics administrator based on accomplishments during the previous year. Nominee must be active as an athletics director at a member institution for a minimum of five years. Method of selection is determined by the conference.

J. CHARLES MORRIS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The award was initiated in memory and honor of past Associate Executive Director Charles Morris. The award will annually recognize a Conference and National Administrator of the Year. The intent is to consider members who are administrators in all phases of NAIA athletic programs (e.g. faculty athletics representatives, eligibility chairs, presidents, commissioners, sports chairs, etc.) on college campuses and/or administrators of our conference/A.I.I. organizations.

K. WALLY SCHWARTZ FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Faculty Athletics Representatives Association initiated the award to honor the late Wally Schwartz, former NAIA vice-president of Legislative Services. The award annually recognizes a conference/A.I.I. and national Faculty Athletics Representative of the Year.

Nominees must be active as a faculty athletics representative in a member institution or conference/A.I.I. and have a minimum of five years of service as a faculty athletics representative and continue to be associated with their institution and/or conference/A.I.I.

L. LARRY LADY OFFICIATING AWARD

The Larry Lady Officiating Award is given to an official of any sport recognized by the NAIA and is in honor of Larry Lady, current NAIA supervisor of officials for basketball, baseball and football and long-time NAIA supporter and administrator. Nominees must have officiated, judged, started, or umpired an NAIA national championship or event at any time during his/her career. Nominee does not have to be actively officiating at the time of the nomination to be considered. The nominee must have at least 10 years of collegiate officiating service in the sport of nomination.

M. DR. LEROY WALKER CHARACTER AWARD

This award was created to honor the late Dr. LeRoy Walker, a former president of the NAIA and president emeritus of the United States Olympic Committee. The nominee must be a representative of an NAIA institution as a current student-athlete with at least a junior academic status at the nominating institution at the time of nomination. The nominee must be outstanding in academic achievement (GPA of 3.0 or higher), campus leadership, community leadership, embracing the five core character values of the NAIA Champions of Character initiative, athletic achievement and future ambition.

The recipient will receive a $1,000 cash award to the institutional scholarship fund of the recipient’s choice and be provided round-trip transportation and accommodations to the annual NAIA National Convention.

N. A.O. DUER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTED BY DAKTRONICS

Named in honor of the NAIA’s former executive secretary who served the Association for 26 years, this award has been annually presented since 1967 to a male and female junior student-athlete in any sport who has excelled in scholarship, character, and citizenship.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must have an overall GPA of at least 3.75 (on a 4.00 scale) and must have attained junior standing academically. Nominations are submitted by an institution’s faculty athletics representative to the conference/A.I.I. Each affiliated conference/A.I.I. may nominate one student-athlete for consideration by the Awards Committee of the Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives which selects the national winner. A $1,000 cash award to the one male and one female national winner is presented to the winner’s institution and an appropriate award is presented to the honorees.
O. Emil S. Liston Award Presented by Daktronics

Named in honor of the NAIA’s first executive secretary and the prime mover behind the men’s basketball tournament, this award has been presented annually since 1950 to one junior men’s and women’s basketball player who has shown high athletic and scholastic achievement.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must have an overall GPA of at least 3.50 (on a 4.00 scale) and must have attained junior standing academically. Nominations are submitted by an institution’s faculty athletics representative to the conference/A.I.I. Each affiliated conference/A.I.I. may nominate one student-athlete for consideration by the Awards Committee of the Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives which selects the national winner. A $1,000 cash award to the one male and one female national winner is presented to the winner’s institution and an appropriate award is presented to the honorees.

P. Clarence “Ike” Pearson Award

The award commemorates the life and work of Clarence “Ike” Pearson, who served as the chief of statistical services for the men’s basketball tournament for 29 consecutive years prior to his death in November 1976. This award is annually presented to a member of the NAIA Sports Information Directors Association (NAIA-SIDA) who has made outstanding contributions to her/his institution, and to the NAIA at both the affiliated conference/A.I.I. and national level. Special consideration will be given to involvement in the NAIA-SIDA and NAIA championship events.

Nominees must be a member of the NAIA-SIDA for five full years. Nominations may be submitted by a chief executive officer, athletics director, conference chair, conference/A.I.I. commissioner/president, conference information director or sports information director. A sports information director also may nominate an NAIA SIDA member from any other affiliated conference or conference.

Q. Al Ortolani Student Athletic Trainer Scholarship

Nominee must have attained junior standing academically at a member institution employing a full-time NATA-certified athletic trainer; applicant must have worked as a student trainer for a period of at least one year at the college level and be enrolled in a program leading to a bachelor’s degree. The applicant must have a GPA of 3.00 or above in his/her major field. A scholarship of $500 will be awarded to the winner for his/her senior year.

R. Athletic Trainer of the Year

Nominee must be a member in good standing in the NAIA Athletic Trainers Association and the National Athletic Trainers Association as a Certified Athletic Trainer; employed current by an NAIA institution as an athletic trainer and has distinguished themself as a model of the profession of athletic training in personal conduct and professional allied health service to athletes. Nominee is nominated by a Certified Athletic Trainer in good standing in the NAIA-ATA and the NATA, or the nominee’s athletics director. Nominee has not received this award in the past three years.

S. Sports Information Director of the Year

This award is presented annually to a full- or part-time sports information director or a part-time coach/sports information director, who represents an institution or conference, and who has made key contributions to their institution, their conference or the association during a single academic year.

Nominations may be submitted by an institution or conference/A.I.I. The national award recipient will be presented with a certificate and recognized at an annual function in conjunction with the NAIA-SIDA meeting and the NAIA National Convention.

T. Ordering Awards

Official NAIA awards MUST be ordered from:
Collegiate Awards, 1801 E. Trafficway, Springfield, MO 65802; (417) 873-9280; www.CollegiateAwards.com
Contact: Matt Miller, mattm@collegiateawards.com, (417) 576-3846
NAIA National Office Staff Awards Liaison – Jamie Adams – jadams@naia.org, (816) 595-8129

IV. Game Management

It is a policy of the NAIA that every institution demonstrates a commitment to conduct in competition consistent with the core values.

The following standards shall be enforced:

1. After every contest, teams and coaches will stay on the playing surface and shake hands with opponents.
2. Profanity is unacceptable in NAIA competition.
   a. PA announcement must be made before the invocation/national anthem or player introductions.
b. PA announcement must be made to give a warning for profanity/vulgarity when deemed appropriate by the event manager.

3. Support groups (bands, cheerleaders, etc.) must be placed as far away from the opponent’s bench as possible.

4. Making personal attacks regarding physical characteristics of a player, coach or official is unacceptable and must be addressed by the crowd control manager.

5. Every institution must assign a person who is solely responsible for crowd control at contests in basketball, football, soccer and other sports as deemed necessary.

V. Ejections and Suspensions

An ejection is an action enforced in conjunction with competition by a game official consistent with the playing rules in that sport. A suspension is required by NAIA bylaws (Article 6, Section B, Item 7) as an additional consequence related to ejections in conjunction with competition.

It is the responsibility of the offending institution to provide written notification to its commissioner of any incidents of misconduct during a contest, including ejections from a contest, within five days of the incident.

Any coach or student-athlete ejected on one or more occasions while representing an NAIA member institution in competition shall be subject automatically to the following penalties:

a. Suspension for the next contest after the coach or student-athlete is ejected for the first time (in one sport) in a single season.

   A coach or student-athlete ejected for fighting, as reported by the game official, shall be automatically suspended for one additional contest.

b. Suspension for the next two contests if a coach or student-athlete accumulates two ejections (in one sport) in a single season. This includes post-season play and may carry over to the following year depending on when the ejection occurs.

   A coach or student-athlete ejected for fighting, as reported by the game official, shall be automatically suspended for one additional contest.

c. Ineligibility for the remainder of all regular-season and post-season participation if a coach or student-athlete accumulates three ejections (in one sport) in a single season. Should the third ejection occur in either of the last two contests of the year, the coach or returning student-athlete will be suspended for the first two contests of the following year.

   NOTE: Any coach or student-athlete ejected from a junior varsity or varsity contest shall be suspended for the next contest at the same level or higher as the contest from which the student or coach was ejected. Contests that are defined as scrimmages and exhibitions shall not satisfy the suspension penalty.

Any coach who changes employment from one NAIA institution to another NAIA institution while subject to a pending suspension due to misconduct during a contest must serve the term of the suspension at the new institution. Ejections are not subject to appeal. Some sport rules allow protests through an official process outlined in each sport rule book.

A transfer student who was suspended or declared otherwise ineligible due to misconduct while representing an institution in competition, must serve the period of suspension at the institution to which the student transfers before intercollegiate participation shall be permitted.

NOTE: If sport specific rules are more stringent than NAIA rules, the institution must also conform to the sport specific rules.

NOTE 2: An institution or affiliated conference shall retain the right to apply more stringent penalties than the NAIA rules and standards.

Ejections are not subject to appeal. Suspensions may be appealed starting with the Conference/Association of Independent Institutions. An institution must submit an appeal to their conference within 72 hours of the completion of contest. The conference will submit a recommendation to the National Office within 72 hours of receiving the appeal from the institution. The Conduct and Ethics Committee is responsible for all appeals related to suspensions due to ejections of a coach and/or student-athlete.

Once an appeal with appropriate signatures has been submitted to the conference, the student-athlete/coach may continue to participate through the appeal process. If the appeal is not approved, then the student-athlete/coach must sit out of the next scheduled contest(s).

A player or coach serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, bench personnel and/or game officials from the start of game to its completion, including any overtime.
periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in her game uniform, and she may not take part in any warm-up activities.

Ejection reports must be completed by the NAIA game official ejecting a student-athlete or coach and the athletic director of the ejected student-athlete or coach. The form must be submitted to the NAIA within 48 hours after the completion of the contest.  
http://www.naia.org/ViewArticle.dbml?ATCLID=205501713

VI. Ratings, Oversight and Timeline

The NAIA Department of Sports Information conducts national ratings of the top teams throughout the course of the academic year for various sports. National ratings are compiled from the balloting of the respective sports’ rating committee. Rating committee membership is outlined in each respective coach’s manual. National ratings are conducted to serve the needs of such things as publicity, selection and seeding for national championship events.

Each rater and conference oversight member has an opportunity to raise concerns with any conference rating to the National Oversight Committee. If you so choose to raise concerns, you will email each member of the 3-person National Oversight Committee (emails are found in the Coaches Manual) and carbon copy (CC) the sport manager. The sport manager will not facilitate this process, it will be up to the person bringing a concern to communicate with the National Oversight. Your email must include:

i. Conference/Unaffiliated Group
ii. Specific concern(s)
iii. Proposed changes

Your concern will be processed by the National Oversight Committee and does not guarantee a request for rationale going out to the specific conference oversight involved.

National Oversight Committee will request rationale (if applicable) of the Conference Oversight (Conference Commissioner will be the point of contact). If the Conference Oversight (i.e. Commissioner) does not provide written rationale prior to the deadline - a written warning will be issued on the first offense; the rater’s ballot will be removed following a second offense.

The final rating will take place AFTER the deadline for postseason qualifying tournaments.

A. SELECTION OF RATERS

Raters are responsible for voting the best teams in the NAIA for the national rating. Raters for conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated groupings are appointed by the conference/A.I.I. commissioner. Ratings are not conducted in the sport of Track and Field.

Information regarding statistics and forfeits can be found in the NAC section of the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook.

B. REPORTING RESULTS

All results must be reported online to the NAIA Scoreboard within 24 hours of completion of competition to be eligible for that week’s ratings. Please coordinate with your sports information personnel to report using only one of the following methods. Reporting at more than one level will cause previously submitted results to be overwritten.

1) School websites that use SIDHelp: Reporting here automatically reports to the conference scoreboard (if the conference uses SID Help) and national scoreboard.
2) Conference Websites that use SIDHelp: reporting here automatically reports to the national scoreboard.
3) National SID Help website (www.naiasports.com/admin): report here only if neither the school nor the conference uses SID Help.

(All SIDHelp websites (school, conference, NAIA) admin sections use the domain name and then add “/admin” to the end of it. Eg. Schools in the Mid-Central Conference can log into the MCC conference website, http://www.mid-centralconf.org/admin/.)

First time users for the National NAIA Scoreboard:
1. Registration is required. Go to www.naiasports.org/admin
2. Click on the “Don’t Have a Password?  Register Now” link.
3. Enter your school e-mail address (only school email addresses are accepted) with a chosen password.
4. The NAIA National Office receives an email notification of your registration request.
5. Your registration will be approved within 1 business day.

If you have an active account with SIDHelp, you do not have to re-register. Your username/password is already in the system.

Please note, each rater must submit his/her weekly report to the National Office by noon CST on Mondays. Teams cannot be properly evaluated without complete and detailed information from all coaches in their respective areas. Reporting results on the NAIA website also provides greater team exposure to media, coaches, potential student-athletes and fans.

Institutions failing to report results for two consecutive weeks, or four total weeks during the season will be subject to a monetary penalty. The first violation will be a warning. The second violation will be a $500 fine. The third violation will be a $1,000 fine and a loss of postseason awards for that sport. The fourth violation will be a $1,000 fine and such further penalties at the discretion of the council. Fines will be due within 30 days of notification.

C. NATIONAL RATER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

1. National Oversight Committee to consist of three (3) members:
   A. Member of NAC-Rules and Ratings committee
   B. Two coaches from appropriate sport with the following criteria:
      a. One coach must have prior rating experience and can be active or former coach still involved in the NAIA
      b. One coach must be current officer in coaches association.
   
   The NAIA Sport Manager works with officers to recruit/appoint National Oversight Committee members.

2. The NAC-Rules and Ratings subcommittee liaison is an active member of each National Oversight Committee.

3. Each conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated group must designate a three-person oversight committee to monitor its weekly ratings. The commissioner will provide names and contact information for their respective oversight committee members to the National Office. If a group does not have a designated oversight committee in place, they will not be able to submit weekly conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated group and national top 30 ratings.

4. National Oversight Committee will review each rating grid prior to releasing national rating.

National Oversight will receive questions from raters, conference oversight and/or sport managers in regards to the conference rating. National Oversight will ask Conference Oversight for rationale on a conference rating if deemed necessary by the committee.

   A. Oversight forms are submitted by each National Oversight Committee member via e-mail by established deadline.
   B. If written rationale is requested from rater(s), oversight will include specific request(s) on the oversight form.
   C. If written rationale is requested, then the rater(s) in question will have until the sport specific deadline (see coaches manuals for deadlines) to provide written rationale for rating.
      i. If a rater does not provide written rationale prior to the deadline:
         a. 1st instance – written warning (ballot is still included into that week’s rating)
         b. 2nd instance – rater(s) ballot is removed for that week
         c. NAIA Sport Manager copies all parties (rater, national oversight, conference/A.I.I. commissioner) in each instance
   D. No completed oversight form from a National Oversight Committee member for two-week period constitutes NAIA National Office contact.

National Oversight Committee members are held to the same requirements/guidelines as NAIA national raters in terms of completing their weekly responsibilities.

5. National Oversight Committee has authority to remove a rater’s ballot if the ballot is deemed to jeopardize the integrity of the rating. Removal of ballot must be approved by at least two National Oversight Committee members. In the event of the removal of a ballot, the rater, Conference/A.I.I. Commissioner, NAIA Director of Sports Information and all oversight committee membership will be notified.

   6. Removal of rater is authorized when any combination of the following three (3) incidents occur three (3) times during a ratings calendar year:
      1. Failure to submit a conference/A.I.I./group OR national ballot.
      2. Failure to represent conference/independent on a rating conference call.
      3. Removal of a conference/group or national rating ballot.

Any appeals (and final decision to remove a rater) are handled by the national ratings oversight committee.
7. Standard policies when a rater/group loses rating privileges:
   1. Warning letter (e-mail correspondence) sent to rater after first offense/incident (See section F above). Respective Conference/group commissioners and national oversight committee copied on all correspondence.
   2. Warning letter to rater after second offense/incident and the rater is informed that they will lose their national rating privileges following a third offense/incident. The NAIA Sport Manager contacts conference/group commissioners for procedures in submitting conference/group ratings if the affected group loses their rating privileges.
   3. Conference/group rater loses national rating privileges after third documented offense. Respective conference/group commissioners and national oversight committee copied on all correspondence.

   NOTE: If a conference/group has its rater removed, that conference/group loses its rater voting privileges for the remainder of the current ratings season. However, the conference/group must still submit a conference/group rating so that teams in the conference/group can receive ratings votes from all other national raters.

VII. NAIA Official and Policy Handbook

The NAIA Policy Handbook can be found at www.NAIA.org. Please refer directly to the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook for the following:

- Forfeits – National Administrative Council, Article XI
- Declaration of Intent to Participate – Bylaws, Article I, Section L
- Definitions for Eligibility – Bylaws, Article V, Section B
- Eligibility Requirements – Bylaws, Article V, Section C
- Frequency of Play and Scheduling – Bylaws, Article I, Section F
- Amateur Rules and Reinstatement – Bylaws, Article VII
- Institutional Financial Aid Policy – Council of Presidents, Article IX
- Reporting Results – National Administrative Council, Article XXIV, Section A
- Conduct in Competition Guidelines – National Administrative Council, Article IV
- Ejection Policy – Bylaws, Article VI Section 7
- Campus Visitations and Tryouts of Prospective Students – Bylaws, Article II, Section C
- Recruitment – Bylaws, Article II, Section D
- Criteria for Countable Contests – National Administrative Council, Article XXV, Section A, Item 12

Declaration of Intent - NOTE: The deadline to undeclare is four weeks prior to the start of postseason.

VIII. Sunday Play Policy

As a matter of policy, NAIA national qualifying and national championship competition will not be scheduled on Sunday. See NAIA Official and Policy Handbook for additional information.

IX. Playing Rules and Regulations

A. PLAYING RULES

Official rules governing NAIA regular season and postseason play are listed in the NAC section of the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook. Details on ordering and purchasing rulebooks are outlined there, as well. Coaches’ association modifications to the official rules, where applicable, are outlined in the respective coach’s manual.

B. JURISDICTION OF GAME OFFICIALS

The outcome of all games is under the jurisdiction of game officials. All disputes, protests, etc., must be settled directly with the officials. Decisions of game officials are final and are NOT subject to appeal.

C. SEASON RECORDS

Season won-loss-tied records for all member institutions shall include ONLY those contests played against accredited upper-level, degree-granting institutions, and SHALL NOT include games against junior colleges, clubs, foreign (Canada excluded), or military teams.
D. OFFICIAL BALL

The NAIA will designate an official ball for all national competition. The NAIA strongly recommends the use of all official balls for regular season and affiliated conference/independent play.

- Baseball - Rawlings R100-NAIA low seam baseball
- Men’s & Women’s Soccer – Select Sport America, Brilliant Super NAIA
- Men’s Basketball - Rawlings Contour
- Women’s Basketball - Rawlings Contour
- Softball – Worth NAIAB .47 COR
- Men’s & Women’s Tennis – Wilson Extra Duty
- Football - Rawlings ST-5 or Rawlings R2
- Volleyball - Tachikara SV-5W-NAIA

E. ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The use of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco products is not permitted by participants, coaches, cheerleaders, trainers, game administrators, or officials in the playing areas during all NAIA sanctioned competition and practices for such competition. The institution’s coaching staff, event games committee, administrator or host site coordinator (as applicable) shall enforce this policy through the following steps: On the first offense, the individual(s) and team shall receive an official warning; A second offense will cause expulsion from the practice, game, tournament or event. Member institutions are strongly encouraged to adopt this policy for all regular season practice and competition.

Postseason Competition

I. Responsibilities of Participating Institutions

A. The official party for each team participating in postseason play and the maximum number of players in uniform is as follows:

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The list of maximum number of eligible players for each sport (official postseason roster/entry form) MUST be submitted to the NAIA National Office prior to ANY postseason play.

Postseasons rosters will continue to be filled out via the SIDHelp admin website at www.naiasports.org/admin. You must have an account in order to fill out a postseason roster as the forms are no longer available through coaches’ manuals. If you don’t have an account, please sign up and create your own. Your access will be granted (usually) within 24 hours. Once you log-in, please follow these instructions:

2. There will be a section titled “Forms and Rosters”. Click on the link “Official Postseason Rosters”.
3. Fill out the roster form.

Any issues with the online roster form, please contact the NAIA Sports Information Department at CWaller@NAIA.org. Any other general questions related to the official postseason rosters, please contact the Sport Manager.

A copy of this roster/entry form MUST be hand-carried to the site of the affiliated conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated qualifying tournament and national tournaments, and presented to the supervisor (affiliated conference/A.I.I. sport chair for conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated qualifying tournament, and NAIA sport manager for the national championship) prior to that institution's participation in the event. Deadlines for certifying the official roster is specific to each sport. Please refer to the respective coach's manual.

For unaffiliated group qualifying tournaments that include preliminary conference/group qualifying contests in the qualification plan; roster changes cannot be made between "rounds.” Unaffiliated group tournaments will follow the same roster change policies used for affiliated conference/A.I.I. tournaments.

Once the tournament begins, no player may play that is not on the official roster. Roster changes are permissible between the postseason qualifying event and the opening rounds and between the opening round and final site by any eligible player whose name is included on the NAIA Official Eligibility Form for the appropriate sport for the current academic season. The coach will need to hand-carry a copy of the eligibility form to each tournament if a roster change is necessary. A copy of the official roster/entry form is located in each coach's manual. This form requires the signature of the head coach, director of athletics, and the faculty athletics representative.

B. Each participating team shall be responsible for its own expenses en route to, during, and from all postseason events.

C. Each participating team shall provide its own medical, hospitalization, travel and accident insurance for all members of its official party.

D. The coach or other designated person for each participating team must be in attendance and responsible for his/her team at all times while at the site of the tournament. This person shall accept the responsibility for the conduct of his/her student-athletes at the tournament site during the tournament and at all activities connected with the team's tournament participation. In case of property damage, the offending institution shall be held financially responsible.

II. Conference/A.I.I./Unaffiliated Grouping Qualifying Tournaments

Postseason qualifying tournaments are planned and administered by the conference/A.I.I. and subject to approval by the department of championships.

Qualifying tournament plans must be submitted to the NAIA National Office no later than:

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<td>Softball, Baseball, Men's and Women's Golf, Men's and Women's Tennis</td>
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A. Dates and Sites
The dates and sites of qualifying tournaments shall be determined by the affiliated conference/A.I.I., as applicable.

For a complete listing of qualifying tournament deadlines refer to Appendix L of this manual.

B. Administration
Qualifying tournaments are under the direct control and supervision of the leadership of the individual conferences/A.I.I. If available, the conference/A.I.I. sport chair will serve as administrator for the sport playoffs in cooperation with the host site athletics director. When not available, the host athletics director, or a designated person, may serve in this capacity. All playoff games must determine a winner.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Administration and interpretation of the postseason qualifying event playoff plan including all qualifications and selection procedures.

b. Certification of approved sites for playoff games.

c. Determine a weather contingency plan for outdoor sports.
d. Announcement of participating teams, seeding, pairings, game times and sites immediately at the established time for final team selection.

e. Assignment of a tournament supervisor to each game/session site and provision of complete instructions for game/session administration.

f. Assignment of a certified athletic trainer.

g. Establishing physician and ambulance service on-site or immediately on call throughout the tournament.

h. Approving the selection and assignment of all tournament officials.

i. Enforcement of all recommended financial policies for each game/session in accordance with national policies governing postseason qualifying tournaments.

j. Reporting results of all postseason tournament games to the NAIA National Office.

k. Ordering the championship award.

l. Appealing policies, if necessary.

The tournament supervisor will coordinate all activities at each game site and work with the host institution athletics director in implementing policies in the conduct of the tournament games.

The tournament supervisor reports to the game site no later than two hours prior to game time. Other administrative duties of the supervisor include:

a. Oversee the administration of the gate to assure that only ticket purchasers and appropriately identified personnel (certified news media representatives, etc.) gain admittance to the tournament game facility.

b. Ensure that only authorized media personnel occupy space in the press box or press row areas and that all radio and/or television stations have paid the appropriate broadcast fees prior to the start of each game.

c. Supervise administration of the game(s) including pre-game protocol, cheerleader activity, crowd control, supervision of the game officials and post-game awards ceremonies if applicable.

d. Report scores of each game/session promptly to the NAIA National Office on the NAIA scoreboard at www.NAIA.org.

C. Finances

1. Conference Championship Events - The host site is responsible for the following:

   a. Compensating game officials for all expenses.

   b. Ordering affiliated conference/independent awards.

   c. Administrative expenses, including security, ticket personnel, public address announcer, scorer, timer, etc.

   d. Expenses of game administrator, if applicable.

   (Finances unique to the football championship series will be sent under separate cover in the Football Championship Series Manual to those athletics directors involved in championship play.)

D. Qualifying Tournament Results Report Forms

Qualifying tournament results forms are to be completed and returned to the NAIA National Office by either the conference commissioner, appropriate sport chair or championship site coordinator. They are to be submitted within 48 hours of the completion of the event.

III. National Championship

The policy of the NAIA states that each member institution shall have the opportunity to qualify for the national championship event in each sport through fair and equitable competition. Qualification to national competition shall exist via the following methods: meeting established qualification standards; affiliated conference/independent/unaffiliated competition and at-large selection.

Qualification models and definitions are outlined in the NAC section of the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook. Sport qualification plans for 2014-15 are included in the appendices section of this manual and also on the NAIA website, www.NAIA.org.

A. OPENING ROUND EVENTS

Soccer, Volleyball, Softball and Baseball will conduct opening round events as part of the national championship.

Pairings (Volleyball and Soccer)

Volleyball will have 12 opening round pairings and Soccer will have 16 opening round pairings. In order to be eligible for a guarantee to host an opening round pairing, a bid fee of $4,000 will be paid to the NAIA. In volleyball, the top eight will be guaranteed to host if they bid the minimum of $4,000. In soccer, the top 10 will be guaranteed to host if they bid the minimum of $4,000.

Payment of officials and game operations will be the responsibility of the host institution.
All pairings for the opening rounds will be based upon the following prioritized criteria:

1. Geographical location of teams
2. Financial considerations
3. Final rating/seeding

When pairing Opening Round opponents for sports who play head-to-head in the Opening round (volleyball and men’s and women’s soccer) the first six seeds will be protected by not allowing their opponent to be moved more than four spots in either direction from their natural seed matchup. Additionally, the remainder of the pairings would be allowed to move up to eight spots in either direction from their natural seed matchup.

The top 12 seeds in volleyball (or the top 11 seeds and a host institution) are protected due to the Opening Round bye built into the championship. The remaining seeds will be held to the rule listed above by not moving more than eight spots in either direction from their natural seed matchup.

**Tournaments (Softball and Baseball)**

Bids to host an opening round tournament will be open to any institution, conference, convention and visitor’s bureau/sport commission. In order to be eligible to host an opening round tournament, a bid fee of $6,000 for softball and $10,000 for baseball will be paid to the NAIA. Bid fees will be used to pay for travel of the neutral site supervisor and assist with reimbursement to traveling teams in opening round pairings and final site. Payment of umpires and game operations will be the responsibility of the host. Certified umpires will be assigned by the conference based on criteria set by the NAC for opening round pairings.

Due to travel issues with crossing the border, Canadian institutions wishing to bid to host an opening round event must host the contest(s) in the United States and meet all minimum requirements.

**B. ADMINISTRATION**

NAIA national championships are planned and implemented by each respective sport’s coaches association under the leadership of a tournament/games committee and subject to approval of all standards and conditions as may be prescribed by the NAIA-NAC.

During the tournament, the tournament/games committee conducts a coaches’ meeting and assists with the participating teams functions in an efficient manner. The tournament/games committee is also in charge of assigning and working with the game officials, and coordinating the pre-tournament and post-tournament ceremonies, as applicable.

An NAIA championship sport managers will serve as the tournament administrator and work with the host site coordinator, appointed by the host institution/community, on all details related to the preparation and organization of the event. Before the tournament, the tournament administrator distributes complete information to all teams in contention, which includes housing and transportation information, participating team responsibilities and all other instructions deemed appropriate.

All national champions should be determined in competition, with national championships played to conclusion. Playability should be determined by the onsite games committee in consultation with the National Office, making every effort to conclude on schedule. The committee should make every possible effort to finish in the timeliest fashion possible.

**C. QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS**

See 2014-15 Fact Sheets in back portion of this manual.

**D. SELECTION OF AT-LARGE TEAMS AND SEEDING OF THE TOURNAMENT**

Each sport’s coaches’ association implements selection and seeding policies as approved by the coaches association and the NAIA-National Administrative Council. Qualifying teams that do not receive votes in the final rating will be seeded at the discretion of the tournament/games committee.

**E. FORMAT**

For specific information, see the 2015-16 Fact Sheets in the back portion of this manual.

**F. TOURNAMENT SELECTION PROCESS APPEALS**

If there is misapplication of NAIA policy and procedures regarding tournament selection, an institution may appeal to the National Office of the NAIA.

Criteria for filing an appeal

1. A written appeal citing the specific NAIA policies and/or procedures that have been misapplied must be submitted to the NAIA National Office - Department of Championships within 24 hours (or noon (central time) of the next business day if the end of the 24 hour period falls on a non-business day) from the time the tournament field has been released.
2. Once an appeal has been submitted a response will be provided within 24 hours from receipt of appeal.
3. Appeals must be submitted and signed by the Athletics Director and President of the institution.

NOTE: The National Administrative Council sport liaison will be on the selection conference call to listen to the discussion of tournament selection. The liaison will report any concerns to the National Office immediately following the conclusion of the conference call.

G. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Travel reimbursement to member institutions participating in postseason events is not guaranteed by the Association for any event. All transportation and housing expenses incurred to attend an NAIA championship shall be the financial responsibility of the institution. The NAIA will reimburse from remaining championship profits, up to 100 percent of transportation and housing expenses of the official party, to those institutions that used the NAIA travel service. Reimbursement will not be available to institutions not using the NAIA travel service. 75% of net income from opening round events will be used for travel reimbursement in the sports of football, soccer, volleyball, softball and baseball.

The traveling team will receive and pay the transportation bill (air and/or ground) and any meal and housing bills incurred to and from, and while at the National Championship site. Exceptions will not be made to these policies unless approved in advance in writing by the NAIA CEO.

For more specific information, please refer to the COP section of the NAIA Policy & Official Handbook.

H. HOUSING

All participating teams and individuals in an NAIA national championship event MUST stay at the designated headquarters hotel or assigned property for the duration of the event. FAILURE to do so would make a team INELIGIBLE for the national event and any available reimbursement funds.

I. MANDATORY PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FUNCTIONS

All participating teams and individuals competing in a national championship, including opening rounds, must attend all functions including; Parade of Champions, coaches meetings, opening round celebrations, and Champions of Character nominations. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of a $1,500 fine to the institution.

J. CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Certified Athletic Trainers are provided at all NAIA National Championships through the host site in cooperation with the NAIA Athletic Trainer Coordinator. It is strongly recommended that Certified Athletic Trainers are present at all rounds of postseason qualifying championships.

K. RELATED INFORMATION

1. Radio and Television - The broadcast of any postseason competition is governed by the NAIA broadcast policies as printed in the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook. See rights fees at the end of this section.
2. The NAIA policy governing the acceptance of advertisers and advertising copy for broadcasts of any and all NAIA championship events is as follows:

   Beer, wine, liquor or form of alcoholic beverages or any form of tobacco products shall not be endorsed by the NAIA. The advertisement of such products in connection with NAIA postseason events, as well as sponsorship, is permissible under the following conditions:
   a. All such advertisements must receive advance approval from the NAIA President and Chief Executive Officer.
   b. Alcoholic beverages in any form shall not be allowed to be sold, dispersed or brought into the public areas of any NAIA event.

3. The NAIA allows the use of video cameras at all NAIA events unless prohibited by host sties or contracts.
4. Additional details regarding items such as the banquet, coaches’ meeting, officials, and opening ceremonies are outlined in each respect.
# 2015-2016 NAIA Championship Broadcast Rights Fees

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* Extra charge associated with any additional radio stations that pick up your school’s feed. This doesn’t include if a team posts/advertisers the internet broadcast of the opponent.

* The NAIA owns exclusive rights for all broadcasts. When the NAIA produces any form of a broadcast, no institution, conference or entity is allowed to produce in any other form.

- Web-blogging is any form of live updates by typing on the computer in a public forum where anyone with internet has access to.
- All rights fees MUST be paid PRIOR to start of game/championship.
- In OPENING ROUNDS & FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES, checks need to be made out to the host institution and given to the on-site Media Coordinator.
- In the final site of the National Championships, checks need to be made out to the NAIA and given to on-site Media Coordinator.
- Any questions, contact the NAIA Sports Information Department at 816.595.8000
### 2015-2016 Nomination Deadlines

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# Award Nominations (forms and online submission)

Find these resources at NAIA.org Membership Services Official Forms

## Official Forms

Note: Many official NAIA forms are now submitted online.

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### Factsheet: Baseball

#### Dates and Sites

The 60th annual NAIA World Series begins the Friday prior to Memorial Day and is scheduled to finish the following Thursday or Friday (no games are scheduled for Sunday). The 2016 dates are May 27–June 3 at Harris Field on the campus of Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, ID. Affiliated Conference/Independent and unaffiliated qualifying tournaments must be completed by May 12; and national championship opening round tournaments are scheduled for May 16–19, 2016.

#### Format

The NAIA Baseball National Championship is a 46-team, double-elimination tournament (at both the opening round and 10-team final round). The National Championship Opening Round consists of nine (9) five-team tournaments at selected sites. The nine opening-round winners join the Host team (Lewis-Clark State College) at the final round for a ten-team double elimination tournament. The host and the NAIA Championship Department jointly determine the game times for all games.

#### Qualification

Affiliated conferences, independents and independent/unaffiliated groupings representing a total of 190 member institutions sponsoring baseball, are entitled to qualify their regular season or postseason champions into one of nine national championship opening round tournaments. Affiliated conferences/independents that have six (6) or more institutions sponsoring baseball shall receive an automatic berth into the national championship and shall determine their automatic qualifier. Affiliated conferences/independents with 10 or more institutions sponsoring baseball receives two automatic berths into the national championship opening round. The National Administrative Council (NAC) approved a 2016 qualification plan that includes three unaffiliated groupings that will have an automatic qualifier in the national championship field of 46. At-large berths will be selected using the final NAIA baseball rating; which will be conducted after the conclusion of the conference/independent and unaffiliated qualifying tournaments.

#### Rules

Official baseball rules are NCAA Baseball Rules with approved NAIA-Baseball Coaches Association modifications. These rules shall be applied to all contests (pre-season, regular season and postseason) when both institutions are members of the NAIA.

#### Squad Limits

Twenty-five (25) players and a maximum of 6 coaches are permitted in uniform for a total of 31 in the Official Party. Up to an additional two (2) credential are available for Athletic Trainers. Only those listed on the Post-Season Roster are allowed in the team area, which includes the dugout or bench and bullpen.

#### Official Ball

The Rawlings R100-NAIA (low seam) is the official baseball for all Opening Round and World Series games.

#### Awards

Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national tournament (including opening round).
- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies and members of the official party (25) from the top four teams also receive individual plaques.
- The championship team receives the traditional NAIA championship pennant.
- A 16-member All-World Series team (from the 10 final site teams only) is selected with members receiving individual plaques. From among the All-World Series team, a Most Valuable Player is selected by the Games Committee and media members. This person also receives an individual plaque. In addition, selected individuals in the World Series are presented with the Charles Berry Hustle Award and Rawlings Golden Glove Award. One team will be awarded the Hank Burbridge NAIA Champions of Character Team Award. Additionally, one player from each of the ten (10) participating teams will receive a Champions of Character Award, and one of the ten will be selected as the annual Hank Burbridge NAIA Champions of Character Player Award.

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Factsheet: Division I Men’s Basketball

Dates and Site
The 79th Annual NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship begins on Wednesday and concludes the following Tuesday (no games are scheduled for Sunday). The 2016 dates are March 16-22, at Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri. Affiliated conference tournaments must be completed by March 8, 2016.

Format
The NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship is a 32-team single-elimination tournament played over a six-day period. Each team is seeded (1-32) with the top seed playing #32, #2 playing #31, etc., in the first round. The NAIA Department of Championships determines game times for all contests in consultation with representatives of the NAIA-National Association Basketball Coaches.

Qualification
NAIA affiliated conferences with six or more member institutions which sponsor Division I men's basketball are entitled to send either regular season or postseason tournament champion automatically to the national tournament. Conferences with 10 or more institutions sponsoring basketball are entitled to send two representatives to the national championship. Independent institutions will be guaranteed one berth in the national tournament from their independent qualifying event. The Heart of America conference is eligible to receive a host berth. In 2016, a total of 15 conference and independent berths (not including potential host berth) will be awarded. This leaves 17 at-large berths in the national tournament open for teams which will be determined by the final rating; which will be released after the qualifying tournament deadline.

Rules
The official playing rules for all NAIA regular and postseason competition are the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Basketball Rules.

Squad Limits
A maximum of fifteen players are permitted in uniform for all NAIA postseason games, including the national tournament. The official party for expense purposes and all official functions is fifteen. Each team is provided with a maximum of twenty-one sideline credentials for the affiliated conference/A.I.I. and national tournaments which shall include no more than fifteen uniformed players and six support personnel (coach, assistant, trainer, etc.).

Official Ball
The Rawlings Contour is the official men's basketball of the NAIA.

Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national tournament.
- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies and the official party from the top four teams receive individual plaques.
- A 10-member all-tournament team is selected with members receiving individual plaques. In addition, a Most Valuable Player is named from the ten-member all-tournament team and will receive an individual plaque as well.
- Special awards include the Hustle Award and the Charles Kriegel Sportmanship Award.
- The championship team receives the Naismith national championship trophy and the traditional NAIA championship banner.

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Factsheet: Division I Women’s Basketball

Dates and Site
The 36th Annual NAIA Division I Women’s Basketball National Championship begins on Wednesday and concludes the following Tuesday (no games are scheduled for Sunday). The dates are March 16-22 at the Independence Events Center in Independence, Missouri. Deadline for completion of affiliated conference/independent tournaments is March 8, 2016.

Format
The NAIA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship is a 32-team single-elimination tournament played over seven days. The 32 teams are placed in a bracket consisting of four quarters of 1-8 seeds with 1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6 in each quarter. The host/community organization, the Tournament Committee and the NAIA Department of Championships jointly determine the game times for all games.

Qualification
NAIA affiliated conferences with six or more member institutions which sponsor Division I women's basketball are entitled to send either regular season or postseason tournament champion automatically to the national tournament. Conferences with 10 or more institutions sponsoring basketball are entitled to send two representatives to the national championship. Independent/unaffiliated groupings will be guaranteed one berth in the national tournament from their independent/unaffiliated qualifying event. In 2016, a total of 15 conference and independent/unaffiliated berths are awarded. This leaves 16-17 at-large berths in the national tournament open for teams which will be determined by the final regular season rating. Note: A host berth may be awarded to the host conference based on contractual agreement.

Rules
The official playing rules for all NAIA regular and postseason competition are the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Basketball Rules.

Squad Limits
A maximum of fifteen players are permitted in uniform for all NAIA postseason games, including the national tournament. The official party for expense purposes and all official functions is fifteen. Each team is provided with a maximum of twenty-three sideline credentials for the affiliated conference and national tournaments which shall not include more than fifteen uniformed players, six support personnel (coach, assistant, manager, etc.) and up to two athletic trainers.

Official Ball
The Rawlings Contour is the official women’s basketball of the NAIA.

Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national tournament.
- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies and members (twenty-one) from the top four teams also receive individual plaques.
- A ten-member all-tournament team is selected with members receiving individual plaques. In addition, a Most Valuable Player is named from the ten-member all-tournament team and will receive an individual plaque as well.
- Special awards include the Hustle Award.
- The championship team receives the traditional NAIA championship banner.

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Factsheet: Division II Men’s Basketball

Dates and Site
The 25th Annual NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship begins on the first Wednesday in March and concludes the following Tuesday (no games are scheduled for Sunday). The 2016 dates are March 9-15. The College of the Ozarks hosts the event in Keeter Gymnasium, in Point Lookout, MO. Deadline for completion of the affiliated conference/independent tournaments is March 1.

Format
The NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship is a 32-team single-elimination tournament played over a six-day period. Each team is seeded (1-32) with the top seed playing #32, #2 playing #31, etc., in the first round. The NAIA Department of Championships determines game times for all contests in consultation with representatives of the NABC-NAIA Men's Basketball Coaches Association and the championship host.

Qualification
NAIA affiliated conferences with six or more member institutions which sponsor Division II men's basketball are entitled to send either their regular or postseason tournament champion automatically to the national tournament. Conferences/A.I.I. with 10 or more institutions sponsoring basketball are entitled to send two representatives automatically to the national tournament. In 2016, twenty (20) automatic conference/A.I.I. berths will be awarded. There will be 11-12 possible at-large berths depending upon if the Host (College of the Ozarks) is an automatic qualifier.

Rules
The official playing rules for all NAIA regular and postseason competition are the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Basketball Rules.

Squad Limits
A maximum of fifteen players are permitted in uniform for all NAIA postseason play, including the national tournament games. The official party for expense purposes and all official functions is fifteen. Each team is provided with a maximum of twenty-one sideline credentials for the affiliated conference/A.I.I. and national tournaments which shall include no more than fifteen uniformed players and six support personnel (head coach, assistants, managers, etc.).

Official Ball
The Rawlings Contour is the official ball for NAIA men’s basketball.

Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national tournament.
- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies and members (eighteen) from the top four teams also receive individual plaques.
- A ten-member all-tournament team is selected with members receiving individual plaques. In addition, a Most Valuable Player is named from the ten-member all-tournament team and will receive an individual plaque as well.
- The Tournament Hustle Award is a special award presented annually.
- The Dr. James A. Naismith Team Sportsmanship Trophy is also awarded.
- The championship team receives the traditional NAIA championship banner.

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# Factsheet: Division II Women’s Basketball

## Dates and Site
The 25th Annual NAIA Division II Women’s Basketball National Championship begins on Wednesday and concludes the following Tuesday (no games are scheduled for Sunday). The 2016 dates are March 9-15. Deadline for completion of affiliated conference/independent tournaments is March 1, 2016. The National Championship will be played at the Tyson Events Center/Gateway Arena in Sioux City, Iowa.

## Format
The NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship is a 32-team single-elimination tournament played over seven days. The 32 teams are placed in a bracket consisting of four quarters of 1-8 seeds with 1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5 in each quarter. The host and the NAIA Championship Department jointly determine the game times for all games.

## Qualification
NAIA conferences with six or more member institutions which sponsor Division II women's basketball are entitled to send either their regular or postseason tournament champion automatically to the national tournament. Conferences with 10 or more institutions sponsoring basketball are entitled to two automatic berths to the national tournament. In 2016, twenty-one (21) conference/independent berths and one possible host berth will be awarded. This leaves nine to eleven (9-11) at-large berths in the National Championship.

## Rules
The official playing rules for all NAIA regular and postseason competition are the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Basketball Rules.

## Squad Limits
A maximum of fifteen players are permitted in uniform for all NAIA postseason games, including the National Championships. The official party for expense purposes and all official functions is fifteen. Each team is provided with a maximum of twenty-one (21) sideline credentials for the affiliated conference and national tournaments which shall include no more than fifteen (15) uniformed players and six (6) support personnel (coach, assistant, etc.). Up to an additional two (2) credential are available for Athletic Trainers.

## Official Ball
The Rawlings Contour Basketball is the official women's basketball of the NAIA.

## Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national tournament.
- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies and members (21) from the top four teams also receive individual plaques.
- A ten-member all-tournament team is selected with members receiving individual plaques. In addition, a Most Valuable Player is named from the ten-member all-tournament team and will receive an individual plaque as well.
- Special awards include the Hustle Award and Meritorious Service.
- The championship team receives the traditional NAIA championship banner.

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# Factsheet: Cross Country

## Dates and Site
The NAIA Men’s and Women’s Cross Country National Championships are held each year on the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving. The 60th Annual Men’s Championships and the 36th Annual Women’s Championships will be held November 21, 2015 at McAlpine Creek Park in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## Format
The NAIA Women’s Cross Country National Championship is run over a 5,000 meter (3.1 mile) course, while the Men’s Cross Country National Championship is contested over an 8,000 meter (4.8 mile) course.

## Qualification
The number of teams competing in the national championships is limited to 36 for men and 36 for women. In 2015 the men’s field will have 22 automatic berths for conferences/A.I.I./unaffiliated groupings. The women’s field will have 24 automatic berths for conferences/A.I.I./unaffiliated groupings. The remainder of the 36-team field for each gender will be filled with at-large berths from the Top 25 rating.

At each national qualifying meet (conference, independent or unaffiliated), the top two to six individuals not on a qualifying team (automatic or at-large) will advance to the national championships as individuals. Qualifying meets with 12 or more sponsored teams will advance the top six individuals (not on a qualifying team and individual overall finish must be 20th or better). Qualifying meets with six to 11 sponsored teams will advance the top four individuals (not on a qualifying team and individual overall finish must be 15th or better). Qualifying meets with fewer than six sponsored teams will advance the top two individuals (not on a qualifying team and individual overall finish must be 8th or better).

Teams receiving at-large berths must score in at least four collegiate meets prior to the national qualifying meet. All competitors are required by NAIA policy to stay in one of the designated championship hotels in order to be eligible to compete in the national championships.

## Rules
The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men’s and Women’s Track and Field/Cross Country Rule Book will be followed.

## Squad Limits
Institutions that qualify as a team may enter five to seven athletes into the competition. If fewer than five competitors from one institution compete in the national meet, they will compete as individuals only. Institutions finishing with fewer than five competitors will be scored as individuals.

## Entry Fees
Each institution is required to submit a fee of $80.00 per team. Institutions entering individuals shall submit a fee of $20.00 per individual. Payment is to be made during registration the Friday prior to the championships.

## Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national meet.

- The top four teams in the national championship receive team trophies. Members of the official party (maximum eight) from the top four teams receive individual plaques.
- The top 30 individual finishers receive plaques and All-American status.
- The championship teams (men and women) receive the traditional NAIA championship banner.
- Conference/Independent and national coaches of the year for men and women are recognized. These awards will be voted upon by the cross country coaches.
- The NAIA recognizes the top four combined programs at the championship meet.

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Factsheet: Football

Dates and Site
The 60th Annual NAIA Football Championship Series begins on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving week with first round games. Quarterfinal and semifinal round games are scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend and the first Saturday in December. The championship game is scheduled for the third Saturday in December. The 2015 dates are November 21, November 28, December 5 and December 19. All games, with the exception of the championship game, are played at or near the site of one of the institutions involved in the game. The Russell Athletic-NAIA football national championship game will be played at Municipal Stadium Daytona Beach, Florida on Larry Kelly Field.

Format
A 16-team championship series is contested over four Saturdays. There are 82 football playing institutions and 16 teams will qualify for the championship series.

Qualification
The 85 institutions sponsoring football must meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration and selection into the championship series:

a. Have declared their intent to participate in the NAIA championship series;

b. Play a minimum of eight (8) intercollegiate games against upper-level institutions in the United States or Canada prior to the final rating of November 15;

c. Be rated among the top twenty teams in the final rating of November 15.

NAIA certified football conferences are eligible to qualify their championship team to the championship series provided:

a. Six or more active members in good standing sponsor intercollegiate football and have declared their intent to participate in the NAIA championship series;

b. The conference with fewer than 10 members play an intra-conference, round-robin schedule while conferences of 10 or greater play at least seven intra-conference games;

c. The conference is certified by the NAIA prior to May 1, 2015;

d. The conference certifies its method of determining its champion in case of ties;

e. The championship team is rated among the top twenty teams in the final rating of November 15.

f. The highest rated independent team shall qualify for the series provided they meet a, b and c above.

Playing Rules
National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules are followed in all regular season and championship series games with the tie-break plan being used in all championship series games including the championship game.

Squad Limits
Fifty-seven (57) players are permitted to be in uniform. The official party for expense purposes in all championship series games is 60 persons.

Official Ball
The Rawlings ST5 is the official NAIA ball for the 2015 season.

Awards
Certificates of participation are awarded to each participant in the championship series.

- The final four teams receive trophies designated as champion, runner-up and final four teams. Members of the official party (60) from each of the final four teams receive individual plaques. The championship team receives the traditional NAIA championship banner and the NAIA Championship Team Traveling Trophy.

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# Factsheet: Men’s Golf

## Dates and Site
The NAIA Men’s Golf National Championships are a four-day, 72-hole event (Tuesday-Friday), with a cut after 54 holes. Dates may be altered depending upon the availability of the golf course. The 2016 dates are May 24-27 for the 65th Annual Championships. Qualifying tournaments must be completed by May 11, 2016. Championship site is TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Illinois.

## Format
The NAIA Men’s Golf National Championships are a 156 player, 72-hole tournament played over four days with a cut after 54 holes. Competition is stroke play. Each team competes with five golfers and the top four scores posted each day are counted toward the team standings. Pairings are made in threesomes and pre-determined for the first two rounds. Pairings are set based on team/individual standings for the final two rounds.

## Qualification
A total of 180 NAIA member institutions sponsor men’s intercollegiate golf. The NAIA Men’s National Golf Championships has up to 30 teams with a maximum of 156 golfers. (19 Conferences and 1 Unaffiliated Groups sponsoring men's golf shall qualify their team champion automatically to the national tournament.) The individual medalist from conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping tournaments shall also qualify for the national tournament if his institution does not qualify. Only one team and one medalist may represent a conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping as the automatic qualifier in the national championship. (Note: All ties for team and individual championships must be broken at the conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping level.)

Additionally, the All-Tournament Team (top 15 plus ties) from the previous year may participate in the national tournament if they compete in their appropriate conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping tournament and do not qualify with their team (automatic or at-large) or as the conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping medalist. At-large teams are determined based upon the final rating to fill out the 156-player field.

Individuals who do not qualify through being a conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping medalist, returning all-tournament or with their team (automatic or at-large) may be invited by the selection committee to the National Championships. Individual selection to the championship shall be on a space-available basis after all teams and medalists have been determined.

The host institution, if one exists, shall automatically qualify its five-member team for the championships should it not qualify as the conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping champion or as an at-large. Only intercollegiate sponsored men’s golf teams are to be considered, no club teams.

## Rules
The official United States Golf Association rules are followed for all regular and post-season play with NAIA-Men’s Golf Coaches Association modifications.

## Squad Limits
An institution may enter no more than five (5) eligible competitors in the national tournament. The official party for expense purposes for all official functions shall be limited to seven (7) persons, five athletes and two coaches.

## Official Ball
No official ball is designated for NAIA postseason play. Competitors must report the brand of ball which they are using prior to the start of every postseason competitive round.

## Entry Fees
All national tournament participants must pay the established entry fees prior to participation. All national tournament participants must also pay the established fee for room and meals arranged by the host institution as a prerequisite for participation.

## Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant who competes in the national tournament.
- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies and members of the official party (maximum 6) from the top four teams receive individual plaques.
- The championship team receives the traditional NAIA championship banner.
- The top 15 individual finishers (plus ties) are designated as the NAIA All-Tournament Team and receive individual plaques. The individual champion also receives a special award designating him as the O.D Bounds Individual Medalist for the event.
- The top 4 teams and all-tournament team members will receive a hole flag for the event.

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Factsheet: Women’s Golf

Dates and Site
The NAIA Women’s Golf National Championships are a four-day, 72-hole event (Tuesday-Friday). Dates may be altered depending upon the availability of the golf course. The 2016 dates are May 17-20 for the 22nd annual event. Qualifying tournaments must be completed by May 4, 2016. Championship site Savannah Quarters Country Club in Pooler, Georgia.

Format
The NAIA Women’s Golf National Championships are a four-day, 144-player, with the tournament field cut after 54 holes, reducing to the top 17 teams and 40 individuals. Competition is stroke play. Each team competes with five golfers and the top four scores posted each day are counted toward the team standings. Pairings are made in threesomes and pre-determined for the first two rounds. Pairings are set based on team/individual standings for the final two rounds.

Qualification
A total of 160 NAIA member institutions sponsor women’s intercollegiate golf. The NAIA Women’s National Golf Championships has up to 28 teams with a maximum of 144 golfers the tournament field is cut after 54 holes and reduced to the top 17 teams and 40 individuals (including ties); 17 Conferences and 2 Unaffiliated Groups sponsoring women’s golf shall qualify their team champion automatically to the national tournament. Each conference/independent/unaffiliated grouping must have at least 6 teams with a minimum of 4 players each who complete the entire tournament to automatically qualify one, five-member team to the national championships. The individual medalist from conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping tournaments shall also qualify for the national tournament if her institution does not qualify. Only one team and one medalist may represent a conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping as the automatic qualifier in the national championships. (Note: All ties for team and individual championships must be broken at the affiliated conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping level.)

Additionally, the All-Tournament Team (top 15 plus ties) from the previous year may participate in the national tournament if they compete in their appropriate conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping tournament and do not qualify with their team (automatic or at-large) or as the conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping medalist. At-large teams are determined based upon the final rating to fill out the 144-player field.

Individuals who do not qualify through being a conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping medalist, returning all-tournament or with their team (automatic or at-large) may be invited by the selection committee to the National Championships. Only intercollegiate sponsored women’s golf teams are to be considered, no club teams.

Rules
The official United States Golf Association rules are followed for all regular and post-season play with NAIA-Women’s Golf Coaches Association modifications.

Squad Limits
An institution may enter no more than five (5) eligible competitors in the national tournament. The official party for expense purposes shall be limited to seven (7) persons, five athletes and two coaches.

Official Ball
No official ball is designated for NAIA postseason play. Competitors must report the brand of ball which they are using prior to the start of every postseason competitive round.

Entry Fees
All national tournament participants must pay the established entry fees prior to participation. All national tournament participants must also pay the established fee for room and meals arranged by the host institution as a prerequisite for participation.

Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant who competes in the national tournament.

- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies and members of the official party (maximum 6) from the top four teams receive individual plaques.
- The championship team receives the traditional NAIA championship banner.
- The top 15 individual finishers (plus ties) are designated as NAIA All-Tournament Team status and receive individual plaques. The individual champion also receives a special award designating her as a medalist for the event.
- The top 4 teams and all-tournament team members will receive a hole flag for the event.

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Factsheet: **Indoor Track and Field**

**Dates and Site**

The NAIA Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field National Championships are a three-day meet (Thursday-Saturday). The dates of the 51st Annual Men's and the 36th Annual Women's National Championships are March 3-5, 2016, at David E. Walker Track at Gentry Field in Johnson City, Tennessee.

**Format**

The NAIA Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field National Championships have 21 events for men and 21 events for women. The multi-events are conducted on Thursday and Friday, preliminary heats on Friday, and Saturday is reserved for finals.

**Qualification:**

The Standards Committee of the NAIA-Track & Field Coaches Association establishes qualifying marks for each event. Event standards are determined after the committee evaluates final performances and field size from previous years. Qualifying times must have been achieved in competition during the indoor season. Each participating team is also allowed up to three right-of-membership entries that have not met the qualifying standards (excluding combined events), provided they attained a “B” standard for the event. All teams are required by NAIA policy to stay in one of the designated championship hotels in order to be eligible to compete in the national championships.

**Rules**

The official National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rule Book will be followed. USATF rules will be followed for judging the walk events.

**Squad Limits**

Each institution may enter up to six qualified athletes per event.

**Entry Fees**

Each institution is required to submit a $100.00 entry fee for each team entered (men and women), plus $5 per athlete on the roster, capped at a maximum of $300 per institution.

**Awards**

Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national championships.

- The top four teams in the national championship receive team trophies. The championship teams (men and women) receive the traditional NAIA championship banner.
- Individual plaques and All-America status are given to the top six finishers in each individual event and to the four members of the top six relay teams.
- The outstanding male and female performers of the indoor championships each receive a trophy.
- The most valuable male and female performers of the indoor championships each receive a trophy.
- National coaches of the year for men and women are recognized. These awards will be voted upon by the track and field coaches.

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Factsheet: Outdoor Track and Field

Dates and Site
The NAIA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field National Championships are a three-day meet (Thursday-Saturday). The 65th Annual Men's and the 36th Annual Women's Championships will be held May 26-28, 2016 at Mickey Miller Blackwell Stadium in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Format
The NAIA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field National Championships have 24 events for men and 24 events for women. The decathlon and heptathlon take place on Thursday and Friday along with preliminary and semi-final heats. The finals in most events take place on Saturday.

Qualification
The Standards Committee of the NAIA-Track and Field Coaches Association establishes qualifying standards for each event. Event standards are determined after the committee evaluates the sixth and eighth place marks from the previous six years as well as the size of the previous year's field. Qualifying times must have been achieved in competition during the outdoor season. Each participating team is also allowed to enter up to three right-of-membership entries that have not met the qualifying standards (excluding combined events), provided they attained a "B" standard for the event. All teams are required by NAIA policy to stay in one of the designated championship hotels in order to be eligible to compete in the national championships.

Rules
The official National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rule Book will be followed. USATF rules will be followed for judging the race walk events.

Squad Limits
Each institution may enter up to eight qualified athletes per event.

Entry Fees
Each institution is required to submit a $100.00 entry fee for each team entered (men and women), plus $10 per athlete on the roster, capped at a maximum of $400 per institution.

Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant who competes in the national meet.
- The top four teams in the national meet receive team trophies. The championship teams (men and women) receive the traditional NAIA championship banner.
- Individual plaques are given to the top six finishers in each individual event and to the four members of the top six relay teams.
- The outstanding male and female performers of the outdoor championships each receive a trophy.
- The most valuable male and female performers of the outdoor championships each receive a trophy.
- National coaches of the year for men and women are recognized. These awards will be voted upon by the track and field coaches.

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### Factsheet: Men’s Soccer

**Dates and Site**

The 57th Annual NAIA Men's Soccer Championship begins Saturday, November 21 with the National Championship Opening Round.

Teams advancing to the final site will play Monday through Saturday, November 30-December 5, the week after Thanksgiving. The Final Site is hosted by the Orange County Sports Commission in Del Ray Beach, Florida, in conjunction with Northwood University (Fla.). Conference, independent and unaffiliated qualifying tournaments must be completed by Saturday, November 14.

**Format**

The NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship is a 32-team single elimination tournament. Teams will be seeded 1-32 using a modified RPI system.

Thirty-two (32) teams will compete in 16 National Championship Opening Round matches played on campus sites nationwide. Opening-round winners will meet at the final site.

At the final site, the round of 16 will be played Monday and Tuesday. Quarterfinals are played Wednesday and Thursday is a rest day. Semis and Finals are played Friday and Saturday, respectively. The NAIA Championship Department and the host jointly determine the game times for all matches in the championship bracket.

**Qualification**

Each NAIA member institution that sponsors intercollegiate men's soccer (199) shall have the opportunity to qualify for the national championship. Conferences, A.I.I. and unaffiliated groupings automatically qualify one berth per six sponsored teams, two for twelve, and three for eighteen. These automatic berths are awarded based on the approved qualifying tournament plans for each affiliated conference, A.I.I. and unaffiliated grouping. The remaining berths are filled by at-large teams selected with criteria (NAIA modified RPI) established by the NAIA Men's Soccer Coaches Association (NAIA-MSCA) and confirmed by the officers of that group on a conference call held at the conclusion of conference/independent/unaffiliated tournament competition.

**Playing Rules**

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Soccer Rules and Interpretations are followed for all NAIA regular and postseason play.

**Squad Limits**

Twenty-four (24) players in uniform plus six (6) support staff are permitted for postseason play. A total of thirty (30) people are allowed on the bench. Up to an additional two (2) credential are available for Athletic Trainers.

**Official Ball**

The SELECT Super Elite soccer ball is the official ball for all NAIA national championship games.

**Awards**

Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national tournament (including opening rounds).

- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies and members of the official party from the top four teams also receive individual plaques. The championship team also receives the traditional NAIA Championship Banner.
- A 14-member All-Championship team is selected with members receiving individual plaques. A Most Valuable Player is selected by the Championship Committee and members of the media and receives an individual plaque.
- The National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA) presents the Nels Dahlquist Memorial Award (Team Sportsmanship) in honor of former NISOA Official and NAIA Hall of Fame Inductee.
- The NAIA-Men's Soccer Coaches Association sponsors the Outstanding Offensive and Defensive Players of the Tournament. The recipients receive plaques in recognition of this honor.

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### Dates and Site

The 32nd Annual NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship begins Saturday before Thanksgiving with the National Championship Opening Round (November 21).

The Final Site Tournament is played Monday through Saturday the week after Thanksgiving (Nov. 30-Dec. 5), hosted by the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission at the Orange Beach Sportsplex. Conference, independent and unaffiliated grouping tournaments must be completed by November 14.

### Format

The NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship is a 31-team single elimination tournament. Teams will be seeded 1-31 using the NAIA modified RPI (Rating Percentage Index).

Thirty (30) teams will compete in 15 National Championship Opening Round matches played on campus sites nationwide. Opening-round winners will join the host team (University of Mobile) at the final site.

At the final site, the round of 16 will be played Monday and Tuesday. Quarterfinals are played Wednesday with Thursday as a rest day. Semi-finals and Finals are played Friday and Saturday, respectively. The NAIA Department of Championships and the host jointly determine the game times for all matches in the championship bracket.

### Qualification

Each NAIA member institution that sponsors intercollegiate women's soccer (202) shall have the opportunity to qualify for the national championship. Conferences and the Association of Independent Institutions automatically qualify one berth per six sponsored teams, two for 12, and three for 18. These automatic berths are awarded based on the approved qualifying tournament plans for each affiliated conference and the Association of Independent Institutions. The host institution (University of Mobile) receives an automatic berth if it does not qualify through the automatic or at-large process. The remaining berths are filled by at-large teams selected with criteria (NAIA modified RPI) established by the NAIA Women's Soccer Coaches Association (NAIA-WSCA) and confirmed by tournament committee of that group on a conference call held at the conclusion of conference/independent/unaffiliated tournament competition. The remaining 6-7 berths are filled by at-large teams with the final top 25 poll and confirmed by the selection committee on a conference call.

### Playing Rules

The official National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Soccer rules are followed for all NAIA regular and postseason play.

### Squad Limits

Twenty four (24) players in uniform plus six (6) support staff are permitted for postseason play. A total of 30 people are allowed on the bench. The official party for expense purposes and all official functions shall be limited to 30 persons.

### Official Ball

The SELECT Super Elite ball (9.5-12.5 PSI) is the official ball for all NAIA national championship games.

### Awards

Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national championship.
- The top four place finishers in the national championship receive team trophies and members of the official party (up to 30) from each of the four teams receive individual plaques. The championship team also receives the traditional NAIA championship banner.
- A 13-member All-Tournament team is selected with members receiving individual plaques. A Most Valuable Player is selected by the Tournament Committee, participating coaches and media with the recipient receiving a plaque.
- The NAIA-Women's Soccer Coaches Association sponsors the Outstanding Offensive and Defensive Player Awards at the National Tournament Final Site. The recipients receive a plaque.

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Factsheet: Softball

Dates and Site
The 36th Annual NAIA Softball National Championship takes place May 27-June 2 at the Elizabeth & Irving Jensen Softball Complex in Sioux City, Iowa. Affiliated Conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated tournaments must be completed by May 11; and national championship opening round tournaments take place May 16-18.

Format
The NAIA Softball National Championship is a 40-team, double-elimination tournament (at both the opening round and final site). The National Championship Opening Round consists of 10 four-team tournaments at selected sites. The 10 opening round winners will compete at the final site for the national championship. The host and the NAIA jointly determine game times.

Qualification
A total of 197 NAIA members sponsor intercollegiate softball. Conferences and the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) automatically qualify one berth per 6 and two berths per 10 teams. Each unaffiliated group will also receive an automatic berth. These automatic berths are awarded based on the approved qualifying tournament plans for each affiliated conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated group. In 2016, 31 conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping berths and 9 at-large berths will be awarded. At-large berths are awarded based on the final national rating which takes place on May 12, 2016.

Teams are selected to participate in conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated postseason tournaments by the Conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated Management Committees according to plans approved by the NAIA Department of Championships.

Rules
Official rules are the official softball rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) with NAIA-Softball Coaches Association modifications. These rules shall be applied to all contests (preseason, regular season and postseason).

Squad Limits
A maximum of twenty (20) players are permitted in uniform. In addition, teams are permitted at least three (3) other credentialed personnel in team dugouts or playing area and up to two (2) athletic trainers. The official party for expense purposes and additional official functions shall be limited to 23 persons.

Official Ball
The Worth NAIAFP (.47 core) fast-pitch softball is the official softball for all qualifying and national tournament games.

Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national tournament.
- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies and members of the official party (20) from the top four teams also receive individual plaques.
- The championship team receives the traditional NAIA championship banner
- A 16-member All-Tournament team is selected by the tournament committee. From among the All-Tournament team, a Most Valuable Player is selected. All-Tournament members receive individual plaques.

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Factsheet: Swimming and Diving

Dates and Site
The 60th Annual NAIA Men's and the 36th Annual NAIA Women's Swimming and Diving National Championships is a four-day meet (Wednesday-Saturday). The dates are March 2-5 at Oklahoma City Community College, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Format
The NAIA swimming and diving championships consists 20 events for men and 20 events for women. Preliminaries are conducted in the morning and afternoon and finals in those same events are conducted in the evening.

Qualification
Qualifying times are established for each event by the Standards Committee of the NAIA-Swimming and Diving Coaches Association. Event standards are determined after the committee evaluates the marks from the previous three national events. Qualifying times must have been achieved in bona fide competition between September 1, 2015 and February 24, 2015. A total of 25 institutions sponsor men's swimming and diving and 29 institutions sponsor women's swimming and diving.

Rules
National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rule Book with the NAIA-Swimming and Diving Coaches Association modifications.

Squad Limits
Only student-athletes who meet the qualification standards will be eligible to participate. Participants may only enter those events that they have qualified for during the competition season.

Entry Fees
Each institution is required to submit a fee of $5.00 per individual for each event entered and $20.00 for each relay entered, in those events which regular qualifying standards were achieved. There is also a $20.00 surcharge per athlete for the 2016 championship. There are no refunds.

Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national meet.
- The top two place finishers in the national championship receive team trophies.
- Individual plaques are given to the top three finishers in each individual event and to the four members of the top three relay teams.
- The outstanding male and female swimmers of the meet receive a plaque.
- The outstanding male and female divers of the meet receive a plaque.
- The outstanding male and female performance of the meet receive a plaque.
- The championship team (men and women) receive the traditional NAIA championship banner.

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Factsheet: Tennis

### Dates and Site
The NAIA Men's and Women's Tennis National Championships are five-day events (Tuesday-Saturday). The dates for the 2016 Tennis National Championships are May 17-21. This will be the 65th Annual Men's Tennis Championship and the 36th Annual Women's Tennis National Championship. The host site is Mobile Tennis Center in Mobile, Alabama.

### Format
The NAIA Men's and Women's Tennis National Championships are team format tournaments. 24 teams will compete in each of the men's and women's championships. The National Championships will utilize a 3-6 format. Doubles matches will count as 1 point each. Those matches will be an 8 game pro set with a 12-point tiebreaker at 8 all. Single matches will be 2 out of 3 sets with a 12-point tie-break in any set that reaches 6 all.

### Qualification
A total of 104 institutions sponsor men's tennis while 117 institutions sponsor women's tennis. Each conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping having six (6) or more institutions sponsoring tennis is entitled to send their champion to the national championship. The conferences/A.I.I. will determine qualification and format procedures for all postseason qualifying events.

Fourteen men's and women's conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated grouping champions will qualify automatically to the national championships. There is a possible host team berth for both events (Mobile or Spring Hill). This leaves 9-10 at-large berths for each gender. At-large selection will be based on the final season rating.

All teams must participate, if selected, in the postseason qualifying event as established by each conference, to qualify for the national championships. If an unaffiliated grouping chooses not to have a qualifying tournament, then an automatic berth will only be given to the top rated institution in the final top 25.

### Rules
The official rules of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association will be followed in all regular and post-season competitions with NAIA-Tennis Coaches Association approved modifications.

### Squad Limits
Each institution is limited to eight players on their roster. The official party for tennis is ten.

### Official Ball
WILSON

### Entry Fees
Each team is required to submit an entry fee of $150.00 per team that can be paid prior to arrival or at registration.

### Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant who competes in the national tournament.
- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies and members of the official party (maximum 10) from the top four teams receive individual plaques.
- The championship teams (men and women) receive the traditional NAIA championship banner.
- The Ward-Ballinger Award is presented to the outstanding performer in the men's tournament.
- The Marvin P. Richmond Award is presented to the outstanding performer in the women's tournament.

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Factsheet: Volleyball

Dates and Site

The 36th Annual NAIA Volleyball National Championship begins on the Saturday before Thanksgiving with the National Championship Opening Round (November 21). The Final Site Tournament is played Tuesday through Saturday (December 1-December 5), hosted by the Sioux City Convention and Tourism Bureau in Sioux City, Iowa. Affiliated conference/A.I.I. tournaments must be completed by November 14.

Format

The Volleyball National Championship includes a field of 36 teams. Twenty-four (24) teams will compete in 12 National Championship Opening Round matches played on campus sites nationwide. The top 11 seeds and final site host (or top 12 if no host) receive an opening round bye. Opening round winners will join the top 11 and host at the final site for a 24-team pool play tournament. The top two teams from each pool advance to single elimination championship play. The host and the NAIA Department of Championships jointly determine the game time for all matches.

Qualification

A total of 221 member institutions sponsor volleyball. Conferences and the Association of Independent Institutions automatically qualify one berth per six sponsored teams, two for 12, and three for 18. These automatic berths are awarded based on the approved qualifying tournament plans for each conference and the Association of Independent Institutions. The host institution (if one exists) receives an automatic berth if it does not qualify through the automatic or at-large process. If no host berth is awarded an additional at-large berth will be added. The remaining 9-10 at-large berths are awarded based on the final national rating on Sunday after the qualifying tournament conference deadline.

Teams are selected to participate in conference/A.I.I. postseason tournaments by the Conference/A.I.I. Management Committees according to plans approved by the NAIA Department of Championships.

Playing Rules

Rules as published in the NCAA Volleyball Rulebook govern NAIA regular and postseason play, with NAIA modifications.

Squad Limits

The official party for expense purposes and all official functions is 16. Teams may dress up to 16 players. A maximum of 23 credentials may be issued (16 players plus 5 support personnel and up to 2 athletic trainers).

Official Ball

The NAIA-Tachikara SV-5W is the official volleyball for all postseason competition.

Awards

Certificates of Participation are awarded each participant in the national tournament.
- The top four place finishers in the national tournament receive team trophies
- Individual plaques are given to the members of the top four finishing teams
- The championship team receives the traditional NAIA championship banner.
- A 14-member All-Tournament team (first and second team) is selected with members receiving individual plaques.
- Most Valuable Player is named and will receive an individual plaque.
- The NAIA also presents the Tournament Coach of the Year award.
- A team sportsmanship award is presented.

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Factsheet: Wrestling

Dates and Site
The NAIA Wrestling National Championships is a two-day event currently held the first week of March. The 59th Annual Championships will be held March 4 & 5, in Topeka, Kansas at the Kansas Expocentre. Visit Topeka Inc., Topeka Shawnee County Sport Council & Heart of America Athletic Conference will serve as the championships hosts.

Format
The NAIA Wrestling National Championship has ten weight classes: 125 lbs., 133 lbs., 141 lbs., 149 lbs., 157 lbs., 165 lbs., 174 lbs., 184 lbs., 197 lbs. and 285 lbs. Each weight class bracket conducts a double-elimination tournament. Consolation matches are conducted to determine 3rd, 5th and 7th place. The team national championship is determined by using tournament scoring as stated in the NCAA Wrestling Rule Book with the exception of no bonus point scoring involving matches between wrestlers from the same team.

Qualification
NAIA wrestling institutions are divided into four national qualifying groups for qualification purposes. Each group will conduct a national qualifying tournament on Saturday, February 20. Individuals may qualify for the national championships by:

1. Automatic Qualifying - The top four wrestlers per weight class in each of the four postseason national qualifying tournaments shall qualify for the national championship.
2. At-Large Qualifying - At-Large berths allocation will be determined by the total number of participants entered into all qualifying groups. At the conclusion of the national qualifying tournament there will be a selection meeting amongst the participating coaches in each group to determine the at-large bids.

NOTE: Athletes cannot compete in a lower weight class at the national championships than they competed in at the postseason national qualifying tournament.

Rules
The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Wrestling Rules and Interpretations will be followed.

Squad Limits
Each member institution may enter up to 12 wrestlers in the championships; with no more than two per weight class. Each school will receive up to four (4) credentials for coaches and support staff. Four (4) additional credentials can be purchased at a cost of $30 apiece. Additional “official party” credentials can be purchased for $60 apiece. A maximum of twelve (12) official party credentials are available for coaches, support staff, etc. No one will be allowed access on the arena floor without a valid credential. Up to two (2) additional credentials are available for Athletic Trainers.

Entry Fees
There is a non-refundable entry fee of $100.00 per athlete. Entry fee includes a ticket to the championship banquet.

Awards
Certificates of Participation are awarded to each participant in the national tournament.
- The top three team finishers in the national tournament receive trophies.
- Individual plaques are given to the top eight finishers in each weight class.
- The championship team receives the traditional NAIA championship banner.
- Wrestlers placing 1-8 in weight class earn NAIA All-American honors.
- The Coach of the Year Award, Most Outstanding Wrestler Award, and Manuel Gorriaran Memorial Award (Wrestler with the most falls in the least time) are also given.

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### Sport Qualification Plans

Realtime plans and printable versions are found NAIA.org under Membership Services // Championships // Sport Qualification Plans. They also appear under each Sport’s Participating Schools and each Coaches Corner.
Officials Forms

Selection of Officials

Selection of officials varies from sport to sport. All NAIA National Championships have a supervisor of officials who is responsible for the acquisition and assignment of game officials in cooperation with the NAIA Sport Manager. For national championship opening rounds, conference commissioners will work with the NAIA national office for the selection of officials.

Football, basketball and baseball are handled differently in that there is a national supervisor of officials who is responsible for the acquisition of officials, while the on-site supervisor of officials is responsible for the organization and assignment of selected officials. Football nominating information is sent in the fall to all conference supervisors of officials.

Basketball officials are nominated by the conferences to the national supervisor through a nomination process. The national supervisor utilizes the nominating information to select and obtain officials for the basketball national championship. Conferences/A.I.I. are asked to nominate umpires for baseball and softball by early fall. The NAIA Sport Managers coordinate selection of umpires with assistance from the officers of the baseball and softball coaches association.

- Baseball National Championship Umpire Nomination Form
- Basketball National Tournaments Officials Nomination Form
- Softball National Championship Umpire Nomination Form

Find officials nominations forms at NAIA.org Membership Services Official Forms
NAIA Eligibility Center PlayNAIA.org Resources

HELPFUL LINKS TO PLAYNAIA.ORG

- FAQs for Members
- Updated Determinations
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- Resources for Members
- What’s a Short List
- Competitive Experience
- Entering Freshmen
- Transfer Students
- College Info Sessions for Recruits
- PlayNAIA Manager
- School Search
- Sending Transcripts

INSTITUTION SHORT LIST

A Short List comprises the names of prospective students who are on a coach’s most serious “short list” of recruits and provides the priority for the Eligibility Center to begin the determination process.

At the end of the recruiting process, the coach or designated athletic department staff member needs to log into the institution’s PlayNAIA Manager on PlayNAIA.org to build the Short List from among the students registered. This prioritizes the work flow for the NAIA Eligibility Center staff. If a prospective student-athlete has not registered with the NAIA Eligibility Center, a coach will not be able to add the name to the Short List.

Each school has one Short List. It can be viewed in its entirety or searched and viewed by sport and by academic year to allow coaches to see only those prospective students in their sport. A Short List is exclusive to the institution and is not accessible by anyone outside of the institution and the NAIA Eligibility Center staff.

Each institution has its own PlayNAIA Manager section of PlayNAIA.org where the authorized staff members can log in to manage a school’s Short List, monitor prospective students’ progress through the process by viewing the students’ ‘To Do List’ and view the students’ eligibility determinations. By viewing a student’s To Do List, the institution can see what information is missing, and communicate with the student to ensure all necessary documentation is sent.

PLAYNAIA MANAGER FOR MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Each institution has its own PlayNAIA Manager section of PlayNAIA.org where the staff members authorized by the athletics director can log in to manage your school’s Short List, monitor prospective students’ progress through the process and view their eligibility determinations. NAIA Connections inquiries are also accessible in your school’s PlayNAIA Manager.

Athletics directors can use NAIAHelp to add the permissions for coaches, faculty athletics representatives and admissions offices to have access to PlayNAIA Manager on PlayNAIA.org. Once a staff member has been granted permission and has a password, it can be used on PlayNAIA.org. Staff uses the login in the upper right “Eligibility Center Login” area to access PlayNAIA Manager. Conference commissioners and conference eligibility chairs not associated with an NAIA campus will need to contact the NAIA national office (naiahelp@naia.org) to have their access to PlayNAIA Manager granted.

NAIA SCHOOL SEARCH

Linked on the homepage of the PlayNAIA.org website is a button for an advanced NAIA school search function. Each NAIA school is featured in rotation at the top of the school search landing page, and clicking on the photo of the school takes users to a page with more information about the school. Users are also able to use the advanced search functions to find an NAIA school that matches their interests for a college or university.

The school search site relies on data from NAIAHelp and SIDHelp, so it is important for schools to keep all their information up-to-date and accurate.

REGISTRAR CONTACT IN NAIAHELP

It is important for each school to list their school’s registrar in the staff listing of NAIAHelp. The NAIA Eligibility Center staff will only accept information about a student’s academic record from the registrar listed.

Further, the Eligibility Center staff will only provide instructions for using the NAIA’s secure electronic transcript dropbox to the individual listed as the registrar.
NAIA Marketing Tools

Find these resources and more at NAIA.org Membership Services Marketing Tools.

Marketing Tools

The NAIA provides resources to help NAIA member institutions across promote their school and the NAIA brand. For more information, contact Marketing Communications at the NAIA National Office.

LOGOS AND STYLE GUIDE

The NAIA logo signifies membership in the NAIA and must link to NAIA.org

Champions of Character logo indicates support of the initiative and links to NAIA.org/character

Live5 logo indicates participation in the program and links to resources at NAIA.org/Live5

PlayNAIA represents the NAIA Eligibility Center and links to PlayNAIA.org

Zip file of various formats of color and BW logos includes Style Guide.

Style Guide for use of the NAIA logo

Integrate the slogan of all three brands: include them in your email signatures.

PA ANNOUNCEMENT$=

NAIA Opportunities to play college sports (PDF)

Stay in the game

Champions of Character

Program AD

PlayNAIA

11x17 poster reminds student-athletes what they need to do to maintain their eligibility.

11x17 Champions of Character Live5 logo poster records plans for now a team will live the five core values.

11x17 PlayNAIA poster promotes the NAIA and the NAIA Eligibility Center.

11x17 poster for the Drug Free Sport Resource Exchange Center.

NAIA Eligibility Center Program AD

Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete (PDF)

NAIA RADIO: SPOT$=

NAIA version (concludes with NAIA logo and message) .50 sec MP3 Zip file of WAV/versions | .30 sec MP3 Zip file of WAV/versions

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NAIA CHARACTER VIDEO$=

Download videos for time-outs, PSA announcements or any other opportunities to reinforce the character messages.

Student-Athletes 1:11

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Kansas City Royals General Manager Dayton Moore: 1:13

NAIA Hall of Famer and former head coach University of Nebraska Tom Osborne: 1:13

Professional Golfer Tom Watson: 1:10
NAIA Style Guide

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has created a new brand architecture to enhance our branding initiative.

The purpose of this style guide is to provide NAIA member institutions and business partners an overview of our new architecture.

We request you apply the new architecture in all marketing applications including: print collateral materials, broadcast graphics, event presentations and licensed products. Please use the logo with appropriate licensing marks.

All artwork shown is available in electronic medium upon request.

The NAIA and PLAYNAIA marks can be used with the adjacent small type if it is not readable.

It is recommended the association logo and Champions of Character logo be used without National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics above it (NAIA logo can include it if is needed for context).

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- NAIA Red - PMS 186
- NAIA Yellow - PMS 123
- NAIA Gray - 60% Black
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Ascension Insurance is the Official Athletic Insurance and Risk Management Consultant of the NAIA
- Distributes intercollegiate sports coverage on behalf of Mutual of Omaha
- Developed a portfolio of services and programs to meet the needs of each NAIA member school and conference

**CONTACT:** Ascension Insurance, 7400 College Blvd. Suite 100, Overland Park, KS 66210; 913-327-0200

### ASICS
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Asics is the Official Footwear and Apparel Supplier to NAIA Cross Country and Track and Field
- Provides customized apparel
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**CONTACT:** Mike Ewald, Team Sales Manager, ASICS America, 29 Parker, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92618; 949-727-7131, Mike.Ewald@asics.com

### AUDIENCEVIEW
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AudienceView is the Official Ticketing Solution of the NAIA
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**CONTACT:** Jonathan Walsh, 425 Adelaide St. W, 10th Floor, Toronto, ON Canada M5V 3C1, 416-687-2030, Jonathan.Walsh@audienceview.com

### CRAMER PRODUCTS
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- Provides training supplies for these national championships: football, basketball, baseball and outdoor track and field

**CONTACT:** Cramer Products, 153 W. Warren, Gardner, KS 66030; 913-856-7511

### DAKTRONICS
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Daktronics is the Official Scoreboard, Video, Message Center, Statistical Provider of the NAIA
- Exclusive statistical provider to the NAIA
- Provide statistical packages to each NAIA conference and national office
- Sponsor of the NAIA Scholar-Athlete Awards

**CONTACT:** Daktronics, 331 32nd Ave., Brookings, SD 57006; 1-888-325-8463

### DREAMSEAT AND SEATING SOLUTIONS
WWW.DREAMSEAT.COM

DreamSeat is the Official Stadium Seating and Branded Furniture Provider of the NAIA
- Exclusive custom branded furniture provider to the NAIA
- Provides permanent and rental bleachers and fixed seating

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  • Largest and most widespread company specializing in on-site, custom-made apparel and novelty merchandise
  • Official merchandiser for all NAIA National Championships
CONTACT: Fine Designs; 1-800-966-0737

FRONT RUSH  WWW.FRONTRUSH.COM

Front Rush is the Official Recruiting Software of the NAIA
  • The coach’s choice when it comes to management of recruits, roster, contacts and alumni
  • Works with more coaches than any other company
CONTACT: Brad Downs, Front Rush, 287 South Main Street, Lambertville, NJ 08530; 215-489-2100, bdowns@frontrush.com

GYM MASTERS BASKETBALL COURTS  WWW.BASKETBALLCOURTS.NET

Gym Masters is the Official Basketball Court Redesign and Refurbish Partner of the NAIA
  • Refurbishes Basketball Courts, can facilitate in under two days’ time
  • In-house Financing available
  • In-house graphics team available to redesign basketball courts
  • Provides best possible pricing to NAIA National Office, NAIA Membership and NAIA Game Officials
CONTACT: Ryan Applegate, 501-279-3799 or visit their website: http://www.basketballcourts.net/, Consultant.Applegate@gmail.com

HONIGS’S WHISTLE STOP  WWW.HONIGS.COM

Honig’s is the Official NAIA Supplier of Umpires, Referees and Game Official’s Gear
  • Apparel with NAIA logo for all NAIA game officials
  • Provides best possible pricing to NAIA National Office, NAIA Membership and NAIA Game Officials.
CONTACT: Jeremy Jones, 1-800-468-3284, jerjones@honigs.com

ISPORTZ ATHLETICS  WWW.ISPORTZATHLETICS.COM

iSportz Athletics is the Official Mobile App Provider of the NAIA
  • Will provide dedicated apps for NAIA membership, championships and the national convention
  • Mobile app that brings brand recognition to athletic programs
  • Provide a value-added communication tool for student athletes, alumni, fans and sponsors
CONTACT: Brad Cordell, 116 South Lake Court, Lexington, SC 29073, 803-356-6972, brad@isportzathletics.com

KIEFER  WWW.KIEFER.COM

Kiefer is the Official Swim Gear, Lifeguard and Aquatic Equipment Provider of the NAIA
  • Expertise in engineering world class products like our custom starting blocks
  • Serve lifeguards and the safety and rescue industry with high performance products
  • Serve the competitive swim business with products needed to swim at the highest level
CONTACT: Kiefer, 800-654-7946 or visit their website; https://www.kiefer.com/
KROSSOVER
WWW.KROSSOVER.COM
Krossover is the Official Game Film Exchange and Breakdown Partner of the NAIA
- Provides sophisticated video and data analysis technology to the sports world
- Offers an intuitive online platform easily accessible by thousands
- Enables coaches to easily use video to improve the success of their athletic teams
CONTACT: Tom Gray, Tom@krossover.com, http://www.krossover.com/, 888-339-5395

MASTER’S TRANSPORTATION
WWW.MASTERTRANSPORTATION.COM
Master’s Transportation is the Official Shuttle Bus Sales and Leasing Provider of the NAIA
- A one-stop shop for transportation needs
- Has a large inventory containing a variety of shuttles, coaches, activity buses, ranging in size from 15 to 84 passengers; with the ability to lease, purchase or rent
CONTACT: Master’s Transportation, 800 Quicktrip Way, Belton, MO 64012; 816-318-9998 or toll-free 800-783-3613

MUTUAL OF OMAHA
WWW.MUTUALOFOMAHA.COM
Mutual of Omaha is the Official Catastrophic Athletics Injury Insurance Carrier of the NAIA
- A full-service multi-line organization providing insurance and financial products for individuals, business and groups throughout the United States
CONTACT: Mutual of Omaha, Mutual of Omaha Plaza 7th Floor, Omaha, NE 68175; 1-800-775-6000

NO SWEAT WIPE
WWW.NOSWEATWIPE.COM
No Sweat Wipe is the Preferred Sports Mop of the NAIA
- Court mop manufacturer familiar for its large circular disk, with logo typically displayed
- The partnership will give price discounts on court mops and more for membership
CONTACT: Rawlings, 510 Maryville University Drive, Suite 110, St. Louis, MO; 314-819-2716

RAWLINGS
WWWRAWLINGS.COM
Rawlings is the Official Team Apparel Provider for NAIA Basketball, Baseball, Football and Softball
- Rawlings will now offer a market code of “NAIA” to NAIA membership for special pricing on all equipment
- Rawlings is the presenting sponsor of the Football Coach of the Year award
- Rawlings is the presenting sponsor of the Basketball Coach of the Year award in all four basketball divisions
- Rawlings is the presenting sponsor of the Baseball Pitcher and Player of the Year awards
CONTACT: Rawlings, 510 Maryville University Drive, Suite 110, St. Louis, MO; 314-819-2716

SPORTS FIELD ENGINEERING
WWW.SPORTSFIELDENGINEERING.COM
Sports Field Engineering is the Official Sports Facility Provider of the NAIA
- Product development, engineering, manufacturing, and construction company
- Can provide designs, engineers, and can build facilities
CONTACT: Sports Field Engineering, 176 East Main St., Suite 7, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581; 508-366-1000, Jeremy@SportsFieldEngineering.com

STRATEGIC MARKETING NETWORK
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Strategic Marketing Network is the Official Promotional Product Partner of the NAIA
- Has experience in client service, brand marketing, design and consulting
- Can provide almost any promotional item at a discounted price for NAIA members
CONTACT: Strategic Marketing Network, 3205 W. 132nd Street, Leawood, Kansas 66209; 913-491-3010, Melissa@StrategicMarketingNetwork.com
### Stretch Internet

**WWW.STRETCHINTERNET.COM**

Stretch Internet is the Official Video-Streaming Provider of the NAIA
- Created NAIATV.com, which is the official video-streaming network of the NAIA
- Network will include live contests, including NAIA National Championships; human-interest stories; member marketing content and Association news
- NAIATV.com will serve as official home of all Stretch Internet clients in aggregated list – viewable list of regular season and conference tournament games
- A high-definition network available on mobile devices, tablets and laptops for all NAIA schools with a 5% discount for new customers – discount applied to annual video-streaming fees

**CONTACT:** Stretch Internet, P.O. Box 2376, Gilbert, AZ 85299-2376; 877-778-7382 (ext. 3); stream@stretchinternet.com

### Techline Sports Lighting

**WWW.SPORTLIGHTING.COM**

Techline is the Official Sports Lighting Provider of the NAIA
- One stop source for consulting, design, products, installation and guarantees
- Multi-year financing available to all NAIA members, same-as-cash
- Has been creating customer solutions for over 25 years

**CONTACT:** Techline, 15303 Storm Dr., Austin, Texas 78734; 1-800-500-3161, Rodney@SportLighting.com

### USA Sports Banners

**WWW.USASPORTSBANNERS.COM**

USA Sports Banners is the Official Signage Partner of the NAIA
- One-stop source for consulting, design, and production of large graphic signage
- Full range of banners, fence mesh, floor graphics, wall murals, vehicle wraps, and a variety of other signage

**CONTACT:** USA Sports Banners, Sales@usasportsbanner.com; 612-229-8599

### Worth

**WWW.WORTHSPORTS.COM**

Worth is the Official Softball Equipment Supplier of the NAIA
- Will now offer a market code of **NAIA** to NAIA membership for special pricing on all equipment
- The presenting sponsor of the Softball Pitcher and Player of the Year awards

**CONTACT:** Rawlings, 510 Maryville University Drive, Suite 110, St. Louis, MO; 314-819-2716

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**WWW.COLLEGIATEAWARDS.COM**

Collegiate Awards is the Official Trophy and Plaque Supplier for the NAIA
- Provides awards for all NAIA National Championship events
- Provides awards to NAIA member institutions
- Only trophy and plaque supplier with license to use NAIA logo

**CONTACT:** Collegiate Awards, 1801 E Trafficway St., Springfield, MO 65802; 417-873-9280, MattM@CollegiateAwards.com

### Herff Jones

**WWW.HERFFJONES.COM**

Herff Jones is the Official Supplier of Recognition Rings to the NAIA
- Only ring supplier with license to use NAIA logo
- Provides high quality rings for all NAIA National Champions
- Has rights to create recognition rings for NAIA’s All-America Athletes

**CONTACT:** Steve Arnold, 4601 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46268, svarnold@herffjones.com, 317-612-3739
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**SELECT SPORT AMERICA**

The Select Brilliant Super is the Official Soccer Ball of the NAIA
- Select is the sponsor of the Select Sport America- NAIA Men’s and Women’s National Soccer Coach of the Year award
- Select provides soccer balls for men’s and women’s conference and post season championship play

**CONTACT:** Select Sport America, 1015 Union Center Dr., Suite 200, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004; 1-888-234-3097

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**RAWLINGS**

Rawlings is the Official Football, Basketball and Baseball of the NAIA
- The Rawlings ST-5 is the Official Football of the NAIA
- The Rawlings Contour is the Official Basketball of the NAIA
- The Rawlings FSR100 is the Official Baseball of the NAIA
- Rawlings provides logo-imprinted balls for baseball, basketball and football national championship play

**CONTACT:** Rawlings, 510 Maryville University Drive, Suite 110, St Louis, MO; 314-819-2716

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**TACHIKARA**

The Tachikara SV-5W is the Official Volleyball of the NAIA
- Provides balls and ball carts for national and affiliated conference championships
- The presenting sponsor of the All-America teams, All-Tournament team and the MVP Award at the NAIA Volleyball National Championship

**CONTACT:** Tachikara, 8000 W. 110th St., Suite 150, Overland Park, KS 66210; 913-498-1881

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**WILSON SPORTING GOODS**

The Wilson Extra Duty is the Official Tennis Ball of the NAIA
- Wilson Sporting Goods is the official racquet and accessory partner of NAIA tennis
- Wilson Sporting Goods provides tennis balls for national championship play

**CONTACT:** Wilson Sporting Goods, 8700 W. Bryn Mawr; Chicago, IL 60631; 773-714-6753

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**WORTH**

The Worth NAIAFP is the Official Softball of the NAIA
- Worth provides softballs for national championship play
- Worth sponsors the of the Women’s Symposium and the Fellowship Breakfast at the NAIA National Convention

**CONTACT:** 510 Maryville University Drive Suite 110, St Louis, MO; 314-819-2716
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National Car Rental is the Official Automobile Rental Provider of the NAIA

- NAIA Member institutions can join Emerald Club - National’s premier level of service, which gives members exclusive benefits and privileges to make renting faster, easier and traveling more enjoyable
- The Emerald Club is free for NAIA members
- The code for discounted rates at both National and Enterprise is "XZ05146"
- Visit the NAIA corporate partner page to find the link and join

CONTACT: National Car Rental, 11936 West 119th St. PMB 354, Overland Park, KS 66213; 1-800-227-7368

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Short’s is the Official Travel Partner of the NAIA

- Short’s provides services, dedicated agents, on-site personnel and a travel consulting service
- Can negotiate with airlines for reward programs on behalf of member institutions
- Can also include rental vehicles in travel arrangements with Enterprise or National Rental Car

CONTACT: Short’s Travel, 1203 W Ridgeway Ave, Waterloo, IA 50701; 866-902-9654