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IMPORTANT DATES

October 24  RELEASE of NAIA Preseason Team & Individual Ratings
November 14  RELEASE of 1st Wrestling Team & Individual Ratings
November 22  First weekly nominations for NAIA National Wrestler of the Week
January 25  Sports motion deadline
February 1  Entry packets and championship information e-mailed to NAIA wrestling coaches and posted on NAIA website
February 15  RECEIPT DEADLINE for NAIA Champions of Character Individual Award nominations
February 15  RECEIPT DEADLINE for Daktronics/NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete nominations
February 15 & 16  Affiliated conference, A.I.I./Unaffiliated Group Tournaments
February 16  RECEIPT DEADLINE for completed Automatic Qualifier and Wildcard forms from each qualifying tournaments (sent by qualifying group rater/chair)
February 19  RECEIPT DEADLINE for NAIA Wrestling National Championships entries (e-mail– mburchard@naia.org)
February 22  RELEASE of preliminary bracket
February 28  Team/Athlete Registration for NAIA Wrestling National Championships
March 1-2  62nd Annual NAIA Wrestling National Championships Jacobson Exhibition Center, Des Moines, IA
March 2  RELEASE of Daktronics-NAIA Wrestling Scholar-Athletes
March 2  RELEASE of NAIA Wrestling Coach of the Year and Most Outstanding Wrestler
March 2  RELEASE of NAIA All-America Wrestling teams
March 8  RELEASE of Postseason Wrestling Team & Individual Ratings
March 26  NAIA-NWCA Business Meeting – NAIA National Office, Kansas City, Mo.
June 30  NOMINATION DEADLINE for NAIA Scholar Team and LATE Daktronics/NAIA Scholar-Athlete nominations
July 15  RELEASE of NAIA Scholar Team Awards for all sports
Release dates for 2018-19 NAIA Wrestling Team and Individual Ratings

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FIVE-YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

2019  March 1-2 – 62nd Annual National Championships  
      Site – Des Moines, IA

2020  March 6-7 – 63rd Annual National Championships  
      Site – TBA

2021  March 5-6 – 64th Annual National Championships  
      Site – TBA

2022  March 4-5 – 65th Annual National Championships  
      Site – TBA

2023  March 3-4 – 66th Annual National Championships  
      Site – TBA
A. WEIGHT CERTIFICATION

All NAIA wrestlers must be examined by a certified athletic trainer or other certified medical personnel no sooner than the first official day of classes and no later than November 1 annually. During the initial weight assessment, a wrestler’s minimum wrestling weight class for the season shall be determined. Each institution shall keep on file a copy of their wrestlers’ NCAA Weight-Management Program forms.

All student-athletes are required to complete Section I certification. Wrestlers descending to their lowest certified weight class shall not weigh in more than one weight class above their predetermined lowest weight class.

Hosts of all individual and team-advancement tournaments, including preseason open tournaments, shall record and retain a copy of the NCAA Official Weigh-In form (see Rule 9.1.5), which shall also include the results of medical examinations (See Rule 8.2.1.).

The National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) has created a computer program to assist coaches, trainers, and administrators in completing the weight certification process. The NAIA-WCA passed a motion (which was passed by the CAA) at the 2003 annual business meeting requiring all NAIA coaches use the NWCA weight certification software. NAIA coaches can access the NWCA software at www.nwcaonline.com.

B. PLAYING RULES

Rules governing competition at the NAIA Wrestling National Championships are specified in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 NCAA Wrestling Rules and Interpretations Book, except those changes approved by the NAIA-WCA and the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC).

CONDUCT IN COMPETITION

A. 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.

Ejections are not subject to appeal. Some sport rules allow protests through an official process outlined in each sport rule book.

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 suspended person cannot be in the competitive venue the day of the contest or communicate with any team personnel or game officials the day of the contest. The student-athlete/coach will be normally removed from the venue during a suspension. However, the game manager will use their best discretion on what is appropriate to risk management procedures regarding their venue.

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. Click here to access the ejection report form.
POSTSEASON COMPETITION

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

A. ENTRY FEES / OFFICIAL PARTY / ROSTER

Entry fee for the National Championship is $100.00 per individual entry and payment is due upon registration. The receipt deadline for entries is February 29, 2019.

E-Mail all entries to NAIA Championship Event Manager Marc Burchard, mburchard@naia.org

All entries certified on the Official Entry Form MUST be listed on the qualifying group ranking form in order to enter the 2019 NAIA Wrestling National Championships.

Coaches may confirm up to twelve (12) wrestlers during registration. No roster/entry changes can be made after the close of registration. Specific information regarding official party, roster and credentials is included on the official roster entry form.

B. EXPENSES

Participating teams are responsible for their own expenses to, during, and from all postseason events.

C. INSURANCE

Participating teams shall provide their own medical, hospitalization, travel and accident insurance for all members of its official party.

D. HEAD COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

The head 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 championship site. This person shall accept the responsibility for the conduct of his/her student-athletes at the championship site, during the championships and at all activities connected with the team’s championship participation. In case of property damage, the offending institution shall be held financially responsible.

POSTSEASON NATIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

A. DATE AND SITES

The deadline for completion of the 2019 NAIA wrestling national qualifying tournaments is midnight Saturday, February 16, 2019. Each conference/A.I.I./affiliated group is required to have a plan in place to alternate the hosting of their national qualifying tournament within the conference/A.I.I./affiliated group on an annual basis.

B. ADMINISTRATION

The conference/A.I.I./affiliated group wrestling chair (rater) will assist the host site coach and athletic director in the administration of the conference/A.I.I./affiliated group tournament. The group rater will oversee the pre- and post-tournament coaches’ meetings and is responsible for completing the final group wrestler rating form.

C. SEEDING AND BRACKETING GUIDELINES / PROCEDURES

All conference/A.I.I./affiliated groups will use the following criteria for seeding at that weight:

PRIMARY (in order listed below)
1. Head to head results – most recent results takes precedence
2. Results vs. common opponents

SECONDARY (no weight order given)
1. Common tournament place finishes
2. Past National Championship or Conference Tournament finishes
3. Overall records – quality/strength of opponents and schedule hold precedence win-loss record

An 8-man bracket will not seed more than four wrestlers and remaining wrestlers are drawn into bracket.
A bracket of 9-16 will not seed more than six wrestlers and the remaining wrestlers drawn into bracket.
A bracket of 16 or more will not seed more than eight wrestlers and remaining wrestlers are drawn into bracket.

Separating teammates in conference/A.I.I./affiliated group tournaments/national brackets - The following seeding/bracketing criteria will be used for separating teammates and during the national qualifying tournament and National Championships brackets:

1. Teammates will be separated onto the opposite sides of the bracket unless seeding dictates otherwise (i.e. #1 vs. #4, #2 vs. #3).
2. No wrestler will compete against another teammate in the “pig tail” and first round of competition in the National Championship brackets unless seeding of individuals dictates otherwise.
3. In the event of a conference/A.I.I./affiliated group having 9 or more qualified competitors in a weight class at the National Championships, seeded wrestlers will be placed by using the pairing formula and the remaining wrestlers will be drawn into the bracket randomly creating a pairing of opponents from the same conference/A.I.I./affiliated group in the round of 16. If a conference/A.I.I./affiliated group does not have four seeded wrestlers in a weight class to place into the National Championship bracket formula, then the seeds will be drawn at random from all of the non-seeded qualifiers in the weight class.

Note: Conference/A.I.I./affiliated group tournament hosts are required to use the same tournament seeding & scoring software that is used at the NAIA National Championships.

D. SELECTION OF WRESTLERS

Each school may enter up to 12 wrestlers in the conference/A.I.I./affiliated group tournament, with no more than two per weight class. In addition, athletes cannot compete in a weight class at the National Championships than they qualified in at their conference/A.I.I./affiliated group tournament.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A. ADMINISTRATION

The NAIA Wrestling National Championships is under the direct control and supervision of the NAIA Wrestling Coaches Association Officers. The NAIA Wrestling Coaches Association Officers are responsible for carrying out the policies approved by the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC) including seeding the participants, managing the National Championships, and overseeing the welfare of the participating athletes and coaches.

NAIA matches are intended to provide National Championships competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams at the conclusion of the respective sport season.

The NAIA will not consider a protest regarding the eligibility of a duly certified student-athlete within 15 calendar days prior to the beginning of national competition. Protests will be investigated after the event.

B. QUALIFICATION

Automatic Qualifying - Individual wrestlers can qualify for the NAIA Wrestling National Championships by:

National Tournament qualifying numbers will be 240, with a distribution protocol that will ensure the best possible wrestlers are represented at the National Tournament.

Qualifying standards through conference/A.I.I./affiliated group tournaments:
The top finisher in each weight class at the conference/affiliated group tournaments will receive an automatic berth to the National Championships.
Additional automatic qualifier allocations for the National Championships will be determined based on the final regular season rankings.
(e.g., four wrestlers from the Mid-South Conference are ranked at 125 lbs. in the final regular season ratings, the Mid-South will receive four automatic qualifiers at 125 lbs. to the National Championships.)

NOTE: If a ranked wrestler does not compete at their conference tournament, that conference allocation will be removed and an additional at-large position will go into the national at-large pool.
(e.g., four wrestlers from the Mid-South Conference are ranked at 125 lbs. in the final regular season ratings, John Doe is ranked at 125, however does not compete at 125 during the conference tournament. The Mid-South will receive three allocations at 125 for the National Championships.

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

At-Large Qualifying - Individual wrestlers can qualify for the NAIA Wrestling National Championships by:

1. 24 Group At-Large Bids - Each of the conference/A.I.I/affiliated groups will select the three contestants most worthy of the bid.
2. National At-Large Bids – the remaining national bids will be selected by the NATIONAL RATING COMMITTEE (raters and oversight) via individual vote using the current at-large criteria until 240 wrestlers have been selected. Selection of these at larges will be conducted in the following manner:
   - A 16 member committee consisting of the rater and oversight member from each qualifying group will vote for the national at-large selections
   - Up to 15 national wildcard nominees from each qualifying group will be emailed to the national office following the completion of the national qualifying events. Submissions must be received by 12 a.m. CST (midnight) on Sunday, Feb. 18.
   - All qualifiers and at-large nominees will be distributed to the entire coaching body by the national office on Feb. 18.
   - Specific information regarding national wildcard nominees should be directed by the individuals head coach to a region-specific committee member.
   - Each of the 16-committee members will submit online votes to the national office.
   - Each committee member votes on their top wrestlers regardless of weight, up to the number of at-large positions remaining.
   - Each tally mark is awarded one point.
   - The points will be tabulated at the NAIA National Office. The individual(s) with the most points garner the available at-large positions.
   - Note - In the case of ties for at-large selection where there is a tie with two individuals at the same weight class, the regular seeding criteria will be used to break the tie. If the individuals are at different weight classes, the seeding committee will vote to break the tie. In the case that the seeding committee ties on the deciding vote, the NAC liaison will vote to break the tie.

C. FORMAT
The NAIA Wrestling National Championships is conducted in a two-day format. Individual National Championships are determined in 10 weight classes, and 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. For seeding & bracketing information at the NAIA Championships, see the seeding/bracketing guidelines listed above in the Postseason National Qualifying Tournaments section.
   a. The top 12 individuals in each weight class will be seeded at the NAIA National Championship.

D. HOUSING
Housing information will be sent to coaches in the pre-championship qualifier packet.

NOTE – The host/headquarters hotel for the 2019 NAIA Wrestling National Championships is the Holiday Inn Des Moines – Mercy Area. All teams MUST stay at designated hotels to be eligible to compete in the championships.
E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Code of Conduct
All wrestlers participating in the NAIA Wrestling National Championships shall agree to abide by the following standards of conduct:

a. The use of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited.

b. Exemplary conduct is expected in team travel, at eating establishments, at the championship site and overnight accommodations before, during and after the National Championships.

c. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT may result in either or all of the following actions:
   i. The university or college president and athletics director will be notified by letter.
   ii. The athlete will be banned from the following year’s championship. If the athlete is a senior, his team will be ineligible for the following year’s championship.
   iii. All honors and awards, including All-America status and all points scored, will be taken away from the offending athlete.

d. Upon notification of any violation of the Code of Conduct, the NAIA-WCA will review the case and take prompt, appropriate action which may include the above.

NAIA coaches are responsible for ensuring that their athletes adhere to these rules of conduct.

* - Per NAC guidelines, teams failing to attend required meetings/functions (or failing to submit Champion of Character individual player nominations) are subject to a $1,500 fine.

Hall of Fame
NAIA Hall of Fame information will be distributed in the qualifier packet mailing. A ceremony will take place on Thursday prior to the National Championships.

Meetings
A pre-championship coaches’ meeting will be held on the Thursday afternoon/evening prior to the start of the championship.

Medical Care/Weigh-Ins/Skin Checks
Training facilities and certified trainers will be available to the competing teams courtesy of the host. Medical doctors will be on-call and participants will have access to a medical facility. Weigh-ins and medical/skin checks must be conducted for each day prior to competition per NCAA guidelines. The first weigh-in/skin check for the National Championships will take place two hours prior to the first session.

Admission/Credentials
All athletes and coaches must have credentials (participant passes) on their person in order to be admitted to the championship and have floor access in the arena. Each school will be issued four credentials for coaches, assistants and support staff. Four additional coach/support staff credentials can be purchased for $30.00 apiece. Additional credentials for assistants/support staff can be purchased at full admission price.

Officials – Selection and Evaluation
Per NAIA-WCA guidelines, a minimum of 2.5 officials (with NCAA certification) per mat will be contracted to work the NAIA National Championships. Candidates for assignment to work NAIA National Championships must be approved by the NAIA-WCA executive committee and the NAIA National Supervisor of Officials prior to receiving a contract.

The NAIA Wrestling Sport Manager works with the national supervisor of officials to identify, contract and retain National Championship officials. A minimum of three evaluators are also contracted to work the national tournament and provide feedback/evaluations to the NAIA, the supervisor of officials, and the championship officials. Coaches will also complete a written evaluation/rating of the championship officials.
Top-rated officials (based on evaluations from evaluators, supervisor and coaches) from the NAIA championship will be offered contracts for the following year’s championship. The NAIA will contract officials for upcoming NAIA National Championships on or before June 1 each year.

**Radio, Television and Online Broadcasting**

The broadcast of any championship event is governed by the NAIA broadcast policies as printed in the NAIA Policy Handbook. For information relative to these policies, contact:

Brad Cygan  
1200 Grand Blvd.  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
Phone – 816.595.8000  
bcygan@naia.org

**Travel**

**A. SHORTS TRAVEL MANAGEMENT**

Qualifying institutions are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to the National Championship. The Official Travel Bureau of the NAIA is Short’s Travel Management. Please visit [http://www.shorts.travel.com/NAIAchamps](http://www.shorts.travel.com/NAIAchamps) to upload team rosters and contact information, then call Short’s Travel at 844-619-7044 to book your travel arrangements. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, all schools are expected to use Short’s Travel for any air travel.

Short’s Travel has contacts with Charter air travel as well as charter buses for ground travel.

Short’s Travel Management can also be used for regular season travel planning.

**B. NATIONAL CAR RENTAL**

National Car Rental/Enterprise Rent-a-Car is offering special rates for the NAIA National Championship. Teams will be able to access these special rates by providing the special NAIA contract ID #: XZ 051 46.
NAIA POLICY HANDBOOK INFORMATION

The NAIA POLICY HANDBOOK can be found here. Please refer directly to the NAIA policy handbook for the following:

**Competition:**
A. Declaration of Intent to Participate – Bylaws, Article I, Section L
B. Frequency of Play and Scheduling – Bylaws, Article I, Section F
C. Criteria for Countable Contests – National Administrative Council, Article XXV, Section A, Item 12
D. Reporting Results – National Administrative Council, Article XXV, Section A
E. Forfeits – National Administrative Council, Article XI
F. Conduct in Competition Guidelines – National Administrative Council, Article IV
G. Ejection Policy – Bylaws, Article VI Section B Item 7
H. Drug Testing and Reinstatement Procedures – Bylaws, Article VIII

**Eligibility:**
A. Definitions for Eligibility – Bylaws, Article V, Section B
B. Eligibility Requirements – Bylaws, Article V, Section C
C. Transfer Rules – Bylaws, Article V, Sections F-H
D. Amateur Rules and Reinstatement – Bylaws, Article VII

**Recruiting & Financial Aid:**
A. Recruitment – Bylaws, Article II, Section D
B. Campus Visitations and Tryouts of Prospective Students – Bylaws, Article II, Section C
C. Financial Assistance – Bylaws, Article II, Section B
D. Financial Aid Limits – Council of Presidents, Article XII

**SUNDAY POLICY PLAY**

As a matter of policy, NAIA national qualifying and national championship competition will not be scheduled on Sunday. See NAIA Policy Handbook, National Administrative Council, Article XXIII for additional information.
DRUG TESTING

A. ADMINISTRATION

Drug testing may be done at any randomly selected NAIA National Championship competition for performance enhancing drugs. In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the National Drug Testing and Education Committee, the National Office will select which championships will incorporate drug testing each year. Student-athletes may be tested before, during and/or after NAIA National Championships.

For more information regarding championship drug testing, the National Administrative Council Drug Testing Policy Manual, the safety of supplements and over-the-counter medications and resources to increase awareness on your campus, please visit – www.naia.org/wellness

B. DRUG TESTING CONSENT FORM

Each academic year all eligible NAIA student-athletes must sign a Drug Testing Consent Form in which he or she consents to be tested for the use of drugs prohibited by the NAIA Banned Substance List to participate in any NAIA National Championship competitions. This consent form shall be administered by the institution.

To ensure all student-athletes participating in NAIA National Championship competitions have signed a consent form and such form is on record with the institution, a representative of each institution participating in any NAIA National Championship competition must sign an Official Certification of Student-Athlete Consent Form at check-in. An institution has not completely checked in at a NAIA National Championship until this form is signed and submitted along with a copy of the institution’s official postseason roster.

It is recommended that before the season begins that an institution has all student-athletes complete the form to minimize the possibility of issues occurring when the postseason roster is submitted at a NAIA National Championship.

C. MEDICAL EXEMPTION FORM

The NAIA recognizes that some banned substances are used for legitimate medical purposes. Accordingly, the NAIA allows exemptions to be made for those student-athletes with a documented medical history demonstrating the need for regular use of such a drug. Exemptions may be granted for substances included in the following classes of banned drugs – Stimulants, anabolic agents, beta blockers, diuretics, peptide hormones, anti-estrogens, and beta-2 agonists.

Medical Exemption Form
RATINGS MANUAL

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Overall philosophy: Sport ratings are the cornerstone for championship selection and seeding (excluding a few sports) and overall NAIA publicity of their sports programs. The ratings process is a complex one and every step of the process is vital to the integrity and accuracy of all ratings. The NAIA National Office appreciates the knowledge and time commitment put forth by all members of the ratings committee, conference oversight committee, national oversight committee and conference commissioners. The entire ratings process is constructed by membership, specifically the National Administrative Council (NAC). If a rater is interested in the process and wishes to make changes, each sport Coaches’ Association has the authority to propose changes at their annual sport coaches’ business meeting.

B. Frequency of Ratings: The NAIA releases a preseason rating on October 17. NAIA Wrestling ratings are conducted on at least a monthly basis beginning on November 14. The postseason rating will follow the order of the national championship results. For the postseason rating, only the top eight individuals in each weight class will be listed.

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D. Total Number of Raters: The rating committee is comprised of eight national raters – one from each of the affiliated conference/affiliated groups. Each of the affiliated conference/affiliated groups has one ratings oversight member. Additionally, one administrator representing the NAC Ratings and Postseason Selection Committee will serve as an oversight member.

E. Rating Procedure: Each rater submits an individual wrestler rating for each weight class from his respective group. From the eight conference/affiliated group individual ratings, the raters then compile a rating of the top twenty individual wrestlers in each weight class. Team ratings are compiled by scoring the ranked individual wrestlers in each weight class (using the national tournament scoring system). Each group rater must send their bi-weekly group rating to their group oversight committee member for review before submitting it to the NAIA national office.

F. Ongoing Ratings Deadlines:

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G. Reporting Period: All competition from the end of the previous rating through the Sunday prior to the rating.

H. Limits: The maximum number of individual wrestlers a team can have rated in their national qualifying group and in the national rating is 12.

I. A bi-weekly conference and national rating will be conducted beginning with the preseason poll.

J. Although this is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended that each week the conference/group ratings committees collect competition results for the week and then convene via conference call each Monday for a consensus rating of their respective areas.
K. There is a mandatory preseason (educational) conference call and webinar. Each rater must have computer access during this call. The national office will facilitate this training session and review Trackwrestling during this call and computer access is mandatory. Instructions and the date will be sent to all raters at least one week prior to the call.

L. If the conference/group rater cannot participate on a scheduled ratings conference call (either during the season or the preseason webinar) they must do one of the following:
   a. Provide a written conference/group report to the NAIA National Office prior to the conference call
   or
   b. Find a replacement from their conference/group oversight committee to represent the group on the call.
      i. If neither of those two items occurs, then no teams in that specific conference/group are eligible for ratings that week and the rater is penalized for not participating on the conference call.

M. Coaches are permitted to send information to their respective conference/group rater only. If, as a rater, you are receiving correspondence from coaches outside your conference/group, please contact the NAIA National Office.

N. If information is inaccurate on any conference/group/national ratings, here is the process for any school administrator to take:
   a. For incorrect information on the conference/group rating (such as win-loss record; scores), contact the respective rater.
   b. For incorrect information on the national rating, contact both the respective rater and the NAIA National Office.
   c. For concerns regarding the conference/group rating, contact the respective rater and the conference/group commissioner.
   d. For concerns regarding the national ratings, contact your rater, a National Oversight Committee member and the NAIA National Office.

O. Any questions regarding information in this manual should be directed to the NAIA National Office.

**B. SELECTION OF RATERS**

A. All raters are selected by their respective conference/group Commissioner. Each Commissioner is required to send both rater and conference/group oversight committee contact information to the NAIA national office via NAIAHelp by Aug. 1 of each year. Each Commissioner establishes appropriate selection criteria and guidelines for their rater.

B. For the selection of a rater from an Unaffiliated Group, it is the responsibility of all Commissioners within that Group to agree on one rater representing that Group.

C. It is strongly recommended for the rater to be a current NAIA head coach in that sport.

**C. EXPECTATIONS OF RATERS**

A. NAIA national office expects all rater to have an unbiased opinion in regards to conference/group status. Each rater is expected to rate the top wrestlers in the nation, regardless of affiliation (conference/A.I.I./unaffiliated group).

B. The NAIA expects every rater to submit requested information by the designated deadlines. Any ratings submitted after the deadline or submission of incomplete ratings will not be counted.

C. Raters are expected to submit both their conference/group and national ballots, according to the deadlines.

D. Share your conference/group rating with your Conference Oversight Committee prior to official submission in Trackwrestling. Each commissioner assigns the Conference Oversight Committee.

E. Raters will monitor teams in their weekly conference/group rating to make sure those teams are posting results and updating their win/loss records within 24 hours after each scheduled contest. If the rater finds that a team is NOT reporting scores/updating their record, they must contact the institution (Head Coach and Athletic Director) via email and copy the Conference/Group Commissioner(s) and the NAIA National Office.

F. Encourage communication amongst coaches within their conference/group. However, it is unacceptable and unethical for coaches to campaign for their school to another conference/group rater.

G. If a rater is unable to fulfill this commitment, the NAIA National Office must be notified immediately.

H. Raters are recommended to:
   1. Attend the National Championship
   2. Have consistent exposure to teams in several conferences
   3. Have a willingness to serve
   4. Have the support of the conference/independent sport chair
D. CONTESTS RESULTS & REPORTING PERIOD

A. All results must be reported to the NAIA (via Trackwrestling) within 48 hours of completion in order to be eligible for team and/or individual weekly ratings and honors. All NAIA teams must have their 2018-19 schedule inputted into Trackwrestling by October 1. Institutions failing to report statistics and/or results any two consecutive weeks or a total of four weeks during the reporting period will not be eligible for the national statistical reports or ratings for the remainder of the season.

B. Mandate for reporting scores: In order for schools to be eligible for group or national ratings, results must be reported to Trackwrestling within 48 hours of completion of contest. It is the responsibility of each school to report its results. Institutions failing to report statistics and/or results for two consecutive weeks or four total weeks during the season will not be eligible for the national statistical reports or ratings for the remainder of the season and subject to a monetary penalty.

a. The first violation will continue to be a warning.
b. Any second violation (first penalty) will be a $500 fine.
c. The third violation will be a $1,000 fine and a loss of postseason awards.
d. The fourth violation will be a $1,000 fine and will be dealt with at the discretion of membership services.
e. Fines will be due within 30 days of notification.

C. Avenues for reporting: All results must be entered on-line using Trackwrestling. To access the Trackwrestling site go to http://s200.trackwrestling.com/tw/TWHome.jsp?loadBalanced=true. You must be a current member of the NWCA (which is also required of all NAIA coaches for weight certification & management using the NWCA’s OPC software).

E. RATINGS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

A. Individual Conference/Affiliated Group Ratings

a. Each rater can access results from all NAIA teams/wrestlers through Trackwrestling.
b. The ranking of the top 6 individuals in each weight class (per conference/affiliated group) is to be submitted on-line using Trackwrestling no later than 4 p.m. (CT) on Monday of each rating week.
c. Shortly after 4 p.m. (CT) on Monday (of each rating week), national raters can access the conference/affiliated ratings via Trackwrestling.
d. Postseason national qualifying reports and national ratings received after the deadline will not be included in the compilation. Wrestlers cannot be ranked if their rater misses the deadline for submitting their postseason national qualifying group rating for that ratings period.
e. Only varsity wrestlers who are identified with a NAIA team can be rated in postseason qualifying group and national ratings. Unattached wrestlers are NOT eligible for ratings.

B. Postseason National Qualifying Ranking Policies

a. Raters are allowed one tie at any position (#1-#6) in each weight class in their rating. Only one tie is allowed and the conference/affiliated group is still limited to only six wrestlers in each weight class in its rating.

i. When a conference submits a tie for any rating period in sports that allow ties, the rater is required to submit rationale pertaining to those ties.

b. Raters do not have to rate six wrestlers from their conference/affiliated group in each weight class. They should list ONLY wrestlers that merit consideration for national rating.

C. National Ballots

a. Every national ballot ranking the top 20 individuals in each weight class must be submitted on-line by 9 a.m. (Central) on Wednesday. Please keep the following in mind when submitting ballots:

i. Ballots received after the deadline will not be included in the rating.

ii. A rating will not be conducted if less than 50% of the raters submit ballots.

D. Corrections to Conference/affiliated Group Ratings / National Ratings

a. For incorrect information regarding record and/or weight classification in conference/affiliated group wrestler reports, contact respective conference/affiliated group rater.
b. For incorrect information listed in the national ratings, contact both the respective conference/affiliated group rater and the NAIA Sport Manager.
c. For concerns regarding the integrity of conference/affiliated group wrestler ratings, contact respective conference/affiliated group rater and the qualifying group oversight member.
d. For concerns regarding the integrity of the national rating contact your respective conference/affiliated group rater, a National Oversight Committee member and the NAIA Sport Manager.

E. Ratings Criteria/Guidelines to be Used for Adopted Rating Schedule
PRIMAR Y (in order listed below)
1. Head to head results – most recent results takes precedence
2. Results vs. common opponents

SECONDARY (no weight order given)
1. Common tournament place finishes
2. Past National Championship or Conference Tournament finishes
3. Overall records – quality/strength of opponents and schedule are more important than win-loss record

F. NATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
A. National Oversight Committee to consist of:
   a. Member of NAC Rule & Ratings Committee – 2018-19 NAC Ratings Oversight Liaison for wrestling is Keith Spataro, Athletic Director, Menlo College
   b. One coach from each of the conference/affiliated groups with the following criteria:
      i. The coach must have prior rating experience and can be an active or former coach still involved in the NAIA.
      ii. The coach must be current officer in coaches’ association.
   c. The NAIA Sport Manager works with NAIA-WCA officers to recruit/appoint National Oversight Committee members.
B. The NAC Ratings Committee liaison is an active member of each National Oversight Committee.
C. Each conference/affiliated group must designate one coach in the group to serve as the oversight member to monitor the conference/affiliated group ratings. If a conference/affiliated group does not have a designated oversight member in place, they will not be allowed to submit group and national ratings.
D. National Oversight Committee will review each rating grid prior to releasing national rating.
   a. Approval forms are submitted by each National Oversight Committee member via e-mail.
   b. If a concern is expressed, oversight will contact NAIA Sport Manager immediately.
   c. If concern is expressed by oversight regarding a rating ballot, rater in question will have until 2:00 p.m. (Central) on Wednesdays to respond to oversight’s concerns and provide rationale for rating.

Note – Concerns should be directed at how individuals among the rating committee ranked specific athletes, not about where a specific athlete falls in the top 20. Example: Rational is needed from the GPAC on why they didn’t rank Joe Smith at 125 pounds.

E. If a rater does not provide written rationale prior to the deadline, the penalty system is as follows:
   a. 1st instance – written warning (ballot is still included in that week’s rating)
   b. 2nd instance – rater(s) ballot is removed for that week
   c. In each of the two instances, the NAIA National Office copies all parties (rater, national oversight, conference/group Commissioners).
   d. No response from National Oversight Committee member for two ratings constitutes NAIA National Office contact. National Oversight Committee members are held to the same requirements/guidelines as national raters in terms of completing their weekly responsibilities in the ratings process.
F. 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 five of the eight members of the National Oversight Committee.
   a. In the event of the removal of a ballot, the rater, conference/affiliated group oversight, affected Conference Commissioners, NAIA Director of Sports Information, and the National Oversight Committee will be notified.
G. Removal of a rater is authorized when any combination of the following three incidents occur three (3) times during a ratings calendar year:
   1. Failure to submit a conference/affiliated group OR national rating/ballot.
   2. Failure to represent conference/affiliated group on a ratings conference call.
   Any appeals (and final decision to remove a rater) are handled by the national ratings oversight committee.
H. Standard policies when removing a rater:
   1. Warning letter (e-mail correspondence) sent to rater after first two offenses (see section F above). Respective conference/affiliated group oversight member and conference commissioner (if applicable) copied on all correspondences.
   2. Removal of rater after third offense. NAIA Sport Manager contacts conference/affiliated group oversight member for procedures in submitting a conference/affiliated group ratings after removal of the
conference/affiliated group’s national rater. For wrestling, if a conference/affiliated group rater is dismissed, then the group oversight member assumes the responsibilities of the group rating.

NOTE: If a conference/affiliated group has its rater removed, the group loses its national rating privileges for the remainder of the current ratings season. However, the conference/affiliated group must continue to submit a bi-weekly group rating so that teams and wrestlers in the affected group teams can receive ratings votes from all other raters.

G. RATINGS GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES
A. Conference/affiliated group oversight member is responsible for issues with group report and any issues with conference/affiliated group ratings
B. Rater-to-Rater grievances are facilitated through the NAIA National Office with National Oversight Committee serving as a resource.
C. Appeals to be processed through NAC Ratings Committee.
D. Here is the process to take for a rater to submit a grievance:
   a. Email the NAIA National Office your grievance within the constructed timeline
   b. The NAIA National Office will work with National Oversight to process the grievance

H. SELECTION/IDENTIFICATION OF RATERS GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES
A. Conference/affiliated group raters and their oversight members are selected at the conference/affiliated group level. In wrestling, the conference/affiliated group rater and oversight member (along with national oversight committee members) are selected (for the next season) at the annual NAIA-WCA coaches’ business meeting at the NAIA National Office in March. Qualifying groups determine appropriate selection criteria and process.

I. FINAL RATINGS
A. The final rating occurs prior to the start of the conference/affiliated group tournaments.
B. Results of every contest (including affiliated conference/group qualifying tournaments) up to submission of final Conference/group rating are included for the final rating
C. The final rating is used to determine the additional automatic qualifier allocations for the National Championship.
D. The NAC has mandated all sports to follow the established rating calendar.

J. OTHER INFORMATION
A. Contact from Coaches: Coaches are permitted to send information to their respective conference/affiliated group rater only. If, as a rater, you are receiving correspondence from coaches outside your qualifying group, contact the NAIA Sport Manager.
B. National ratings grid sent to all raters – The ratings grid (a spreadsheet which shows the top 20 individual weight-class ratings from each of the eight raters and national oversight and point calculations for team ratings) will be sent to every national rater after the rating is posted on-line and released to the media. The information included on the grid is CONFIDENTIAL and raters must not share the grid or any part of it with anyone.
C. Questions Regarding Rating Procedure: Any questions regarding ratings procedures should be directed to the NAIA Director of Athletic Communications.

K. CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER EXPECTATIONS
A. Designate a three-person conference/group oversight committee to monitor their weekly ratings. The commissioners must provide names and contact information for their respective conference/group oversight committee members to the national office and submit in NAIAHelp prior to Aug. 1 each year. If a conference/group does not have a designated oversight committee in place, they will not be able to submit conference/group and national top-30 ratings.
B. Submit your sport rater representative (current head coach) for all sports your conference sponsors. This assignment is done by you in NAIAHelp prior to Aug. 1 each year.
C. For the selection of a rater from an Unaffiliated Group, it is the responsibility of all Commissioners within that Group to agree on one rater representing that Group.
D. Remind all of your sport raters about their mandatory attendance at the preseason instructional webinar and the in-season conference calls. Failure to attend these by your rater (or assign a fill-in for that webinar) will result in a strike.
L. GLOSSARY

A. Frequently Used Terms
   a. Conference Oversight Committee = a committee, created by each Conference Commissioner, to review, analyze and approve each conference/group rating prior to official submission in SIDHelp.
   b. Final Rating = the rating that occurs after all qualifying conference/group tournaments. This rating determines the at-large championship qualifiers and championship seeding for all sports (excluding Soccer & Tennis).
   c. NAC = National Administrative Council. A membership group comprised of athletic administrators representing all of the conferences. This Council has the authority to oversee all policies and procedures related to ratings.
   d. National grid = a spreadsheet that shows the national rating and votes from each national rater. This is not to be shared with anyone.
   e. National Oversight Committee = a committee, comprised of a NAC member, a former rater and current head coach/officer, with a mission to review, analyze and approve each national rating prior to official announcement.
   f. Postseason Rating = the rating that occurs after the sport National Championship. The National Champion team will be the #1-ranked team in the national rating.
   g. SIDHelp = database where all conference/group and national ratings are submitted. The website is www.naiasports.org/admin.
AWARDS

A. NATIONAL WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Conference/Affiliated Group Wrestler of the Week

A Conference/Affiliated Group Wrestler of the Week will be recognized during select dates of an outstanding performance at the qualifying group level. Nominations for conference/affiliated group Wrestler of the Week must be submitted to the NAIA Department of Athletic Communications by 5:00 p.m. (CST) Tuesdays (during the honors calendar) from the wrestler’s sports information director or his/her designated representative. Conference/affiliated group Wrestlers of the Week are considered for National Wrestler of the Week honors. All nominations must be submitted via the SIDHelp admin website. To access go to www.naiasports.org/admin and go to the “Player of the Week” section.

National Wrestler of the Week

There will be weekly recognition of an outstanding performance at the national level, with honorees selected from one of the eight Wrestlers of the Week for each of the conference/affiliated groups. The first national honoree will be announced on November 16 with the second honoree announced December 7. Starting January 4, weekly award winners will be announced through February 15. Honorees are released by 5 p.m. CST on Wednesdays during the selected dates.

Honorees are selected by a national voting committee. Nominations must be made by the wrestler’s sports information director or their designated representative. The national office will NOT accept nominations from anyone but the sports information director or their designated representative. Schools/teams may nominate only one athlete weekly for national qualifying group and national wrestler of the week honors consideration.

B. 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 February 15, 2018 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.

To be eligible for listing on website, honors database or receive a certificate, forms MUST BE SUBMITTED BY February 15, 2018. LATE nominations will be accepted through June 30th of each year, but will not be listed on the website, honors database or receive a certificate.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED ELECTRONICALLY FOR CONSIDERATION. PAPER COPIES ARE NOT TO BE SENT TO THE NAIA NATIONAL OFFICE VIA EMAIL, POSTAL MAIL OR FAX. (THIS IS A CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR)

C. 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.

**D. NATIONAL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR**

The NAIA National Wrestler of the Year is voted upon by all participating coaches at the NAIA Wrestling National Championships.

**E. NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR**

The NAIA National Coach of the Year is voted upon by all participating coaches at the NAIA Wrestling National Championships. The NWCA also sponsors a NAIA-NWCA National Coach of the Year Award, which is presented to the coach of the winning NAIA team at the annual NWCA National Duals Championship.

**F. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

Official NAIA individual awards for All-America recognition will be presented to the top eight (8) individuals in each weight class at the National Championships. Team trophies will be awarded to the top four teams. The team champion will also receive the traditional NAIA championship banner.

There is also an award for the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the National Championships and an award for the wrestler with the most falls/pins in the least amount of time (Manuel Gorriaran Memorial Award).

**G. THE NAIA BUFFALO FUNDS CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER TEAM AWARD**

The NAIA Buffalo Funds Five-Star Champions of Character Award is an annual award given at the end of each sport season. Each sport awards the NAIA Buffalo Funds Five-Star Champions of Character Award to one team on a yearly basis and all NAIA teams are eligible for the team award. Teams must be nominated by their institutions. 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 core character values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship will be taken into consideration.


**H. ORDERING AWARDS**

Conference/independent awards are ordered by the Conference/Independent Commissioner and are the financial responsibility of the conference/independent or postseason host institution. Official NAIA awards MUST be ordered from:

Collegiate Awards, 18081 E. Trafficway St., Springfield, MO 65802
Contact: Brad Stout, brads@collegiateawards.com, 417-873-9280
NAIA National Office Staff Awards Liaison – Kelli Briscoe – kbriscoe@naia.org

**J. NAIA NATIONAL AWARDS**

(See NAIA Awards Forms at [http://www.naia.org/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=27900&ATCLID=205327004](http://www.naia.org/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=27900&ATCLID=205327004))
COACHES ASSOCIATION

A. NAIA-WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION

The NAIA-Wrestling Coaches Association (NAIA-WCA) is an organization of collegiate wrestling coaches at NAIA member institutions. The NAIA-WCA meets annually, conducting its business in conjunction with the NAIA Wrestling National Championships.

B. PAST PRESIDENTS

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1986-87 | Don Elia, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)          |
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1988-90 | Milt Martin, Westmar (Iowa)              |
1990-91 | Fran Hummel, Northern State (S.D.)        |
1991-92 | Craig Olsen, Pacific (Ore.)              |
1992-93 | Jason Liles, Northern Montana            |
1993-95 | Mike Jones, Simon Fraser (B.C.)          |
1995-97 | Paul Bartlett, Northwestern (Iowa)       |
1997-99 | Mike Machholz, Missouri Valley          |
1999-01 | Dan Payne, Embry-Riddle (Ariz.)          |
2001-03 | David Ray, Montana State-Northern       |
2003-05 | Mike Ritchey, Southern Oregon           |
2005-07 | Thadd O'Donnell, Dickinson State (N.D.)  |
2007-09 | Mike Machholz, Missouri Valley          |
2009-10 | John Petty, California Baptist          |
2010-12 | Tim Jager, Morningside College          |
2012-14 | Shawn Kelley, Hastings College (Neb.)    |
2014-15 | Archie Randall, Oklahoma City           |
2015-17 | Franky James, Campbellsville University (Ky.) |

C. NATIONAL WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION (NWCA)

The National Wrestling Coaches Association, established in 1928, is a professional organization dedicated to serve and provide leadership for the advancement of all levels of the sport of wrestling with primary emphasis on scholastic and collegiate programs. The membership welcomes all interested in amateur wrestling.

The NWCA, through its organizational structure, promotes communication, recognizes achievement, recommends rules and regulations, sponsors events, and serves as an educational and informational source. Additionally, the NWCA strives to foster sportsmanship and integrity as cornerstones of athletic competition.

All NAIA wrestling coaches are mandated to use the NWCA Weight Certification software annually and can access the software at www.nwcaonline.com. All NAIA coaches are also required to submit their results on the NWCA College Scoreboard.

C. NAIA-WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION VOTING

NAIA Coaches Associations must have a quorum (at least 50% of eligible voters) in order for a sport motion to be heard by the National Administrative Council. All voting will be completed using an online process following the business meeting in order to ensure all head coaches have an opportunity to vote. Motions will still be presented and discussed at the Annual Business meeting. If desired, a “straw poll” can be taken by those present to determine if a motion will be opened for vote to the full coaches association.
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| AMC              | Scott Hawes                               |
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| HAAC             | Nick Mitchell                             |
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| Cascade          | Caleb Schaefer                            |
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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be called the NAIA-Wrestling Coaches Association, hereinafter referred to as the NAIA-WCA.

ARTICLE II - ORGANIZATION

Section 1 NAIA-WCA membership is comprised of wrestling coaches whose institutions are current members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The NAIA-WCA is charged with the responsibility of carrying out programs beneficial to the sport of wrestling, and to the NAIA member coaches. The programs of this section shall be in accordance with the aims and objectives of the NAIA, and under the guidance of the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAIA-NAC).

Section 2 The NAIA-WCA shall submit to the NAIA-NAC recommendations for approval to enhance the program, and in every way cooperate with the Council in furthering the stated aims and objectives of the organization.

ARTICLE III - AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The NAIA-WCA shall supervise and conduct programs, utilizing the guidance of the NAIA-NAC. The NAIA-WCA will foster and promote interest and enthusiasm in wrestling programs at the conference and national levels, and provide international recognition for teams, competitors, and coaches.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Any active wrestling coach (assistant or head coach) from a member institution of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics shall automatically be a member of the NAIA-WCA.

ARTICLE V - DUES

No dues are currently assessed.

ARTICLE VI - VOTING POWER

Current membership in the NAIA-WCA entitles the member (head coach only) to one vote in all democratic action held in open assembly of the NAIA-WCA.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers shall be elected from the active membership of the Association at the annual meeting as follows: The members shall elect a secretary from the membership. Normal rotation from secretary to second vice president to first vice president to president will occur. The position of ex-officio tournament host shall be filled by the tournament director of the next championship, and he shall then be moved to the position of ex-officio past tournament host the following year.

Section 2 The term of office of the president, first vice president, second vice president and secretary shall be for two years.

Section 3 The progression in the office shall be from secretary to second vice president to first vice president to president; each office to be held for two years. In the event a vacancy occurs, the Executive Committee of the NAIA-WCA is empowered to appoint members from the membership at-large to fill normal progression officers unless duly elected by the membership at the next annual meeting.

Section 4 The NAIA-WCA officers will serve as members of the Executive Committee (see Article IX).

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 The duties of the president are to afford leadership and guidance to NAIA-WCA through all possible channels and to direct his efforts specifically to conducting the annual meeting of the Association, as well as conducting committee meetings and clinics. The president is the executive officer of all appointed and standing committees of the Association.
The individual serving in the role of President for the NAIA-WCA during the 2018-19 academic year will also be a member of the Council for Student-Athletes (CSA). This role on the CSA is a two year responsibility, regardless of their term lengths as an officer of the NAIA-WCA.

Section 2  The duties of the first vice president are to assume leadership at all meetings unattended by the president and to serve as a member of the Games Committee at the National Championship.

Section 3  The duties of the second vice president are to assume leadership at all meetings unattended by the president and first vice president, and to serve as a member of the Games committee at the National Championship.

Section 4  The secretary shall make an annual report to the NAIA-WCA Executive Committee, supervise the Association correspondence, maintain a roster of members, notify members of meetings, and other duties which are incidental to the office. The secretary will assume leadership at all meetings unattended by the president, first vice president and second vice-president; and will serve as a member of the Games Committee at the National Championship.

ARTICLE IX - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1  The NAIA-WCA Executive Committee is composed of the officers of the Association, the Association’s immediate past president and the rating committee.

Section 2  The NAIA-WCA Executive Committee shall approve the appointment of the national qualifying group/committee representatives to one, two, or three-year terms of office.

Section 3  The members of the NAIA-WCA Executive Committee, the NAIA-WCA president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, and the qualifying group chairs shall act as the Games Committee for the NAIA Wrestling National Championships.

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

Section 1  The annual business meeting of the Association shall be held in conjunction with the NWCA National Convention at the time and place set by the NAIA-WCA Executive Committee.

Section 2  A wrestling clinic or rules interpretations meeting may be held in conjunction with national events, or at a time and place designated by the NAIA-WCA Executive Committee.

Section 3  The NAIA-WCA Executive Committee shall meet prior to weigh-in time, and immediately following weigh-in time of the NAIA Wrestling National Championship to carry out the duties of the Games Committee.

Section 4  Voting on all issues shall be by voice or hand in executive sessions or in open meetings of the Association. The national qualifying group chairs (solely) shall have votes with regard to seeding issues.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at the regular or special meeting of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the members present at such meeting. Any contemplated change or changes in the Constitution and/or Bylaws must be fully explained, in writing, to the members of the Association and the Executive Committee at least 30 days prior to the date on which such a change will be presented for discussion.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at the open business meeting shall be as follows:

A.  Reading of the Minutes
B.  Report of Officers
C.  Committee Reports
D.  Old Business
ARTICLE II - COMMITTEES

Section 1  Standing and temporary committees shall be appointed by the president as deemed desirable by the NAIA-WCA Executive Committee or the president. The term of the office of the appointed members shall be at the discretion of the NAIA-WCA president.

Section 2  The NAIA-WCA president is empowered to appoint committees which will assist in programs designed to produce conference, group, and national recognition of teams, athletes, and coaches. The president is also encouraged to appoint competent NAIA-WCA members who will assist in any and all ways to foster the aims and objectives of the NAIA as they relate to the sport of wrestling, the participants, coaches, spectators, and individual institutions represented by their individuals, and groups.

ARTICLE III – NATIONAL QUALIFYING GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1  The NAIA-WCA Executive Committee shall appoint two NAIA-WCA members to represent each national qualifying group listed in the NAIA Wrestling Coaches Manual.

Section 2  The duties of the qualifying group representatives shall include the following:

A.  To serve the NAIA-WCA Executive Committee.
B.  To organize, promote and conduct the NAIA Wrestling National Championships.
C.  To function as an advisory, games, and seeding committee for the National Championship.
D.  To coordinate the rating process within the qualifying group and participate in the national rating system.
E.  To coordinate the weight class ratings (which will be forwarded to national office for seeding) at the conclusion of their respective qualifying group championship.
F.  To recommend conference and qualifying group competition in wrestling.
G.  To organize and establish a set of criteria, practices, and procedures for NAIA Wrestling National Championships.
H.  To recommend individuals, coaches, and participants for special awards.
I.  To appoint a proxy when unable to attend a regular meeting of the NAIA-WCA Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - DATE AND SITE OF WRESTLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Section 1  The date to be recommended for the annual NAIA Wrestling National Championships will be the first week of (or weekend of) March.

Section 2  Each member institution sponsoring wrestling shall have the opportunity to bid to host the NAIA Wrestling National Championships. When two or more bids of equal support are received, the NAIA-WCA recommends that sites be rotated as follows: From West to Midwest, to East to Midwest, to West, and continue in that order.

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NAIA National Wrestling Coaches Association Annual Business Meeting Agenda

March 27, 2018 – Kansas City, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER RIK DAHL, NWCA PRESIDENT
   a. Rik Dahl, NAIA-NWCA President
   b. Attendees: Cody Garcia, Baker University; Larry Nugent, Bethany College; Andrew Nicola, Concordia University (Neb.); Zack Mullins, Graceland University; Nick Mitchell; Grand View; Matthew Oney, Kansas Wesleyan University; Omi Acota, Life University; Corey Ruff, Lindsey Wilson College; Mike Machholz, Missouri Valley College; Rik Dahl, Northwestern College; Kevin Andres, Ottawa University; Chuck Kearney, University of Saint Mary; Brad Stockton, Waldorf University; Aron Scott, William Penn University; Marc Burchard, NAIA.

II. NAIA NATIONAL OFFICE REPORT MARC BURCHARD, NAIA CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT MANAGER
   a. NAIA Legislative Process Handout
      i. Reviewed the Coaches’ Guide to Legislation, Policies & Sport Rules
      ii. Explained the process of a sport motion before it becomes policy.
         1. Once the coaches’ association has approved a motion it must be approved by the NAC before it can be implemented.
   b. 2018 Proposed Legislation
      i. There are a few potential bylaw amendments to the competitive experience rule/unattached competition that would impact wrestling.
      ii. Explained to the coaches in attendance that needed to speak with their Athletic Director or Convention Voting member on campus to support the amendments.
   c. Women’s Wrestling Handout
      i. There are currently 22 institutions that sponsor Women’s Wrestling as a varsity sport, as of 3/27/18.
      ii. For a sport to become an invitational sport in the NAIA there needs to be 25 institutions that sponsor the sport.
      iii. A sport must be at invitational status for two years before it can become a Championship sport in the NAIA.
      iv. For a sport to become a varsity sport 40 instructions would need to sponsor the sport as varsity.
   d. Site Selection
      i. Des Moines, IA 2019
         1. Current contract is through the 2019 championships.
      ii. 2020 & 2021 Bid Deadline December 1, 2018
         1. The bid for the 20 and 21 championships is open.
         2. Once the bidding is closed the sport manager will complete phone interviews with the prospective bidders and visit the potential sites. The sport manager will invite a member of the Executive Committee on sites visits, if possible.
         3. Announcement on the new site will take place in March of 2019, around the 2019 Championships.
   e. 2018 NAIA Wrestling National Championships
      a. Grand View won 7th straight National Championship
b. 2018 Daktronics-NAIA Wrestling Scholar-Athletes
   i. 65 Student-Athletes

c. Awards Ballots
   i. 32 ballots received, best return rate
   ii. This will be an online vote next year through Survey Monkey.

d. Video Review
   i. 49 total reviews
   ii. 37 stay calls
   iii. 11 overturned calls
   iv. 1 time video review didn’t work

e. 2018 Officials Evaluations
   i. Reviewed the attached evaluations of 2018 officials.
   ii. The format of evaluations will change from a ranking to an individual star rating in 2019.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Bracketing, Mike Machholz, Missouri Valley

   Needed to separate teammates and make sure they would not match up on the backside immediately and knock each other out prior to the All-American rounds. Ran into the same issue with conference opponents. Overall bracketing went well, may have some discussions on how the seeding process takes place.

b. Honors and Awards, Mike Ritchey, Southern Oregon

   4th place trophy was approved for 2018. NAIA has taken over HOF inductions. Committee would like to be more involved with the process of nominations.


   With the legislative changes to the qualification process, much of the language in the manual needs to be updated to reflect conference qualification. Need to fill standing committees.

d. Qualifying Standards, Aaron Meister, Wayland Baptist

   Coaches are reporting their results in a timely manner and getting the information to raters. Coaches need to put in their information for raters to do their responsibilities.

e. National Ratings Oversight Committee, Nick Mitchell, Grand View

   The process this year was difficult with the number of raters and oversight. It is a difficult and time consuming process. The role of oversight is review conference ratings and everything looks in place prior to the national ratings.

f. USA Wrestling, Mike Ritchey, Southern Oregon

   USA wrestling won the gold in freestyle. There are many promotions coming up from USA wrestling. New rule changes just came out. A lot are Greco rules, but some fall under freestyle. Under 23 is the division for college age wrestlers. If anyone is interested as the USA Wrestling NAIA liaisons Mike Ritchey is willing to give others the opportunity.

g. NWCA Report, Nick Mitchell, Grand View

   Nothing to report.

h. Executive Committee, Rik Dahl
One item for 2018 was to make the committees for meaningful. Developed a process for submitting sport motions through standing committees. Motions submitted this year were all sponsored by the Executive Committee.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion #1: National Raters Motion
   Discussion: The goal is to simplify the process. Each conference will still have representation. There would be eight oversight members, which would increase the number of eyes on the ratings process. Instead of changing the system why not change the raters. Allowing four raters to control the ratings system is an issue. Not all coaches are not able to travel to see wrestlers from around the country. The ratings system currently dictates the number of qualifiers each conference receives to the national championships. Can the current process be improved? This process has been around for a while. The best raters need to be put in the right places. If there is a new rater there’s a need to educate that person to make sure they are successful.

   Motion to vote: Nick Mitchell, Grand View; Second Corey Ruff, Lindsey Wilson

   Straw Poll: Yes: 10, No: 3, Abstain: 1

b. Motion #2: Final Rating Cycle Extension Motion
   Discussion: There were several dual meets that happened after the final ratings in 2017 and were not taken into consideration for the ratings.

   Motion to vote: Kevin Andres, Ottawa; Second: Chuck Kearney, St. Mary

   Straw Poll: Yes: 14, No: 0, Abstain: 0

c. Motion #3: Multiple Day Qualifier Motion
   Discussion: With the new rule change to six matches per day and the growth of conferences this not allow for the conference tournaments to be completed in one day.

   Motion to vote: Mike Machholz, Missouri Valley; Second St. Mary

   Straw Poll: Yes: 14, No: 0, Abstain: 0

d. Motion #4: Primary and Secondary Bracketing Criteria Motion
   Discussion: Motion is to take into account a wrestler’s whole body of work during the seeding process. Under the current criteria if a freshman and senior are vying for a spot and they do not have any head to head or common opponents, past national championships finishes can come into play and determine the seeding, even though the freshman did not have the opportunity to place previously. Coach Dahl recommending a amendment to the motion to add a third primary criteria, coaches majority vote using the secondary criteria.

   Motion to vote: Andrew Nicola, Concordia; Second Corey Ruff, Lindsey Wilson

   Straw Poll: Yes: 13 No: 1, Abstain: 0

e. Motion #5 Blind Draw Motion
   Discussion: This would help make the bracketing committee’s job more efficient with only separating. This would help the random draw for the national tournament.

   Motion to vote: Corey Ruff, Lindsey Wilson; Second: Mike Machholz, Missouri Valley

   Straw Poll: Yes: 14, No: 0, Abstain: 0

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION
2019 Business Meeting Date – Tuesday March, 26th 9 a.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Adjourn: Yes: 14. No: 0
For a sports motion to be considered for a vote at a business meeting it must go through the following steps on its way to becoming a by-law or procedure:

1. **SUBMISSION** - An individual coach would submit his sports motion to the NAIA office (i.e. – Marc Burchard) sixty days before the WCA March Business Meeting to allow for designation and deliberation.

2. **DESIGNATION** - NAIA Office would forward the sports motion to the WEC (Wrestling Executive Counsel) and the WEC would determine which standing committee should review and sponsor the motion or if a task force should be formed to review and sponsor the motion.
   
   a. The WEC could also decide to sponsor the sports motion if the motion doesn’t fit within the duties of a current committee.
   
   b. The WEC has the discretion to by-pass steps 1-3 (including the submission deadline) and sponsor a motion on the floor.

3. **DELIBERATION AND REVISION** - The sports motion is forwarded to the committee chair and the chair contacts members of his committee and the author of the sports motion to schedule a time to discuss, ask questions, get input from across qualifying groups, and revise to include necessary information to present motion to the coaches’ body.

4. **APPROVAL** - The sports motion is brought to the WCA (Wrestling Coaches Association) by committee. The committee can now speak to the motions merit and impact on NAIA wrestling. The sports motion is discussed and voted on by the body and if passed can be revised to prepare to go to the NAC for a vote.
NAIA Wrestling National Championship Roster Submission Instructions

Official rosters are to be submitted online via the SIDHelp admin website (www.naiasports.org/admin). If you do not have a log-in account, please go to the link above and sign up. You must have an account in order to complete roster forms. Roster forms are no longer available in the coaches’ manuals. Once you create an account and log-in, follow the instructions below:

1. There will be a section titled “Forms and Rosters”. Click on the link titled “Enter Postseason Information.”
2. Click on “Edit Postseason Roster/Bench Personnel.” Fill out the roster form, check the certification box at the bottom, and click on the save postseason roster button.
3. Please contact Pete Scantlebury if you experience problems with the online roster form, pscantlebury@naia.org or 816-595-8161.

Postseason rosters will be processed entirely electronically. The administrator completing the online roster form will sign electronically. Postseason rosters are no longer required to be submitted to the NAIA national office – please do not send rosters via email or fax to the national office.

A copy of the roster must be hand-carried to the national championship and presented to the championships administrators prior at check-in. No individual not included on the official roster form may participate at the national championship

Instructions for Submitting Team Quick Facts

Each team’s Head Coach or SID will be responsible for completing the quick facts section online. The information entered will be used by the national office and championship host when creating postseason publications, documents, etc. Instructions for completion:

1. Go to www.naiasports.org/admin and log-in with your account information.
2. There will be a section titled FORMS AND ROSTERS. Click on the link titled “Enter Postseason Information.”
3. Click on “Enter Quick Facts.” Fill out the quick facts form and click on the save button.
4. No further action is needed once this form is completed in its entirety.
2019 NAIA Wrestling National Championships – Selection Timeline

Saturday, February 16
- NAIA National Qualifying Tournaments
  - Top finishers in each weight class advance to the national championship
  - After the event – each of conference/affiliated group selects its three wildcards
  - After the event – each region can submit up to 15 additional wrestlers along with accolades to be considered for selection by the national committee
- Qualifying group forms due to national office – **DEADLINE midnight (local time to host site)**
  - National office recommends that this get submitted directly after the Saturday night coaches’ meeting.
  - Additionally, the three wildcards and up to 15 national wildcard nominees are due to the national office.
  - Please email both Marc Burchard (mburchard@naia.org) and Scott Barker (sbarker@naia.org).
- National office compiles group forms
- National office distributes automatic berths, regional wildcards and national wildcard nomination forms to entire coaching body

Sunday, February 17
- Entire coaching body has ability to comment and crosscheck information distributed by the national office.
  - Specific information regarding national wildcard nominees should be directed to region-specific committee members

Monday, February 18
- All wildcard information returned to regional rater and oversight – by 3 p.m. CST

Tuesday, February 19
- National selection committee conference call – 11 a.m. EST/10 a.m. CST/9 a.m. MST/8 a.m. PST
  - Goal is to allow each region to give some additional feedback on proposed wrestlers. At least one representative from each region must be present on the call.
  - Phone number: 800-747-5150
  - Access code: 5958153
- National selection committee voting – **DEADLINE at 3 p.m. EST/2 p.m. CST/1 p.m. MST/12 p.m. PST**
- National office releases the qualifiers for the national championships – by 5 p.m. CST
- National office will send list of qualifiers (by weight class) to seeding committee for review – by 7 p.m. CST

Wednesday, February 20
- National seeding committee votes due – **DEADLINE 6p.m. EST/5 p.m. CST/4p.m. MST/3 p.m. PST**
  - Votes need to be emailed to Marc Burchard (mburchard@naia.org) and Scott Barker (sbarker@naia.org)
  - National office will compile votes and distribute to the seeding oversight committee and voting committee
  - **Note – the high and low vote are eliminated from each point total in order to eliminate outliers.**
- Qualifier spreadsheet emailed to Trackwrestling for upload into national championship system
  - Done by the national office
- Postseason roster information due to national office – 12 p.m. CST
  - Submission via SIDHelp (www.NAIASports.org/admin) – two forms total
    - Original request will go to both SIDs and Coaches.

Thursday, February 21
- National seeding committee conference call – 1 p.m. EST/12 p.m. CST/11 a.m. MST/10 a.m. PST
  - Goal is to discuss potential changes to the seeding. The only seeding changes that can be discussed are between two individuals whose point totals are within 10, in which case the coaches committee will provide insight and the oversight committee will rule.
  - Phone number: 800-747-5150
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- Following the call, the national office will distribute seeding to national championship official scorer.

Friday, February 22
- National bracketing committee conference call – 1 p.m. EST/12 p.m. CST/11 a.m. MST/10 a.m. PST
  - Goal is to set the preliminary brackets for the national championships
  - Phone number: 800-747-5150
  - Access code: 5958153
- National office releases the preliminary brackets – by 5 p.m. CST

Thursday, February 28
- Team/Athlete registration for the national championships – 12 – 2 p.m. CST
- National bracketing committee meeting – 3:30 p.m. CST
  - Finalize the brackets based on entries
  - Official brackets will be released on NAIA.org following the committee approval

Friday, March 1 – Saturday, March 2
- NAIA Wrestling National Championships