



2025-26

MEN'S BASKETBALL FINAL SITE PACKET

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Welcome

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), congratulations on your qualification to the 2026 NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship! The event will be held at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 19-24. This championship packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the championship.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kansas City and wish you the best of luck!

Mission Statement

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.)

About the NAIA

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) was founded in 1940 as the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB) to provide small colleges with a championship basketball tournament. In 1952, the organization expanded to include other sports and became the NAIA. The NAIA was a pioneer in college athletics, being the first to offer championships for African-American student-athletes and the first to sponsor a national championship for women's sports in 1980. Today, the NAIA supports smaller colleges and universities, emphasizing character-driven athletics and student-athlete development.

Tournament Personnel

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Tournament Committee	Jason Kline	816.868.3908	jason.kline@park.edu

Addresses

Name	Site	Address
Municipal Auditorium	Championship Venue	301 W. 13 th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105
Crowne Plaza Downtown Kansas City	Championship Hotel	1301 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, MO 64105
Hy-Vee Arena	Practice Courts	1800 Genessee St, Kansas City, MO 64102
Park University – Breckon Sports Center	Practice Courts	1325 E 6th St, Parkville, MO 64152

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, March 17 – Optional Arrival		
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Practice Courts Available	Hy-Vee Arena / Park Univ.
Wednesday, March 18 – Mandatory Arrival		
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Mandatory Team Arrival	Crowne Plaza Kansas City
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Practice Courts Available	Practice Courts
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Team Check-In	Crowne Plaza – Salon A
4:00 PM	Athletic Trainer Reception	Municipal Auditorium
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Student-Athlete Experience	Municipal Auditorium
5:30 PM	Coaches Walkthrough	Municipal Auditorium
Thursday, March 19 – Round of 16		
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Kids Clinic	Municipal Auditorium
12:00 PM	Game #1	Municipal Auditorium
2:30 PM	Game #2	
5:00 PM	Game #3	
7:30 PM	Game #4	
Friday, March 20 – Round of 16		
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Kids Clinic	Municipal Auditorium
12:00 PM	Game #5	Municipal Auditorium
2:30 PM	Game #6	
5:00 PM	Game #7	
7:30 PM	Game #8	
Saturday, March 21 – Quarterfinal Round		
12:00 PM	Game #9	Municipal Auditorium
2:30 PM	Game #10	
5:00 PM	Game #11	
7:30 PM	Game #12	
Sunday, March 22 – Practice and Teaming up for Character		
All Day	Team Practices	Practice Courts
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Special Needs Clinic	Municipal Auditorium
Monday, March 23 – Semifinal Round		
5:00 PM 7:30 PM	Game #13 Game #14	Municipal Auditorium
Tuesday, March 24 – Championship Round		
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Team Shootaround	Municipal Auditorium
7:00 PM	Match #15	Municipal Auditorium

Qualifier Call

A Final Site Qualifier Administrative Call will take place via Zoom on **Monday, March 16 at 11:00 AM CT**. This meeting is mandatory for participating head coaches and athletic trainers. The call will cover information relative to the administration of the NAIA Men's Basketball Championship final site.

Meeting Link: <https://naia-org.zoom.us/j/89924489042?from=addon>

Team Check In

Team check-in must be completed from **9:30 AM – 10:30 AM** on **Wednesday, March 18** in the Crowne Plaza Kansas City Salon A (downstairs meeting room).

At check-in, teams should bring a copy of their official tournament roster and 4 Spalding basketballs from their First & Second Round site. The NAIA will issue a printed copy of this championship packet, credentials, lanyards, and player bag tags.

At least one member of the coaching staff must attend team check-in.

Coaches Walkthrough

A coaches meeting will be held for Head Coaches of participating teams on-site before the competition begins. This meeting will occur at the conclusion of the Student-Athlete experience inside of Municipal Auditorium. It will last approximately 20 minutes and will cover final operational topics and answer any outstanding questions.

Team Communications

Rick Daum, NAIA Men's Basketball Championship Sport Manager will distribute event communications using both email and GroupMe app.

The GroupMe will be utilized for daily reminders pertaining to scheduling, as well as important and time sensitive updates to get to coaches, administrators, and athletics trainers.

To join the 2026 Final Site GroupMe [click here](#), or use the QR Code below:



Practices

Multiple practice sites will be available in Kansas City for teams to access. Practices can be booked at:

Hy-Vee Arena: 1800 Genessee St, Kansas City, MO 64102

Park University (Breckon Sports Center): 1325 E 6th St, Parkville, MO 64152

Practice times are in 1-hour increments and are first come first served. To schedule practice times for your team for the tournament, contact Championship Practice Site Coordinator, Nik Rule (nik.rule@heartofamericaconference.com).

Basketballs will be provided at practice site locations.

Beginning Sunday, March 24, practices will be moved to Municipal Auditorium. Times will be scheduled and assigned based on game times by the NAIA.

Pre-Game Timeline – First Game of the Day

The following time schedule should be followed for the first game of the day:

1. The court will be set up and available 60 minutes prior to the start of each game
2. Officials shall be required to report to the playing area at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each game. Their jurisdiction begins upon arrival on the court.
3. A countdown shall be started on the visible clock 60:00 prior to game time.
4. Pre-game protocol follows the following schedule:

60 minutes on the clock	Court available for shared warm up (Visible clock time: 60:00 – 19:00)
20 minutes on the clock	PA – Opening remarks and sponsor reads

0 minutes on clock	Players to Bench National Anthem Visitor Team Starters/Head Coach Introduced Home Team Starters/Head Coach Introduced
Immediately following intros	Tip-Off

5. Team Introductions – Following team warm-up, the following protocol will be used for the National Anthem and player introductions:
- Teams return to their benches for team huddles, announcements.
 - Teams stand at their benches for the National Anthem.
 - The starting lineup of the designated visiting team will be announced first. Players proceed from the team bench as their names are called.
 - Home team starting lineup introductions will follow visiting team introductions.
 - Referees are introduced after the home team.

Pre-Game Timeline – Subsequent Games

The following warm-up schedule should be followed for all remaining games at Final Site:

- A minimum of **20 minutes** will be permitted between games on **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.**
- A minimum of **30 minutes** will be permitted between games on **Monday.**
- The arena clock will run during the pre-game period to indicate when the warm-up period is concluded.
- There will be two minutes allowed for introductions of teams and coaches prior to game time.

Halftime Periods

The following halftime protocol should be followed for all games:

- Fifteen minutes are allowed for halftime periods during all games.
- The arena clock will run during the halftime period and will end one minute before starting the second half.
- All teams may use the arena floor for shoot around during halftime of the game immediately before their game. Shoot around can begin at the start of the halftime clock but must end with 5 minutes prior to the second half.
- The two teams playing in the first game of the day on any day may arrive on the floor no earlier than 60 minutes prior to game time.
- Basketballs are to remain on the arena floor. No basketballs are to be taken into the locker rooms, training rooms or hallway area.

Timeouts / Media Timeouts

Reference the [Men's Basketball National Championship Tournament Team and Media Timeout Format](#) guide for a complete breakdown on timeout policy at the NAIA Men's Basketball Championship.

Student-Athlete Experience Event

The NAIA will host a Student-Athlete Experience on **Wednesday, March 18** at **4:00pm** in Municipal Auditorium. The NAIA will bring all 16 final site qualifiers together to recognize participants and welcome them to college basketball's most historic tournament.

Teaming Up for Character

The NAIA's Teaming Up for Character event will take place in two parts:

Section 1: **Thursday, March 19 (9:00am – 11:30am)**

Section 2: **Friday, March 20 (9:00am – 11:30am)**

One coach and student-athlete representatives from each team competing on Friday will serve in Section 1.

One coach and student-athlete representatives from advancing teams in Thursday's games will serve at Teaming up for Character in Section 2.

Special Needs Clinic

The NAIA's Special Needs Clinic will take place on **Sunday, March 22 from 3:00pm – 4:30pm**. This will bring together NAIA student-athletes and participants with for an afternoon of fun, basketball, and connection. Athletes will have the opportunity to give back to the community by promoting the core values of the NAIA's Champions of Character program.

All players and coaches qualified for the Fab Four must attend this event.

Honorary Coach Program

The Honorary Coach program is unique to NAIA National Championships. With a long history dating back over 50 years, it has become a hallmark of the NAIA Men's Basketball National Championships. For 2026, 16 Kansas City area businesses will serve as Honorary Coaches for a team of their choice.

During the National Championship, Honorary Coaches will serve as a "host ambassador" for their teams and will provide a minimum of one team meal. These individuals may also provide

additional experiences for their teams including team outings around the city, additional snacks and meals, and more. In return, these representatives will have the ability to sit on their team's bench for all of their team's games, have access to locker rooms for pre-game speeches, have access to all team practices, and have the ability to attend the Student-Athlete Experience trips with their teams.

NAIA Head Coaches should expect to receive communication from these individuals before the tournament to discuss arrival plans, access limits, official party totals (for dinner planning purposes) and more. Teams should also plan to bring a piece of official team apparel as a thank you gift for their Honorary Coach.

Sport Rules

[Official NCAA Men's Basketball](#) rules are followed with exceptions as noted in the NAIA Basketball Coaches Manual.

Championship Format

The NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship Final Site is a 16-team, single-elimination tournament, consisting of the 16 First & Second Round site winners. Four games will be played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Semifinal games will be played on Monday, and the Championship will be played on Tuesday.

Film

Film Exchange - All games from the First & Second Rounds should be uploaded to the Hudl Film Exchange by the First & Second Round Host SID. The NAIA will upload game film at the final site to the Hudl exchange.

Team Film Reservations – The Crowne Plaza Downtown Kansas City will have space available for film study. There will be a TV that can be connected to a laptop via HDMI cable.

- Wednesday, March 18 – Friday, March 20 Boardroom 2525 and Boardroom 2725 will be available to be booked.
- Saturday, March 21 – Tuesday, March 24 only Boardroom 2525 will be available for reservation.

Teams may reserve rooms up to 24 hours in advance. Reservations are for one hour and can be made by contacting Championship Manager Rick Daum (rdaum@naia.org).

Cheerleaders / Spirit Squads

Cheerleaders and Spirit Squads are permitted to attend the 2026 NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship. Teams that will be bringing Cheerleaders and/or Spirit Squads should indicate so on the [Final Site Qualifier Form](#).

Cheerleaders and Spirit Squads traveling with participating teams will receive complimentary tickets for days in which their team is playing in, however hoteling and parking are the responsibility of the attending institution.

Post-Championship

Awards

There will be an official awards ceremony immediately following the Quarterfinal Round games to recognize the advancing team for winning their bracket. There will also be an awards ceremony taking place after the Championship game, recognizing the national champion and national runner-up. Awards for the runner-up will be given first, followed by any special awards, and ending with the recognition of the national champions.

The National Champion team will receive the Maude Naismith Trophy as well as the traditional NAIA Red Banner.

The following special awards will be presented following the championship game:

All-Tournament Team (10 players)	Charles H. Stevenson Hustle Award
Chuck Taylor National Championship MVP	Charles A. Krigel Memorial Team Sportsmanship Award

Championship Satisfaction Survey

During NAIA Championships, NAIA membership and student-athlete experience is of the utmost importance. The NAIA National Office and Championship Hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. Student athletes, coaches and fans are able to provide feedback based on their experience and what improvements can be made for future NAIA Championships.

To access the championship satisfaction survey, use [this link](#).

Tournament Deadlines

Entry Forms

Teams must submit the Final Site Qualifier Form by EOD on **Monday, March 16**.

Form Link: https://naiaforms.formstack.com/forms/2026_mbb_qualifier_info

Rosters

Championship roster lists should be submitted inside of [NAIA Connect](#) by **Monday, March 16**, at end of day. Team staff will verify the roster list as accurate and note any final changes at team check-in on **Wednesday, March 18**.

Team Photo

Submit team photo Monday, March 16, 2026, 5 p.m. CT

[Click HERE to upload](#)

Logo

For all teams and partners needing access to official NAIA Championship and team logos, please use the following resources:

NAIA Championship Logos: Access approved championship logos for digital and print use [here](#). Be sure to review usage guidelines to maintain consistent branding.

Team Logos: Individual team logos can be downloaded directly from the NAIA Member Logos portal [here](#). This resource provides high-resolution files for each participating team, suitable for event materials, digital assets, and more.

Please reach out to [Brandt McCall](#), NAIA Athletic Communications Manager, with any questions about logo usage or access.

Uniforms

Uniform Policy

The higher seed in each game will be the home team and will wear the light colored uniforms. Teams must have both light and dark colored uniforms available. Home teams wear light colored uniforms and visitors wear dark. It is mandatory that numbers be easily distinguishable from the

predominant background color(s) and pattern. Numbers must be displayed on front and back of each player's jersey.

All teams must bring both home and away uniforms to the Final Site for each game.

If two of the same seeds play each other, then home and away assignments will be designated using the team's overall 1-64 seed. In the event of this, the home team would continue to be the highest seed.

Laundry

The Crowne Plaza Kansas City does not have washer/dryer on property. [Wish Wash](#) and [Push Laundry](#) are two services that will pick up and deliver back to the team hotel.

Equipment

Official Ball

The Spalding TF-1000 Legacy is the Official Men's Basketball of the NAIA and is the only ball to be used in all NAIA National Championship Final Site competition.

Venue Information

Teams may reference the map below for venue information of Municipal Auditorium. Both teams will enter the court through the Team Arena Entrance located behind the goal on the south end of the court. The home team (higher seed) will occupy the bench to the left of the scorer's table (in front of section RSVD 27). The visiting team (lower seed) will occupy the bench to the right of the scorers table (in front of section RSVD 29). Home teams depart the court through the exit nearest section #126. Visiting teams will depart the court through the exit nearest section #112.



Locker Rooms

Four locker rooms will be made available each game day at Municipal Auditorium. Locker rooms can be used for pre-game preparations and halftimes and in post-game. Locker rooms will be assigned by tournament staff and identified with Team Logos on the doors for each game. Teams will be escorted to their locker rooms by tournament staff upon arrival to Municipal Auditorium.

For the semifinals and championship games, each team will have a locker room provided for the day.

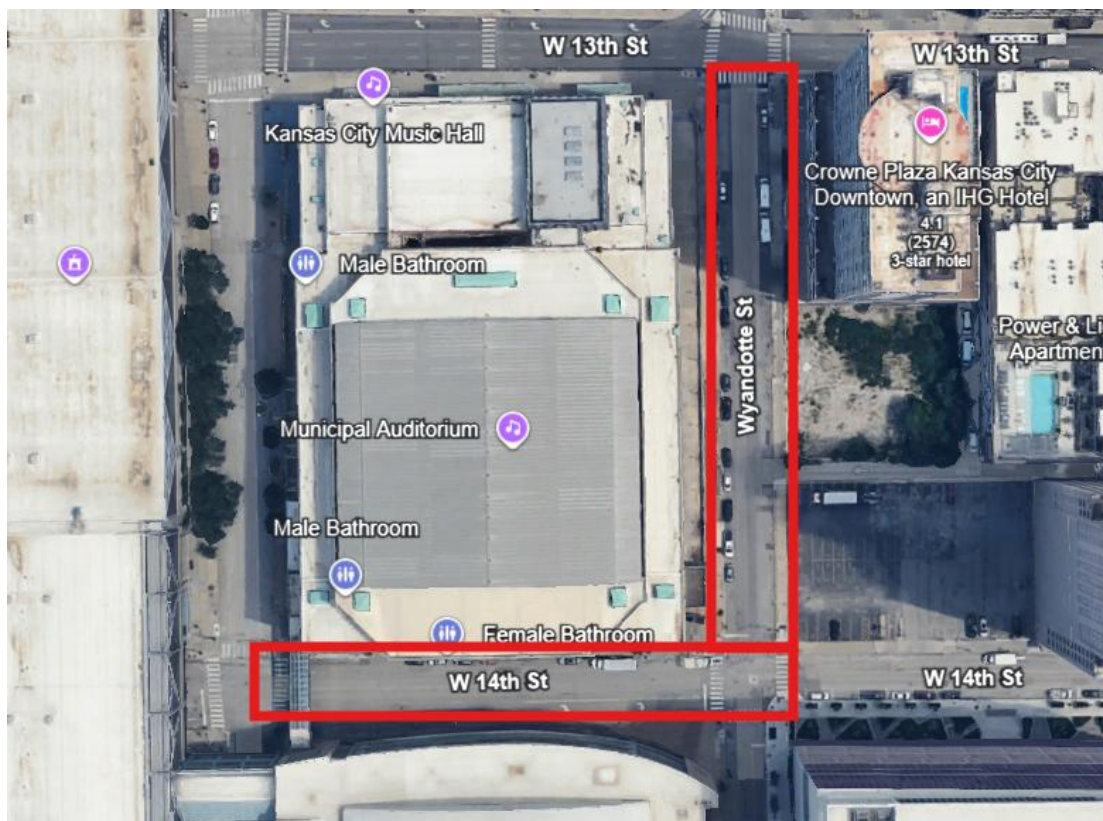
NAIA Championship Property

All NAIA-branded signs, banners, and displays are the property of the NAIA and must be treated with care and respect. Any student-athlete, coach, or team found damaging, removing, or stealing these materials will be held accountable. The offending institution will be responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement and may be subject to an administrative fine of up to \$500, as well as additional disciplinary action under NAIA Conduct and Ethics policies.

Team Parking

Parking for vehicles shorter than 6'3" is available inside of the Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown Parking garage, which is connected to the hotel. Charter bus parking is available on the section of Wyandotte St. between W 13th St. and W 14th St. Charter bus parking is also available directly South of Municipal Auditorium on 14th St.

Teams parking a charter bus on Wyandotte St. should pick up a parking pass from the front desk upon check-in. See designated red parking area of map:



Fan Parking

Fan parking is located in easily accessible lots surrounding the stadium. [Click here](#) to view parking opportunities in proximity to Municipal Auditorium.

Ticketing Information

Tickets are on-sale for the NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship. Fans will have access to purchase All-Tournament or Single-Day tickets in Courtside, Reserved, or General Admission Seating. Tickets can be purchased in advance online via [Ticketmaster](#), or on-site by visiting the Municipal Auditorium Box Office.

For more ticketing information, please visit www.NAIAhoops.com. Discounted ticket prices for NAIA and High School students with school ID will be available on-site.

Concessions

Concessions will be available inside of the Municipal Auditorium.

Tournament Committee

Tournament Committee members are appointed by the Executive Committee of the Men's Basketball Coaches Association and serve to implement the rules agreed upon by the NAIA-MBCA. Tournament Committee members act as a liaison between the teams and the National Office and will help coordinate the tournament operations and awards.

2026 Tournament Committee Members are as follows:

Lowell Pitzer – Retired Athletics Director

Mike Hall – Southern States Athletic Conference Commissioner

Al Bruehl – Retired Basketball Coach

Jason Kline – Park (Mo.) Men's Basketball Coach

Team Travel & Information

RideKC Streetcar

The RideKC Streetcar is a free-to-ride, 2.2-mile streetcar line serving downtown Kansas City. It runs from the River Market to Union Station, with 16 stops along the way, including popular destinations like the Power & Light District, Crossroads Arts District, and the Kauffman Center. The streetcar operates seven days a week with frequent service, making it a convenient

transportation option for exploring downtown. For real-time arrivals and route details, visit kcstreetcar.org.

Airport Information

Airport Name: Kansas City International Airport

Code: MCI

Distance from Municipal Auditorium: 19 miles

Address: 1 Kansas City Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64153

NAIA Travel Policy

There are two categories for transportation reimbursement:

Trips less than 750 miles:

- Air travel will not be eligible for reimbursement without prior written approval from the NAIA.
- Expenses for one standard 55 passenger bus, or up to two 15-passenger vans. Institutions are responsible for arranging all ground transportation needs.
- Teams traveling close to 750 miles may submit a written request to the NAIA for approval to use air travel. Written request must be accompanied by – the estimated cost of ground transportation, quote from Shorts Travel for the cost of airline tickets.

Any airline tickets purchased without written approval from the NAIA Department of Championships will not be eligible for reimbursement.

For trips over 750 miles:

- Air transportation will typically be used.
- Commercial airline flights for up to 30 members of the Official Party.
- A quote for alternative proposed travel arrangements.

The traveling team's institution is responsible for transportation expenses incurred from campus to the NAIA designated airport for departure and return.

Team Travel Expense Report

Travel and lodging reimbursement to member institutions participating in postseason events is not guaranteed by the NAIA for any event. All transportation and housing expenses incurred to attend an NAIA Final Site shall be the financial responsibility of the institution.

Traveling teams will be responsible for a minimum amount of their transportation and housing expenses prior to being eligible for expense reimbursement. The traveling team will pay the transportation bill (air and/or ground) and lodging costs incurred to and from, and while at the

Final Site. Exceptions will not be made to these policies unless approved in advance in writing by the NAIA CEO. To submit your programs expense report, visit the [Championship Resources](#) page on the NAIA Men's Basketball Coaches Corner. Receipts must accompany expenses.

Team Hotel

All teams traveling to the final site are required to stay at the Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown.

Room blocks at team hotels are designated only for travel party. There are a maximum of 14 rooms available per team. Contact Crowne Plaza Meetings Director, Jessica Smith to finalize arrangements by Monday, March 16. Booking documentation is provided at the bottom of this packet.

Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown

Contact Name: Jessica Smith, Crowne Plaza Meetings Director

Contact Email: jsmith@cpkansascity.com

Contact Phone: 816.460.6625

Address: 1301 Wyandotte St. Kansas City, MO 64105

Family and Friends Hotels

Other popular options to stay in Kansas City for the Men's Basketball Championships can be found at: <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/where-stay>

Medical

Emergency Personnel

Emergency personnel will be on-site in case of emergency throughout the duration of the 2026 Men's Basketball National Championships.

Athletic Training

Certified Athletic Trainers will be available throughout team practices and during championship competitions. On game-day, trainers will be ready to welcome teams and address typical pre-game needs in Municipal Auditorium.

[Nicole Fillingame](#) is the on-site Athletic Training / Medical Coordinator and will be the primary point of contact with questions or advance needs.

Credentials

Team Credentials

Team credentials will be provided to all members of the official party upon team check-in. Upon entering the complex, players and coaches should wear credentials, have them visible, or easily accessible. Only credentialed personnel will be allowed on the playing surface during competition. Players/staff must be able to provide credentials upon request or risk being in violation of the roster limit policy.

Media Credentials

All SIDs/Media personnel will need to apply for a credential for the final site. Media Credentials can be picked up at the NAIA Info Booth, just inside the doors of Municipal Auditorium. Media credentials will NOT be included in the team packets at coaches pick up.

Please [apply here](#) for a Final Site Media Credential. Applications will close 72 hours before the event starts.

Official Roster

Submission Process

Official Party - The official party for each team participating in postseason play is 17 players allowed in uniform and up to 6 support staff. Each team will receive a maximum number of 23 credentials, 17 student-athlete credentials and 6 official party credentials.

Official Postseason Roster forms will now be filled out via [NAIA Connect](#) and sent to the NAIA National Office. If you do not have a login account, please contact naiaconnectsupport@naia.org. Once you login, please follow these [instructions](#).

Postseason Rosters (and ejection disclosures) will be processed electronically and the administrator completing the roster will sign electronically. Please complete the final site roster submission by **Monday, March 16**.

If you have trouble with the online roster form, please contact Brandt McCall, NAIA Manager of Athletics Communications. For any other general questions related to the Official Postseason Rosters, please contact [Rick Daum](#), NAIA Championship Sport Manager.

The list of up to 17 eligible players (Official Postseason Roster and entry form on NAIA Connect) must be submitted at the time of the institution's selection into NAIA postseason play. Only players on the Official Postseason Roster may be in uniform. If a team is discovered using a player

not on the Official Postseason Roster at any time during the postseason tournament, that team will be immediately disqualified from further postseason play that year. From the point of first infraction by a team using a player not on the Official Postseason Roster, all subsequent games shall be forfeited by the offending team.

Only student-athletes that appear on the eligibility certificate for Men's Basketball will be available to be selected for the postseason roster.

The deadline for certifying the Official Roster will be at team check-in on **Wednesday, March 18**. After this point in time, no changes will be accepted.

Medical Personnel - Each team is allowed up to two athletic training/medical personnel on the team sideline. One of which must be an ATC, MD, or DO. A licensed health care provider's license information/number must be submitted in the application in order to receive any medical/athletic training credentials for your team. Applications will close 72 hours before the event starts. Medical personnel credentials can be picked up during team check-in/registration only with a photo ID.

Please [apply here](#) for medical personnel credentials.

Team Benches

Head coaches are responsible for designating bench personnel. No additional personnel are allowed in the team bench area. Each team's bench area should include the following personnel only:

- Up to 17 players in uniform
- Up to 6 additional personnel
- Up to 2 Athletic Trainers
- Up to 2 Honorary Coaches

Programs and Merchandise

Program

Both physical and digital programs will be made available. A limited number of programs will be printed and available for purchase at the NAIA booth in the Municipal Auditorium lobby. Digital Programs can be found by visiting the [NAIA Men's Basketball](#) webpage.

Fine Designs

Official NAIA National Championship merchandise is provided exclusively by [Fine Designs](#) which features an expansive list of items and customization options. Participating teams can order

merchandise on-site or directly from Fine Deigns prior to the national championship. Please see below for details on both options:

1. Order and Pay Onsite: A team order can be placed on-site via a team order form and working directly with a Fine Designs rep. Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cash. Merchandise will be provided on-site. Team order forms will be provided on-site at the national championship.
2. Order Direct: Fine Designs can be contacted via email or phone to place a custom order for merchandise prior to the championship. The order can be paid by check or directly by the college. Merchandise will be shipped to the address and shipping method selected by the college. Contact Information for Fine Designs to place an order is below. Direct orders are not able to be shipped to the invitational site and will not be available for pick-up at the merchandise booth.

Email: contact@fdkyteam.com

Media Relations

NAIA Men's Basketball Sport Page

The official 2026 NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship website can be found by visiting: <https://www.naia.org/naiahoops/index>

The official national championship website contains the tournament schedule, program, and information for fans.

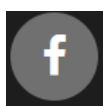
For game statistics and links go to: <https://www.naia.org/sports/mbkb/2025-26/Champ>

Social Media

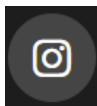
Follow the NAIA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship.



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Championship Results

The 2026 NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship official live statistics and box scores will be available by visiting:

<https://www.naia.org/sports/mbkb/2025-26/Champ>

For questions regarding official live statistics or box scores, please contact:

Brandt McCall

Men's Basketball Manager of Athletics Communications

bmccall@naia.org

Championship Photo and Video Requests

All media parties requesting access to photos or video highlights from the 2026 NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship should contact [Brandt McCall](#).

Radio and TV Broadcasting Policies

The 2026 NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship stream will be accessible through the [Urban Edge Network \(UEN\)](#). On demand video will be available on [NAIA Network](#) immediately following the championship.

NAIA Sportsmanship and Code of Conduct Policy

Ejections

An ejection is an action enforced in conjunction with competition by a game official consistent with the playing rules in that sport. A player, coach or other bench personnel ejected from the game must leave the venue, be out of sight and sound and is prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches and/or bench personnel until the completion of the contest, including all overtime periods. Exception: The AT is permitted to be in the designated spectator area if he/she is ejected. If the ejected individual(s) is a player of record in the game at the time of the ejection, the player, who cannot be replaced, shall leave the game and his team shall play short. Ejections also result in subsequent game(s) suspension as outlined in Rule 12.8.

[Ejection Report Forms](#) must be completed by the ejecting NAIA official and sent to 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. Protests based on matters of referee judgement or the accuracy of a decision shall not be considered.

Ejections are not subject to appeal. Some sport rules [allow protests through an official process](#) outlined in each sport rule book. **Protests based on matters of referee judgment, or the accuracy of a decision shall not be considered.**

Kansas City, MO Information

Things to do

Please visit: <https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/things-do>

NAIA Final Site Team Favorites:

[Negro Leagues Baseball Museum](#) at *1616 E. 18th St. Kansas City, MO 64108*

[The College Basketball Experience](#) at *1401 Grand Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64106*

TEAM HOUSING VERIFICATION FORM

A team representative should make sure to email this form, along with the Credit Card Authorization Form and the institution's Tax Exempt Form (if applicable) to jsmith@cpkansascity.com by **5 PM (CT) on Monday, March 16, 2026** to confirm hoteling needs for your official party.

Include names of all participants, coaches, and official party members only. Please allow at least two business days to receive confirmation numbers. To expedite the billing process and for a smooth check-in process, please include the Credit Card Authorization form with the rooming list.

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS:

HEAD COACH:

CITY:

ZIP:

STATE:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

DATE OF CHECK-IN:

TIME OF CHECK-IN:

OF ROOMS NEEDED:

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

No.	Room Type	Occupant(s)	
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			



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KANSAS CITY DOWNTOWN

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORMSend completed form via fax to (816) 460-6625 or email at jsmith@cpkansascity.com

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - ____ x ____

Fax: (____) ____ - ____ x ____ E-mail: _____

I authorize use of my credit card to secure payment for the above function/event on _____.

The hotel will charge my credit card for the full amount of the estimated charges plus 15% to allow for reasonable changes no later than 7 business days (M-F) prior to my function. Any charges in excess of the final total will be credited within 3 business days after the final date of the function.

Card Holder Name: _____ Signature: _____

Card Holder Phone Number: _____

Credit Card Number#: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____

Type: (credit card or debit card) _____

Authorized representatives permitted to incur and sign for charges for the account listed above:

NAME	CREDIT LIMIT	NAME	CREDIT LIMIT
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____

Account accepts all responsibility for the selected charges: (mark all that apply)

☐ ALL ☐ Guest Room & Tax ☐ Incidentals ☐ Banquet F&B ☐ Meeting
 Room
☐ AV ☐ Restaurant & R/S ☐ Self-Parking ☐ One Time Direct Bill ☐ Other (List Below)

For office use only

Account accepts responsibility for the selected charges: (mark all that apply)

Sales Representative: _____ Estimated Revenue: \$ _____