



USTFCCA Convention NAIA Meetings Schedule

Yellow = Track & Field | **Green** = Cross Country

Monday, December 15, 2025

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	NAIA Events Committee
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	NAIA Hall of Fame Committee
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	NAIA Indoor Championships Games Committee
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	NAIA Outdoor Championships Games Committee
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	NAIA Standards Committee
8:45 pm – 9:45 pm	NAIA Cross Country Raters

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

8:00 am – 9:10 am	NAIA Cross Country Executive Committee
9:20 am – 10:30 am	NAIA Track & Field Executive Committee
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	NAIA REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY BREAKOUTS: Great Lakes
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	NAIA REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY BREAKOUTS: Midwest
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	NAIA REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY BREAKOUTS: South
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	NAIA REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY BREAKOUTS: South Central
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	NAIA REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY BREAKOUTS: West
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	NAIA REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD BREAKOUTS: Great Lakes
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	NAIA REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD BREAKOUTS: Midwest
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	NAIA REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD BREAKOUTS: South
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	NAIA REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD BREAKOUTS: South Central
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	NAIA REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD BREAKOUTS: West

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

8:00 am – 9:10 am	NAIA Cross Country Executive Committee
9:20 am – 10:30 am	NAIA Track & Field Executive Committee
1:15 pm – 3:30 pm	NAIA Cross Country General Session
3:45 pm – 6:00 pm	NAIA Track & Field General Session

Thursday, December 18, 2025

8:15 am – 9:45 am	NAIA Cross Country Business Session
10:00 – 11:30 am	NAIA Track & Field Business Session



2025 NAIA Cross Country Coaches Association General Session Agenda

Wednesday, December 17th, 2025 – 1:15 – 3:30 pm CT – Texoma 1-3

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- A. Grier Gatlin, Southern Oregon University – President
- B. Mike Wojciakowski, Aquinas College (Mich.) – 1st Vice President
- C. Alstin Benton, University of Saint Mary (Kan.) – 2nd Vice President
- D. Beth Jansen, St. Ambrose University (Iowa) – Secretary
- E. Nate Wolf, Dordt University (Iowa) – Past President
- F. Bryan Burk, Spring Arbor University (Mich.) – Great Lakes Region Representative
- G. Kyle Will, Bushnell University (Ore.) – West Region Representative
- H. Garrett Young, Kansas Wesleyan University – South Central Region Representative
- I. Paul Kurtz, Southeastern University (Fla.) – South Region Representative
- J. Marc Burchard, NAIA – Director of Championships

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. United States Marines

III. REPORTS

- A. Jury of Appeals Report
- B. Ratings Report
- C. Hall of Fame Committee Report
- D. Marathon Committee Report
- E. USTFCCCA Report
- F. NAIA Report

Paul Kurtz
Mike Wojciakowski
Victoria Vinokur
Kyle Will
Josh Colvin
Marc Burchard

IV. COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

- A. South Central Region Representative
 - a) 3-year term
 - (1) Nominee: Camden Sensa, Evangel University (Mo.)
- B. South Region Representative
 - a) 3-year term
 - (1) Nominee: Justin Watson, University of Tennessee Southern
- C. Midwest Region Representative
 - a) 2 years remaining on a 3-year term
 - (1) Nominees: Derek Fay, College of Saint Mary (Neb.) & Marsha Taddy, Viterbo University (Wisc.)
- D. Jury of Appeals
 - a) 3-year term
- E. Jury of Appeals
 - a) 3-year term

V. SPORT MOTIONS

VI. GENERAL DISCUSSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT



2025 NAIA Cross Country Coaches Association Business Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 18th, 2025 – 8:15 – 9:45 am CT – Texoma 1-3

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/WELCOME

Grier Gatlin, Southern Oregon

II. APPROVAL OF 2024 MINUTES

Grier Gatlin, Southern Oregon

Minutes from 2024 NAIA-CCCA meeting are included in the meeting packet.

III. REPORTS

A. Jury of Appeals Report

IV. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

Grier Gatlin, Southern Oregon

- a) South Central Region Representative
 - (1) Replacing Garrett Young of Kansas Wesleyan
 - (2) 3 year-term, representing your region during Executive Committee meetings
 - (a) Nominee: Camden Sensa, Evangel University (Mo.)
- b) South Region Representative
 - (1) Replacing Paul Kurtz of Southeastern
 - (2) 3 year-term, representing your region during Executive Committee meetings
 - (a) Nominee: Justin Watson, University of Tennessee Southern
- c) Midwest Region Representative
 - (1) Fulfilling 2 years remaining on a 3 year-term
 - (2) Representing your region during Executive Committee meetings
 - (a) Nominees: Derek Fay, College of Saint Mary (Neb.) & Marsha Taddy, Viterbo University (Wisc.)
- d) Jury of Appeals – 2 positions
 - (1) Replacing Corbin Harris of Campbellsville and Caleb Drake of William Penn
 - (2) 3-year term, hearing and deciding any appeals at the National Championship

V. OLD BUSINESS

Grier Gatlin, Southeastern

A. No Old Business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Grier Gatlin, Southeastern

A. Sport Motions

VII. ADJOURNMENT



2024 NAIA Cross Country Coaches Association Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 18th, 2024 – 2:30 – 4:00 pm EST – Plaza Ballroom

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/WELCOME

Nate Wolf, Dordt

Attendees: Mike Wojciakowski, Aquinas College (Mich.); Craig Christians, Bellevue University (Neb.); Ryan Sommers, Bethel University (Ind.); Kyle Will, Bushnell University (Ore.); Corbin Harris, Campbellsville university (Ky.); Matt Beisel, Concordia University (Neb.); James Rollins, Defiance College (Ohio); Shayne Wittkopp, Dickinson State University (S.D.); Brad Jenny, Doane University (Neb.); Nate Wolf, Dordt (Iowa); Chris Bray, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Ariz.); Ran Raposo, Florida National University; Rustin Nyce, Goshen College (Ind.); Brian Dewey, Grace College (Ind.); Miradieu Joseph, Grand View University (Iowa); Austin Roark, Huntington University (Ind.); Alex Kluchki, Indiana Tech; Josh Colvin, Indiana University Kokomo; Garrett Young, Kansas Wesleyan University; Jamaine Gordon, Keiser University (Fla.); Eric Green, Lawrence Technological University (Mich.); Patrick Daugherty, Madonna University (Mich.); Dan Gerber, Midland University (Neb.); Jacob Sundberg, Montana Tech; Simon Taylor, Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio); Cyrus Hall, Oklahoma Panhandle State University (Okla.); Kyle Rago, Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.); Mike Anderson, Oregon Tech; Austin Brennan, Reinhardt University (Ga.); Katherine Ray, Rochester University (Mich.); Enrique Torres, Saint Xavier University (Ill.); Conner Flynn, Shawnee State University (Ohio); Patrick Boivin, Soka University of America (Calif.); Paul Kurtz, Southeastern University (Fla.); Bryan Burk, Spring Arbor University (Mich.); Beth Jansen, St. Ambrose University (Iowa); Ryan Meizoso, St. Thomas University (Fla.); Sam Roberts, Tennessee Wesleyan University; Justin Watson, University of Tennessee Southern; Bob Brickman, Trinity Christian College (Ill.); John Biery, University of Pikeville (Ky.); Tony Arntson, University of Providence (Mont.); Alstin Benton, University of Saint Mary (Kan.); Trevor Howard, University of St. Francis (Ill.); Bradley Sowder, University of the Cumberland (Ky.); Laquone Robinson, Valley City State University (N.D.); Janna Langrell, Waldorf University (Iowa); Wes Miller, Wayland Baptist University (Texas); Ryan McKenzie, William Carey University (Miss.); Shane Wiese, Trinity Western University (B.C.); Nolan Ryan, University of Saint Mary (Kan.); Jonathan C. Barbee, Lawrence Tech (Mich.); Taryn Brown, Valley City State University (N.D.); Jason Nagelkirk, Trinity Christian College (Ill.); Tracy Jex, McPherson College (Kan.); Nicole Krause, Grand View University (Iowa); Juan Scott, Defiance College (Ohio); Kyle Hieser, Kansas Wesleyan University; Jack Kegg, Oakland City University (Ind.); Anthony Kowalczyk, Saint Xavier University (Ill.); Jackie Torres, Saint Xavier University (Ill.); Dustin Llewellyn, Doane University (Neb.); Chase Bennett, Waldorf University (Iowa); Jamie Sinclair, Trinity Western University (B.C.); Micaiah Scott, The Master's University (Calif.); Taylor Grove, Montana Western University; Rob Cashell, Cascade Collegiate Conference; Samantha Walker, NAIA

II. APPROVAL OF 2023 MINUTES

Nate Wolf, Dordt

Minutes from 2023 NAIA-CCCA meeting are included in the meeting packet.

Motion: To approve the 2023 NAIA-CCCA meeting minutes.

Motion to approve: Ryan Sommers/David Espinosa

Vote: 90-0-0

III. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

Nate Wolf, Dordt

A. Secretary

- a) Two-year term then rotating through all Executive Committee officer positions.

Discussion: Beth Jansen is at St. Ambrose. In total she has been coaching for 17 years. Kyle Rago is at Olivet Nazarene. He has been coaching for 19 years. Rustin Nyce has been at Goshen College for ten years.

Nominees: Beth Jansen – St. Ambrose, Kyle Rago – Olivet Nazarene, Rustin Nyce – Goshen

Motion to vote: Bryan Burke/Brad Jenny

Vote: Beth Jansen – 50, Rustin Nyce – 28, Kyle Rago – 16

B. Midwest Region Representative

- a) Replacing Beth Jansen of St. Ambrose

- b) 3 year-term, representing your region during Executive Committee meetings

Discussion: Caleb Drake has been coaching at William Penn.

Nominees: Caleb Drake

Motion to affirm Caleb Drake: Brad Jenny/Ryan Sommers

Vote: 90-0-0

C. West Region Representative

- a) Replacing Chris Bray of Embry-Riddle

- b) 3 year-term, representing your region during Executive Committee meetings

Discussion: Chris Bray is currently serving in this role. Kyle Will has been coaching at Bushnell.

Nominees: Kyle Will – Bushnell, Chris Bray – Embry-Riddle

Motion to vote: Brad Jenny/Ryan Sommers

Vote: Kyle Will – 80, Chris Bray – 10

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Nate Wolf, Dordt

- A. No Old Business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Nate Wolf, Dordt

A. Sport Motions

- a) **Sport Motion #1** – Raters must rate in the same order as determined by the rater of that specific conference.

Discussion: No further discussion.

Motion to approve: Bryan Burk/Brad Jenny

Vote: 66-22-4

- b) **Sport Motion #2** – All raters must adhere to head-to-head team results after the first weekend of racing in October, with the most recent head-to-head competition having priority if teams have raced each other multiple times. This would include conference championship races.

Discussion: Tabelaing the motion to next will allow for further clarification from the motion's author regarding intent. If tabled, it will be brought back to the table next year.

Motion to table: Ryan Sommers/Garrett Young

Vote: 80-6-8

- c) **Sport Motion #3** – Move the NAIA Cross Country Championships from Friday to Saturday.

Discussion: No further discussion

Motion to approve: Jacob Sundberg/Shayne Wittkopp

Vote: 46-42-6

- d) **Sport Motion # 4** – To have the NAIA collect the yearly USTFCCCA Program Membership dues directly from every institution at the start of the academic year at the time sports are declared. The NAIA would then pay dues on behalf of every program ensuring that our affiliation maintains 100% membership in our coaches association.

Discussion: No further discussion

Motion to approve: Bryan Burk/Corban Harris

Vote: 86-4-2

VI. General Discussion: The Executive Committee along with raters and oversight members would like to take a deeper look at the ratings manual to ensure it matches what the coaching body would prefer the ratings process to follow. This led to questions about how some conferences determine how many teams to rate each rating period. It varies conference to conference depending on their policy.

General Discussion: There were discussions regarding the idea of moving the men's race to a 10k. It was noted that the NAIA course distance is different than other associations, but some argue that is what makes the NAIA unique and different. It was noted that the DIII championship meet is an 8k as well. When looking at equality of time on the course, with the women's 6k and men's 8k, both genders are on the course about the same amount of time. If we move to a 10k, conference meets would also need to move to a 10k. It was noted that difference could add to the list of teams who already struggle to fulfill their Declaration of Intent requirements of finishing that race.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Brad Jenny/Garrett Young

Vote: adjourned



National
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Cross Country Motion

Proposed by: NAIA Cross Country Executive Committee and National Oversight Committee

Coaches Vote:

MOTION:

Allow the Cross Country Men's and Women's Oversight Committees to pull ballots on any rating with a 2/3 vote.

RATIONALE:

Currently, Oversight is allowed to pull a poor ballot, or a ballot where a rater refuses to provide any rationale, on the rating that follows the national qualifying meet. This would allow Oversight to hold raters accountable for their rating earlier in the ratings process. The goal is to improve the ratings by removing poor ballots. This has become an increasingly bigger problem over the past two years. The technology change and current platform being used by the NAIA for ratings has made finding good information for raters more difficult, leading to poorer national ballots. Additionally, the move by the NAIA to allow raters to rate out of conference rating order has weakened Oversight's ability to hold raters accountable.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

Currently the national oversight committee only has the ability to pull a ballot on the final rating. There is precedence to allow national oversight the authority to pull a ballot during any ratings period as this was approved for men's wrestling.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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START DATE:

2026-2027 Academic Year