

IMPORTANT DATES

2026-27 BASEBALL SPORT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 1*	Practice Start Date <i>*September 1 or the start of the institution's fall term, whichever comes first</i>
DECEMBER 18	DEADLINE – Submit Sport Motions
JANUARY 7-10	ABCA CONVENTION – Chicago, Illinois – www.abca.org
JANUARY 13	START - National Coaches Poll Release <i>Dates: January 13 (Preseason), March 3, and March 17</i>
JANUARY 15	DEADLINE – Submitting Opening Round Facility Certification Information
JANUARY 28	Competitions Start Date
FEBRUARY 2	START – NAIA National Player and Pitcher of the Week Honors Releases <i>Dates: Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 16, Feb. 23, Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar. 16, Mar. 23, Mar. 30, Apr. 6, Apr. 13, and Apr. 20</i>
MARCH 31	START – Area Rating Committee Ranking Releases <i>Dates: March 31, April 14, April 28, and May 11</i>
MARCH 31	START – National Selection Committee Polls Releases <i>Dates: March 31, April 14, April 28, and June 9 (Postseason)</i>
APRIL 6	DEADLINE – Undeclare from Postseason
APRIL 15	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Scholar-Athlete
APRIL 15	DEADLINE – Submitting Champions of Character Nomination
APRIL 15	DEADLINE – Submitting Opening Round Bids to NAIA
MAY 1	RELEASE – 10 NAIA National Championship Opening Round Hosts/Sites
MAY 10	QUALIFICATION DEADLINE – Completion of Conference Qualifying Tournaments
MAY 12	RELEASE – Qualifiers and Bracket for Baseball National Championship Opening Round
MAY 14	DEADLINE - Deadline to submit All Conference forms
MAY 17-20	NAIA BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUND TOURNAMENTS
MAY 27-JUNE 5	AVISTA NAIA BASEBALL WORLD SERIES – LEWISTON, IDAHO
JUNE 10	RELEASE – NAIA Baseball All-America Teams
JUNE 17	RELEASE – NAIA-ABCA Gold Glove Teams
JUNE 30	DEADLINE – Scholar Team Award Nominations
JULY 15	DEADLINE – Submitting Hall of Fame Nominations to NAIA National Office

FIVE-YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Conference Tournament Deadline	May 10	May 8	May 7	May 6	May 5
Opening Round	May 17-20	May 15-18	May 14-17	May 13-16	May 12-15
World Series	May 28-June 5	May 26-June 3	May 25-June 2	May 24-June 1	May 22-31

The National Championship Website can be found [here](#).