



2025-26
BOWLING
CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET

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Welcome

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and [Lansing Sports Commission](#), congratulations on your qualification to the 2026 Bowling National Championships! The event will be held at Royal Scot in Lansing, Michigan Thursday, March 19 to Saturday, March 21, 2026. This championship packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the championship.

We look forward to welcoming you to Lansing 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

POSITION	NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
NAIA Championship Manager	Candice Fabry	(515) 782-8580	cfabry@naia.org
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Tournament Director	Nick Hoaglund	(317) 938-6360	nick.hoagland@hotmail.com
Head Athletic Trainer	Christopher Benedict	(248) 760-3641	cbenedi1@hfhs.org
Media Coordinator	Hunter Myers	(269) 275-5024	huntermyers1001@gmail.com
On-Site Coordinator	Barbara Powers-Garmyn	(517) 643-2067	bpowers@lansing.org

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, March 17, 2026		
12:00 pm	Venue is Open for Practice until 5:00 pm. Contact Royal Scot	Royal Scot (517) 321-3071
Wednesday, March 18, 2026		
10:30 am-11:45 am	Team Check-in	Royal Scot
12:00 pm	Team Practice	Royal Scot
1:30 pm	Teaming Up for Character	Royal Scot
6:30 pm	Student Athlete Experience Banquet	Crowne Plaza Ballroom ABCD
Immediately following the SA Experience	Head Coaches Meeting	Crowne Plaza Ballroom ABCD
Thursday, March 19, 2026		
7:00 am	Venue Open	Royal Scot
8:30 am	Blue/Red Bracket Matches 1 & 2 Seeds #1-4 Team Practice	Royal Scot
1:30 pm	Blue/Red Bracket Matches 3 & 4	Royal Scot

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Friday, March 20, 2026		
7:00 am	Venue Open	Royal Scot
8:30 am	Blue/Red Bracket Matches 5 & 6 Winner of Matches 3 & 4 Practice	Royal Scot
10:30 am	Blue/Red Bracket Matches 7 & 8	Royal Scot
1:30 pm	Blue/Red Bracket Match 9 Winner of Match 7 Practice	Royal Scot
3:30 pm	Blue/Red Bracket Match 10	Royal Scot
Saturday, March 21, 2026		
7:00 am	Venue Open	Royal Scot
8:30 am	Blue/Red Bracket Match 11* <i>*if necessary</i> Game 11 Bye Team Practice	Royal Scot
11:00 am	Men's Championship Women's Champ Team Practice	Royal Scot
2:30 pm	Women's Championship	Royal Scot

Qualifier Call

The 2026 NAIA Bowling National Championship Qualifier Call will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 11:30 am (CST) on Zoom

Link provided to teams that qualify.

Team Check In

Team check-in for the 2026 NAIA Bowling National Championships will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 10:30-11:45 am at Royal Scot. Rosters will be signed at check-in and random ball check will be conducted. **All balls must be registered before a team can begin their practice on Wednesday.**

If you are unable to check in during this time, please contact Candice Fabry at cfabry@naia.org

Practices

Practice times are available on Tuesday, March 17 and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. These practice times can be booked by calling Royal Scot directly at (517) 321-3071. Every effort will be made to accommodate all teams to their preferred time, as long as they request a practice time by the deadline.

On Wednesday, March 18, each participating team will be assigned practice times that will include 30 minutes provided on a fresh oil pair, and 30 minutes for practice on other lanes specific to their gender oil pattern.

Towels and showers will not be provided for practice sessions.

Student-Athlete Experience Event

On Wednesday evening, a banquet will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 925 Cretys Road in Lansing, beginning at 6:30 pm. Please add allergies for athletes to the Qualifier Info Survey due on March 13. Champions of Characters will be recognized at this event.

Parents and Guests are invited to join teams to celebrate the season at the championship banquet by purchasing a ticket at LansingSports.org. Deadline for parents and guest to reserve their tickets is Monday, March 9.

Teaming Up for Character

Teaming Up for Character will take place at Royal Scot following team practices on Wednesday, March 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Coaches Meeting

The 2026 NAIA Bowling National Championships will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at approximately 8:30 pm at Crowne Plaza following the Student Athlete Experience event. It is mandatory for head coaches to attend. The meeting will include information related to the administration of tournament play.

Qualification Process

Sport Rules

The NAIA uses the USBC Collegiate Rulebook – [2025-26 USBC Collegiate Rulebook](#)

Oil Patterns

A third party will develop two separate oil patterns, one for the men's championship and one for the women's championship, that are designed with the characteristics of the host center, an appropriate difficulty level required of a National Championship, and support shot execution as the top priority. The oil pattern will be provided to the head coaches of the National Championship field seven days before the official on-site practice session.

Ban of Slow Absorption Bowling Balls

Slow oil-absorbing bowling balls, found on the official list determined by USBC, are ineligible for all NAIA Post Season competition, which includes Conference Championship Tournaments and the NAIA Bowling National Championship Tournament. USBC non-conforming balls can be found on this link: [Ineligible Ball List](#).

NAIA Sports Manager and Tournament Director have the right to evaluate any bowling ball during the course of team check-in, team practices, and the tournament to determine its eligibility. Only bowling balls with an original serial number will be deemed eligible. Any ball with etched numbers is prohibited.

Tournament/Championship Format

The NAIA Men's and Women's Bowling National Championship will be held at Royal Scot in Lansing, Mich., from March 19-21, 2026.

The NAIA Bowling National Championship will include a field of 12 teams per gender.

1. Conferences and groups qualify one berth per six sponsored teams, two for 12. These automatic berths are awarded based on the approved qualifying tournament plans for each conference and the CAC
2. At-large berths are selected by the Bowling Selection Committee after all national qualifying tournament play is complete.
3. There are no limits on the number of at-large berths a conference or group may receive.
4. Conferences with fewer than six teams are considered "unaffiliated" and grouped geographically by the National Administrative Council (NAC) to determine the method of qualification.

Teams will then be seeded #1-#12 by the NSC, utilizing the same criteria for At-Large bids, and inserted into the National Championship bracket.

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Final Site:

The National Championship bracket will consist of two section brackets.

- The first section bracket will be identified as the blue bracket and will include seeds 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 12.
- The second section bracket will be identified as the red bracket and will include seeds 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, and 11.

Within each blue and red bracket, a double-elimination format will create a Winner's and an Elimination bracket to identify a section bracket winner who advances into the National Championship game. Games played in the Winner's bracket of each blue and red bracket will play a Mega-Match format, and games played in the Elimination bracket of each blue and red bracket will play a Best-of-7 Baker format. The top four seeds receive a bye for round one.

In the event an "if necessary" game in the double-elimination format within the blue and/or red bracket, an additional Best-of-7 Baker format game will be played to determine the team to advance to the National Championship game.

No team will compete in more than three Mega-Match format games in one day.

All games will be played on fresh oil lane pairs, with the exception of round five, game 8 of both red and blue bracket will be played on a burned lane pair.

Winner's bracket, Mega-Match format – Best of three-point match consisting of three sets of contests. All three sets will be contested on the same pair of lanes.

- Set One is a team game with five bowlers bowling a traditional game. The team with the highest pinfall wins the point. The highest seed will choose the starting lane with fifteen minutes of practice (7.5 minutes each lane). In the event of a tie, five Baker frames will be bowled to break the tie. USBC substitution rules apply. The winning team receives one point.
- Set Two is a total pinfall match consisting of five Baker games. Teams will begin the match on the opposite starting lane of the team game. Each team will bowl five Baker games, alternating lanes each game. The higher seed will receive lane choice for the fifth Baker game. In the event of a tie, five Baker frames will be

bowled to break the tie. USBC substitution rules apply. The winning team receives one point.

- If the same team wins both Set One (team game) and Set Two (five Baker game), the match is decided and the team with two points wins. If the match is split 1-1, Set Three will determine the winner.
- Set Three (if necessary) will conclude with a Best-of-7 Baker format match. The highest seed will choose the starting lane. The team to win four points first wins the match. Tie games will result in 0.5 points. In the event of a tie of 3.5-3.5 after seven games, an eighth Baker game will break the tie. If a tie remains after, a ninth and tenth frame roll-off (two bowlers) will be contested until the tie is broken. USBC substitution rules apply, including the two-frame roll-off.

Elimination bracket, Best-of-7 Baker format – The higher seed will receive starting lane choice for the competition. The team listed on the top of the bracket will start practice on the left lane, team on the bottom of the bracket will start practice on the right lane. Teams will alternate lanes in each match. Practice session for each match will be 15 minutes, with 7.5 minutes on each lane.

Warm-up, Lane Policies, and Hard Breaks

Teams will be allowed a fifteen-minute warm-up prior to each period of competition.

When bracket play begins the top-seeded team, regardless of match-play record, will select the starting lane for each match. For practice, team on top of the bracket will be in left lane and bottom team will be in right lane. The teams will switch lanes at the halfway point in practice. The teams will switch lanes for each game in the match, including the tiebreaking game.

There will be an enforced ten-minute hard break between rounds at the NAIA National Bowling Championships. The ten-minute break will begin upon the completion of the last match in the round.

Conduct

Each member institution is responsible for the conduct of its athletes, coaches, and fans at the championship. Students are expected to act responsibly and perform as positive role models for the institution, community, and association. Institutions will be held financially responsible for damage incurred at hotels/motels or any other facility directly involved with the national championship.

Post-Championship

Awards

The NAIA Coach of the Year is selected and awarded at the Student Athlete Experience.

Trophies are presented to the top two finishing teams for each gender. The tournament winning teams will receive the traditional NAIA Championship banner and Championship trophy. Ten players (five per gender) will be selected for the All-Tournament Team along with the Most Valuable Player for each gender. Immediately following the final match for each gender, there will be an awards ceremony.

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. The NAIA is committed to providing the best experience possible for its members and student-athletes and are able to provide feedback based on their experience and what improvements can be made for future NAIA Championships.

[NAIA National Championship Satisfaction Survey](#)

Following the championship, coaches and administrators will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via a QR code found on the back of the NAIA-issues championship credentials.

Tournament Deadlines

Submission Deadlines

Rosters

Monday, March 9, 2026 at 12:00 pm CST

Official Postseason Roster forms will be filled out via the NAIA Connect website at <https://www.naiiaconnect.org/s/login/>. Your SID can help you with this process, step-by-step instructions can be found on the Championship Resources Page. For help with this process, please contact Steve Wilson at swilson@naia.org.

Qualifier Info Survey

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 12:00 pm CST | [LINK](#)

Team Photo

You may submit a traditional team photo, or a team photo that features your team with your conference championship banner/trophy

Team Photo Submittal [Link](#)

Entry Fee

The entry fee for the NAIA Bowling Championship is \$600.00 per team. Payment must be made by 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 18.

Entry Fee Payment [LINK](#)

Uniforms

Team Dressing and Shower Arrangements

Each team should dress and shower at the hotels. If a team needs a changing area, restrooms will be available.

Coach Dress Policy

Coaches shall dress appropriately for a National Championship. Please do not wear jeans, shorts or sweatpants while on the bench. Coaches and players shall adhere to the USBC Collegiate Dress Code throughout the duration of the Championship.

Laundry

Laundromats near the hotel.

Waverly Point Laundry 310 S Waverly Road Lansing, Mich. 48917	Point Laundry 516 Elmwood Road Lansing, Mich. 48917
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Equipment

Ball Checks

Ball cards must be submitted through the electronic form at this link, [NAIA Bowling Ball Card](#). Random ball checks can occur prior to team practice and throughout competition at Royal Scot. All balls must be registered, and serial numbers checked before the team practices at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18th. Only bowling balls with an original serial number will be deemed eligible. Any ball with etched numbers is prohibited.

No Exceptions. Each player is allowed to register SIX balls prior to the competition. Championship staff will randomly check to ensure athletes are using the correct balls during the competition.

A bowling ball may only be replaced if the NAIA Sport Manager and Tournament Director declares that the bowling ball is damaged beyond repair. A replacement bowling ball can be submitted to the NAIA Sport Manager and Tournament Director, who will have that ball checked, approved, and listed on the Equipment Registration form before it is used in competition. A bowling ball may be repaired if approved by the tournament management.

Penalty for first offense: Individual and team are warned, and ball is removed from competition.

Penalty for additional offenses: Bowler is disqualified from the event and all game(s) in which the violation occurred are forfeited.

Equipment Alterations

Altering the surface of a bowling ball by the use of abrasives, cleaners, or polish is prohibited during competition. In addition, no substance may be placed on the outer surface of the bowling ball. The outer surface of the ball may only be cleaned with a dry towel once the bowler has begun competition. Competition is defined as anytime teams are bowling for score. No modifications can be made to affect the balance of the bowling ball (i.e. additional weight holes, modification of existing holes, etc.).

Surface adjustments to equipment will be allowed prior to scoring in any round of qualifying or match play. Surfaces changes can occur between rounds but cannot be made until every team has completed the current round.

In the event of the equipment rules are broken, the NAIA Sport Manager and Tournament Director reserves the right to use remedies to below as penalties:

First offense: Individual and team are warned and the ball is removed from competition (qualifying block or match).

Second offense: Bowler is disqualified from the event and all game(s) in which the violation occurred are forfeited.

Lane Courtesy

To maintain a consistent pace of bowling, it is proper etiquette to observe one-lane courtesy and deliver the bowling ball within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the tournament manager. Additional courtesy or delivery time is inappropriate, delays the pace and hinders the completion of the competition on time. Official team warnings will be issued by tournament management directly to the designated coach.

First offense: Team receives a warning.

Second offense: Team will receive a score of zero for all remaining frames in the game.

Third offense: Team is removed from the event.

Re-racks

Each team is allowed a total of two re-racks per set during Mega Match play and per Baker game or match play. Violations will result in a forfeit of all pinfall for that frame. Tournament management may grant additional re-racks.

Venue Information

Meals and Concessions

In addition, water and snack boxes will be allowed in the center during the competition. Royal Scot asks that no outside meals are to be brought in the center. Triple P Bar & Grill located onsite has a full menu available for teams to order throughout the tournament.

Notice to Fans

All ticket holders voluntarily assume all risks of property loss and personal injury arising during its use. Management may revoke the license and eject or refuse entry to the holder by refunding the stated purchase price. The holder agrees that national championship host sites, their agents, the NAIA and its agents and the participants are not liable for injuries resulting from attendance at this event. The holder agrees that alcohol and tobacco in any form shall not be allowed to be sold, dispersed or brought into the public area of this event.

Ticketing Information

Tickets and all session passes can be purchased at the ticket link found [here](#) or at the door.

Bus Drivers

Bus drivers will be admitted free to the game and will not count against the team credentials.

Team Travel & Information

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 [this site](#) for more information, then call Short's Travel at 816.323.6405 to book your travel arrangements. It is not mandatory that teams use Shorts Travel, but we suggest you get an estimate for your travel needs.

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

Master's Transportation

Master's Transportation is the official provider of all shuttles/buses for your sales, lease and rental needs. Please contact Matthew Winston at (816) 651-7121 or Matthew@MastersTransportation.com for more information.

Hotels

All teams traveling to the championship must make arrangements with the hotel listed below, staying at the host hotel is mandatory. Please do not contact the hotel regarding availability until qualifiers are announced.

Crowne Plaza

925 Creyts Road

Lansing, Mich.

\$150 per night – hot breakfast included in rate

Two ways to book your team's hotel:

- 1) Contact Assistant General Manager, Melissa Winkel, mwinkel@cplansing.com
- 2) [Booking Link for Teams Only](#)

Parent and fans can find out more about Lansing and locate hotel options at this link > [Lansing Sports](#).

Medical

Athletic Training

An athletic training area stocked with supplies will be maintained by certified athletic trainers throughout the championship at Royal Scot. Personnel are prepared to handle nearly all athletic training needs your team may have. Each participating institution is responsible for all medical expenses incurred outside of athletic trainers' treatment at the arena. There will not be any Athletic Trainers available during practice times.

Please apply for the Athletic Trainer Credential: [LINK](#)

Drug Testing

NAIA drug testing is a possibility at any and all NAIA Championships. However, as a best practice, the NAIA will not announce whether drug testing will occur at any specific venue. Although knowing prior to competition if NAIA drug testing was to occur has value for reasons of convenience, it leaves open the possibility that student-athletes might be tempted to use banned substances if they knew that NAIA testing was not being conducted at the site of competition.

Each academic year all eligible NAIA student-athletes must sign a 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 ([Consent Form](#)). This Consent Form shall be administered and kept by each individual institution.

Each institution will be responsible for verifying a signed consent form is on file for each participating student-athlete on the official postseason roster form. By providing a signed roster form at check-in, each institution is officially verifying that all student-athletes on the postseason roster have completed a drug testing consent form and are thus eligible to participate in postseason competition.

Local Hospitals

McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital 2900 Collins Roads Lansing, Mich. 48910	University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing 1215 E Michigan Ave Lansing, Mich. 48912
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Pharmacies

24 Hour Pharmacy – Walgreens

410 E Jolly Road

Lansing, Mich. 48910

(517) 882-2732

Credentials

Team Credentials

Each team will receive a maximum number of 10 credentials. Up to 8 for student-athletes and up to 2 for support staff. They will be handed out at team check-in.

All credentials will be issued based on the information provided on the official party roster.

No extra credentials will be provided on-site.

Note: There are no children allowed in the lane area.

Media Credentials

All SIDs/Media personnel will need to apply for a credential for the final site. Media Credentials can be picked up at tournament headquarters, only with a phone ID. Media credentials will NOT be included in the team packets at coaches pick up.

Please apply [here](#) for SID, Photographer, or medial credentials. Credential status emails will be sent close to the event and will close 72 hours prior to event start.

Official Roster

Submission Process

Official Postseason Roster forms will be filled out via NAIA Connect website at <https://www.naiacconnect.org/s/login/>. Your SID can help you with this process, step-by-step instructions can be found on the bowling Potential Qualifiers Page. For help with this process please contact Steve Wilson at swilson@naia.org.

Official Party Size

The official party for each participating team in postseason play is 8 players allowed in uniform and up to 2 support staff. The number of athletes in uniform shall not exceed the maximum number at the start of the contest. Failure to comply with squad limitations will result in forfeiture of the match to the opposing institution.

Roster changes are permissible at any point during competition only in the event of injury, illness or family emergency. Replacements are permitted from the eligible athletes only listed on roster submitted prior to competition. Any athlete can be substituted for at any time, but cannot be substituted for twice in the same frame.

Only athletes on the OFFICIAL ROSTER can be utilized as substitutes. A team's seating area is limited to a maximum of 10 (up to 8 Players and up to 2 official party) plus 1 credential medical personnel. Athletic Directors and institution Presidents receive entry to matches by using their NAIA card but will not be allowed to sit in the seating area. Presidents & ADs office are to notify the tournament director beforehand if they are planning on attending.

Programs and Merchandise

Program

The NAIA, in conjunction with the host will produce a Digital Championship program. It will be released on the NAIA Bowling Sport Pages

Fine Designs

Official NAIA National Championship merchandise is provided exclusively by Fine Designs with an expansive list of items and customization options. Participating teams can order merchandise on-site or directly from Fine Designs 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 and can be accessed by visiting: Onsite Team Order Form. The Team order form must be submitted on-site and is not able to be submitted prior to the event
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.

For any Fine Designs customer service inquiries, please contact:

Inna Kasaev, Fine Designs | inna@fdkyteam.com | (859) 241-1265

Media Relations

NAIA Sport Page and Championship Results

The official 2026 NAIA Men's and Women's Bowling National Championship website can be found by visiting:

Men's - <https://www.naia.org/sports/mbowl/index>

Women's - <https://www.naia.org/sports/wbowl/index>

The official national championship website contains the tournament schedule and results, game box scores, official bracket, photo galleries, historical archives, ticketing information, and more.

Social Media

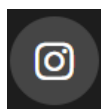
Follow the NAIA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the NAIA SPORT National Championship. Please use the hashtags "#NAIABowl" & "#BattleForTheRedBanner" for all X(Twitter), Facebook, Instagram content around the event and tag the NAIA.



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Play NAIA



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Championship Photo and Video Requests

All media parties requesting access to photos or video highlights from the 2026 NAIA Men's and Women's Bowling National Championship should contact the below official photographers for the national championship. Please contact directly to order championship photos.

Wednesday Night Student-Athlete Experience

TBD

Thursday thru Saturday Championship

Tournament Photos available through this Website, [Hockey Weekly](#)

- There will be a booth for Hockey Weekly for on-site orders.

Marketing Resources

[Championship Logos](#)

[NAIA School Logos Shared File](#)

Radio and TV Broadcasting Policies

The NAIA owns the rights to all championship streaming. No additional live streams outside of the official stream produced by the NAIA will be allowed.

The 2026 NAIA Men's and Women's Bowling National Championship stream will be accessible on three different broadcast sites. The entire Championship will air on NAIA Network and Urban Edge Network, with links to URLs and mobile apps, as well as Smart TV information, at www.NAIA.org/watch. The Championship will also air in its entirety at BowlTV.com, including live look-ins and dedicated video from each match, when matches are played concurrently.

On-demand video will be available on the Urban Edge Network and NAIA Network.

NAIA Sportsmanship and Code of Conduct Policy

Ejections and Suspensions

An ejection is an action enforced in conjunction with competition by a match official consistent with the playing rules in that sport. Ejections are not subject to appeal. Some sport rules allow protests through an official process outlined in each sport rule book.

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.

Ejection Report Form

In the NAIA, any ejection in any sport carries a mandatory suspension of at least one game (see NAIA Bylaws Article VI, Section B, Item 7). In addition, the specific sport itself may also carry a suspension, as determined by rules of competition for that sport. If both an NAIA and sport rule suspension apply, the two suspensions run concurrently.

If a suspension is mandated by an NAIA bylaw it may be appealed starting with the Conference/CAC Commissioner. 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 NAIA 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 competition venue the day of the contest or communicate with any team personnel or game umpires 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.

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).

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.