



2025-26

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET

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Welcome

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), Cedar Rapids, Tourism, and Mount Mercy University, congratulations on your qualification to the 2026 Men's Volleyball National Championships! The event will be held at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse in Cedar Rapids, Iowa April 28 through May 2. This championship packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the championship.

We look forward to welcoming you in Cedar Rapids 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	Email
NAIA Championship Sport Manager	Bruce Tate	785-248-1693	btate@naia.org
NAIA Athletic Communications Manager	Katie Green	816-595-8104	kgreen@naia.org
Host Director	Jay Fanta	j.fanta@tourismcedarrapids.com	
Medical Director	John Eikenberry	jeikenberry@mtmercy.edu	

Schedule of Events

All times listed in CST

Tuesday, April 21, 2026		
3:00 pm	Coaches Meeting	Zoom
Monday, April 27, 2026		
7:00 am	Athletic Training Room Open	Alliant PowerHouse
7:45 am – 5:45 pm	Practices (45-minute arranged time slots)	Alliant PowerHouse
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Team Registration/Check-in	Lounge in PowerHouse
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Teaming Up For Character Event	Alliant PowerHouse
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Student-Athlete Experience Event	Spare Time
Tuesday, April 28, 2026		
8:00 am	Athletic Training Room Open	Alliant PowerHouse
8:50 am	Warm-up begins/balls available	Alliant PowerHouse
10:00 am	Pool C Game (#3 seed vs #11 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
1:00 pm	Pool B Game (#2 seed vs #10 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
4:00 pm	Pool D Game (#4 seed vs #12 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
7:00 pm	Pool A Game (#1 seed vs #9 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
Wednesday, April 29, 2026		
8:00 am	Athletic Training Room Open	Alliant PowerHouse
8:50 am	Warm up begins/balls available	Alliant PowerHouse
10:00 am	Pool C Game (#6 seed vs #11 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
1:00 pm	Pool B Game (#7 seed vs #10 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
4:00 pm	Pool D Game (#5 seed vs #12 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
7:00 pm	Pool A Game (#8 seed vs #9 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse

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Thursday, April 30, 2026		
8:00 am	Athletic Training Room Open	Alliant PowerHouse
8:50 am	Warm up begins/balls available	Alliant PowerHouse
10:00 am	Pool C Game (#3 seed vs #6 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
1:00 pm	Pool B Game (#2 seed vs # 7 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
4:00 pm	Pool D Game (#4 seed vs #5 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
7:00 pm	Pool A Game (#1 seed vs #8 seed)	Alliant PowerHouse
Friday, May 1, 2026		
7:00 am	Athletic Training Room Open	Alliant PowerHouse
8:00 am	If necessary tie breaker(s)	Alliant PowerHouse
TBA	Semi-finalist Head Coaches Meeting	Lounge in PowerHouse
TBA	Semifinalist Practice	Alliant PowerHouse
2:50 pm	Warm up begins/balls available	Alliant PowerHouse
4:00 pm	Semifinal Match – Pool C vs Pool B	Alliant PowerHouse
Following Match	Semifinalist Trophy Presentation (both teams remain on court)	Alliant PowerHouse
7:30 pm	Semifinal Match – Pool A vs Pool D	Alliant PowerHouse
Following Match	Semifinalist Trophy Presentation (both teams remain on court)	Alliant PowerHouse
Saturday, May 2, 2026		
9:00 am	Athletic Training Room Open for practices	Alliant PowerHouse
10:00 – 11:00 am	Practice – Winner of Pool B/C match	Alliant PowerHouse
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Practice – Winner of Pool A/D match	Alliant PowerHouse
3:00 pm	Athletic Training	Alliant PowerHouse
3:50 pm	Warm up begins/balls available	Alliant PowerHouse
5:00 pm	Championship Match	Alliant PowerHouse
Following Match	Championship Trophy Presentation (both teams remain on court)	Alliant PowerHouse

Qualifier Call

The National Qualifier Coaches and Administrators Call will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 3:00 pm CST. Please use the Zoom link to join the call.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Team Check In

Coaches can check in and receive credentials on Monday, April 27, 2026, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm CST. Check-in will be held in the Alliant Energy PowerHouse lounge. All teams should plan to arrive no later than their practice time on Monday, April 27. The Lounge is located directly to the left of the Doubletree Hotel Lobby.

Address: 370 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Practices

Sunday, April 26

If teams would like to practice, Mount Mercy University Hennessey Recreation Center gym will be open. Locker rooms are also available upon request. If you would like to arrange a practice time, please reach out to Deb Marlin at dmartin@mtmercy.edu or 319-361-3640. **Address:** 1330 Elmhurst Dr NE Henne, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Monday, April 27

Each team will receive a 45-minute practice time in the Alliant Energy PowerHouse between 7:45 am and 5:45 pm. Practice times will be assigned on a first come first basis in the order they are received.

PRACTICE SIGN-UP LINK

Tuesday, April 28 through Thursday, April 30

There will not be any official practice times. If you would like to practice, Mount Mercy's gym will have limited availability. Please reach out to Deb Marlin at dmartin@mtmercy.edu or 319-361-3640 to coordinate a practice time.

Friday, May 1

Semifinalist teams will receive practice times on Friday. Time and location of practice will be dependent on the amount of pool play tie breakers.

Saturday, May 2

Both finalist teams will receive an hour of practice time at 10:00 am and 11:00 am in the Alliant Energy PowerHouse. Practice times are assigned based on the pool both teams are in.

Pre-game Timeline

The first match of each day allows for a full 60-minute warmup. All other warmup times may be adjusted depending on timing. The tournament committee, championship staff, and officials will work with both head coaches to determine if a change in warmup format is needed. Teams can use the Exhibit Hall adjacent to the arena for active warmup and ball handling. There is no net or court flooring. If you grab balls to use in the Exhibit Hall, you should bring these back to the arena for your on-court warmup.

Each team must submit their lineups at least 10 minutes before each match.

After warmups, teams will return to their benches for lineups (visitors then home team). The first game of each day will include the National Anthem.

Warmup Protocol

CLOCK	COURT	TEAM
60:00	Half Court Available – No balls crossing net	Home/Visitor
40:00	Full Court	Visitor
30:00	Full Court	Home
	Coin Toss – Team Captains and Officials	
20:00	Full Court	Visitor
15:00	Full Court	Home
10:00	Full Court	Visitor
5:00	Full Court	Home
00:00	Teams return to benches – Anthem/Introductions	

Weather Policy

If inclement weather should cause travel delays for any team(s) competing in the Men's Volleyball National Championship, it will be up to the discretion of the NAIA Sport Manager and the Tournament Committee to make changes to the Championship Schedule to accommodate such delays.

It is the responsibility of the host Medical Director/Athletic Trainer at NAIA Championship events to determine when an event should be suspended and when it is safe to return to play as the result of severe weather. The AT is to notify the NAIA Championship Manager who, in collaboration with the appropriate personnel (i.e. Tournament Committee) will implement the predetermined action plan for both player and spectator safety.

Participation in Functions at National Championship

All participating teams and individuals competing in a National Championship Tournament must attend all functions including – Coaches Meetings, Student-Athlete Experience Event, and Champions of Character activities. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of a \$1,500 fine to the institution.

Teaming Up For Character

Monday, April 27th, 2026 from 10:00 – 11:00 am CST – Alliant Energy PowerHouse

Address: 370 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

The NAIA and our hosts at Mount Mercy have teamed up with Best Buddies to provide a 60-minute long volleyball and team building session. Best Buddies is a nonprofit dedicated to providing one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities. They work with kids, teens, and adults. Each team's Champions of Character Individual Award winner should attend the event.

Student-Athlete Experience Event

Monday, April 27th, 2026 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm CST – Spare Time Entertainment

Address: 4601 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Members of each official party will attend the Student-Athlete Experience Event Monday evening. Teams will be able to eat dinner, go bowling, play lazer tag, and enjoy the game zone. The meal will include pizza, wings, and salad.

Coaches Meeting

The coaches meeting will be held in conjunction with the qualifier call on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 3:00 pm CST. Please use the Zoom link to join the call.

ZOOM LINK

There will also be semi-finalist head coaches meeting on Friday, May 1, 2026 at TBA. The meeting will be held in the Alliant Energy PowerHouse lounge.

Qualification Process

The NAIA National Championship Tournament includes a field of twelve teams.

1. Seven conferences (Appalachian Athletic Conference, California Pacific Conference, Chicagoland Collegiate Conference, Great Southwest Athletic Conference, River States Conference, and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference) automatically qualify one berth. The Heart of America Athletic Conference will receive two berths. These 8 automatic berths are awarded based

on the approved qualifying tournament plans for each conference. If no host berth is awarded an additional at-large berth will be added.

2. There are no limits on the number of at-large berths a Conference/CAC/Unaffiliated Grouping may receive.
3. At-large teams will be selected by the Men's Volleyball National Selection Committee.
4. Qualifying teams will be seeded by the Men's Volleyball National Selection Committee.

Qualification Allotments for 2026:

- Eight automatic berths for Conferences/Unaffiliated Groupings
- Three/Four at-large berths
- One host berth (.650 record)

Sport Rules

NAIA Men's Volleyball will use USA Volleyball Domestic Indoor Competition Rules with approved NAIA Modifications. These rules will be applied to all contests (preseason, regular-season, and postseason) when both institutions are members of the NAIA. A complete listing of the USA Volleyball Domestic Indoor Competition Rules can also be found on the NAIA Men's Volleyball Coaches Corner Page.

Men's Volleyball Coaches Corner: <https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/m-volleyball>

USAV Indoor Rules: https://usavolleyball.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2025-2027-USAV-Indoor-Rules-Book_FINAL.pdf

NAIA Rules Modifications: https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/pdf/Volleyball-M/MVB_Rules_Modifications.pdf

Tournament/Championship Format

The NAIA National Championship Tournament will include a field of 12 teams. Matches in all rounds of play are best of five. Teams will be divided into four pools of three teams each. Each team will play a round-robin against the other two teams in their pool. Pools will be divided as follows –

- **Pool A – Seeds 1, 8, 9**
- **Pool B – Seeds 2, 7, 10**
- **Pool C – Seeds 3, 6, 11**
- **Pool D – Seeds 4, 5, 12**

A total of four matches (one per pool) will be conducted on each day Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Any necessary tie break sets will be played Friday morning prior to semifinal matches. Pool play matches will be played each day at 10:00 am – Pool C, 1:00 pm – Pool B, 4:00 pm – Pool D, and 7:00 pm – Pool A. Each team will play one match against the two other teams in its pool.

Following pool play, the top team from each pool will follow a four-team single-elimination bracket. The winner of Pool B will play the winner of Pool C, and the winner of Pool A will play the winner of Pool D. The winners of each game will advance to the final championship match.

Pool Play Tiebreaker Procedures

The following procedure is to be used to determine the place in pool play and cannot eliminate a team from the competition –

1. Overall match record
2. Head-to-head competition
3. Percentage of sets won of those played among tied teams (total sets won/total sets played)
4. Percentage of points won in matches played among tied teams (total points won/total points played)
5. Coin flip

Two-way ties

A two-way tie cannot exist in a three-team pool play.

Three-way-ties

This is the only possible tie-breaking scenario in a three-team pool. In this case, the tied teams in the pool will play a single set to 25 points (win by 2 points; no cap) to determine the winner of the pool and advance to the semifinals. The team judged to be superior amongst the tied teams by the procedure listed above will earn the first bye in the pool playoff. The other two teams shall play one set to 25 points (win by 2 points; no cap) and the winner will play the bye team one set to 25 points (win by two points; no cap) – for a total of two 25-point sets. Only one team will advance out of pool play.

Player Substitution

The NAIA National Tournament will follow the NAIA Rules Modification for substitutions. The number of substitutions per set is unlimited.

Timeout Policy

USAV 15.1: Each team may request a maximum of two time-outs per set.

The NAIA National Tournament will follow the NAIA Rules Modification for the duration of timeouts. Timeout duration is 75 seconds. There will be a 15 seconds warning whistle. Play will resume early if both teams are ready.

USAV 15.4.2: During timeouts, the players may remain on the court or go to the free zone near their team bench. Any member of the team listed on the roster may participate in the timeout. Coaches and non-playing team members may not enter the court. Referees may direct teams to move to the free zone near their team bench for administrative purposes. Teams may return to the court when permitted by the referees.

There will be no media timeouts throughout the duration of the tournament.

Competition Details

There will be 3 minutes between all sets, except 5 minutes between sets 2 and 3. Teams will switch sides and benches between each set.

Film Exchange

Teams will be using Hudl to share their final game film of the season. As always, it is imperative that the final game of your season be recorded for use in the National Championship Film Exchange.

Below is an overview of the requirements and instructions on how the Film Exchange process will work –

1. Per NAIA rules, you are required to upload and share your most recent game played to the tournament Film Exchange by **Wednesday, April 22 by 5:00 pm CST.**
2. The NAIA and Hudl will be monitoring uploads to ensure all teams meet the required deadline.
3. You will not receive viewing access to the National Championship Film Exchange until your most recent game film is uploaded.

The Film Exchange is mandatory. Any violation of the film exchange policy will result in a \$500 fine and a letter sent to the Athletics Director.

Accessing your Hudl account and uploading the most recent game film

All qualifying teams will have a Hudl account created and be added to the NAIA Men's Volleyball Championship Film Exchange on **Tuesday, April 21**, following the championship field announcement.

- Current Hudl users will login as usual.
- Non-Hudl users will have a team account created under the head coach's school email address. Upon creation of the account, a welcome email will be sent to that email address. You will need to click the link in that email address to access your account.

Upon sharing your most recent game video to the Film Exchange, please email the following individuals at Hudl and the NAIA, notifying them that you have successfully shared your film.

- Hudl – naia@hudl.com
- NAIA – Bruce Tate (btate@naia.org)

All matches throughout the tournament will be recorded from an endline view by the Championship Committee and then uploaded to Hudl. If there are any technical difficulties with the endline recording, then the live stream film will be used (sideline view).

How to upload to Hudl Guide: [https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Volleyball-M/How to use League Exchange - Hudl.pdf](https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Volleyball-M/How%20to%20use%20League%20Exchange%20-%20Hudl.pdf)

Post-Championship

Awards

The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for its national championship, with awards provided to the official party of the semifinalist teams. A 5-member All-Tournament Team, including the Molten Most Valuable Player, is selected by members of the tournament committee, with input from participating national championship coaches. The Molten Most Valuable Player is included as part of the 5-member All-Tournament Team. The Sportsman of the Year award is also presented during the awards ceremony.

Championship Satisfaction Survey

During NAIA Championships, NAIA membership and student-athlete experience are 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.

[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 above or found on the back of the NAIA-issues championship credentials.

Championship Deadlines

All Conference/CAC/Unaffiliated tournaments must be completed no later than **Saturday, April 18.**

Submission Deadlines

Submission	Deadline (all times in CST)
Champions of Character	Wednesday, April 15 – 5:00 pm
Hotel reservations and rooming lists	Tuesday, April 21 – 5:00 pm
Submit Team Photo for Program	Tuesday, April 21 – 5:00 pm
Submit National Championship Roster	Tuesday, April 21 – 5:00 pm
Monday practice time signup	Wednesday, April 22 – 5:00 pm
2026 Men's Volleyball National Championship Qualifier Information Survey	Wednesday, April 22 – 5:00 pm

Upload most recent film to Hudl Film Exchange	Wednesday, April 22 – 5:00 pm
Athletic Trainer Credential Request	Saturday, April 25 – 10:00 am

Entry Forms

National Championship Qualifier Survey

National Championship Qualifier Forms are due by **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**, at 5:00 pm CST.

Link: https://naiaforms.formstack.com/forms/mvb_qualifier_info_copy

Rosters

Submit all post-season rosters directly to [NAIA Connect](#). If you do not have a login account, please contact naiaconnectsupport@naia.org. Once you login, please follow [these instructions](#).

Changes to the postseason roster may not be made once the conference tournament has begun, but can be made between conference tournament and national championship play. **If changes are made, please inform** NAIA Athletics Communications Manager Katie Green (kgreen@naia.org) and NAIA Championship Manager Bruce Tate (btate@naia.org) to ensure the correct roster is listed in the championship program.

Rosters are due at coaches registration, but rosters will be pulled for use in the official championship program prior to that on **April 21**. The deadline for certifying the official roster is 30 minutes to the first game of any conference tournament, or at the coaches meeting of the National Championship.

Team Photo

Please upload your team photo and player headshots by **April 22** to be included in the National Championship Program.

[Click HERE to upload Team Photo](#) | [Click HERE to upload Player Headshots](#)

Uniforms

Uniform Policy

For specific details regarding the uniform, please see the [USAV Rulebook](#).

Teams must have both light and dark colored uniforms available. Teams will be preassigned uniform colors by the NAIA in advance of the championships. Teams must bring both light and dark colored uniforms to the championships.

Laundry

Citywide Cleaners

1960 51st St NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-364-6131

Dry Cleaning Plus/Maytag Laundry

5350 N. Park Pl NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
319-377-3012

Equipment

Official Ball

The official volleyball for all NAIA postseason competition is the NAIA – Red, White, and Blue Molten Filstatec VSM5000.

Challenge Review System

1. Definition

- 1.1 The challenge review system (instant replay) is a process whereby video review is used to confirm, reverse, or replay specific decisions made by the officiating team.
- 1.2 The second referee may reverse a ruling only if the video review reveals by indisputable evidence that the referee's ruling was incorrect.
- 1.3 If the second referee determines that the video review is inconclusive, the original decision stands.
- 1.4 All reviews shall be limited to the challengeable action.

2. Eligibility and Participation

Any member institution or conference may use the CRS, but there is no requirement to do so. It will be utilized throughout all matches in the National Tournament.

3. Equipment, Personnel, and Location

3.1 Personnel

3.1.1 Instant replay personnel shall consist of a video review technician to operate the review equipment in an efficient and timely manner.

3.1.2 A third official (review official) may be used to decide the outcome of a challenge by viewing the video instead of the second referee. The review official sits at the scorer's table next to the video review technician and makes the final decision to confirm or reverse the original ruling. Use of a review official is not required.

3.2 Equipment

3.2.1 The type, location, and number of cameras used for the CRS shall be determined by each conference or member institution.

3.2.2 A monitor must be located at the scorer's table. The second referee should have direct and easy access to the monitor.

3.2.3 Any camera used shall not alter the integrity of the net or interfere with the officials' performance of their duties.

3.2.4 The challenge card shall be a minimum of 3x5 square inches and may not exceed 4x6 inches. The color of the challenge card shall be jasmine green. It is recommended that the cards be laminated.

3.3 Location

3.3.1 During a challenge review, the players currently in the game must remain on the court. The coaches, non-playing members, and bench personnel may approach the sideline beyond the substitution zone.

4. Reviewable Decisions

The following decisions may be reviewed:

4.1 Ball ruled in or out, and defined in Rule 8.2 and Rule 8.3 of the USAV Indoor Rules Book, whether the ball contacted a player and whether a player touched the net or antenna.

- 4.2 Whether a team may have had four or more ball contacts before returning to the opponents' court.
 - 4.3 Whether a player may have contacted the ball twice, in two separate and distinct attempts to play the ball.
 - 4.4 A decision on an illegal attack, block, or illegally contacting the ball over the opponents' court is challengeable only if the decision is dependent on whether there was contact by an involved player. The position and/or height of the ball or a player are not challengeable.
 - 4.5 Whether a service foot fault occurred as defined by Rule 12.7.1 of the USAV Indoor Rules Book.
 - 4.6 Whether a backrow player was an illegal attacker as defined by Rules 13.2.2 and 13.2.3 of the USAV Indoor Rules Book.
 - 4.7 Whether the libero's foot/feet or take-off point is in the front zone when they set the ball to a teammate as defined by Rule 19.3.1.2 of the USAV Indoor Rules Book.
5. Procedures
- 5.1 Number of challenges per match.
 - 5.1.1 A coach begins each match with three (3) challenges per match. If a coach is successful in challenging the result of a play using CRS, the coach will retain the use of that challenge.
 - 5.1.2 If a fifth set is played, each team is awarded an additional challenge at the start of the set, not to exceed three (3) total challenges.
 - 5.2 Only one challenge per team is allowed each time the ball is out of play.
 - 5.3 Only the team that lost the rally may challenge. If the call is reversed as a result of that challenge, the team that lost the review would be able to challenge another aspect of the previous play.
 - 5.4 Only the head coach may request a challenge. The head coach may request a challenge by holding up the challenge card.
 - 5.5 A challenge must be requested before the first service after the play in which the challengeable action occurred. Replay requests must take place within 8 seconds after the rally is over. To ensure that the 8 second rule is

- appropriately followed for a challenge, the resolution of a challenge could dictate whether a timeout is needed.
- 5.6 The R1 will determine if the challenge occurred within 8 seconds. A challenge must be accepted by the second referee provided it is one of the challengeable actions. If an attempt is made to challenge a non-challengeable action, the challenge shall be denied, and a delay sanction may be assessed.
 - 5.7 If a replay is indicated, either team may challenge. If the decision is reversed as a result of the challenge, the team that lost the point after review can challenge an earlier fault during the same play.
 - 5.8 After the challenge is accepted, the R2 will let the scorer and the announcer know what is being challenged. When the R2 (R3 when applicable) has made a decision on the challenge, they will inform the scorer and announcers of the outcome and give the proper results to the R1.
 - 5.9 IF the video review results in a reversal of the original outcome, that challenge is retained by the challenging team. If the original outcome stands or is confirmed, the challenging team loses that challenge.
 - 5.10 If the referee is informed after accepting a challenge that a camera(s) that was available prior to the challenge has a mechanical failure, the referee will inform the challenging coach of the failure, and allow the coach to decide to continue with the challenge using the available cameras, or withdraw the challenge.

Venue Information

Official Team Entrance

Official party members will be able to enter the arena on the floor level through the south door located in the corridor between the DoubleTree hotel and the main area entrance/box office. Official party members will not be let through the entrance without their credentials. Credentials are not transferable.

Facility Maps

You can access facility maps through the following link.

LINK: https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Volleyball-M/Parking_and_Facility_Maps.pdf

Warmup Area

Teams will be able to start warm-ups throughout official practices and games in the Exhibit Hall right off the arena floor. There will not be a net or court flooring. There will be space for stretches/active warm-ups and ball handling drills. If a team takes balls into the Exhibit Hall prior to their game, they will need to bring the balls back to the court when they begin their official warm-up time on the court.

Ticketing Information

Tickets can be purchased through the link below starting **April 10**. Tickets purchased onsite at the box office will not be subject to Ticketmaster fees.

Ticket Link: <https://www.creventslive.com/events/2026/2026-naia-mens-volleyball-championship>

Parking

Throughout the championship, teams should park in the garage across the street from the hotel. Larger vans and buses can park in the closed lane behind the arena off A Avenue.

Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee will be comprised of two members. The Sport Manager and the Tournament Committee are responsible for the management of tournament matches and the general welfare of participating teams and coaches. Together, the NAIA Sport Manager and the Tournament Committee conduct coaches' meetings, work with the Coordinator of Officials and coordinate both pre- and post-tournament ceremonies. Tournament Committee members should not have a qualified team in the tournament.

Tournament Committee Members are Noah Marasco-Ayau of Morningside and TBA.

On-site Communication

The NAIA will use the GroupMe app for all on-site communication. This is intended to be one way communication from the NAIA to coaches and administrators. Please do not share the group with student-athletes. If you have questions, please send a direct message, email, or call the championship manager.

GroupMe Link: https://groupme.com/join_group/114328257/TCq4YU42



Team Travel & Information

Local Charter Buses

Contact Master's Transportation for all your group transportation and commercial vehicle needs.

Master's Transportation: <https://www.masterstransportation.com/masters-contact>

Phone: 800-783-3613

Email: info@masterstransportation.com

Local Restaurants and Activities

Local Restaurants: [https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Volleyball-M/2026 Dining Guide.pdf](https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Volleyball-M/2026_Dining_Guide.pdf)

Local Activities: <https://www.tourismcedarrapids.com/>

Hotels

Team Hotel

Host Hotel:

DoubleTree by Hilton Cedar Rapids Convention Center
350 First Ave NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
319-731-4444

Hotel Information Sheet: [https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Volleyball-M/NAIA 2026 Team Hotel Information Sheet.pdf](https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Volleyball-M/NAIA_2026_Team_Hotel_Information_Sheet.pdf)

Rooming List: <http://naia.prestosports.com/x/rv83l>

All teams are required to stay at the host hotel. Each team has 11 double rooms reserved for booking. Please use the Excel document linked on the Championship Resources Page to submit your rooming lists to the hotel. Housing lists and reservations must be made with the hotel by **Tuesday, April 21**. If you have any questions regarding housing, please contact Jordan Childs-Brandenburg at 319-731-4523 or Jordan.childs@hilton.com.

If you are checking-out of the hotel earlier than your original confirmed departure date, please notify the front desk by 12:00 pm (midnight) the night BEFORE the departure to avoid late check-out fees.

Fan Hotel

Please direct any fans to the fan host hotel.

Fan Host Hotel:

TownePlace Suites Cedar Rapids Marion
2823 7th Ave
Marion, IA 52302
319-249-0990

Medical

Athletic Training

John is the Head Athletic Trainer onsite. The Athletic Training Room will be located behind the black curtain off the court. We will have hot packs, ice, basic taping needs, foam rollers, stretch cords, and message guns. E-stim and ultrasound will be available. If your team Athletic Trainer is not traveling, you must provide a treatment note with parameters to receive E-stim and ultrasound treatments.

Please bring your own stocked kits, KT or equivalent tape, and treatment notes (if AT is not traveling).

If you are an Athletic Trainer traveling with your team, please complete the [Athletic Trainer Credential Request Form](#) by 10:00am on Saturday, April 25. Athletic Trainers can pick up their credentials on Monday, April 27 at the team packet pick-up. Please bring your licensure card or photo ID. Credentials not picked up during this window can be picked up at the pass table throughout the championship. The pass door is the door

at arena floor level through the south door located in the corridor between the DoubleTree hotel and the main area entrance/box office.

Link to Championship Emergency Action Plan: will be linked after final approval.

Local Hospitals

Mercy Medical Center Cedar Rapids

701 10th St SE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Local Pharmacies

Walgreens Pharmacy

3325 16th Ave SW

Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Credentials

Team Credentials

Each team will receive a maximum of 20 student-athlete credentials and up to 5 support staff credentials (not including Athletic Trainers). All official party members will need to use their credentials to gain access to the arena.

Media Credentials

All SIDs/Media personnel will need to apply for a credential for the final site.

Applications will close 72 hours before the event starts. Media Credentials can be picked up at team check-in or by contacting the host media coordinator if arriving outside of the check-in window, 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 and media credentials](#)

Hospitality/Concessions

Coach Hospitality

Snacks and beverages will be provided to coaches in the lounge throughout the tournament.

Concessions

Concessions will be available throughout the duration of the tournament. Concessions are located in the concourse.

Official Roster

Submission Process

Official Postseason Roster forms will now filled out via NAIA Connect. (<https://www.naiiaconnect.org/s/login>) and sent to the NAIA National Office. If you do not have a login account, please contact naiiaconnectsupport@naia.org. Once you login, please follow these instructions (https://naia.prestosports.com/championships/2024-25/files/Quick_Start_Guide_-_Post_Season_Roster.pdf).

Official Party Size

The official party for each team participating in postseason play is 20 players allowed in uniform and up to 5 support staff. Each team will receive a maximum of 25 credentials (20 student-athlete credentials and 5 official party).

Programs and Merchandise

Program

Link: Posted after qualifiers are announced.

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 invitational. 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

The official 2026 NAIA Men's Volleyball National Championship website can be found by visiting: <https://www.naia.org/sports/mvball/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

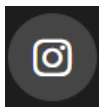
Follow the NAIA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the NAIA Men's Volleyball National Championship. Please use the hashtags "#NAIAMVB" & "#BattleForTheRedBanner" for all X(Twitter), Facebook, Instagram content around the event and tag the NAIA.



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Championship Results

The 2026 NAIA Men's Volleyball National Championship official live statistics and box scores will be available by visiting: Link: Posted after qualifiers are announced.

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

Katie Green – Senior Manager of Athletic Communications – kgreen@naia.org

Championship Photo and Video Requests

All media parties requesting access to photos or video highlights from the 2026 NAIA Men's Volleyball National Championship should contact Jay Young, jay.young@classicphotocr.com. Jay will be the official photographer for the national championship. Please contact Jay directly to order championship photos.

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 Volleyball National Championship stream will be accessible through the Urban Edge Network: <https://watch.urbanedgenetwork.net/page/naia>

On demand video will be available on the NAIA Network: <https://naianetwork.com/> 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 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/CAC/Unaffiliated Institutions. An institution must submit an appeal to their conference within 72 hours of the completion of the contest. The conference will submit a recommendation to the NAIA 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/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/coach, as well as the Athletic Director of the ejected student-athlete/coach. The form must be submitted to the NAIA within 48 hours after the completion of the contest.

[Ejection Report Form](#)