

A grayscale photograph of a male wrestler in a dark singlet and white-trimmed shorts, captured in a dynamic pose as if performing a move. The background is blurred, showing a wrestling mat and some indistinct figures. The image is overlaid with a red and white diagonal design.

**2025-26
MEN'S WRESTLING
CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET**

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Welcome

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and Visit Wichita, congratulations on your qualification to the 2026 Men's Wrestling National Championships! The event will be held at Heartland Credit Union Arena in Park City, Kansas, March 5-7, 2026. This championship packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the championship.

We look forward to welcoming you to Wichita 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	Spencer Olmstead	316-737-7287	solmstead@visitwichita.com
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Official Scorer	Teresa Magnussen	712-540-0343	
Supervisor of Officials	Brady Finton	918-852-2408	bfinton@tulsacountryclub.com
Head Athletic Trainer	Amanda Burkhardt	620-804-2148	Amanda.burkhardt@sterling.edu

Schedule of Events

All times listed CST.

Wednesday, February 25, 2026		
9:00 a.m.	Qualifier Call	Zoom
Tuesday, March 3, 2026		
12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Practice Mats Available	Heartland Credit Union Arena
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Team Registration	Heartland Credit Union Arena (Team Entrance)
Wednesday, March 4, 2026		
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Practice Mats Available	Heartland Credit Union Arena
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Scales Open & Available	Heartland Credit Union Arena (warm-up area)
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Team Registration	Heartland Credit Union Arena (Team Entrance)

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1:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Teaming Up for Character	Heartland Credit Union Arena
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	NAIA-WCA Bracketing Committee	Hyatt Regency – Walnut Room
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	NAIA Men's Wrestling National Championship Media Day	Hyatt Regency – 3 Trails Room
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Athletic Trainers Meeting/Walkthrough	Heartland Credit Union Arena
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Coaches' Meeting	Wichita Boathouse
7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Officials Meeting	Wichita Boathouse
Thursday, March 5, 2026		
7:00 am	Heartland Credit Union Arena Open for Teams	Heartland Credit Union Arena
8:45 a.m.	Medical Checks	Heartland Credit Union Arena
9:00 a.m.	Weigh-Ins	Heartland Credit Union Arena
9:30 a.m.	Table Crew/Mat Staff Meeting	Green Room
10:00 a.m.	Doors Open to the Public	Heartland Credit Union Arena
11:00 a.m.	Session I: 1 st Round (Championship) 1 st Round (Consolation)	Heartland Credit Union Arena
5:00 p.m.	Doors Open to the Public	Heartland Credit Union Arena
6:00 p.m.	Session II: 2 nd Round (Championship) 2 nd Round (Consolation)	Heartland Credit Union Arena
Friday, March 6, 2026		
7:00 a.m.	Heartland Credit Union Arena Open for Teams	Heartland Credit Union Arena
8:45 a.m.	Medical Checks	Heartland Credit Union Arena
9:00 a.m.	Weigh-Ins	Heartland Credit Union Arena
10:00 a.m.	Doors Open to the Public	Heartland Credit Union Arena
11:00 a.m.	Session III:	Heartland Credit Union Arena

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	3 rd Round (Championship Quarterfinals) 3 rd Round (Consolation)	
5:00 p.m.	Doors Open to the Public	Heartland Credit Union Arena
5:15 p.m.	Parade of Scholar-Athletes	Heartland Credit Union Arena
6:00 p.m.	Session IV: 4 th Round (Championship Semifinals) 4 th Round (Consolation All-America Round) 5 th Round (Consolation Quarterfinals)	Heartland Credit Union Arena
Saturday, March 7, 2026		
7:00 a.m.	Heartland Credit Union Arena Open for Teams	Heartland Credit Union Arena
8:45 a.m.	Medical Checks	Heartland Credit Union Arena
9:00 a.m.	Weigh-Ins	Heartland Credit Union Arena
10:00 a.m.	Doors Open to the Public	Heartland Credit Union Arena
11:00 a.m.	Session V: 6 th Round (Consolation Semifinals) Placement Round Matches – 3 rd , 5 th , and 7 th place	Heartland Credit Union Arena
6:00 p.m.	Doors Open to the Public	Heartland Credit Union Arena
6:30 p.m.	Parade of All-Americans	Heartland Credit Union Arena
7:00 p.m.	Session VI: Championship Finals	Heartland Credit Union Arena

Qualifier Call

There will be a mandatory meeting for all participating teams (head coaches and athletics directors) on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. CST to review information needed leading up to the 2026 NAIA Men's Wrestling National Championships.

Team Check In

Team registration will take place at Heartland Credit Union Arena Tuesday, March 3 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 4 from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Athlete/Team registration closes at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 4 and the official championship brackets will be finalized by 5:00 p.m. CST. At registration, coaches will confirm their entries, pay the \$150 entry fee – per wrestler, pick up their coaches' packet, and receive credentials.

Failure to register team will result in disqualification from championship.

Entry fees can be paid by check made out to Visit Wichita or by major credit card (no cash).

Practices

Practice mats will be set up and available starting Tuesday, March 3 at noon CST. Please contact Spencer Olmstead (solmstead@visitwichita.com) – 316-737-7287

to schedule a time.

Scholar-Athlete Parade

The NAIA would like to recognize the Scholar-Athletes prior to Session IV. Athletes are asked to assemble in the warm-up area at 4:50 p.m., prior to Session IV. Each Scholar-Athlete will be announced during this time and will be marched through the main arena.

All-American Parade

The NAIA would like to recognize All-Americans with a ceremony prior to Session VI. All-Americans should gather at the designated area at 6:20 p.m. prior to Session VI. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Weather Policy

If inclement weather should cause travel delays for any team(s) competing in the National Championship, it will be up to the discretion of the NAIA Sport Manager and the Games Committee to make changes to the 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 Athletic Trainer is to notify the NAIA Championship Manager who, in collaboration with the appropriate personnel (i.e. Games Committee) will implement the predetermined action plan for both player and spectator safety.

Teaming Up for Character

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 3. Visit Wichita has organized a Teaming Up for Character™ event. More details to come.

Coaches Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. CST

Location: Wichita Boathouse, 515 S, Wichita St., Wichita, KS 67202

This meeting is mandatory for all head coaches and will include information related to the administration of the tournament. Coaches should bring their coaches' packet received at team check-in.

Qualification Process

National Tournament qualifying numbers will be 320, with a distribution protocol that will ensure the best possible wrestlers are represented at the National Tournament.

Automatic Qualifying - Individual wrestlers can qualify for the NAIA Wrestling National Championships by: Qualifying standards through conference/Continental Athletic Conference (CAC) (formerly the Association of Independent Institutions)/affiliated group tournaments:

- 250 automatic qualifiers (25 per weight class)
- The top finisher in each weight class at the conference/affiliated group tournaments will receive an automatic berth to the National Championships.
- Additional automatic qualifier allocations for the National Championships will be determined based on the final top 25 individual regular season rankings. (e.g., four wrestlers from the Mid-South Conference are ranked at 125 lbs. in the final regular season ratings, the Mid-South will receive four automatic qualifiers at 125 lbs. to the National Championships.)
- If a conference does not have an individual ranked in the top 25 an allocation will be deducted from the 7 national at-large at that weight class. (e.g. The Mid-South does not have an individual ranked in the top 25 at 125 lbs. the number of at-larges from 125 lbs. will be reduced to 6 to ensure all conferences receive one qualifier per weight class.)

- NOTE: If a ranked wrestler does not compete at their conference tournament, that conference allocation will be removed and an additional at-large position will go into the national at-large pool. (e.g. four wrestlers from the Mid-South Conference are ranked at 125 lbs. in the final regular season ratings, John Doe is ranked at 125, however does not compete at 125 during the conference tournament. The Mid-South will receive three allocations at 125 for the National Championships).
- NOTE: Athletes cannot compete in another weight class at the National Championships than they competed in at the postseason national qualifying tournament.

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At-Large Qualifying - Individual wrestlers can qualify for the NAIA Wrestling National Championships by:

National At-Large Bids – the remaining national bids will be selected by the **NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE** via individual vote using the current at-large criteria until 320 wrestlers have been selected. Selection of these at larges will be conducted in the following manner:

- A 16-member committee consisting of the rater and oversight member from each qualifying group will vote for national at-large selections
- Up to 30 (three per weight class) national at-large nominees from each qualifying group will be emailed to the national office following the completion of the national qualifying events. Submissions must be received by 12 a.m. CST (midnight) on Sunday, Feb. 22.
- All qualifiers and at-large nominees will be distributed to the entire coaching body by the national office on Feb. 22.
- Specific information regarding national at-large nominees should be directed by the individuals head coach to a conference-specific committee member.
- Each of the 16-committee members will submit online votes to the national office.
- Each committee member votes on their top three wrestlers at each weight class.
- Each tally mark is awarded one point.
- The points will be tabulated at the NAIA National Office. The individual(s) with the seven most points garner the available at-large positions at each weight class.
- The individual(s) with the eighth most points will be named as the one alternate in each weight class.

- Note - In the case of ties for at-large selection, the regular seeding criteria will be used to break the tie. In the case that the seeding committee ties on the deciding vote, the NAC liaison will vote to break the tie.

Sport Rules

Rules governing competition at the NAIA Wrestling National Championships are specified in the 2025-26 and 2026-27 NCAA Wrestling Rules and Interpretations Book, except those [rule modifications](#) approved by the NAIA-WCA and the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC).

NAIA Rule Modification, when video review is used for an entire individual-team advancement tournament, the number of video reviews by each team is restricted to:

- 1-3 participants – 1 video review
- 4-6 participants – 2 video reviews
- 7-10 participants – 3 video reviews
- 11-12 participants – 4 video reviews

Coach & Medical Personnel Attire

The wearing of jeans, T-shirts, sweatshirts/sweatpants and noninstitutionalized-logoed warmup suits (tops and/or bottom), headwear and similar apparel are not suitable attire for coaches during competition and, therefore, are prohibited. Institutional-logoed tops/jackets are permissible. Each coach in violation of this rule shall be penalized with a control of mat area violation. Further, the coach(es) in violation shall not sit in the designated reserved zone for coaching if the prohibited apparel is not replaced with suitable attire.

NAIA Tobacco Policy

Rules Book), and the NAIA Tobacco Policy (as written in the NAIA Policy Manual).

NCAA Wrestling Rules Book

Art. 13. Use of Tobacco Products. The use of tobacco products by student athletes, coaches or other team personnel on the premises during an event is a flagrant misconduct violation.

All personnel, including referees, second referees, timekeepers and scorers, are prohibited from using tobacco in the wrestling venue before, during or after a dual meet or tournament. Violations should be reported to the event administrator.

The use of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco products is not permitted by participants, coaches, cheerleaders, trainers, game administrators, or officials in the playing areas

during all NAIA-sanctioned competition and practices for such competition. The institution's coaching staff, event games committee, sport manager or host site coordinator (as applicable) shall enforce this policy through the following steps:

1. On the first offense, the individual(s) and entire team shall receive an official warning.
2. A second offense will cause expulsion from the practice, game, tournament or event.

Championship Format

The NAIA Wrestling National Championships is conducted in a three-day format. Individual National Championships are determined in 10 weight classes and a team National Championship.

Scoring Method

Individual National Championships are determined in 10 weight classes, and a team National Championship is determined by using tournament scoring as stated in the NCAA Wrestling Rule Book with the exception of no bonus point scoring involving matches between wrestlers from the same team.

Post-Championship

Awards

The voting for all championship awards (Team Sportsmanship Award, Manuel Gorriaran Memorial Award/NAIA Most Outstanding Wrestler of the 2026 National Championship, NWCA-NAIA Outstanding Wrestler of the Year and NAIA Coach of the Year) will be done through Survey Monkey. All 2026 National Championships participating coaches will receive a link to the online survey via email. The online ballot will be sent immediately following Session V on Saturday, March 7, 2026. The online ballot will close immediately following the last championship match.

The awards ceremony for each weight class will occur after the conclusion of the subsequent match (example, the 125 lbs. awards ceremony will occur after the completion of the 133 lbs. match). The top eight finishers from each weight class will participate in the awards ceremony. All individuals must wear their institution's warmups during awards ceremonies, no jeans or apparel that is not institution-specific.

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.

[2025-26 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.

Officials Evaluations

Coaches' evaluations of officials will take place through an online ballot through Survey Monkey after the completion of the 2026 NAIA Wrestling Championships. The survey will be sent via email following the completion of the championships.

Tournament Deadlines

Entry Fee

Each participating wrestler will be charged a \$150 entry fee in order to participate in the 2026 NAIA Men's Wrestling National Championship. This fee is due at team registration.

Forms

Each team is required to fill out the NAIA Qualifier Survey Form (See link below) by Friday, February 27, 2026.

[NAIA Qualifier Survey Form](#)

Rosters

Official Postseason Roster forms will now be filled out via NAIA Connect (<https://www.naiacconnect.org/s/login>) and sent to the NAIA National Office. If you do not have a login account, please contact naiacconnectsupport@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. If you have trouble with the online roster form, please contact Reanne Kietlinski (rkietlinski@naia.org) of the NAIA Athletics Communications Department. For any other general questions related to the official postseason rosters, please contact Candice Fabry (cfabry@naia.org).

Venue Information

Official Team Entrance

All teams (athletes and team personnel) must use the West entry.

Floor Access

Access to the competition mats will be limited to only those athletes competing and accompanied by two coaches and one athletic trainer. Only Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Athletic Trainer Credentials will be allowed access to the mats.

Credentialed access will be strictly enforced.

A maximum of three team personnel are permitted in the reserved zone of the mat. If three personnel are used, two must hold either a Head Coach or Assistant Coach Credential and one must be properly credentialed medical personnel. Unauthorized team personnel in the reserved zone shall be penalized as a control of mat violation.

Warm-Up Area

Only Qualifiers, Head Coaches, and Assistant Coaches, Athletic Trainers and Official Party Members will have access to the warm-up area.

Student-Athlete/Official Party Seating

If you are not wrestling in competition, on-deck or in the hole for competition, there is designated seating for all student-athletes. Only those athletes who are competing or up next to compete are permitted to be on the event floor. There is designated seating for athletes in the spectator seating area (Sections 112, 113, 114, 115).

Filming

Filming mat side will not be permitted throughout the championships. The first row around the arena will be reserved for teams to film matches.

Ticketing Information

Tickets may be purchased online through the Heartland Credit Union Arena [website](#) via Ticketmaster.

Adults All Session - \$80

Adults Individual Session - \$20

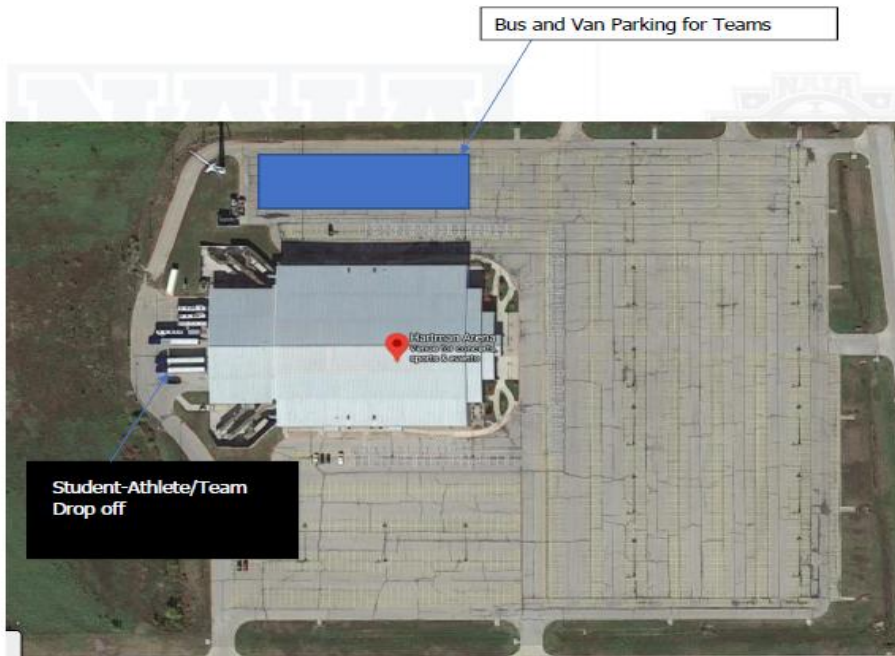
Students All Session - \$60

Students Individual - \$15

All Presidents and Athletic Directors from qualifying teams will each receive two credentials. These credentials can be picked up at the box office. All other administrators will receive free admission with their NAIA membership card when presented at the box office.

Parking

Team drop-off is located at the back of Heartland Credit Union Arena (west side). Team buses and vans should park north of the arena, as marked in the blue box on the provided map. Parking on the west side is prohibited; violators will be towed at the owner's or renter's expense.



Team Travel & Information

Airport Information

Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport
2277 Eisenhower Airport Pkwy
Wichita, KS 67209

Serviced by all major airlines

Shorts Travel Management

Qualifying institutions are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to the National Championship. The Official Travel partner of the NAIA is Short's Travel Management. Please contact Short's Travel (816-323-6405) to book your travel arrangements. Short's Travel has contacts with charter air travel as well as charter buses for ground travel.

Hotels

Team Hotels

The host/headquarters hotel for the 2026 NAIA Men's Wrestling National Championship is the Hyatt Regency Wichita. All teams must stay at a designated hotel; failure will result in up to a \$1,500 fine.

The list of designated hotels can be found at the 2026 Designated Hotels Link here: [2026 NAIA Men's Wrestling Designated Hotels](#).

Medical

Athletic Training

Athletic trainers will be on-site at all times while the facility is open.

Local Hospitals

EAST

Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph	Wesley Medical Center 550 N. Hillside	Wesley Woodlawn Hospital & ER
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WEST

DOWNTOWN

Ascension Via Christi St. Teresa 14800 W. Saint Teresa Wichita, KS 67235 (316) 796-7000	Wesley Medical ER 1498 N Tyler Rd #1474 Wichita, KS 67212 In North West Centre (316) 962-9900	Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph 3600 E. Harry Wichita, KS 67218 (316) 268-5000
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Local Pharmacies

EAST

Dillons Pharmacy 7707 E. Central Ave., Wichita, KS 67206 (316) 651-2703	Walgreens Pharmacy 1625 S. Webb Rd., Wichita, KS 67207 (316) 652-9147
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WEST

Dillons Pharmacy 10515 W. Central Ave., Wichita, KS 67212 (316) 729-0431	Walgreens Pharmacy 555 N. Maize Rd. Wichita, KS 67212 (316) 729-6171
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DOWNTOWN

Walgreens Pharmacy 3333 E. Central Ave. Wichita, KS 67208 (316) 682-2999	Dillons Pharmacy 3020 E. Douglas Ave. Wichita, KS 67214 (316) 681-6834
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Credentials

Team Credentials

All athletes and coaches must have credentials (participant passes) on their person in order to be admitted to the championship and have floor access in the arena. Each

school will be limited to an official travel party of 25, which excludes participating student-athletes and includes coaches, assistants, managers, warm-up partners, support staff, etc. Each school will be issued four credentials for coaches, assistants, and support staff. Four additional coach/support staff credentials can be purchased for \$30.00 apiece. Additional credentials for assistants/support staff can be purchased at \$60.00 apiece up to the maximum limit of 25 for the official travel party.

No one will be allowed on the arena floor without a credential. **Credentials must be worn at all times.**

All Championship credentials will be provided during registration.

LOST CREDENTIALS WILL NOT BE REPLACED

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 phone ID. Media credentials will NOT be included in the team packets at coaches pick up.

Please apply here for Media credentials: [LINK](#)

Medical Personnel

Athletic trainers will need to apply for a credential for all NAIA National Championships. 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 credential.](#)

Hospitality/Concessions

Coach Hospitality

Head Coach and Assistant Coach Hospitality will be located in the Southeast corner of Heartland Credit Union Arena. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Official Roster

The Official Party should be comprised only of student-athletes, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, and staff members who travel with a competing team.

All entries certified on the Official Entry Form **MUST** be listed on the affiliated/conference ranking form in order to enter the 2026 NAIA Wrestling National Championships.

In the case of an injury to a national tournament qualifier prior to registration at the national championships, the head coach of the injured wrestler's institution will contact Candice Fabry (cfabry@naia.org). The head coach of the alternate wrestler will then accept or decline the invitation.

Submission Process

Official Postseason Roster forms will now be 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](#).

Official Party Size

Coaches may confirm up to twelve (12) wrestlers during registration. Each school will be limited to an official travel party of 25, which excludes participating student-athletes and includes coaches, assistants, managers, warm-up partners, support staff, etc. No roster/entry changes can be made after the close of registration.

Programs and Merchandise

Program

The digital program will be posted on the NAIA Sport Page.

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

Media Day

The NAIA is set to facilitate a media day during the 2026 NAIA Wrestling National Championships. The event will take place at Hyatt Regency on Wednesday, March 4, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. During this session, selected student-athletes and coaches will be available for interviews with the media. The focus will be on the top two seeded wrestlers in each weight class, including 125 lbs., 133 lbs., 141 lbs., 149 lbs., and 157 lbs. from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Following that, the top two seeded wrestlers in the weight classes of 165 lbs., 174 lbs., 184 lbs., 197 lbs., and 285 lbs. will be available for interviews from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The media day will conclude with interviews of coaches from the top 5 rated programs in the final regular season ratings, scheduled from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm. This event provides an opportunity for media outlets to interact with key participants and gain insights into the upcoming NAIA Wrestling National Championships.

NAIA Sport Page

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

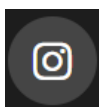
Follow the NAIA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the NAIA Men's Wrestling National Championship. Please use the hashtags "#NAIAMWrestle" & "#BattleForTheRedBanner" for all X(Twitter), Facebook, Instagram content around the event and tag the NAIA.



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Championship Results

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

<https://www.flowrestling.org/nextgen/events/15173933/information>

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

Reanne Kietlinski

Manager of Athletics Communications

(rkietlinski@naia.org)

Championship Photo and Video Requests

All media parties requesting access to photos or video highlights from the 2026 NAIA Men's Wrestling National Championships should contact Reanne Kietlinski, rkietlinski@naia.org.

Ed Bailey will be the official photographer for the national championship. Please contact Ed directly to order championship photos - <https://ebphotoict.com/>.

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 Wrestling National Championship Sessions #I through #V stream will be accessible through Trackwrestling.

The 2026 NAIA Men's Wrestling National Championship Finals stream will be accessible through [Urban Edge Network](#).

On-demand video will be available on [NAIA Network](#) following the championship.

Find out more about our streaming services and opportunities to view NAIA Championships at <https://www.naia.org/watch>.

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. 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 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.

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.