



2026 NAIA-BCA Business Meeting (Virtual)

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Call to Order
- Attendance
 - In the virtual room chat, please identify your name and school

II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION

- President: Katie Thornton, SCAD Savannah (Ga.)
- Vice President: Kirstin Foster, William Penn University (Iowa)
- Secretary: Michael Kay, Saint Xavier University (Ill.)
- NAC Liaison: Eric Ward, Commissioner, WHAC

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Approval of 2026 Agenda

IV. APPROVAL OF 2025 NAIA-BCA MEETING MINUTES

- [2025 NAIA-BCA Annual Business Meeting Minutes](#)

V. OLD BUSINESS & REPORTS

- National Office Report – *Candice Fabry, NAIA Championship Manager*
- National Championship Recap - *Candice Fabry, NAIA Championship Manager*
- Bowling Regular Season Report – *Kirstin Foster, Vice President, BCA Executive Committee*
- Bowling Statistics Report – *Katie Thornton, President, BCA Executive Committee*
- National Selection Committee Criteria Report – *Michael Kay, Secretary, BCA Executive Committee*

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Sport Motion #1**
 - All-America Committee criteria updated to:
 - The selection committee will determine which players **qualify** for All-American consideration based upon the following
 - Top 50 Average
 - Top 25 Average Differential
 - Top 5, Top 10 and 1st place finishes for individual standings
 - 400 frame minimum
 - a. The Field Average (F-AVG) is included to show the average of all of the bowlers separated by gender in the events the listed player has participated in.
 - b. The Average Differential (A-DIFF) shows the difference between the average of the listed player and the field average for the events the listed player has participated in.
 - Upon those that meet the qualification criteria the committee uses a statistical system weighing each category to rank players based upon their season statistics in both individual and baker format. Statistics used were as follows:



- a. Top 1 5%
- b. Top 5 5%
- c. Top 10 5%
- d. Top 25 5 %
- e. Strike percentage 5%
- f. Average 15%
- g. Average Differential 15%
- h. Overall fill percentage 15%
- i. Average first ball 10%
- j. Makeable Spare Percentage 10%
- k. Single Pin Percentage 10%

- **Sport Motion #2**

- Alignment with USBC limits and requirements of sponsorship logos on uniforms

- **Sports Motion #3**

- USBC Sectionals and Nationals to be approved as post-season play and not to count towards the NAIA Frequency of Play Limits
 - Both sectionals and nationals of USBC have qualifying standards that teams must meet in order to participate.

- **Sports Motion #4**

- TCPI added to the primary criteria for National Selection process for at-large selections and seeding for the Men's and Women's National Championships

- **Sports Motion #5**

- Once the selections for the National Championship Tournament has been finalized and announced, the National Selection Committee will make available and publish any and all data and information gathered and utilized in the final selection process.

- **Bowling Coaches Association Executive Committee**

- Secretary Nomination

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT



Bowling Sport Motion #1

Coaches Vote:

MOTION:

All-America Committee criteria updated to include the addition of qualification of 400 frame minimum and the following statistical weighted criteria.

- a. Top 1 5%
- b. Top 5 5%
- c. Top 10 5%
- d. Top 25 5 %
- e. Strike percentage 5%
- f. Average 15%
- g. Average Differential 15%
- h. Overall fill percentage 15%
- i. Average first ball 10%
- j. Makeable Spare Percentage 10%
- k. Single Pin Percentage 10%

RATIONALE:

Upon those that meet the qualification criteria the committee uses a statistical system weighing each category to rank players based upon their season statistics in both individual and baker format in their decisions of selection for All-America first, second and third team.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

START DATE:

2026-2027



Bowling Sport Motion #2

Coaches Vote:

MOTION:

Alignment with USBC limits and requirements of sponsorship logos on uniforms

RATIONALE:

Request that the exemption from the NAIA Uniform Sponsorship Rules modifications made this past year in 2025-2026 become a permanent exemption, and teams be allowed to follow USBC Uniform Guidelines past the 2026-2027 season (originally agreed upon date)

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

Previously was granted an exemption from NAIA Uniform Sponsorship Rules modifications for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 academic years, and an allowance to follow USBC Uniform Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Additional funding for teams and universities, specifically equipment sponsors that allow teams to have the budgetary means to compete.

START DATE:

2027-2028



Bowling Sport Motion #3

Coaches Vote:

MOTION:

In August, the NAC approved USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships (ITC) Sectional and National events will be recognized as NAIA-approved postseason competitions and will be excluded from counting toward an institution's 24-week season and frequency-of-play limits for the 2025-2026 academy year only. This motion is to make this a permanent change for bowling.

RATIONALE:

Qualification for the USBC ITC Sectional events is based on a team ranking system where only a portion of men's and women's teams qualify across NCAA and NAIA programs; approximately 80 men's teams and 52 women's teams. <https://collegebowling.bowl.com/rankings>

ITC Nationals then brings the top 16 men's and top 16 women's from the sectionals tournaments.

Without a permanent change, it would force programs to choose between the NAIA and USBC postseason due to scheduling of the postseason events.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

NAC approved the events as postseason competitions for 2025-2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**START DATE:**

2026-2027



Bowling Sport Motion #4

Coaches Vote:

MOTION:
Add TCPI added to the primary criteria for National Selection process for at-large selections and seeding for the Men's and Women's National Championships

RATIONALE:
Include TCPI to the primary criteria to provide data sources that support a fair and informed selection process for at large berths in the National Championship, ensuring that all selected teams are deserving of inclusion.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
None

START DATE:
2026-2027



Bowling Sport Motion #5

Coaches Vote:

MOTION:

Once the selections for the National Championship Tournament has been finalized and announced, the National Selection Committee will make available and publish any and all data and information gathered and utilized in the final selection process.

RATIONALE:

To ensure greater transparency and understanding of the criteria and procedures utilized in the final selection of at-large berths for the National Championship Tournament.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

There have been instances where the rationale behind certain National Tournament selections is not clearly reflected in the available data, and publishing any and all data and information used in making those selections, would remove any confusion in the selections made.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

START DATE:

2026-2027