



NAIA Baseball Coaches Association Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 8, 2026 | 6:45 PM – 9:00 PM
Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio | Room C150-C151

- I. Call to Order** *Corby McGlauflin*
- II. Welcome and Introductions** *Corby McGlauflin*
- III. Sponsors**
 - a. eTeamSponsor *Tyler Tavares*
 - b. GoRout *KC Proctor*
 - c. Netting Professionals *Tom Riginos*
 - d. NCSA Sports *Pat O'Malley & Kylee Dobbelaere*
- IV. Approval of 2025 NAIA-BCA Meeting Minutes** *Corby McGlauflin*
- V. ABCA Report** *Ryan Brownlee*
- VI. Reports, Recommendations, and Action Items from NAIA-BCA Standing Committees**
 - a. All-America Awards *Corby McGlauflin*
 - b. Voters/Selection Committee *Luther Bramblett*
 - c. Rules Committee *Kip McWilliams & Jeremy Sheeting*
 - d. Tournament Procedures *Corby McGlauflin*
 - e. Past Presidents *Brian Michalak*
 - f. NAIA National Office & NAC Report *Candice Fabry & Marc Burchard*
- VII. Old Business**
- VIII. New Business**
 - a. Sport Motion for Consideration *Corby McGlauflin*
 - i. Coach Apparel for Games
 - b. Executive Committee New Member Recommendation *Corby McGlauflin*
 - c. NAIA/ABCA Representative Recommendation *Brian Michalak*
 - d. World Series Format Proposal 2027 *Executive Committee*
- IX. Adjourn**



Coach's Guide: Legislation, Policies & Sport Rules

A coaches association takes action through sport motions, but different processes apply for motions that implicate sport rules, policy changes and legislative amendments.

Sport Rule: Sport rules are those specific rules that dictate on-field conduct and playing rules of the game. The NAIA has adopted the NCAA rulebook in nearly all sports (exceptions: tennis, golf, competitive cheer and dance, and bowling), though specific NAIA rule modifications can be made by the coaches association and National Administrative Council (NAC). The NAIA may have some general policies that apply to game management or conduct in competition (e.g. suspensions resulting from ejections, etc.), but these NAIA policies only apply if the sport rule is silent or more lenient. Sport rule books can be found on each "Coaches Corner" page (www.naia.org)

How to make a change:

- Sport motion by coaches association
- Must be approved by NAC
- Will be considered an NAIA rule modification

Policy: Regulations found in the official policy sections of the handbook. Each governing council of the NAIA has a policy section that covers specific topics within that council's purview. The NAC oversees all coaches association and any issues arising from coaches associations. Policy can be changed at the will of the council. NAC, COP, CFAR and CSA policy can be found in the NAIA Handbook (www.naia.org/legislative)

How to make a change:

- Sport motion by coaches association
- Changes to NAC Policy: Must be approved by full NAC (occurs at convention or NACDA). Will be added to the NAC policy.
- Changes to COP, CFAR or CSA policy: Coaches associations do not have a direct line to propose changes in these policies. Should a sport motion apply to one of these policy sections, the sport's officers and national office liaison can share the motion with the applicable council as a recommendation. It will be that council's discretion to determine if any action is warranted.

Legislation: Anything found in the NAIA Constitution or Bylaws. Any change or amendment to the constitution or bylaws can only be done through a vote of the full membership at the annual NAIA national convention. The constitution and bylaws can be found in the NAIA Handbook (www.naia.org/legislative)

How to make a change:

- Any association, council, standing committee or conference can sponsor a legislative amendment, and in some cases a co-sponsor is required. (Coaches associations must receive co-sponsorship from any of those groups except another coaches association.)
- Proposals must be submitted to the office by mid-January.
- All submitted proposals that have requisite co-sponsorship will be voted on by the full membership at the annual convention.





NAIA Baseball Coaches Association Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 2, 2025 – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center – Washington, D.C.

- I. Call to Order** *Jonathan Burton*
Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m.

- II. Welcome and Introductions** *Jonathan Burton*

NAIA-BCA Executive Committee

Jonathan Burton, President
Corby McGlaufflin, 1st Vice President
Luther Bramblett, 2nd Vice President
Jeremy Sheeting, Secretary
Brian Michalak, Past President

Attendees: Matt Carpenter, Avila (Mo.); Ryan Goodwin, Baker (Kan.); Duane Monlux, Bellevue (Neb.); Seth Zartman, Bethel (Ind.); Corby McGlaufflin, Briar Cliff (Iowa); Beauford Sanders, Campbellsville (Ky.); Aaron Brister, Central Baptist (Ark.); Nate Breland, Central Methodist (Mo.); Anthony Razo, Clarke (Iowa); Brian McCabe, Clarke (Iowa); Cameron Guevara, Clarke (Iowa); Ahmad White, Dillard (La.); Jeremy Sheeting, Georgia Gwinnett; Ryan Terrill, Georgia Gwinnett; Brad Stoltzfus, Goshen (Ind.); Kip McWilliams, Indiana Tech; Ian Macdonald, Indiana Wesleyan; Stan Eldridge, Lawrence Tech (Mich.); Drew Huard, Madonna (Mich.); Brett Stanton, Mid-America Christian (Okla.); Shea Bennett, Midland (Neb.); Cooper Morrison, Midland (Neb.); Luther Bramblett, Midway (Ky.); Kyle Smith, Mission (Mo.); Keith Veale, Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio); Brian Wede, Northwestern (Iowa); Kirk Kelley, Oklahoma Wesleyan; Kraig Kelley, Oklahoma Wesleyan; Ricky Walker, Oregon Tech; Jonathan Burton, Reinhardt (Ga.); Brett Lindsey, Reinhardt (Ga.); John Bates, Rust (Miss.); Addison Rouse, Saint Xavier (Ill.); John Kolasinski, Siena Heights (Mich.); Ryan Marken, Spring Arbor (Mich.); Jake Jones, Tabor (Kan.); Mark Standiford, Tabor (Kan.); Kyle Gould, Taylor (Ind.); Billy Berry, Tennessee Wesleyan; Robert Garza, Texas Wesleyan; Monte Brooks, The Master's (Calif.); Tom Jager, Jamestown (N.D.); Bruce Peddie, Saint Mary (Kan.); Brian Michalak, St. Francis (Ill.); Alec DeMaria, Valley City State (N.D.); Todd Weldon, Wayland Baptist (Texas); Bobby Halford, William Carey (Miss.); Beau Franklin, Baker (Kan.); Chandler Kerr, Saint Xavier (Ill.); Brett Simpson, Loyola (La.); Marc Burchard (NAIA)

- III. Sponsors**
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 - d. Netting Professionals
- Pat O'Malley*
KC Proctor & Drew Robinson
Tyler Tavares
EJ Merlot

- IV. Approval of 2024 NAIA-BCA Meeting Minutes** *Jonnathan Burton*
Motion to approve: McWilliams, Indiana Tech/Monlux, Bellevue (Neb.)
Vote: 36-0-0

- V. ABCA Report** *Ryan Brownlee*
Be proud of the success in Lewiston, as it reflects the golden era of college baseball with record highs in attendance, membership, and sponsorships. The ABCA staff remains committed to serving coaches, continually contributing to the sport's ongoing growth and improvement.

- VI. Reports, Recommendations and Action Items from NAIA-BCA Standing Committees**
- a. All-America Awards *Jonathan Burton*
2025 Preseason All-Americans will be released January 15, 2025.
 - b. Raters/Selection Committee *Corby McGlaufflin*
Starting in 2026, the system will shift from Ratings to Polls with no oversight on poll results. Selection

criteria will need to be redefined, with RPI calculated through Presto based on winning percentage, opponents' winning percentage, and opponents' opponents' percentage. Efforts are underway to determine the weighting of these percentages and explore variations in Quad setups, considering factors like road vs. home victories. A sport motion has been proposed to create a Task Force to develop new selection criteria.

c. Rules Committee

Kip McWilliams & Luther Bramblett

The current rules changes are posted on the NAIA Baseball Coaches Corner page and were emailed to all coaches in September. The importance of bat testing was emphasized. Bat testing is for the safety of all involved, coaches, players and institutions. Bats must pass two of three tests plus the ring test. Bat testing stickers will be required to be placed on lineup cards given to the umpires during pregame meeting. Protective fencing or netting is required in front of the dugout for the 2025 season. Protective padding is only RECOMMENDED for all hard surfaces, padding is NOT REQUIRED. Visible action clocks will be required to host an Opening Round in 2026. Additional new rules are resetting of the time between outs/pitches – 30 seconds after an out/20 seconds between pitches. Hitters must be alert from 10 seconds to 8 seconds remaining on the pitch clock. Double first base is permitted to be used.

d. Tournament Procedures

Jonthan Burton

A 10-run rule will apply to all postseason games except championship games. This season introduces a new World Series bracket, with a practice day on Wednesday followed by an off day on Thursday. Opening Round host site dimensions are set at 310 feet down the lines and 370 feet to center. Instant replay will be used for all games in Lewiston.

e. Past Presidents

Brian Michalak

A standing ovation was given for all past presidents. Young coaches were encouraged to get involved. The Ish Smith Award and Hall of Fame selections stemmed from the Past Presidents meeting. Ryan Goodwin has been recommended for the BCA Executive Committee, while Brian Wede's service on the ABCA Executive Committee has ended, with Brian Michalak recommended to fill his spot.

f. NAIA National Office & NAC Report

Marc Burchard & Brett Simpson

World Series

Will remain in Lewiston, Idaho through 2027.

NAIA Connect

NAIA Connect launched in spring 2024, replacing NAIA Help. NAIA Connect is supported by Salesforce and be a more comprehensive and functional technology platform. There are several training resources will be made available in NAIA Connect via the NAIA Learning Hub.

ECP, Rules Education Training and Postseason rosters are now handled through NAIA Connect.

Your username is your institutional email with ".naia" added at the end. If your email is

jsmith@abcu.edu, your username for NAIA Connect is jsmith@abcu.edu.naia

If you need assistance regarding NAIA Connect please contact naiaconnectsupport@naia.org

NAIA Membership Recruitment and Retention

Two new members were approved for active membership beginning fall 2025.

- Mount Mary University (Wisc.), will join the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference
- Trinity Western University (B.C.), will join the Cascade Collegiate Conference

The NAIA has been actively enhancing membership recruitment and retention, focusing on engaging NCAA Division II and III schools. In the first half of this year, the organization collaborated closely with six institutions in these divisions. As part of our outreach, we refreshed the "Why NAIA" website, aiming to better showcase the value and advantages of NAIA membership. This initiative has proven effective; last year, we received 12 membership applications—the highest in the past decade.

Collaboration is crucial to our success in recruitment, with NAIA members involved in 80% of our current recruitment efforts. We encourage our members to support this initiative by connecting us with potential schools. If you know of any institutions interested in joining or have contacts who might be a good fit, please reach out to Nick Davidson at ndavidson@naia.org.

NAIA Championship Streaming

The NAIA has entered into an agreement with Urban Edge Network to offer free streaming of NAIA

national championships. Starting in fall 2024, all NAIA national championship final sites (excluding men's and women's wrestling) will be streamed for free through Urban Edge Network and the NAIA Network. In addition to live streaming, the NAIA Network will provide on-demand viewing, and NAIA members will have access to download clips of championship highlights.

NAIA Brand Advocacy

The NAIA has introduced brand advocacy as a core pillar in its 2024-2027 strategic plan for the first time. To lead this initiative, the NAIA has partnered with a Kansas City-based marketing firm known for its rapid growth and expertise. The initiative, set to unfold over three years, aims to enhance the NAIA's visibility and reputation within higher education and intercollegiate athletics. The campaign, which began in July, is scheduled to launch in early 2025.

Key objectives include:

- Marketing effectively to potential members and retaining current ones
- Strengthening affinity for the NAIA among members and student-athletes
- Equipping members to advocate for the NAIA
- Engaging industry influencers to boost the NAIA's brand presence

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

- a. Motion: To form a task force to determine the selection criteria that will replace current record vs the top 25 and receiving votes. The task force will be comprised of the current NAIA-BCA Executive Committee, National Selection Committee Members and selected raters to ensure geographical representation.

Vote: 36-0-0

- b. Executive Committee New Member Recommendation *Jonathan Burton*
Ryan Goodwin, Baker (Kan.) was nominated as the next NAIA-BCA Executive Committee member

Vote: 36-0-0

- c. NAIA/ABCA Representative Recommendation *Brian Michalak*
Brian Michalak, St. Francis (Ill.) was nominated as the next NAIA-ABCA representative

Vote: 36-0-0

IX. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Stoltzfus, Goshen (Ind.)/Bates, Rust (Miss.)

Vote: 36-0-0

Meeting Adjourned 7:37 p.m.



NAIA National Office Report

NAIA Membership Recruitment and Retention

Two new institutions were approved for active membership beginning fall 2026:

- **Wesleyan College (Ga.)**, planning to join the Southern States Athletic Conference
- **Andrew College (Ga.)**, also planning to join the Southern States Athletic Conference

The NAIA has enhanced its membership recruitment and retention efforts, with a particular focus on NCAA Division II and III institutions. As part of these initiatives, the “Why NAIA” website was refreshed to better highlight the value and advantages of NAIA membership. This strategy has been effective; last year, the NAIA received 12 membership applications—the highest number in the past decade.

Collaboration plays a key role, with NAIA members involved in 80% of current recruitment efforts. Members are encouraged to support this work by connecting the NAIA with potential schools. If you know of interested institutions or helpful contacts, please reach out to **Nick Davidson** at ndavidson@naia.org.

NAIA Championship Streaming

The NAIA is entering year two of its agreement with **Urban Edge Network (UEN)**. Over the past year, many NAIA conferences have also partnered with UEN, enhancing visibility and alignment across the association.

In year two, the national office has expanded coverage to include early-round competitions during national championships.

For fall 2025:

- All women’s volleyball opening-round matches were streamed for free
- Host sites also had the option to stream early rounds in men’s and women’s soccer, as well as football

Postseason Roster Adjustments

The Council approved increases to the number of student-athletes permitted in uniform for postseason competition across several sports, effective for the **2025–26 academic year**.

Updated postseason roster limits:

- Football: **57 → 62**
- Men's & Women's Soccer: **24 → 26**
- Men's & Women's Volleyball: **18 → 20**
- Men's & Women's Basketball: **15 → 17**
- Baseball: **26 → 28**
- Softball: **20 → 22**
- Men's & Women's Golf: **7 → 9**
- Men's & Women's Bowling: **8 → 10**
- Men's & Women's Tennis: **12 → 14**

These updates are intended to better reflect sport participation needs and help institutions manage postseason roster requirements.

Opening Round Host Site Policy Update

A new evaluation system has been approved to assess host institutions during national championship preliminary rounds. The system includes two categories of offenses—primary and secondary—to ensure consistent hosting standards.

Offense Structure:

- One primary offense = one strike
- Two secondary offenses = one strike

Consequences:

- **One strike:** Institution becomes ineligible to host that sport's opening round the following year
- **Two strikes within the same year:** Institution becomes ineligible to host *any* postseason event the following year

To support host sites, the national office is implementing a daily reporting system for preliminary round locations to identify and correct issues in real time.

Postseason Selection

The NAC is conducting a comprehensive review of all National Selection Committee processes to ensure consistency, fairness, and alignment across sports.

As part of this effort, the NAC has:

- Realigned Areas Rating Committees (ARCs) to establish comparable structures across most sports
- Standardized key operational practices, including:
 - Each National Selection Committee meeting four times per season
 - ARC ratings released on a unified four-cycle schedule
 - Final ARC ratings published on the same day the National Selection Committee meets

These updates aim to enhance transparency, uniformity, and clarity in the national selection process.

Five Seasons of Competition

The Path Forward Task Force (PFTF), created after the April 2025 NAIA Convention, has spent six months evaluating rapidly evolving areas of college athletics. One resulting recommendation is the consideration of **five seasons of competition**, recognizing the need to balance higher education principles with competitive positioning relative to other associations.

The PFTF shared its recommendations with the Council of Presidents in October 2025, after which the Council chose to proceed with a legislative proposal.

Efforts are underway to share information with the membership to help institutions form informed perspectives. A membership survey will be distributed in early December, and feedback will inform the final legislative proposal. As the sponsoring body, the Council of Presidents will have authority over its final drafting.



Baseball Sport Motion

Proposed by: Jonathan Freemeyer, Ottawa University (Kan.)

MOTION:

Coaches are not required to wear player uniforms during games. Coaches may wear school-approved or team-approved coaching apparel.
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RATIONALE:

When the original requirement for coaches to wear a uniform was created, baseball still had player-managers who were both on the roster and actively participating in the game, while also serving as head coach. Because they were technically players, they were required to wear a full uniform. That requirement continued even after player-managers disappeared from the sport, leaving a rule that is now outdated and no longer aligned with the modern coaching role.
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HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

Pete Rose was the last player-manager.
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Institutions could direct funds previously used toward coach uniforms toward the student-athletes' uniform costs instead.

START DATE:

2025-2026



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

FRIDAY MAY 22	SATURDAY MAY 23	SUNDAY MAY 24	MONDAY MAY 25	TUESDAY MAY 26	WEDNESDAY MAY 27	THURSDAY MAY 28	FRIDAY MAY 29	SATURDAY MAR 30
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*Proposed format only



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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

DAY 1
GAMES 1, 2, and 3

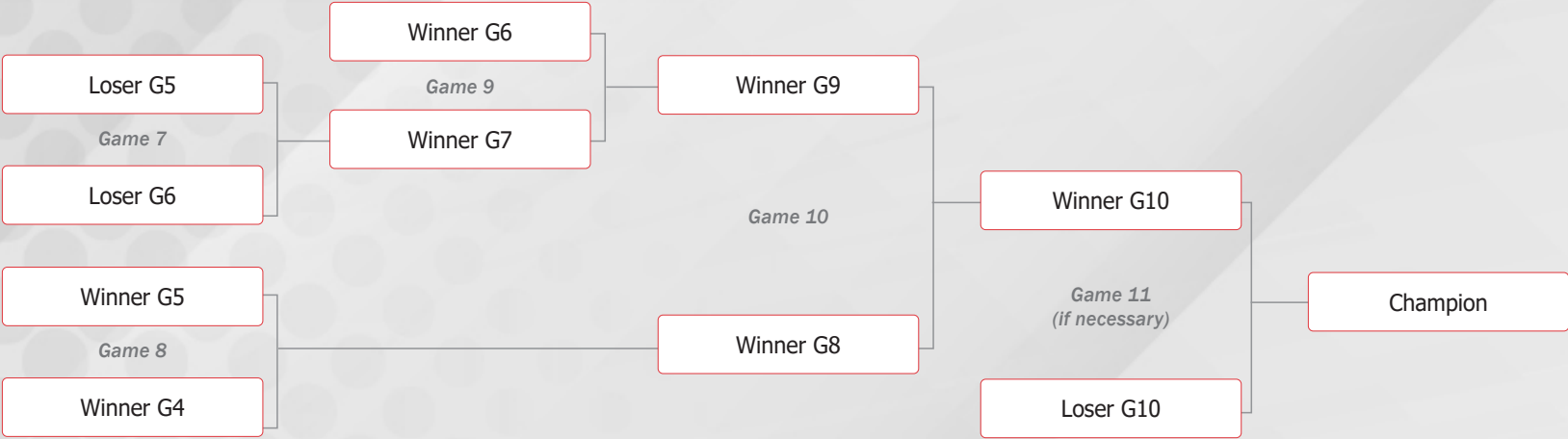
DAY 2
GAMES 4, 5, and 6

DAY 3*
GAMES 7, 8, and 9

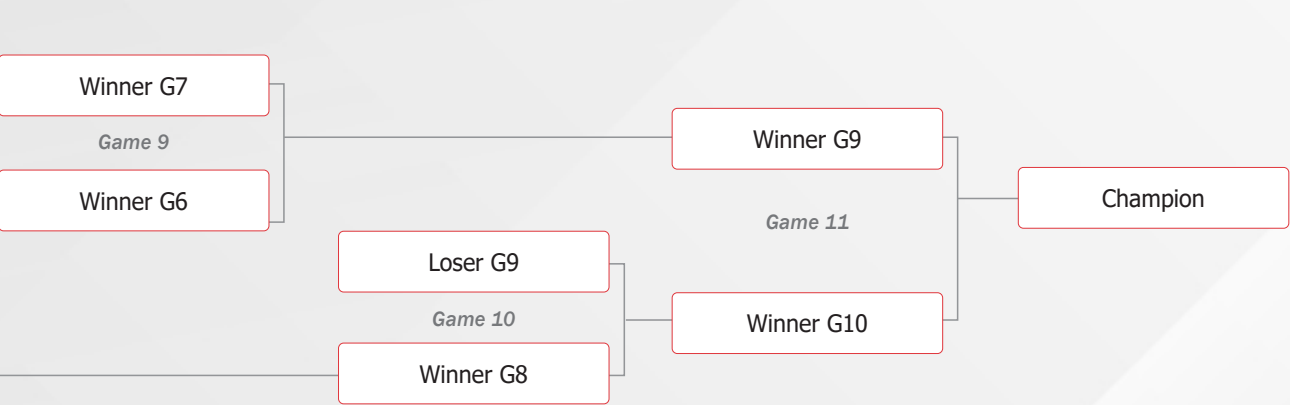
DAY 4
GAMES 10 and 11
(if necessary)



*If five teams remain after Game 6, and two after Game 9



*If five teams remain after Game 6 and three after Game 9



*Proposed format only

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