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2026
WOMEN'S BEACH
VOLLEYBALL
INVITATIONAL PACKET

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Welcome

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and Visit Mesa, p1440 and the GSAC, congratulations on your qualification to the 2026 Women's Beach Volleyball National Invitational! The event will be held at Arizona Athletic Grounds in Mesa, Arizona April 23-25, 2026. This packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the invitational.

We look forward to welcoming you in Mesa 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

NAIA Senior Championship Sport Manager	Abby Schultz	(616) 610-4436	aschultz@naia.org
NAIA Senior Athletics Communications Manager	Katie Green	(618) 571-1932	kgreen@naia.org
Tournament Director	Mike Daniels	(949) 680-7255	mdaniels@gsacsports.org

Schedule of Events

(All times are MT unless otherwise specified)

Tuesday, April 14, 2026		
2:00 p.m. CST	Qualifier Call	Zoom
Wednesday, April 23, 2025		
15 mins prior to team practice time	Team Check-In	AAG
10-4pm	Team Practices – See Schedule Below	AAG
4:30-5:30p	Teaming Up for Character	Revel Surf Park at Cannon Beach
5:30-7:30p	Student Athlete Experience	Revel Surf Park at Cannon Beach
Thursday, April 24, 2025		
10:00 a.m.	Pool Play A&B – 1v3	AAG
12:00 p.m.	Pool Play A&B – 2v4	AAG
2:00 p.m.	Pool Play A&B – 1v4	AAG
4:00 p.m.	Pool Play A&B – 2v3	AAG
Friday, April 25, 2025		
10:00 a.m.	Pool Play A&B – 1v2	AAG

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12:00 p.m.	Pool Play A&B – 3v4	AAG
2:30 p.m.	Match 1 (Pool B 2 v Pool A 3) Quarterfinals	AAG
2:30 p.m.	Match 2 (Pool A 1 v Pool B 4) Quarterfinals	AAG
4:30 p.m.	Match 3 (Pool A 2 v Pool A 3) Quarterfinals	AAG
4:30 p.m.	Match 4 (Pool A 4 v Pool B 1) Quarterfinals	AAG
Saturday, April 26, 2025		
9:00 a.m.	Practice Courts Available	AAG
10:00 a.m.	Semifinals	AAG
1:00 p.m.	Championship	AAG
Approx. 3 p.m.	Awards Ceremony	AAG

Practice Schedule

Tuesday, April 21, 2026		
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Seed #8 - Pool A4 – Wayland Baptist	Courts 8-9
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Seed #7 - Pool B4 – Arizona Christian	Courts 10-11
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Seed #6 - Pool B3 – New College of Florida	Courts 4-5
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Seed #5 - Pool A3 – Ave Maria	Courts 2-3
5:15pm - 6:15pm	Seed #4 - Pool A2 - OUAZ	Courts 8-9
5:15pm - 6:15pm	Seed #3 - Pool B2 - Corban	Courts 10-11
5:15pm - 6:15pm	Seed #2 - Pool B1 – The Masters	Courts 4-5
5:15pm - 6:15pm	Seed #1 - Pool A1 – Southern Oregon	Courts 2-3

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	Wednesday, April 22, 2026	
10:00am – 11:30am	Seed 4 - Pool A2 - OUAZ	Courts 2-4
10:00am – 11:30am	Seed 8 - Pool A4 – Wayland Baptist	Courts 8-10
11:30am – 1:00pm	Seed 1 - Pool A1 – Southern Oregon	Courts 2-4
11:30am – 1:00pm	Seed 5 - Pool A3 – Ave Maria	Courts 8-10
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Seed 2 - Pool B1 – The Master's	Courts 2-4
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Seed 6 - Pool B3 – New College of Florida	Courts 8-10
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Seed 3 - Pool B2 - Corban	Courts 2-4
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Seed 7 - Pool B4 – Arizona Christian	Courts 8-10

Match Schedule

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Pool Play

POOL A		POOL B	
10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	
Southern Oregon v. Ave Maria		The Master's v. New College of Florida	
2 Pairs	Court 2	2 Pairs	Court 9
4 Pairs	Court 3	4 Pairs	Court 10
1 Pairs	Court 2	1 Pairs	Court 9
3 Pairs	Court 3	3 Pairs	Court 10
5 Pairs	Court 4	5 Pairs	Court 11

POOL A		POOL B	
12:00 p.m.		12:00 p.m.	
OUAZ v. Wayland Baptist		Corban v. Arizona Christian	
2 Pairs	Court 2	2 Pairs	Court 9
4 Pairs	Court 3	4 Pairs	Court 10
1 Pairs	Court 2	1 Pairs	Court 9
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Friday, April 24, 2026

Pool Play

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10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	
Southern Oregon v. OUAZ		The Master's v. Arizona Christian	
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Quarterfinals

Quarterfinal #1		Quarterfinal #2	
2:30 p.m.		2:30 p.m.	
Pool B #2 vs. Pool A #3		Pool A #1 vs. Pool B #4	
2 Pairs	Court 2	2 Pairs	Court 9
4 Pairs	Court 3	4 Pairs	Court 10
1 Pairs	Court 2	1 Pairs	Court 9
3 Pairs	Court 3	3 Pairs	Court 10
5 Pairs	Court 4	5 Pairs	Court 11

Quarterfinal #3		Quarterfinal #4	
4:30 p.m.		4:30 p.m.	
Pool A #2 vs. Pool B #3		Pool A #4 vs. Pool B #1	
2 Pairs	Court 2	2 Pairs	Court 9
4 Pairs	Court 3	4 Pairs	Court 10
1 Pairs	Court 2	1 Pairs	Court 9
3 Pairs	Court 3	3 Pairs	Court 10
5 Pairs	Court 4	5 Pairs	Court 11

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Semifinals & Finals

Semifinal #1		Semifinal #2	
10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	
2 Pairs	Court 2	2 Pairs	Court 9
4 Pairs	Court 3	4 Pairs	Court 10
1 Pairs	Court 2	1 Pairs	Court 9
3 Pairs	Court 3	3 Pairs	Court 10
5 Pairs	Court 4	5 Pairs	Court 11

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Finals

FINALS	
1:00 p.m.	
Semifinal #1 vs. Semifinal #2	
2 Pairs	Court 2
4 Pairs	Court 3
1 Pairs	Court 2
3 Pairs	Court 3
5 Pairs	Court 4

Qualifier Call

An Administrative Zoom call will be conducted by the NAIA National Office on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 2:00 PM (CST)** for all qualified Head Coaches and Athletic Directors to review the logistics and expectations for all National Invitational participants.

It is mandatory that each institution's Head Coach and Athletic Director or designated administrator other than a member of the coaching staff participate in the conference call. Roll call will be taken during the call.

Qualifier Form

Head Coaches must complete the [Qualifier Survey](#) by no later than end of day **Wednesday, April 15**. This form helps inform tournament staff of school information, arrival times, official party numbers, and more.

Group Me

To ensure all coaches receive important daily communications and real-time updates during the 2026 NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Invitational, we will be using the GroupMe app. Please download the app and join the official event group prior to arrival. This will be our primary method of communication throughout the Invitational.



Team Check In

Team check-in will take place at the **Arizona Athletic Grounds 15 minutes prior to the start of your scheduled practice on Wednesday, April 22**. All Head Coaches are required to check in for Team Check-In to verify rosters, pay the \$500 entry fee, confirm uniform colors, pick up credentials, and receive any additional information or materials.

Practices

Arrangements will be made with the host for practice sessions beginning on Tuesday, April 21. Practice times have been assigned (see page 5-6).

Pre-game Timeline

As outlined by USA Beach Volleyball rules, the warm-up procedures for outdoor tournaments will be as follows:

Ten minutes are allowed for warm-up. Formally, this period includes three minutes of free ball handling, the coin toss, and five minutes of formal timed warm-up. Teams share the entire court throughout the 10-minute period.

Coaches are not allowed to physically assist in the warm-up following the coin toss and must move off the court.

10 minutes on the game clock	Court available for shared warm up
7 minutes on the game clock	Coin Toss
6 minutes on the game clock	Start five-minute timed warm-up (coaches off)
1 minute on the game clock	Players to Benches Referee to Stand
0 minutes on the game clock	Teams to end-lines R1 invites teams to nets to shake hands Start Match

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 Host 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 Sport Manager who, in collaboration with the appropriate personnel will implement the predetermined action plan for both player and spectator safety.

Student-Athlete Experience

Each team is invited to the 2026 NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball Student-Athlete Experience. The banquet will take place at Revel Surf Park at Cannon Beach. **All teams are required to attend.** Teams are encouraged to wear team gear.

Teaming Up for Character

Prior to the Student-Athlete Experience, teams will be working with adaptive athletes in a Teaming Up for Character event. Teams will have a chance to teach adaptive athletes beach volleyball & help teach about the 5 core character values of the NAIA.

Qualification Process

The NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Invitational includes a field of eight teams. Qualification to the National Invitational will be as follows:

- Conferences with 6+ teams will receive one auto berth
- Conferences with 12+ teams will receive two auto-berths
- To determine at-large berths, the top four teams ranked in the Final Coaches Rating (and who have not already earned an automatic berth) will be awarded an at-large berth.
- There are no limits on the number of at-large berths a Conference/Unaffiliated Group may receive.

Qualification allotments for the National Invitational will be five automatic berths and three at-large berths.

Sport Rules

Rules governing competition at the NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Invitational are specified in the [USA Beach Volleyball Rules](#), [NCAA Rule Modifications](#) and those changes approved by the NAIA-WBVCA and the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC).

Format

The NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Invitational will use the format of Pool Play (two pools of four teams) followed by a single-elimination tournament. All eight teams will advance out of pool play and be seeded into the single-elimination bracket.

Pool play matches will be played to completion; all five matches played to their natural conclusion. Bracket play matches will be played to clinch – end as soon as one team wins three matches.

Pool Play/Seeding

Once the eight qualifiers are determined, the Tournament Committee, NAIA Sport Manager and National Administrative Council Beach Volleyball Liaison will convene via conference call to set the National Invitational seeding matchups and place teams into their respective final site pools.

POOL A	POOL B
#1, #4, #5, #8 seeds	#2, #3, #6, #7 seeds

Roster Challenges

All participating teams starting lineups will be shared with qualifying coaches by 7 p.m. CST, Sunday, April 19, 2026. There will be a 24-hour rationale period that will end at 6 p.m. CST, Monday, April 20, 2026. Roster challenges must be sent via email to Abby Schultz (aschultz@naia.org) Final starting lineups will be sent following the rationale period.

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. Individual Match won/lost
4. Sets won/lost
5. Point Differential
6. Team's Seed Entering Invitational

If there is a three-way tie, no single sets will be played. The highest-ranked team based on the tie-breaking procedures (Individual Match Won-Lost, Sets Won – Lost, Point Differential, Team's Seed Entering the Invitational) will advance to bracket play as the top team. The team that won the head-to-head match between the remaining two teams will be the second-highest team, with the last team being third. All three teams will then move to bracket play accordingly.

Scoring Method

Matches follow a best-of-five dual match format, where each team fields five pairs (teams of two players) competing in separate matches. The overall match is won by the team that wins at least three of the five individual matches.

Each individual match follows the best-of-three sets format:

1. First Two Sets: Played to 21 points, with a minimum two-point lead required to win (e.g., 21-19 or 22-20).
2. Third Set (if needed): Played to 15 points, with a minimum two-point lead required.

Post-Championship

Awards

Team and Individual awards will be presented to the Official Party of the Runner-Up and National Champion teams. Third and fourth place teams will also receive Semifinalist plaques.

Awards for NAIA Coach of the Year, NAIA Pair of the Year, and All-Tournament Team will also be given.

An official awards ceremony will not take place for Semifinal games. For teams that do not advance to the championship, Semifinalist Awards will be given to the head coach to disperse.

There will be an official awards ceremony immediately following the Final Match on Saturday for the second and first place teams. Awards for the runners up will be given first, followed by any special awards, and ending with the National Champion Awards and Red Banner.

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.

Tournament Deadlines

Starting Lineup Forms

Starting lineup forms are due by 7 p.m. CST, Sunday, April 19 via email to aschultz@naia.org.

Rosters

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. 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 Katie Green (kgreen@naia.org) of the NAIA Athletics Communications Department. For any other general questions related to the official postseason rosters, please contact Abby Schultz (aschultz@naia.org).

Team Photo

Please upload your team photo upon qualification to be included in the National Invitational Program.

[Click HERE to upload](#) | Password: naiaftp

Entry Fee

The team \$500 entry fee can be paid by check made out to GSAC. Checks will be collected in at Team Check-In.

Uniforms

Teams must have both light and dark colored uniforms available. In each match, the higher seeded team pairs wear light colored uniforms and the lower seeded team pairs wear dark. Numbers must be easily distinguishable from the predominant background color(s) and pattern. Numbers must be displayed on front and back of each player's jersey.

In the event that two of the same seeds play each other, then the team higher on the bracket will be the home team and wear light uniforms and the lower team on the bracket will be the visiting team and wear dark uniforms.

Equipment

Official Ball

Baden is this year's Official Invitational Ball Provider and will be the only balls to be used in all NAIA National Invitational competition.

Team Travel & Information

All participating teams will need to plan on arriving at the National Invitational by Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Qualifying institutions are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to the National Invitational. The Official Travel partner of the NAIA is Short's Travel Management. Please contact Short's Travel (844-619-7044) to book your travel arrangements. Short's Travel has contacts with charter air travel as well as charter buses for ground travel.

To help minimize travel expenses, the NAIA has an agreement with Short's Travel for air travel. This arrangement offers the NAIA and its member institutions the services of the nation's leading Air Travel Company which specializes in sports and association travel.

There is an international airport located in the region:

Sky Harbor International Airport

Team Hotels

All participating teams must stay at the hotel property designated by the host. Teams will be staying at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa**. The hotel contact is listed below. Teams must stay at the selected property for the duration of their stay at the National Invitational. A team representative should contact the hotel, no later than end of business day on Thursday, April 16, provide a rooming list, confirm date/time of arrival and provide a method of payment for all hotel charges.

A room block of 10 hotel rooms has been reserved on behalf of each participating team, however, each participating team is financially responsible for the cost of the rooms (as well as all other travel expenses & meals). If traveling teams need hotel rooms in addition to the room block provided by the host, traveling teams will be responsible for requesting and securing those needs. Head coaches should reach out to the Host Tournament Director to receive hotel assignment and contact information.

The hotel property identified for teams to stay at is:

Doubletree by Hilton Phoenix Mesa – 1011 West Holmes Ave. Mesa, AZ 85210

CONTACT: Janelle Nielsen

480-844-6005 or janelle.nielsen@hilton.com

Hotel website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/meswhdt-doubletree-phoenix-mesa/>

Medical

Athletic Training

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

Local Hospitals & Urgent Care

Information will be sent out to athletic trainers & teams.

Credentials

Team Credentials/Pins

Event pins will be provided for all qualifying participants. Three additional Official Party pins will be given per competing team. All Invitational pins will be provided during registration.

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](#)

Athletic Trainer Credentials

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 credentials.

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.

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

The official party for each team participating in postseason play is 14 players allowed in uniform and up to 3 support staff. Each team will receive a maximum number of 17 credentials, 14 student-athlete credentials and 3 official party credentials.

Programs and Merchandise

Program

2026 NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball program will be available [online](#).

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 Women's Beach Volleyball National Invitational website can be found by visiting: <https://www.naia.org/sports/beachvball/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

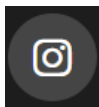
Follow the NAIA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the NAIA Beach Volleyball National Invitational. Please use the hashtags “#NAIABeachVB” & “#BattleForTheRedBanner” for all X(Twitter), Facebook, Instagram content around the event and tag the NAIA.



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Play NAIA



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Invitational Results

The 2026 NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Invitational official live statistics and box scores will be available.

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

Katie Green

Senior Manager of Athletics Communications

kgreen@naia.org

Marketing Resources

[Championship Logos](#)

[NAIA School Logos Shared File](#)

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/Continental Athletic Conference (CAC) Group. 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 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 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).

The NAIA game official ejecting a student-athlete or coach and the athletic director of the ejected student-athlete or coach must complete ejection reports. 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.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a suspension(s) shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, and/or game officials from the start of game to its completion, including overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

*A one-game suspension is required by sports rule (not appealable through NAIA process); An additional one-game suspension is only required by NAIA bylaw and therefore is appealable through NAIA process.