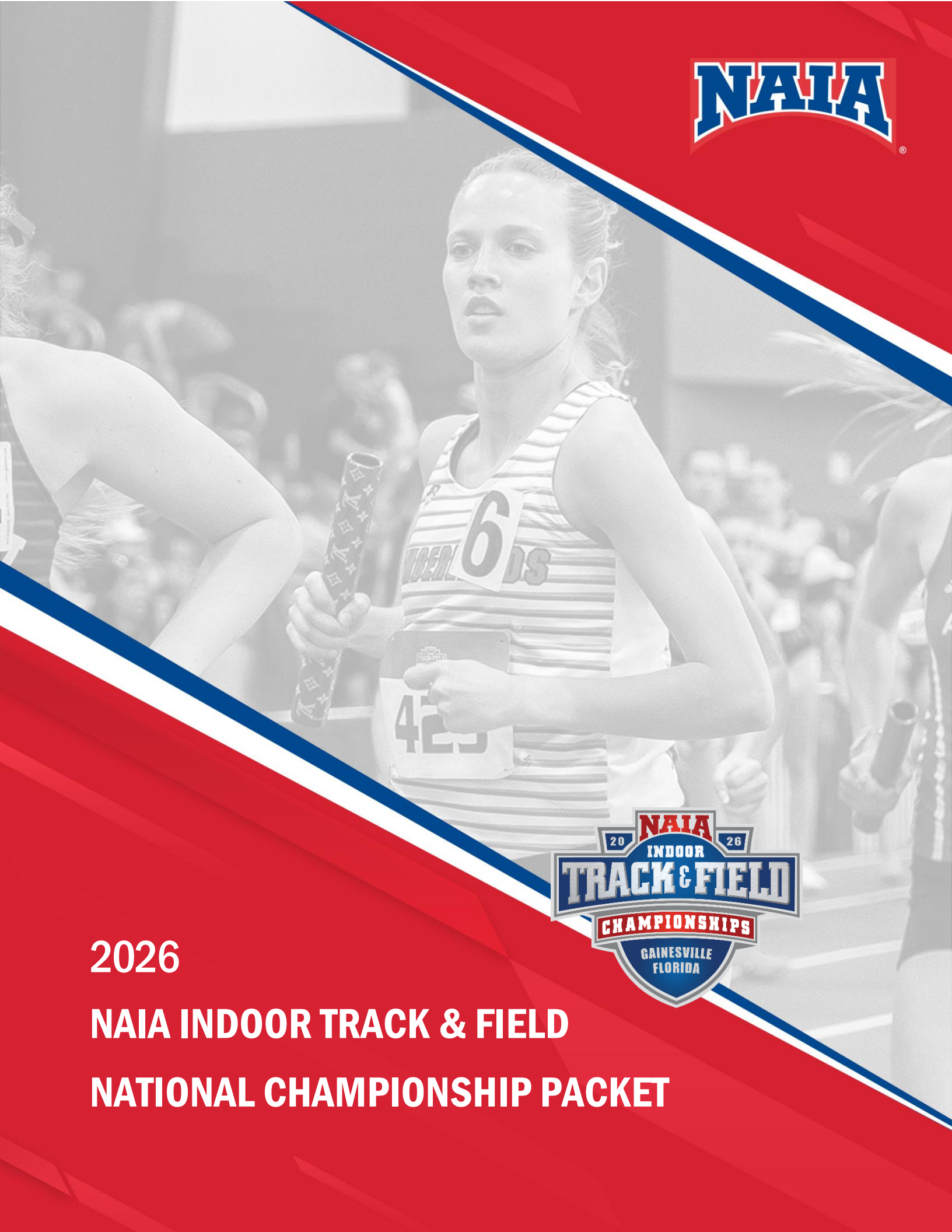




2026

NAIA INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET

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Welcome

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Gainesville Sports Commission, congratulations on your qualification to the 2026 NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championships! The event will be held at the Alachua County Sports and Events Center at Celebration Pointe Thursday, March 5th to Saturday, March 7th. This championship packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the championship.

We look forward to welcoming you in Gainesville 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.

Championship Personnel

Position	Name	Phone	Email
NAIA Championship Sport Manager	Samantha Walker	816-595-8156	swalker@naia.org
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Host Director	Joleen Cacciatore Miller	jcacciatore@gainesvillesportscommission.com	
Medical Director	Caitlyn Richter	262-308-1944	

Championship Schedule

All times listed in ET

Tuesday, March 3, 2026		
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Practice – long jump, triple jump, pole vault, high jump throws, sprint lanes	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
7:00 am – 3:00 pm	Practice – <u>Oval open for all events 200m+ EXCEPT Race Walk</u>	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Practice – <u>Race Walk ONLY</u> on oval	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Packet Pick Up	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Teaming Up for Character Event	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
Wednesday, March 4, 2026		
7:00 am – 6:00 pm	Practice – long jump, triple jump, pole vault, high jump, throws, sprint lanes	Alachua County Sports & Events Center

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7:00 am – 3:00 pm	Practice – <u>Oval open for all events 200m+ EXCEPT Race Walk</u>	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Packet Pickup	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Student-Athlete Experience	Dave and Busters
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Practice – <u>Race Walk ONLY on oval</u>	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Practice – <u>Oval open for all events 200m+ EXCEPT Race Walk</u>	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
Thursday, March 5, 2026		
8:00 am – 9:45 am	Practice	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Implement Check-in	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
10:00 am	Heptathlon Starts	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
10:30 am	Pentathlon Starts	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
10:45 am	Track Events Start	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
12:00 pm	Field Events Start	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
Friday, March 6, 2026		
8:00 am – 9:45 am	Practice	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Implement Check-in	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
10:00 am	Heptathlon Day 2 Starts	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
10:45 am	Track Events Start	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
12:00 pm	Field Events Start	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
Saturday, March 7, 2026		
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Implement Check-In	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
11:30 am	Field Events Start	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
12:25 pm	Track Events Start	Alachua County Sports & Events Center
Approx. 6:15 pm	Awards Ceremony	Alachua County Sports & Events Center

Qualifier Call

The National Coaches and Administrators Qualifier Call will be Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11:00 am CT. Please use the Zoom link to join the call.

Zoom Link: <https://naia-org.zoom.us/j/88680335387?pwd=1A84uogp0cOQN8nSGpIncnFRuUsp8Q.1>

Team Check In

Coaches can check-in and receive credentials and athlete bibs on Tuesday, March 3, 2025 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm ET. Check-in will be held in the lobby of the Alachua County Sports and Events Center. All entry fees must be paid prior to receiving your packet. All teams should plan to arrive no later than 5:00 pm ET on Tuesday, March 3.

Alachua County Sports and Events Center at Celebration Pointe: [4870 Celebration Pointe Ave, Gainesville, Florida 32608](#)

Practices

There will be practice times offered throughout the day on Tuesday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 4. There will also be a short amount of time for practice in the morning on Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6. **Please note that some events will have restricted practice times. For the safety of everyone in the facility, these must be followed.**

Tuesday, March 3

- 7:00 am – 5:00 pm – Events: Long jump, triple jump, high jump, throws, sprint lanes
- 7:00 am – 3:00 pm – Races longer than 200m EXCEPT Race Walk (oval)
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Event: Race Walk ONLY (oval)

Wednesday, March 4

- 7:00 am – 6:00 pm – Events: Long jump, triple jump, and pole vault
- 7:00 am – 3:00 pm – Events: Races longer than 200m EXCEPT Race Walk (oval)
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Event: Race Walk ONLY (oval)
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Event: Races longer than 200m EXCEPT Race Walk (oval)

Thursday, March 5

- 8:00 am – 9:45 am – Open practice

Friday, March 6

- 8:00 am – 9:45 am – Open Practice

Schedule of Events

[2026 NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championship Schedule of Events.](#)

Weather Policy

It is the responsibility of the host Medical Director/Head 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 will implement the predetermined action for both player and spectator safety.

Teaming Up for Character

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm ET – Alachua County Sports and Events Center

Address: [4870 Celebration Pointe Ave, Gainesville, Florida 32608](#)

Teams with 5 or more qualifiers will send one athlete to join the Special Olympics as they put on a sports clinic for Special Olympic Athletes. NAIA student-athletes will help lead different stations and talk about the NAIA five core values – integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, and servant leadership.

Upon arrival of the event, student-athletes will need to check-in at the NAIA table in the lobby. Please indicate on the qualifier survey who you will be sending to this event.

Student-Athlete Experience

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm ET – Dave and Buster's

Address: 3023 SW 45th St., Gainesville, Florida 32608

The Student-Athlete Experience Event is required for every official party. Two-hour sessions will be assigned to each team and communicated to each head coach via email.

Please join us for a student-athlete social event at Dave & Buster's. Qualifying teams will be divided into two groups, with each group assigned a two-hour participation

window: 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. During their scheduled time, student-athletes are encouraged to enjoy Dave & Buster’s games and entertainment.

There will be multiple opportunities for team and individual photos throughout the event. A brief welcome will take place during each session, during which the Champions of Character Individual Award winners will be recognized.

Attire is casual. Upon arrival at the event, one coach will need to check in at the NAIA table.

Coaches Meeting

The coaches meeting will be held in conjunction with the qualifier call on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 11:00 am CT. Please use the Zoom link to join the call.

Zoom Link: <https://naia-org.zoom.us/j/88680335387?pwd=1A84uogp0cOQN8nSGpIncnFRuUsp8Q.1>

Qualification Process

General qualifying procedures are as follows:

1. Standards – individuals must meet or exceed the qualifying standards (“A” or “B”) as set by the Standard’s Committee of the NAIA-TFCA. Field event standards are set in metric. Imperial distances must be the minimum needed to reach the metric mark. Submission of invalid marks may lead to disqualification of the entire team.
2. Right-of-membership Entries for “B” Standard Marks – Three (3) right-of-membership entries may be used for men and three (3) for women. Refer to right-of-membership section on page 12 of the Track and Field Coaches Manual for more detailed information.
3. Minimum number of entries – A 1:00 pm CT on Tuesday, after declarations have closed, NAIA Sport Manager will send an email including a form to fill all event field sizes to a minimum standard of 20 student-athletes. Forms must be completed by 5:00 pm CT Tuesday to be considered. Qualifying an athlete through this method does not require the use of a right-of-membership entry. (NOTE: multi event size is 16)
4. Marks must be performed in a scheduled collegiate or open track and field meet. Practice marks or relay splits may not be used. A meet is defined as two or more collegiate teams competing in six or more events per gender. The exceptions are field meets, multi-event meets, and race walk events (contested on the track).

5. For more detailed indoor specific procedures, please refer to page 11 of the Track and Field Coaches Manual.
6. For more detailed race walk specific procedures, please refer to page 11 of the Track and Field Coaches Manual.

NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual: [https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/pdf/Track and Field/2025-26 TF Manual.pdf](https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/2025-26_TF_Manual.pdf)

Sport Rules

NAIA Indoor Track and Field will use the NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook. Any NAIA Modifications can be found in the NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual.

NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook:
<https://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/TF25.pdf>

NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual: [https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/pdf/Track and Field/2025-26 TF Manual.pdf](https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/2025-26_TF_Manual.pdf)

National Championship Protests, Appeals, and Disqualification

Appeal Procedure

Appeal forms are available in coaches' packets and must be submitted to the designated protest table for processing within **15 minutes** after the results are official. A \$50.00 fee for any appeal shall be charged. If the appeal is won, the fee will be returned to the coach who made the appeal. Exact cash only, no change will be given and no cards will be accepted.

Review of Photographs and Official Video

An additional \$25.00 fee shall be charged for a request for the referee/games committee to review a photo-finish picture or official video. Should the official video not show the occurrence, the additional fee will be returned. Official photo and video will be the only material reviewed. Coaches cannot provide their own photo or video. Coaches will not be allowed to view the photo or video with the referee/games committee.

Disqualification

The Games Committee, after consultation with the NAIA Track and Field Sport Manager, has the authority to remove any athlete and/or coach from national competition or may recommend to the appropriate council any or all of the following:

1. A reprimand (public or private).
2. Disqualification from future participation in championships.
3. Banning from participation in subsequent championship qualification, a student-athlete or a representative of an institution who is guilty of misconduct occurring at any time preceding or subsequent to the competition during the official dates of the championships.

“Misconduct” shall mean any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct in practice or competition, or breach of policy which tends to discredit the championship and intercollegiate athletics that may be found upon an informal hearing granted the student-athlete or institutional representative involved.

Additional information regarding disqualification can be found in the NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual: https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/2025-26_TF_Manual.pdf

Championship Format

All events except the pentathlon, heptathlon, high jump, and pole vault will have a preliminary round and final round of competition. Preliminary heats and flights will be determined based on the NCAA Track and Field Rulebook with oversight from the Indoor Games Committee. Advancement methods from preliminary rounds to the final round will be listed on heat sheets. Field events will take the top 9 to finals. Running events with finals will take 8 to finals based on prelim heat finish and top time.

Declaration

All qualifiers must be entered through DirectAthletics during the declaration period.

Relay Cards

At least thirty (30) minutes prior to a relay, coaches must turn in a relay declaration card to the clerk/check-in table. These cards will indicate which four runners will be running the relay. Cards will be provided in packets upon pickup. Extra relay cards can be found at the clerk/check-in table or the games committee area.

Spikes

Pyramid spikes a maximum of ¼ inch in length only. No needle or compression spikes will be allowed. Spikes will be checked by the clerks at check-in.

Heat Sheets and Results

Heat Sheets will be available the week of the championship. The Championship Sport Manager will distribute heat sheets to head coaches via email. They will also be available through the live results website.

Live Results: <http://live.halfmiletiming.com/>

More information regarding the posting of official results to be released in the coming weeks.

Event Check-in Process

Running events can check in at the clerk's table at any point throughout the day of their race. They must be checked in at least 30 minutes prior to the posted start time of the event, or they will be disqualified. All athletes should bring their spikes when checking in. All spikes will be checked for spike length at check-in.

Field events can check in at their event. Officials will be at the event at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the event. Athletes must be checked in at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the posted start time of the event, or they will be disqualified.

Horizontal Jump Boards

Long jump boards are 2.03m on both runways.

Women's Triple Jump board is 10.93m.

Men's Triple Jump board is 13.37m.

Total runway length is 54.10m.

Starting Heights, Progressions, and 5-Alive

W High Jump Starting Height: 1.61m

M High Jump Starting Height: 1.99m

W Pole Vault Starting Height: 3.40m

M Pole Vault Starting Height: 4.55m

High Jump Progression: First increase of 5 cm, all other increases are 3 cm

Pole Vault Progression: First increase of 15 cm, second increase of 10 cm, all other increases are 5 cm

The games committee has elected not to use 5-Alive in any of the pole vault or high jump competitions.

Scoring Method

The top 8 finishers in each event will receive points counting towards their team totals. 1st place shall receive 10 points, 2nd place shall receive 8 points, 3rd place shall receive 6 points, 4th place shall receive 5 points, 5th place shall receive 4 points, 6th place shall receive 3 points, 7th place shall receive 2 points, 8th place shall receive 1 point. The team with the highest total points after the final event is the team champion.

Post-Championship

Awards

After the conclusion of each event, the individual or relay event awards presentation will take place at the awards area. The top 8 scoring finishers are awarded NAIA All-America status. Awards will not be awarded until the appeal window of 15 minutes has closed.

After the conclusion of the event and all individual event awards, will be the championship award presentation. The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for the national championship meet. National championship awards are presented to the top 4 placing teams of each gender. They will be invited to receive their trophies. The NAIA will also recognize a Men's and Women's Coach of the Year. In addition, the NAIA recognizes the Most Outstanding Performance and the Most Valuable Performer of the meet. The Games Committee will select one athlete per gender for each award based on event performances and total individual points scored.

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:

<https://naiaforms.formstack.com/forms/csatsurvey>

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 sent via email to all head coaches after the meet.

Championship Deadlines

Submission Deadlines

Submission	Deadline (all times in CT)
Champions of Character (5+ participants of the same gender)	Saturday, February 15, 2026 – 5:00 pm
TFRRS Performance List locks	Monday, February 23, 2026 – 12:00 pm (List is final at 1:00pm)
DirectAthletics opens for multi events, individual events, and relays	Monday, February 23, 2026 – 1:00 pm
Entry Deadline – Multi Events	Monday, February 23, 2026 – 5:00 pm
Entry Deadline – Individual and Relays	Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – 1:00 pm
Minimum Field Size Entry process opens	Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – 1:00 pm
Minimum Field Size Entry process closes	Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – 5:00 pm
Deadline for late entries and roster corrections	Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 10:00 am
2026 Indoor Track & Field Championship Qualifier Information Survey	Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 5:00 pm
Athletic Trainer Credential Request	Monday, March 2, 2026 – 10:00 am
Entry Fees – Sent to head coach's email	Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – 9:00 am
Coach of the Year	Saturday, March 7, 2026 – 6:00 pm ET

Entry Process

All individual qualifiers will need to be entered through DirectAthletics. Entry fees will also be paid through electronic invoice from Authorize.net/GainesvilleSportsCommission. After the entry deadline, if an event has not met the established minimum field size, the championship manager will send a form via email for coaches to declare their athletes for consideration.

More detailed information on how to submit online entries through DirectAthletics can be found in the NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual.

DirectAthletics: <https://www.directathletics.com/index.html>

NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual: <https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/track-field>

Rosters

Rosters listed in DirectAthletics after the entry deadline will be considered official.

Entry Fee

The entry fee for the national championship is \$150.00 per team plus \$15 per athlete on the final declared roster, regardless of the number of events. Men and women are considered separate teams. The maximum any one institution pays in entry fees is capped at \$500 (combined cost for both men's and women's teams). Entry fee invoices will be sent to head coaches via email to pay online. Entry fees will also be paid through electronic invoice from Authorize.net/GainesvilleSportsCommission.

Uniforms

Uniform Policy

In all competitions, competitors must wear the proper uniform of the institution they represent in the championships. All uniforms must allow competitors' numbers to be placed above the waist (front and back). All applicable rules as printed in the NCAA Track and Field Rulebook shall be followed. Failure to comply with this regulation may jeopardize the student-athletes' eligibility. The NAIA uniform sponsorship is an NAIA modification to the NCAA uniform rules.

NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook:

<https://ncaapublications.com/products/2025-and-2026-track-fieldcross-country-rules-book-online-only>

World Athletics Shoe Compliance

Per NCAA rules, in all competitions, competitors must wear World Athletics approved shoes. There will be WA compliance checks throughout the meet conducted by the Shoe Control Officer. If an athlete is found to have worn noncompliant or illegal shoes, the event performance will be thrown out. Athletes are not disqualified from the meet, and are permitted to compete in other events if qualified so long as they have changed their footwear for subsequent events.

World Athletics Approved Shoe List:

https://certcheck.worldathletics.org/FullList?_gl=1*ksh37m*_ga*MTYyNzEwNjIwMi4xNzMzMzE1NzA1*_ga_7FE9YV46NW*MTczMzMxNTcwNS4xLjEuMTczMzMxNTgwOS4wLjAuMA

Competition Bibs and Numbers

Bibs must be worn on all competitors and will be required to enter the competition facility. Competitors must wear bibs on the front of their jersey. Pole vault competitors may wear bibs on the front or the back of their jersey. If you athlete loses or ruins their bib, upon request, the Championship Sport Manager and timer can issue a new number.

Runners must wear hip numbers denoting their lane assignments. Hip numbers will be given to the competitors when they check in with the Clerk of the Course.

Laundry

Senor Bubbles

Address: [4080 SW 24th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32607](#)

Phone: 352-810-4080

Hours of Operation: 7:00am – 10:00pm

Spin City Laundry

Address: [4110 SW 34th St., Gainesville, FL 32608](#)

Phone: 352-565-2148

Hours of Operation: Open 24hrs

Equipment

Event Specific Equipment

Please refer to the NCAA Track and Field rulebook for specific rules regarding event specific equipment.

NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook:

<https://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/TF25.pdf>

Shipping Equipment

If you are shipping any pole vault poles, throwing equipment, or team tents, please ship these directly to your hotel.

Venue Information

Official Team Entrance

Teams will enter and exit through the main entrance on the West side of the building. Coaches should use their credentials for entry. Student-Athletes will need to use their competition bibs for entry.

Warmup Area

There is an outside warm up area with 200m Mondo lanes to the Northwest of the track facility. Please utilize this sport for your warmups.

Map to warm up area: https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/2025-26/Warm_Up_Lanes.pdf

Team Meals

Teams can order in meals through any of the restaurants on the link provided below. If you have the meals delivered, someone from your staff must meet the delivery driver in the north parking garage. They will not be able to bring the food into the facility for you.

If you order any of these catering options, team meals must be served and eaten in the Team Area location on the facility map only. Team meals cannot be served from the bleachers.

Link to team meal providers: https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/2025-26/Team_Meals.pdf

Ticketing Information

All tickets can be purchased online through the provided ticket link. Tickets are \$10.00 per day. Tickets should be purchased in advance. No cash will be accepted at the front gate.

Ticket Link: <https://sportwrench.com/event/26925>

NAIA passes will be accepted at the front entrance. Presidents and ADs will be listed on the pass list at the front entrance.

Parking

There is a parking garage located across the indoor track off Celebration Pointe Ave and SW 49th Terrace. There is also a parking lot for buses and vans located a few blocks from the facility off SW 31st Ln and SW 49th Terrace. Please note the parking garage does have a clearance of 8'2". The clearance drops to 7'0" at the ramp to the 2nd floor. Larger vans and buses may not fit in the garage and are advised to use the bus/van parking lot after dropping off athletes. Please see the attached maps to ensure that you or your driver are using the designated athlete drop off and parking areas.

Parking Maps: [https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Track and Field/2025-26/NAIA Bus Map.pdf](https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Track%20and%20Field/2025-26/NAIA%20Bus%20Map.pdf)

Games Committee

The games committee will assist in creating and approve the meet schedule. The games committee will also assist in various functions leading up to and throughout the championship including, but not limited to meet management decisions, practice schedule creation, approval of heat sheets, packet pickup, practice monitoring, reviewing results, and hearing appeals.

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 activities, attractions, and restaurants: <https://www.visitgainesville.com/>

What's Good Calendar from VisitGainesville, Alachua County FL:

<https://www.visitgainesville.com/whats-good/>

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/111742636/23Iupgwg

Hotels

Team Hotels

Team and individual qualifiers are required to stay at approved properties. Please see the link below for a list of properties. To receive the lowest possible rate, please follow the contact instructions listed below the property name.

2026 Indoor Track and Field Approved Housing List:

<https://www.gainesvillesportscommission.com/events/61st-annual-mens-womens-indoor-track-field-national-championship/>

Medical

Ambulance

There will be EMS staff onsite located in the center of the East side of the track with the Athletic Trainers.

Athletic Training

Caitlyn Richter is the Head Athletic Trainer onsite. The Athletic Training area will have items for taping, first aid supplies, ice, AED, etc. There will be EMS onsite as well for any emergencies. Athletic Trainers will be onsite throughout practices and the meet.

If you are an Athletic Trainer traveling with your team, please complete the [Athletic Trainer Credential Request Form](#) by 10:00 am on Monday, March 2nd. Athletic Trainers can pick up their credentials on Tuesday, March 3rd from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Wednesday, March 4th from to 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 front entrance pass table throughout the championship.

We ask that any Athletic Trainers traveling to the championship with their own tables utilize these in the Team Area Room on the southeast side of the track.

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

Local Hospitals

Shands Hospital

[1600 SW Archer Rd](#)

[Gainesville, Florida 32608](#)

Distance from Venue: 3.8 miles

HCA Florida Gainesville Emergency

[4094 SW 41st Blvd](#)

[Gainesville, Florida 32608](#)

Distance from venue: 1.1 miles

Local Pharmacies

Walmart Pharmacy

[2900 SW 42nd St](#)

[Gainesville, Florida 32608](#)

Credentials

Team Credentials

Student-Athletes

Student-Athletes will use their competition bibs as a credential to gain access to the track facility throughout the competition. Bibs will be given to head coaches upon check-in on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Coaches

Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be assigned credentials based on their institution's qualifier survey request. Credentials will grant them access into the track

facility throughout the competition. Credentials will be given to head coaches upon check-in on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

Please apply here for SID/Photographer and media credentials:

https://naiaforms.formstack.com/forms/media_credentials

Hospitality/Concessions

Concessions

Concessions will be available throughout the meet. They do not accept cash payment.

Official Roster

Each team's submitted DirectAthletics entries will be used as the official roster. Coaches will need to sign the roster upon packet pickup.

Submission Process

Meet entries will be submitted through DirectAthletics and the minimum field size fill form. Coaches will be listed on the qualifier survey.

Programs and Merchandise

Program

A digital program will be available to download.

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

Hours of Sale: Thursday, March 5 – 8:30 am to 8:00 pm (or end of events)

Friday, March 6 – 8:30 am to 8:00 pm (or end of events)

Saturday, March 7 – 9:00 am to 7:00 pm (or end of awards ceremony)

Media Relations

NAIA Sport Page

The official 2025 NAIA Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field National Championship website can be found by visiting: <https://www.naia.org/sports/mtrack-ind/index> (men) or <https://www.naia.org/sports/wtrack-ind/index> (women)

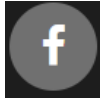
The official national championship website contains the tournament schedule and results, game box scores, official bracket, photo galleries, historical archives, ticketing information, and more.

Social Media

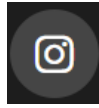
Follow the NAIA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the NAIA Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field National Championship.



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Championship Results

The 2026 NAIA Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field National Championships will have live results and find scores available by visiting: <http://live.halfmiletiming.com/>

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

Katie Green

Senior Manager of Athletics Communications and Media

kgreen@naia.org

Championship Photo and Video Requests

All media parties requesting access to photos or video highlights from the 2025 NAIA Men's & Women's Track & Field National Championship should contact Katie Green, kgreen@naia.org.

Information on championship photos will be released in the coming weeks.

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 and Women's Indoor Track & Field 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.

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.

NAIA Drug Testing

Each academic year all eligible NAIA student-athletes must sign a consent form in which he or she consents to be tested for the use of drugs prohibited by the NAIA Banned Substance List to participate in any NAIA National Champions competitions. This consent form shall be administered and kept by each individual institution.

Each institution will be responsible for verifying a signed consent form is on file for each participating student-athlete on the DirectAthletics roster. By providing a signed roster form at check-in, each institution is officially verifying that all student-athletes on the postseason roster have completed a drug testing consent form and are thus eligible to participate in postseason competition.

NAIA Drug Testing & Education Resource: https://www.naia.org/drug-education-testing/files/Drug_Testing_Info_Sheets.pdf

NAIA Sportsmanship and Code of Conduct Policy

Ejections

An ejection is an action enforced in conjunction with competition by a meet referee 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) (formerly the Association of Independent Institutions). 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).

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 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: <https://www.naia.org/officiating/ejection-reporting>