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NAIA LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET

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Welcome

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), congratulations on your qualification to the 2026 Men's & Women's Lacrosse National Championship! The event will be held at Jack Allen Stadium in Decatur, Alabama on May 11-16. This championship packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the championship.

We look forward to welcoming you to Decatur 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
Senior Championship Sport Manager	Abby Schultz	616.610.4436	aschultz@naia.org
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Decatur Parks & Recreation	Don Dukemineer	256.938.0617	ddukemineer@decatur-al.gov

Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 9		
9a-5p	Practice Fields Available	Jack Allen Stadium
Sunday, May 10		
9a-5p	Practices	Jack Allen Stadium
1-3pm	Team Check-In	Jack Allen Stadium
6:30p-8p	Student-Athlete Experience	The Pavillion
Monday, May 11 – WOMEN'S GAMES		
8:45-10:30am	Teaming Up for Character - MLAX	
9a-5p	Team Practices	Jack Allen Stadium
10:00 AM	Quarterfinal #1	Jack Allen Stadium
1:00 PM	Quarterfinal #2	Jack Allen Stadium
4:00 PM	Quarterfinal #3	Jack Allen Stadium
7:00 PM	Quarterfinal #4	Jack Allen Stadium
Tuesday, May 12 – MEN'S GAMES		
9a-5p	Team Practices	Jack Allen Stadium
10:00 AM	Quarterfinal #1	Jack Allen Stadium
1:00 PM	Quarterfinal #2	Jack Allen Stadium
4:00 PM	Quarterfinal #3	Jack Allen Stadium
7:00 PM	Quarterfinal #4	Jack Allen Stadium
Wednesday, May 13 – WOMEN'S GAMES		
9a-5p	Team Practices	Jack Allen Stadium
4:00 PM	Semifinals #1	Jack Allen Stadium
7:00 PM	Semifinals #2	Jack Allen Stadium

Thursday, May 14 – MEN'S GAMES		
9a-5p Morning – Time TBD 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Team Practices	Jack Allen Stadium
	Teaming Up for Character – WLAX	
	Semifinals #1	Jack Allen Stadium
	Semifinals #2	Jack Allen Stadium
Friday, May 15 – WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP		
9a-5p 5:00 PM	Team Practices	Jack Allen Stadium
	Championship	Jack Allen Stadium
Saturday, May 16 – MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP		
9a-5p 5:00 PM	Team Practices	Jack Allen Stadium
	Championship	Jack Allen Stadium

Qualifier Call

A Final Site Qualifier Administrative Call will take place on **Tuesday, May 5 at 11am CST**. This meeting is mandatory for all tournament head coaches and will include information related to the administration of the tournament.

Meeting Link: <https://naia-org.zoom.us/j/88412409235>

Coaches Check-In

Team Check-In will be on Sunday, May 10 from 1p-3pm at Jack Allen Complex. This will take place in the pavilion above the concessions stand. Head Coaches are required to check in & sign off on postseason rosters.

Group Me

Join the GroupMe App for all onsite communication throughout the week. Announcements will be made in the group, please direct individual questions to Abby Schultz or a tournament committee member.



Practices

Practices all week will take place at Jack Allen Complex. Practices will be a max of 90 minutes. There will be three women's practice fields & three men's practice fields.

Teams will be able to sign up for their desired practice slot **following the Qualifier Call**.

Practice Time slots will be as follows:

9-10:30am, 10:30-12p, 12-1:30p, 1:30-3p, 3-4:30p, 4:30-6p

Practice fields will be available as early as Saturday, May 9.

Pre-Game Timeline/Procedures

1. The higher seed is the home team for every game. Home teams wear white or light uniforms and sit on the right-side bench (facing scorer's table), and visitors wear dark uniforms and sit on the left side (facing scorer's table).
2. National Anthems will be played/sung before the start of the first game of each day.
3. Teams playing in the first game of the day will be allowed on the field to warmup 60 minutes before the start of the game. Teams playing in subsequent games will receive a minimum of 30 minutes of warmup. The stadium clock will be set to hit 0:00 on warmups five minutes before the scheduled start of each game. After warmup is complete, teams will head to their benches to prepare for introductions.
4. Players and bench personnel can move around bench area during game. Coaches, must control your bench and keep players/staff/coaches within the coaching/team box. Only people with appropriate credentials will be allowed in bench area. Each team is allowed 41 persons total on their bench, no more than 35 players.
5. Rosters forms are to be used for starting line-ups. Completed roster forms must be submitted to a Tournament Committee member at least 20 minutes prior to start time of your game.

Weather Policy

All national champions should be determined in competition, with all national championship contests played to a conclusion. Playability should be determined by the onsite Games Committee with the intent of completing the National Championship on schedule. If necessary, the following Inclement Weather Policy will be used at the Final Site.

If the weather forecast indicates adverse weather conditions will impact matches at the final site, the NAIA can alter match start times to allow competition to be completed. If a match's start time is altered, both competing institutions will be notified at least (2) hours prior to the original start time of the match. No team shall play more than one match per day.

No match shall be started prior to 8:00a.m. local time, or after 11:00pm local time with every effort made to complete the designated round on the same day within that time range.

If a round is unable to be completed within that time range, the remaining match(es) will take place the next playable day and previously scheduled matches for that day will have adjusted start times to accommodate the additional match(es). The NAIA, in conjunction with the games committee, has the authority to push back start times in future rounds, while keeping the scheduled days of matches the same, to provide as much rest as possible to teams inconvenienced by inclement weather.

If, after other options are exhausted, a round must be scheduled for Sunday, it will be done so pending written approval of all participating schools that have a policy prohibiting Sunday competition. Should approval not be granted by all participants for Sunday play, the round will be moved to the next playable date.

Student-Athlete Experience Event

The Student-Athlete Experience will take place on **Sunday, May 10 from 6:30-8pm** at Ingalls Harbor Pavilion – 802-A Wilson St NW Decatur, Alabama 35061. All teams are required to attend. This event is designed to celebrate the student-athletes & hand out awards. All-American awards will be announced at this banquet.

Teams are encouraged to dress up.

Allergy information or special dietary considerations can be submitted with the Final Site Qualifier Form: [HERE](#)

Teaming Up for Character

Teaming up for Character event will be held at two separate times.

Men's Lacrosse – Local Elementary School – 8:45-10:30am on Monday, May 12.

Women's Lacrosse – TUFC Event – Thursday morning (more details to come)

Sport Rules

NCAA Lacrosse Rules govern all NAIA regular season and postseason play. Rulebooks may be purchased or downloaded for free online [here](#).

Championship Format

The NAIA Men's & Women's Lacrosse National Championship is an 8-team single-elimination tournament. In this combined format, this year Women's Lacrosse Championship will occur on Monday, Wednesday, Friday followed by the Men's Lacrosse Championship on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

Film Exchange

Championship games will be broadcast on <https://naianetwork.com/> and the UEN Network. Game film will be distributed to advancing head coaches by the NAIA Championship Sport Manager via the Hudl Championship Film Exchange.

Post-Championship

Awards

The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for its national championship, with awards provided to the official parties of the top two teams. A 12-member All-Tournament Team, including the Tournament Most Valuable Player, is selected. The Tournament Most Valuable Player is included as part of the 12-member All-Tournament Team. Awards will be presented at midfield at the conclusion of the championship game.

- National Runner-up Team Awards
- All-Tournament Team Awards
- Most Valuable Player
- National Champion Team Awards

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.

To access the championship satisfaction survey, use [this link](#).

Tournament Deadlines

Entry Fee

Each participating team will be charged a \$750 entry fee to participate in the 2026 NAIA Lacrosse National Championships. Please bring a check made out to **Decatur Morgan Tourism** to Team Check-In.

Qualifier Forms

Teams must submit the Final Site Qualifier Form by Wednesday, May 6 at end of day.

Final Site Qualifier Form Link: [Click Here](#)

Rosters

Championship roster lists should be submitted inside of [NAIA Connect](#) by May 5, at end of day.

Team Photo

Submit team photo Tuesday, May 5, 5 p.m. CT

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

Logo

For all teams and partners needing access to official NAIA Championship and team logos, please use the following resources:

- NAIA Championship Logos: Access approved championship logos for digital and print use [here](#). Be sure to review usage guidelines to maintain consistent branding.
- Team Logos: Individual team logos can be downloaded directly from the NAIA Member Logos portal [here](#). This resource provides high-resolution files for each participating team, suitable for event materials, digital assets, and more.

Please reach out to your NAIA Athletic Communications Manager with any questions about logo usage or access.

Uniforms

Uniform Policy

Teams must have both light and dark colored uniforms available. Home teams wear light colored uniforms and visitors wear dark. The higher seed in the tournament is considered the home team. It is mandatory that numbers are easily distinguishable from the predominant background color(s) and pattern. Numbers must be displayed on front and back of each player's jersey.

Equipment

Official Ball

The Women's Lacrosse Championship will utilize Crankshooter Lacrosse Game balls which meet all NFHS/SEI/NOCSAE/NCAA specifications.

Venue Information

All practices & games will be held at Jack Allen Complex
Jack Allen Complex address: 2616 Moadus Road SW Decatur, Alabama 35603

Ticketing Information

Tickets may be purchased online at [TICKET LINK](#).

Concessions

Concessions will be available inside of Jack Allen Complex for coaches, fans, and players to purchase. Jack Allen Complex is a cashless facility.

Tournament Committee

Tournament Committee members are appointed by NAIA and serve to implement the rules agreed upon by the NAIA-WLCA. Tournament Committee members act as a liaison between the teams and the National Office and will help coordinate the tournament operations and awards.

2026 Tournament Committee Members are as follows:

Team Travel & Information

Airport Information

Huntsville International Airport is 15 miles from Decatur, Alabama.
Nashville International Airport is 120 miles from Decatur, Alabama.

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 at teamtravel@shortstravel.com or (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

All teams traveling to the final site are **required** to stay at designated hotels. Teams hotel assignments have been pre-arranged and will be sent out after the selection show.

Room blocks at team hotels are designated only for members of the official party and athletic training staff. Following the announcement of all teams, hotel assignments will be distributed.

To book hotel rooms, teams will contact Dolores Powell - dpowell@visitdecatur.org or call **(256) 350-2028**.

Women's teams will book their hotel rooms on Tuesday, May 5. Seeds 1-4 are encouraged to call between 8am-12pm, seeds 5-8 are encouraged to call between 1-5pm.

Men's teams will book their hotel rooms on Wednesday, May 6. Seeds 1-4 are encouraged to call between 8am-12pm, seeds 5-8 are encouraged to call between 1-5pm.

Medical

Ambulance

An Ambulance will be on-site in case of emergency throughout the duration of the 2026 NAIA Lacrosse National Championships.

Athletic Training

Certified Athletic Trainers will be available throughout team practices and during championship competition. Water will be provided at training and games. Teams will need to bring their own water bottles. On-site Athletic Training/Medical Coordinator information will be sent out to all Athletic Trainers following qualification.

Local Hospitals

Decatur Morgan Hospital: 1201 7th Street SE Decatur, Alabama 35601

Credentials

Team Credentials

Team credentials will be provided to all members of the official party upon team check-in. Upon entering the complex, players and coaches should wear credentials, have them visible, or easily accessible. Only credentialed personnel will be allowed on the playing surface during competition.

Players/staff must be able to provide credentials upon request or risk being in violation of the roster limit policy.

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 Memorial Stadium or by contacting Brandt McCall (bmccall@naia.org).

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

Apply for Media Credentials here: [Final Site Media Credential Application](#)

Official Roster

Submission Process

The official party for each team participating in postseason play is 35 players allowed in uniform and up to 4 support staff. Each team will receive a maximum number of 39 credentials, 35 student-athlete credentials and 4 official party credentials. Each team is allowed up to two athletic training/medical personnel on the team sideline. Only members of the Official Party will be permitted in the team area, which includes the bench.

Medical Personnel - Each team is allowed up to two athletic training/medical personnel on the team sideline. One of which must be an ATC, MD, or DO. 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.

Postseason rosters (and ejection disclosures) will be processed electronically and the administrator completing the roster will sign electronically. Postseason rosters no longer need to be sent to the NAIA National Office.

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. Once the championship begins, no player may compete who is not listed on the postseason roster.

Team Benches

Head coaches are responsible for designating bench personnel. No additional personnel are allowed in the team bench area. Each team's bench area should include the following personnel only:

- Up to 35 players in uniform
- Up to 4 additional personnel (head coach, assistant coaches, managers, etc.)
- Up to 2 certified athletic trainers/medical personnel

Programs and Merchandise

Program

2026 NAIA Lacrosse programs will be available online.

[Women's Lacrosse Program](#)

[Men's Lacrosse Program](#)

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 Championship. 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.

Email: contact@fdkyteam.com

For any Fine Designs customer service inquiries, please contact:

Inna Kasaev, Fine Designs

inna@fdkyteam.com

(859) 241-1265

Media Relations

NAIA Lacrosse Sport Page

The official 2026 NAIA Women's Lacrosse National Championship website can be found by visiting:

WLAX: <https://www.naia.org/sports/wlax/index>

MLAX: <https://www.naia.org/sports/mlax/index>

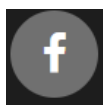
The official national championship website contains the tournament schedule and results, game box scores, official bracket, photo galleries, historical archives, ticketing information, and more.

Social Media

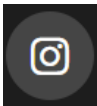
Follow the NAIA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the NAIA Men's & Women's Lacrosse National Championship.



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Championship Results

The 2026 NAIA Lacrosse National Championship official live statistics and box scores will be available online. For questions regarding official live statistics or box scores, please contact:

Brandt McCall

Women's Lacrosse Manager of Athletics Communications

bmccall@naia.org

Championship Photo and Video Requests

All media parties requesting access to photos or video highlights from the 2026 NAIA Lacrosse National Championship should contact [Brandt McCall](#).

Radio and TV Broadcasting Policies

The 2026 NAIA Lacrosse National Championship stream will be accessible through the [Urban Edge Network \(UEN\)](#) and www.naianetwork.com.

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

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 player, coach or other bench personnel ejected from the game must leave the venue, be out of sight and sound and is prohibited from any communication

or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches and/or bench personnel until the completion of the contest, including all overtime periods. Exception: The AT is permitted to be in the designated spectator area if he/she is ejected. If the ejected individual(s) is a player of record in the game at the time of the ejection, the player, who cannot be replaced, shall leave the game and his team shall play short. Ejections also result in subsequent game(s) suspension as outlined in Rule 12.8.

[Ejection Report Forms](#) must be completed by the ejecting NAIA official and sent to 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. Protests based on matters of referee judgement or the accuracy of a decision shall not be considered.

Ejections are not subject to appeal. Some sport rules [allow protests through an official process](#) outlined in each sport rule book. **Protests based on matters of referee judgment, or the accuracy of a decision shall not be considered.**