



**2025-26
TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET**

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Welcome

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Mobile Tennis Center, congratulations on your qualification to the 2026 Men's and Women's Tennis National Championships! The event will be held at the Mobile Tennis Center in Mobile, Alabama, May 12-16, 2026. This championship packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the championship.

We look forward to welcoming you to Mobile 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

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Schedule of Events (CST)

Sunday, May 10, 2026		
8:30am – 8:30pm	Practices (must be reserved)	Mobile Tennis Center
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Coaches Check-in (option 1)	2 nd Floor of Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza
Monday, May 11, 2026		
7:30am – 3:00pm	Teaming up for Character (day 1)	Various Locations
8:00am – 4:00pm	Practices (must be reserved)	Mobile Tennis Center
8:00am – 12:00pm	Coaches Check-in (option 2)	2 nd Floor of Renaissance
3:00pm	Coaches Meeting – Mandatory	Renaissance, Grand Bay Room
3:00pm	Athletic Trainers Meeting	TBD
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Student-Athlete Experience Pre- Event, Team Photos available.	2 nd Floor of Renaissance
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Student-Athlete Experience Event. Banquet	2 nd Floor of Renaissance
Tuesday, May 12, 2026		
7:30am – 5:30pm	Teaming up for Character (day 2)	Various Locations
8:00am – 6:00pm	Practices (must be reserved)	Various Locations
9:00am	Men's Tennis First Round	Mobile Tennis Center
1:00pm	Women's Tennis First Round	Mobile Tennis Center
Wednesday, May 13, 2026		
9:00am	Men's Tennis Second Round	Mobile Tennis Center
1:00pm	Women's Tennis Second Round	Mobile Tennis Center

Thursday, May 14, 2026		
9:00am	Men's Tennis Quarterfinals	Mobile Tennis Center
1:00pm	Women's Tennis Quarterfinals	Mobile Tennis Center
Friday, May 15, 2026		
9:00am	Men's Tennis Semifinals	Mobile Tennis Center
1:00pm	Women's Tennis Semifinals	Mobile Tennis Center
Saturday, May 16, 2026		
9:00am	Men's Tennis Finals	Mobile Tennis Center
Approximately 12:00pm	Men's Tennis Awards Presentation	Mobile Tennis Center
1:00pm	Women's Tennis Finals	Mobile Tennis Center
Approximately 4:00 pm	Women's Tennis Awards Presentation	Mobile Tennis Center

Qualifier Call

A Qualifier Call will take place Thursday, April 30 at 10:00am CST. Click here for the [Zoom Link](#)

Team Check In

Team check-in will take place on the second floor of the host hotel, Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel. A member of the coaching staff is responsible for officially checking in the team, verifying the roster and lineup, and completing all entry fees. Reminder to bring each team's official scorebook to the check-in.

Check-in option #1 – Sunday, May 10, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Hotel second floor.

Check-in option #2 – Monday, May 11, 8:00am – 12:00pm. Hotel second floor.

Coaches only need to attend one check-in time slot. Late check-ins will not be permitted as the championship staff will be unavailable; please plan accordingly.

Practices

Practice venues will be available Sunday – Tuesday. Court times must be reserved through Fred Aubuchon at the NAIA National office, and teams will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis. **No Practice Times will be scheduled until qualifiers are officially announced and your team has signed up for your Teaming up for Character Event.** Each team is permitted to sign up for only one practice time on Sunday and one time on Monday (additional times may not be permitted). Those teams that receive a bye will be pre-assigned one practice time on Tuesday. Important to note that there is limited space at the Mobile Tennis Center on Tuesday, and at least one secondary facility has been secured.

New: Only Wilson Tennis Balls will be permitted in competition, warm-up, and practices. Wilson has generously agreed to provide Wilson Tennis Balls for each team at this year's championship; you are not permitted to borrow balls from the host. Additional balls may be provided to teams advancing to the quarterfinals.

Pre-game Timeline

60:00 – Three (3) courts available to each team for full warm-up, prior to doubles.

30:00 – Three (3) courts available to each team for minimum warm-up, prior to doubles.

5:00 – Six (6) courts available to each team for minimum warm-up, prior to singles.

Weather Policy

All national champions should be determined in competition, with all national championship contests played to their conclusion. Playability should be determined by the onsite games committee in consultation with the national office. Every effort should be made by the onsite Decision-Making Authorities to conclude the National Championship on schedule.

If necessary, the following Inclement Weather Policies will be used at the Final Site:

1. The Decision-Making Authorities for determining delays will be the following:
 - a. NAIA Championship Sport Manager
 - b. On-site Tournament Committee
 - c. Host Director
 - d. Head Referee

- e. Head Athletic Trainer (primary authority regarding weather conditions)
- 2. No matches will begin after 11:00pm on any day.
- 3. Teams will not play more than twice in one day.
- 4. Teams will not play more than once in one day during the Semifinals and Finals.
- 5. Every effort will be made to complete the Championship on time and by the end of the day on Saturday of the scheduled championship.
 - a. If it is necessary to extend beyond Saturday, teams will be asked to compete on Sunday.
 - b. If a competing team has a 'no play on Sunday' policy in their Declaration of Intent (submitted to the NAIA), then the competition will be moved to Monday.
- 6. Men's and Women's matches will not be forced to play at the same time.
 - a. Adjusted start times may be used to begin play immediately following preceding matches if other courts are available for warm-up.
- 7. Standard warm-up times to begin match play includes 60 minutes on a court. This can be shortened to 30 minutes.

Student-Athlete Experience Event

The Annual Banquet will be at the headquarter hotel – Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel. The banquet will be on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Teams will have the opportunity for team pictures (free of charge) from 5:00pm – 6:30pm outside of the Banquet Room. **This is a required event for all teams.**

Tickets will need to be purchased in advance using the link on the Championship Resources Page. The cost for the Banquet will be \$10 per person for members of the official party (Coaches and Student Athletes) and \$65 per person for any additional tickets purchased. Please note that due to the increase in roster sizes, additional tickets are only available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

[Link for Banquet is also available on the Championship Resources Page.](#)

The suggested dress for the banquet is business casual – formal. Men's suggested dress will be semi-formal clothing, slacks/khakis/chinos, button down shirts with collars, ties are optional. Women's suggested dress will be semi-formal comfortable clothing including dresses, pants, blouses, and skirts. Jeans are discouraged.

Teaming Up for Character

All teams will visit City of Mobile elementary schools on Monday or Tuesday. All NAIA student-athletes and coaches will help teach tennis to local Elementary Physical Education students at their schools. A link will be provided with the Qualifier Email and Coaches will be able to select which elementary school and time slot work best for them. If a school has two teams qualify (men's and women's), they will need to select a timeslot for each qualifying team. Once your team has signed up for your Teaming up for Character event, please email Fred Aubuchon at faubuchon@naia.org to secure your practice times.

As per bylaws, teams will be fined or penalized if they do not perform their assigned Teaming up for Character school visits.

In unique circumstances, some team's may be assigned their TUFC event and practice time.

Coaches Meeting

The mandatory Qualifier Call for all qualifying Head Coaches and Athletic Directors is on Thursday, April 30, at 10:00am CST. [Zoom Link](#)

A second mandatory coaches meeting will take place on Monday, May 11 at 3:00pm at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel, Grand Bay Room. The NAIA Tennis Coaches Annual Business Meeting will also be held in conjunction with this on-site meeting. The on-site meeting will include updated information on the National Championship, guest speakers (National Partners/Sponsors), and official business of the Annual Business Meeting, to include voting on Sport Motions for 2026-2027.

Qualification Process

The NAIA Men's & Women's Tennis National Championship is a 24-team (per gender) event. Qualification plans are approved by the NAC and can be found in NAIA Connect.

Conferences or Unaffiliated Groupings with at least six (6) teams will receive one (1) Automatic Qualifier (Conference Champion). Teams with at least twelve (12) teams will receive two (2) Automatic Qualifiers. The remaining teams are selected as At-Large recipients by each sport's National Selection Committee. There will be no Host Bid used for the 2026 season.

Once all teams are selected for each National Championship, then each National Selection Committee will seed the Brackets using the approved criteria from the Tennis Selection Policy Manual.

Each team must have a minimum of four (4) singles and two (2) doubles to participate in the postseason. If a postseason qualifier or at-large qualifier does not meet the minimum number of athletes, that team's place in the tournament shall be made available to the next deserving team as determined by the National Selection Committee.

Sport Rules

NAIA Tennis follows the [ITA Rulebook](#).

Tournament/Championship Format

The format of the NAIA Tennis National Championship is a 24-team, seeded, single-elimination bracket, for both Men's and Women's.

- Day One, seeds 9-24 play first round dual matches. The top 8 seeds will receive a bye.
- Day Two, seeds 1-8 play second round dual matches against the winners from the first round.
- Day Three, Quarterfinal dual matches.
- Day Four, Semifinal dual matches.
- Day Five, Championship dual matches.

Each year the order of play is rotated. For 2026 the Men will play first.

- 9:00am each day – Men's Matches
- 1:00pm each day – Women's Matches

Roster Challenges and Line up Verification

1. Postseason rosters will be filled out via the NAIA Connect administration website.
2. All postseason rosters should reflect the team's official lineup for Qualifiers and the National Championship.
3. Postseason rosters will be downloaded by the NAIA Championship Sport Manager prior to the National Championship and sent out to all coaches that are participating in the National Championship Tournament.

- a. Coaches must also list their correct roster order for singles and doubles on the official Qualifier Form.
4. Coaches will have the opportunity to correct any errors in their lineups (singles or doubles) and resubmit their lineup.
 - a. Lineups will follow the ITA Rulebook regarding order-of-ability.
5. All lineups will require final verification at the coaches' check-in of the National Championship.
 - a. Coaches will also be required to turn in their season scorebook at this time.
6. After the close of check-in, the updated Master Lineups will be sent out to all coaches for final review.
7. Coaches have the right to file an official protest of another school's Master Lineup.
 - a. Pay attention to the timeline that will be provided by the Championship Sport Manager.
 - b. All Head Coaches must remain available during the protest period.
 - c. All protests will be reviewed by the Championship Tournament Committee.
8. Scorebooks will be returned at the Coaches Meeting.

Team Player Replacement/Substitution

NAIA Tennis follows the [ITA Rulebook](#).

Appendix A from [Coaches Manual](#).

1. Each round Master Lineups will be placed on the respective official scoresheet.
2. Coaches are required to check their lineup and scoresheet at the Tournament Desk (Headquarters) at least 30 minutes prior to the start of play for each round.
3. The Tournament Desk and appropriate referee must be notified of any changes to the lineup before the start of play for the affected match.
 - a. If the tournament desk and referee have not been informed of a lineup change (and a player or players play out of position in the submitted lineup), the affected match(es) are defaulted.
 - b. If a scratch occurs after check-in, the Head Coach must inform their respective referee, and the referee will radio the information to the Tournament Desk for verification.
4. Substitution's or Changes Specific to Doubles Matches.
 - a. Direct-Line Substitution Rule is permitted (ITA Rule Book).

- b. A direct-line substitution is the removal of ONE of the two players on a doubles team. That player is replaced by a player NOT in the top three positions of the doubles lineup.
 - c. Once the new player has been inserted, per above, the teams MAY be reordered to reflect the new order of strength.
 - d. Removal of two players from the same doubles position in a doubles lineup (regardless of timing) DOES NOT allow for a direct-line substitution of both players on the same doubles position/team. Instead, that team is removed, and the doubles teams listed below that team would move up (much like when a singles player is removed).
 - i. If there is no #4 team listed, that team would forfeit the #3 position.
 - e. The opposing coach may protest a doubles lineup if they feel the teams are not in order before the start of the match.
 - f. The games committee has the right to review and, if necessary, overrule a coach's decision regarding a lineup change, based on the ability of the players and matches during the season.
5. Substitution's or Changes Specific to Singles Matches.
- a. If a player is removed/scratches in the singles lineup, substitutions may be made for singles play but the lineup must remain consistent with ITA rules and follow the order of strength submitted on the lineup.
 - b. A singles player that is removed is replaced by the player listed directly below them in the lineup and this continues to the 7th position (and beyond if multiple removals).
 - c. If multiple players are removed, the process remains the same.
 - d. Example, if players #2 and #4 are removed, then
 - i. Player #3 becomes #2
 - ii. Player #5 becomes #3
 - iii. Player #6 becomes #4
 - iv. Player #7 becomes #5
 - v. Player #8 becomes #6

Timeout Policy

NAIA Tennis follows the [ITA Rulebook](#).

Section I. Team Competition – Dual Matches and Team Tournaments.

Sub-section K. Timeouts, Bathroom Visits and Equipment Adjustment.

1. Medical timeout. The USTA regulation on medical timeouts applies with the following exceptions:

a. Treatment on changeover or set break. In all divisions, a player may be treated on any changeover or set break. This treatment is not considered a medical timeout. Direct treatment by a trainer at any other time is only allowed if a bleeding or medical timeout is being taken or if a player is bleeding from the same area for the second time.

b. Bleeding timeouts. In all divisions, bleeding timeouts follow the USTA Regulation for bleeding timeouts with the exception that players may utilize the ITA PPS should the player begin bleeding from the same area again later in the match. The PPS may not be utilized immediately following a Bleeding Timeout. A Medical Timeout shall NOT be taken to deal with bleeding. A player who receives treatment for bleeding solely within a changeover or set break shall not be charged with a Bleeding Timeout.

c. Medical Timeouts – All divisions. In all divisions, a player may have only one medical timeout. This includes receiving treatment for asthma, diabetes, and/or a foreign object in the eye at times other than at changeovers or set breaks. A player who needs an additional medical timeout shall be retired. Once the trainer starts talking to the player or touches the player, the trainer has a maximum of five minutes for the medical timeout. There shall be no differentiation between diagnosis and treatment time. Multiple injuries/issues may be addressed during the one MTO if necessary. If a player takes a medical timeout, the player shall be assessed one point. This assessed point is not part of the Point Penalty System.

d. Concussion Timeouts.

i. Evaluation. If a concussion is suspected, a player, their coach, or qualified medical personnel should immediately call a concussion timeout. The player shall be evaluated immediately by a qualified health care professional. If deemed necessary by qualified medical personnel, the evaluation may occur off court. Non-medical personnel should not try to judge the severity of the injury.

ii. Time allowed. Once the qualified medical professional begins talking to the player, the medical professional has a maximum of 15 minutes to evaluate the player for a possible concussion. If the player is not cleared to return to play by a qualified medical professional within 15 minutes, the player shall be retired. A second concussion timeout within the same match may not arise from the same incident.

iii. Separate from a medical timeout. Concussion evaluation is separate from a medical timeout. A player shall not be charged with a medical timeout if

evaluated for a concussion. Likewise, no player shall be assessed a point penalty for being evaluated for a concussion.

e. Coach may assist after obvious injury. When an obvious injury occurs, a coach may assist and touch the player until the trainer arrives to diagnose and treat the injury.

2. Bathroom Breaks. In all divisions, a player must ask an Official to use the bathroom. The Official may refuse this request if the official determines that the player is resorting to gamesmanship.

a. Bathroom break. Players in all divisions are allowed one bathroom break during a match. The bathroom break may only occur on a set break and may include up to three (3) minutes additional time for a total of up to five (5) minutes. The Referee will determine the additional time pre-match and notify both head coaches during the pre-match meeting. There shall be no additional "travel time" added to the bathroom break.

b. Changeover and set break. Players in all divisions may use the bathroom during any 90 second changeover or two (2) minute set break with the permission of an Official. Players will only have the specific increment of time for that bathroom visit — no additional time for travel shall be added.

c. Other times. If a player in any division wishes to use the bathroom during any other time, this is treated as the player's one Medical Timeout (if the player has not already taken their Medical Timeout). The time given for the medical timeout for bathroom usage shall match the total time given for the Bathroom Break (not to exceed 5 minutes). There shall be no additional "travel time" added to this Medical Timeout.

d. Late return. Late return from the bathroom in any division for any of the above scenarios will result in Bathroom Break, Time Violation penalties until the player is ready to play. Bathroom Break, Time Violations accrued from lateness when returning from a bathroom break or bathroom visit are separate from Time Violations accrued during play.

3. Equipment Adjustment. USTA policies and procedures shall be implemented when issues with equipment arise. Equipment includes but is not limited to shoes, contact lenses, etc.

4. Refusal to give timeout when underlying purpose is gamesmanship. The Referee or Official may refuse to give players a timeout they are otherwise entitled to receive if the Referee concludes that the player is clearly resorting to gamesmanship.

Scoring Method

Three doubles matches followed by six singles (7 team points). The format is three (3) 6-game set doubles matches with a 7-point tiebreak at 6-all.

- Doubles will be followed by six best-of-three set singles matches.
- Doubles matches shall be played to 'clinch'.
- The dual match scoring – one point for doubles – remains the same, even if a team wins all three doubles matches.
- Singles matches shall be played to 'clinch'.

Awards

The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for the national championships. Team awards are awarded to the top four teams for both men and women and will be presented at the conclusion of each semifinal and national championship.

The NAIA Men's and Women's Tennis National Coaches of the Year are the coaches of the national championship teams.

The Marvin P. Richmond Award is presented to the outstanding performer in the women's national championship. The award is named after the former president of the USTA and longtime supporter of NAIA tennis, Marvin P. Richmond.

The Ward-Ballinger Memorial Award is presented to the outstanding performer in the men's national championship. The award is named after Carroll Ward and Bob Ballinger, Jr., former presidents of the Rockhill Tennis Club and active patrons of tennis in the Kansas City area. Both men were instrumental in the promotion of the NAIA championship in the early 1960s.

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 both 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

Submission Deadlines

All Conference/CAC/Unaffiliated tournaments must be completed no later than Saturday, April 25, 2026, 10:00pm CST.

Entry Forms

Final Site [Qualifier Forms](#) are due by May 1, 2026.

Team Photo

Please upload your team photo by May 1, to be included in the National Championship Program.

Logo

[Championship Logos](#)

[NAIA School Logos Shared File](#)

Entry Fee

Every team must pay an entry fee of \$200 (one check of \$400 can be submitted for schools that qualify both a men's and women's team). The entry fee should be delivered in person during the check-in process at the National Championship (credit card option will be available). If a school has sent a check directly to the NAIA, proof of submission must be given to the NAIA Championship Manager prior to or at check-in.

All checks should be made out to: NAIA Tennis.

Uniforms

Uniform Policy

NAIA Tennis follows the [ITA Rulebook](#).

Equipment

Official Ball

The official ball for all postseason competition is the Wilson U.S. Open Extra Duty. This includes both Conference Championships as well as the National Championships.

Stringing

There will be a Stringer on duty at the Mobile Tennis Center. No other Stringers will be permitted on the premises.

Cost is \$25 for labor if you have your own string. If needed, there will be string available for purchase.

Venue Information

The Mobile Tennis Center in Mobile, Alabama is located at 851 Gaillard Drive.

Office Phone 251-208-5181.

Pro Shop

Hours of Operation (May 10 – 16)

- Sunday, 1:00pm – 6:00pm
- Monday – Thursday, 8:00am – 6:30pm
- Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Saturday, 8:00am – 12:00pm

Ticketing Information

There is no charge to attend the NAIA Men's and Women's Tennis National Championships.

Parking

Mobile Tennis Center Parking – There are three lots for parking as well as street parking, which works very well for larger buses.

Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel Parking – There is a parking garage available for cars. Bus and Van parking will be on the streets near the hotel or in the convention center parking lot.

Games Committee

The Games Committee will be comprised of the Host Committee, NAIA Championships Manager, Head Referee, Championship Committee members, and NAIA Red Banner Interns.

Tournament Director – Scott Novak

Head Referee – Richie Weaver

NAIA Championship Manager – Fred Aubuchon

Championship Committee Members – TBD

Red Banner Interns – TBD

Team Travel & Information

Qualifying institutions are responsible for making their own travel arrangements for the National Championship. The Official Travel partner of the NAIA is Short's Travel Management. Please contact Short's Travel (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.

National Car Rental

National Car Rental/Enterprise Rent-a-Car is offering special rates for the NAIA National Championship. Teams will be able to access these special rates by providing the special NAIA contract ID #XZ05146.

Master's Transportation

Master's Transportation is the official provider of all shuttles/buses for your sale, lease and rental needs. Please contact Maria Duran at 816-979-3493 or mduran@masterstransportation.com for more information.

Local Charter Buses

Teams wishing to secure a Charter Bus should look into options at their ended arrival airports.

NAIA Travel Policy

All teams will be responsible for their travel to and from the National Championships. Reimbursements are not provided for the Tennis National Championships.

Hotels

Team Hotel

All teams are required to stay at the headquarters hotel. Failure to do so will make a team ineligible for the national championship.

[Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza \(headquarters\).](#)

Located in the heart of downtown Mobile, the Renaissance Riverview Plaza blends southern charm with contemporary innovation. Explore all that Mobile has to offer in our very walkable LoDa district (Lower Dauphin), many restaurants and attractions are located just outside our front doors.

Rates: Coming soon.

Hotel Contact: Coming soon.

NAIA Booking Link: Coming soon.

Rooms will be released for General sale after May 1, 2026.

Family and Friends Hotels

The Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza is the Host Hotel for the NAIA Tennis National Championships. [Please use this link.](#)

Medical

Ambulance

Call 9-1-1 for ambulance services.

Athletic Training

Head Athletic Trainer – Preston Lasley, LAT, ATC, CIC
435-773-8901, pjlasley.pl@gmail.com.

The Athletic Training area is located between the Championship Headquarters and the Large tents.

Athletic Trainers for participating teams are highly encouraged to attend the championship!

New: Please apply here for medical personnel credential: [LINK](#)

Local Hospitals

USA Health Providence Hospital 251-633-1000
6801 Airport Blvd, Mobile, AL 36608
3 miles from Mobile Tennis Center

USA Health Freestanding ER Department 251-341-3800
181 Hillcrest Rd, Mobile, AL 36608
3 miles from Mobile Tennis Center

Local Pharmacies

Walgreens Pharmacy 251-342-0153
6395 Airport Blvd, Mobile, AL 36608

CVS Pharmacy 251-266-7944
4645 Airport Blvd, Mobile, AL 36608

Credentials

Team Credentials

New: Credentials for Staff and Coaches (a maximum of 3 per team) will be used for the Tennis National Championships. Only a Coach with an NAIA Credential will be permitted to coach their team during competition. If a team wishes to designate a player as a coach in competition, the Head Coach must check out a Coach Credential at the championship desk (this must be returned at the end of the match).

Media Credentials

All SIDs/Media personnel should check in with the on-site NAIA Media Coordinator. Official credential applications will not be used for the Tennis Championships.

Please apply here for Media credentials: [LINK](#)

Hospitality/Concessions

Concessions

A local Food Truck will be on site each day.

11:00am – 1:00pm, although additional hours may be available.

Official Roster

Submission Process

Postseason Rosters are due by April 29. Submit all post-season rosters directly to [NAIA Connect](#). If you do not have a login account, please contact naiaconnectsupport@naia.org.

Additional Roster information must be completed in the Qualifier Form.

Official Party Size

The official party for each team participating in postseason play is 17, with 14 players in uniform and up to 3 support staff (new policy 2026).

Programs and Merchandise

Program

The official program of the NAIA Tennis National Championships will be available shortly before the Event begins. Please check the [Men's](#) or [Women's](#) NAIA Sport Webpages for this information.

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

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(859) 241-1265

Media Relations

NAIA Sport Page

The official 2026 NAIA Men's and Women's Tennis National Championship website can be found by visiting: <https://www.naia.org/sports/mten/index> or

<https://www.naia.org/sports/wten/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

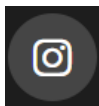
Follow the NAIA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the NAIA Tennis National Championship. Please use the hashtags "#NAIATennis" & "#BattleForTheRedBanner" for all X(Twitter), Facebook, Instagram content around the event and tag the NAIA.



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Championship Results

The 2026 NAIA Men's and Women's Tennis National Championships official live statistics and box scores will be available by visiting: [PrestoStats](https://www.prestostats.com)

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

Reanne Kietlinski, NAIA Athletics Communications Manager

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Championship Photo and Video Requests

All media parties requesting access to photos or video highlights from the 2026 NAIA Men's and Women's Tennis National Championship should contact Reanne Kietlinski at rkietlinski@naia.org. The official photographer for the national championship will be Haley Ames.

Marketing Resources

[Championship Logos](#)

[NAIA School Logos Shared File](#)

Radio and TV Broadcasting Policies

There is no Radio or Livestreaming at the NAIA Tennis National Championships.

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/CAC. An institution must submit an appeal to their conference within 72 hours of the completion of the 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 the 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](#)

NAIA 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.