



National
Administrative
Council

National Administrative Council (NAC) August 2025 Meeting Summary

The National Administrative Council (NAC) met for its first meeting of the 2025-26 academic year on August 13, 2025. Below is a summary of actions taken by the council.

General Policy Approvals

National Selection Committee (NSC) Area Ratings Committee (ARC) Meetings and Release Timelines

- Adopt standardized four scheduled ARC meetings during the sport season.
- Adopt standardized four ARC releases each year in all sports (with the exception of lacrosse and bowling).
- Adopt a standardized final ARC ratings release which occurs in all sports on the day of the final national selection meeting in all sports (with the exception of lacrosse and bowling).

ARC Realignment

Approved broad-based standardized ARC Realignments created and based on geographical alignment, beginning with the 2025-26 academic year for all sports.

[2025-26 ARC Alignments](#)

Qualification Plans

Approved [2025-26 Qualification Plans](#).

Selection Committee Chair Criteria

Approved a requirement that the National Selection Committee Chair must be an at-large administrator or NAC liaison.

Opening Round Minimum Broadcast Standards

Approved [minimum broadcast standards](#) for campus sites, focused on enhancing the streaming experience in the national tournament preliminary rounds. Key standards include:

- One main camera with options to add at designated spots
- Branding in NAIA colors
- Critical game statistics on display
- Neutral play-by-play announcer

Opening Round Host Site Policy

Approved a system to evaluate the successful hosting of the national championship preliminary rounds. The [policy](#) includes primary and secondary offenses.

- One offense from a primary category equals a strike

- Two offenses from a secondary category equals a strike.

One strike received results in an institution not being able to host that sport in the following year. Two strikes to an institution in the same year will result in an institution not being able to host any postseason event in the following year. Systems will be created for daily reports from preliminary round sites to make corrections to meet host standards.

Poll Voters Based on Conference Sponsorship

Approved the policy that if a sport has six or more conferences sponsoring there will be one voter per conference to submit votes to determine the national poll. If a sport has fewer than six conferences (five or less) there will be two voters per conference.

Sport Rule Changes

Approved rules changes in the following sports:

[Men's Basketball](#)

[Women's Basketball \(Experimental Rule 11-4 is not included in approval\)](#)

[Swimming and Diving](#)

[Tennis \(ITA Rules\)](#)

[Men's Wrestling \(Approve all with a modification to rule of 5.5.12 to adopt NAIA-relevant titles\)](#)

- Modification to rule 5.5.12 creation of a committee consisting of the NAIA Men's Wrestling National Coordinator of Officials and the Evaluators of Officials at the National Championship to consider the review and render a decision of flagrant misconduct penalties as outlined in NCAA rule 5.5.12.

Sport Specific Approvals

Men's & Women's Bowling

- Approved the USBC sectionals and nationals to be considered NAIA-approved postseason for the 2025-26 academic year.
- Approved exemption of teams from NAIA Uniform Sponsorship Rules Modifications for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.

Men's & Women's Lacrosse

- Approved [weather contingency plan](#) to be implemented in the event of inclement weather at the national championship.

Marathon

- Approved NAIA Marathon as a special event for the 2025-26 academic year. The NAIA Marathon will be held in conjunction with the BMW Marathon in Dallas, Texas.

Men's Wrestling

- Approved the expansion of the National Championship qualifiers from 280 to 320.
- Approved a revised qualification plan based on a field of 320 qualifiers.
 - 250 automatic qualifiers (25 per weight class).
 - Top finisher in each weight class at conference/affiliated group tournament will receive an automatic berth to the National Championships.

- Additional automatic qualifier allocations for the National Championships will be determined based on the final top 25 individual regular season rankings.
- If a conference does not have any individual ranked in the top 25, an allocation will be deducted from the national at-large pool for that weight class.
- Approved breaking all ties using criteria in all rankings. In the case of a tie, criteria will be used to determine who will be ranked higher. The criteria to break ties (examined in the order below) will be:
 - Wrestler with the most individual votes from the raters
 - Wrestler with the most points before the highs and lows were removed
 - If a tie cannot be broken, it will go to oversight to decide.
- Approved limiting the official party at the national championship to 25.

Women's Wrestling

- Approved the expansion of the 1-pound weight allowance for all dual meets held within a 48-hour window.
- Approved the definition of penalties and potential reasons for yellow and red cards at NAIA events from officials to athletes/coaches
 - Yellow Card Penalties
 - Deduction of 1 team point – whether tournament team points or dual meet team points.
 - Accumulation of 2 yellow cards in a single event will result in a red card.
 - Accumulation of 5 yellow cards by a single individual in a single season would result in a suspension for the individual from the next event.
 - Red Card Penalties
 - Deduction of 3 team points – whether tournament team points or dual meet team points.
 - If an athlete – removal of all team points scored by the athlete in the event
 - If an athlete – removal of athlete from awards podium