



IMPORTANT DATES

2025-26 MEN'S BASKETBALL SPORT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 15	START – First Allowable Date for Practices, Scrimmages, And Exhibitions
OCTOBER 22	START – National Poll Releases <i>Dates: Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Nov. 26, Dec. 17, Jan. 14, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25</i>
OCTOBER 23	START – First Allowable Date for Competitions
NOVEMBER 4	START – Player of the Week Releases <i>Dates: Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Jan. 6, Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17</i>
DECEMBER 1	DEADLINE – Facility Certification for First & Second Round
JANUARY 21	START – ARC Ratings Releases <i>Dates: Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 17, Mar. 5</i>
JANUARY 31	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Scholar-Athlete
FEBRUARY 1	DEADLINE – Undeclare from Postseason
FEBRUARY 2	DEADLINE – Submitting Bid Packet for First & Second Round
FEBRUARY 17	DEADLINE – Submit Individual Champions of Character Nomination
MARCH 2	RELEASE – 16 National Championship First & Second Round Host Sites
MARCH 3	DEADLINE – Completion of Conference/CAC/Group Qualifying Events
MARCH 5	RELEASE – National Championship Qualifiers & Bracket <i>6:00pm CT</i>
MARCH 6	DEADLINE – Submit Postseason Rosters in NAIA Connect
MARCH 6	DEADLINE – Submitting All-Conference/CAC/Group Team ballots to National Office
MARCH 13-14	NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship – First & Second Rounds <i>16 host sites</i>
MARCH 16	DEADLINE – Submission of Sport Motions
MARCH 19-24	88th Annual NAIA Men's Basketball National Championship – Final Site <i>Municipal Auditorium – Kansas City, Missouri</i>
MARCH 30	RELEASE – All-America Teams & Other Postseason Awards
APRIL 2-6	National Association of Basketball Coaches Convention – Indianapolis, IN
JUNE 30	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Scholar Teams Due
JULY 15	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Hall of Fame Due

FIVE-YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Conference Tournament Deadline	March 3	March 2	February 29	March 6	March 5
National Championship – 1 st & 2 nd Round	March 13-14	March 12-13	March 10-11	March 16-17	March 15-16
National Championship - Final Site	March 19-24	March 18-23	March 16-21	March 22-27	March 21-26

National Championship Website – [CLICK HERE](#)