



2026-27 Baseball Policy Updates

This document outlines all rules motions presented to the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC), including both approved and denied proposals.

Approved Motions	Effective Date
NAIA World Series Baseball Format request as presented. Click here to view the World Series bracket.	2026-2027
Add a three-year sunset on the new NAIA Baseball Format (bracket linked above).	2026-2027
RPI Inclusion - When there is a team ranked within the consideration field that is suspended from postseason play, those teams would be removed, and the same number of teams affected would be moved into the consideration field for at-large.	2026-2027
RPI Inclusion - A team has to play 25% or more of their maximum allowable contests per NAIA Bylaws against NAIA opponents to be listed in the final RPI release.	2026-2027
Creation of the Red Banner Scholar Award, beginning with the 2026-27 academic year. The award will be presented at each NAIA National Championship Final Site and will recognize the championship participant with the highest cumulative institutional GPA among eligible NAIA Scholar-Athletes competing in the event. The award utilizes the existing NAIA Scholar-Athlete nomination and approval process and requires no additional submissions from member institutions.	2026-2027