



2026-27 Men's and Women's Bowling 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
Championships that go directly to the final site with 16 teams or fewer, the priority is to maintain the integrity of the bracket and true seeds.	2026-2027
Alignment with USBC limits and requirements of sponsorship logos on uniforms.	2026-2027
All-America Committee criteria updated to include the addition of a qualification of 400 frames minimum and the following statistical weighted criteria: ○ Top 10 – 5% ○ Strike Percentage – 5% ○ Average – 15% ○ Average Differential – 15% ○ Overall Fill Percentage – 20% ○ Average First Ball – 15% ○ Makeable Spare Percentage – 15% ○ Single Pin Percentage – 10%	2026-2027
USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships (ITC) Sectional and National events will be recognized as NAIA-approved postseason competitions and will be excluded from counting toward an institution's 24-week season and frequency-of-play limits.	2026-2027
Begin the NAIA Men's and Women's Bowling National Championship competition on Wednesday. The championship will run from Wednesday to Saturday.	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	2026-2027

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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.	

