



NAC Executive Committee Summary

October 2025

Below is a summary of actions taken by the NAC Executive Committee during its October 2025 meeting.

National Office NAC Committee Liaison Changes

- Championship Competition: Samantha Walker to assume liaison role beginning with the NAC meeting at the 2026 NAIA Convention.
- Experience & Enhancement: Rick Daum to begin at the January 2026 meeting.
- Polls, Awards, & Statistics: Steve Wilson to begin at the January 2026 meeting.

All other committee liaisons will remain the same: Abby Schultz will continue with the Postseason Selection, Qualification, & Ratings, Justin Gragg will continue with Rules and Marc Burchard will remain the liaison to the NAC Executive Committee.

Bowling Postseason Roster Expansion

Approved reduction of bowling postseason roster limit from 10 players to 8 players in uniform. The adjustment aligns NAIA postseason roster policy with United States Bowling Congress (USBC) regulations, which cap rosters at eight. This eliminates potential compliance conflicts and maintains consistency with national governing body standards.

Opening Round Strike Policy

Institutions failing to pay hosting rights fees within 60 days of the opening round will receive a Primary Strike and be ineligible to host until payment is received. This update closes a gap in the strike policy, addressing delays in host payments (sometimes exceeding 120 days). The measure promotes fiscal accountability and ensures equitable application of hosting responsibilities across institutions.

Soccer Final Site Medical Requirements

Approved a revised standard for men's and women's soccer championships requiring:

- Ambulance on-site,
- Physician on-call within close proximity (approx.. three miles/six minutes, and
- Radios for direct communication between medical staff, field, and EMS

The previous requirement for an on-site physician had become increasingly cost-prohibitive and, in some cases, unattainable due to hospital restrictions. The new standard maintains the focus on athlete safety and emergency readiness while aligning policy with realistic medical staffing capabilities.

This change also presents an opportunity. The Championship Medical Handbook was first approved over a decade ago, and the NAC Executive Committee noted that now is an ideal time for NAIA-ATA and NAC members to collaborate on a comprehensive review. This process will help identify any gaps, ensure alignment with current industry standards, and strengthen policies for future championships and host sites. The NAC Executive Committee has requested a review of current medical policies at championships to confirm they meet modern industry standards.

Football Poll Voter Composition

The Executive Committee voted to maintain 16 poll voters for the 2025–26 football season, then reduce to 13 voters in 2026–27 to align with the August 2025 policy of one voter per conference for sports with more than six conferences. Due to an oversight in determining the correct number of voters prior to the season, the current structure of 16 voters will remain in place to avoid mid-season disruption and ensure consistency in rankings. Adjustments will be made next year to bring the process fully in line with long-term policy.

June 2026 NAC Meeting

The Executive Committee revisited the format of the June NAC meeting—currently held every third year at NACDA, with virtual meetings in other years. Executive Committee members expressed support for the productivity of in-person meetings but noted concerns about cost, timing, and work-life balance.

The national office will survey the full NAC regarding the preferences for annual in-person versus hybrid formats to determine the next steps.

