



2026
OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET

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Welcome

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), Airstream Ventures, and Explore Asheville, congratulations on your qualification to the 2026 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships! The event will be held in Asheville, North Carolina, at the Karl Straus Track on Wednesday, May 20th through Friday, May 22nd, 2026. This championship packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the championship.

We look forward to welcoming you to Asheville, North Carolina, and wish you the best of luck!

Mission Statement

The purpose of the NAIA is to promote education and development of students through intercollegiate athletic participation. Member institutions, although varied and diverse, share a common commitment to high standards and the principle that athletics serve as an integral part of education.

The NAIA embraces the concept of the student and recognizes the importance of the individuality of each member institution, the value of the conference and independent structure, and the benefits of membership in a national association. (Additional information relative to the philosophy of the NAIA can be found in the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook.)

About the NAIA

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) was founded in 1940 as the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB) to provide small colleges with a championship basketball tournament. In 1952, the organization expanded to include other sports and became the NAIA. The NAIA was a pioneer in college athletics, being the first to offer championships for African-American student-athletes and the first to sponsor a national championship for women's sports in 1980. Today, the NAIA supports smaller colleges and universities, emphasizing character-driven athletics and student-athlete development.

Championship Personnel

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Championship Schedule

All times listed in EST

Monday, May 18 th		
8:00 am – 3:30 pm	Track event practice only – no steeple, no field events	Memorial Stadium
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Official Practice – Hammer, Pole Vault, 100m, 100/110 hurdles – full oval is closed	Karl Straus Track
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Official Practice – Discus, Pole Vault, 100m, 100/110 hurdles – full oval is closed	Karl Straus Track
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Official Practice – Hammer, Pole Vault, 100m, 100/110 hurdles – full oval is closed	Karl Straus Track
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Official Practice – Discus, Pole Vault, 100m, 100/110 hurdles – full oval is closed	Karl Straus Track
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Official Practice – Shot put, long/triple jump, high jump, pole vault – full track open	Karl Straus Track
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Official Practice – Javelin, shot put, high jump – full track open	Karl Straus Track

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Tuesday, May 19th		
8:00 am – 3:30 pm	Track event practice only – no steeple, no field events	Memorial Stadium
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Implement Weigh-In	Rec Center
8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Packet Pickup	Rec Center
8:00 am – 9:15 am	Official Practice – Hammer, Pole Vault, 100m, 100/110 hurdles – full oval is closed	Karl Straus Track
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Official Practice – Discus, Pole Vault, 100m, 100/110 hurdles – full oval is closed	Karl Straus Track
10:30 am – 2:00 pm	Official Practice – Shot put, long/triple jump, high jump, pole vault – full track open	Karl Straus Track
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Teaming Up for Character Event	MANNA Foodbank
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Official Practice – Javelin, shot put, high jump – full track open	Karl Straus Track
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Student-Athlete Experience	Pack Square Park
Wednesday, May 20th		
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Official Practice – All events EXCEPT JAVELIN, HAMMER, OR DISCUS	Karl Straus Track
7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Implement Weigh-In	Rec Center
9:00 am	Track and Field Events Begin	Karl Straus Track
Thursday, May 21st		
7:00 am – 7:45 am	Official Practice – Discus, Shot Put, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long/Triple Jump, 100m, 100/110 hurdles – full oval is closed	Karl Straus Track
7:45 am – 8:30 am	Official Practice – Javelin, Shot Put, High Jump, all running events	Karl Straus Track
9:00 am – 6:30 pm	Implement Weigh-In	Rec Center
9:30 am	Track and Field Events Begin	Karl Straus Track
Friday, May 22nd		
7:00 am – 11:30 am	Implement Weigh-In	Rec Center
9:00 am	Track and Field Events Begin	Karl Straus Track
7:00 pm (approx.)	Award Ceremony	Karl Straus Track

Qualifier Call

The National Coaches and Administrators Qualifier Call will be on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 11:00 am CST. Please use the Zoom link to join the call.

Zoom Link: <https://naia-org.zoom.us/j/88948465711?pwd=HzbZGezHBM3fC27dIPUaN5kfUq2kNe.1>

Team Check In

Coaches can check-in and receive credentials and athlete bibs on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm EST. Check-in will be held in the Rec Center on the campus of UNC-Asheville. The rec center is adjacent to the track. All entry fees must be paid prior to receiving your packet. All teams should plan to arrive no later than 1:00 pm EST on Tuesday, May 19th.

Rec Center: 400 Wellness Way, Asheville, NC 28804

Practices

Official Practice – Karl Straus Track

There will be practice times offered throughout the day on Monday, May 18th and Tuesday, May 19th. There will also be a short amount of time for practice in the morning on Wednesday, May 20th, and Thursday, May 21st, on the outdoor track. There will be no outdoor practice time on Friday, May 22nd. Please note that all track and field events have restricted practice times each day. Practice times are listed on pages 4 and 5 of this packet. These restrictions are for safety. Please advise your athletes that javelin, hammer, and discus will be thrown on the infield. If you are not in these events, you should not be in these areas.

Karl Straus Track: 600 Wellness Way, Asheville, NC 28804

Unofficial Practice – Memorial Stadium

Memorial Stadium will be open on Monday, May 18th and Tuesday, May 19th for additional track time. This facility does not have steeple barriers, hurdles, or field events. Please see pages 4 and 5 of this packet for specific practice times.

Memorial Stadium: 32 Buchanan Place, Asheville, NC 28801

Unofficial Practice – Montreat College

Montreat College will open its facilities for teams looking for additional practice time. They do have all To coordinate a practice time, please contact Director of Track and Field Jacob Simms at Jacob.simms@montreat.edu or 864-320-3925.

Pulliam Stadium/Howard Fisher Memorial Field: 191 Vance Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Schedule of Events

2026 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field National Championship Schedule of Events:

https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/OTF_Schedule_of_Events.pdf

Weather Policy

It is the responsibility of the host Medical Director/Head Athletic Trainer at NAIA Championship events to determine when an event should be suspended and when it is safe to return to play as the result of severe weather. The AT is to notify the NAIA Championship Manager who, in collaboration with the appropriate personnel will implement the predetermined action for both player and spectator safety.

Participation in Functions at the National Championship

All participating teams and individuals competing in a National Championship must attend all functions including – Coaches Meetings, Student-Athlete Experience Event, and Champions of Character activities. Failure to comply with result in a penalty of a \$1,560 fine to the institution.

Teaming Up for Character

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm EST – MANNA Foodbank

If your team has 13 or more athletes per gender, you will be required to send one student-athlete to the event. Student-Athletes will meet at the MANNA Foodbank to help break down and process donations into smaller boxes that will be distributed to the community. Student-Athletes are encouraged to wear team gear and are required to wear closed-toe shoes.

MANNA Foodbank – 99 Broadpointe Drive, Mills River, NC 23759

Student-Athlete Experience

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm EST – Pack Square Park

Pack Square Park – 80 Court Plaza, Asheville, NC 28801

The Student-Athlete Experience Event is required for everyone in the official party.

Please join us for a social event in downtown Asheville. There will be a short welcome, live music, photo opportunities, food trucks, and games. Please note that you will need to pay for food at food trucks. The event is outdoor, and the dress for the event is casual.

Upon arrival at the event, one coach will need to check in at the NAIA table.

Coaches Meeting

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Zoom Link: <https://naia-org.zoom.us/j/88948465711?pwd=HzbZGezHBM3fC27dIPUaN5kfUq2kNe.1>

Qualification Process

General qualifying procedures are as follows:

1. Standards – individuals must meet or exceed the qualifying standards (“A” or “B”) as set by the Standard’s Committee of the NAIA-TFCA. Field event standards are set in metric. Imperial distances must be the minimum needed to reach the metric mark. Submission of invalid marks may lead to disqualification of the entire team.
2. Right-of-membership Entries for “B” Standard Marks – Three (3) right-of-membership entries may be used for men and three (3) for women. Refer to right-of-membership section on page 12 of the Track and Field Coaches Manual for more detailed information.
3. Minimum number of entries – At 1:00 pm CST on Tuesday, after declarations have closed, NAIA Sport Manager will send an email including a form to fill all event field sizes to a minimum standard of 20 student-athletes. Forms must be completed by 5:00 pm CST Tuesday to be considered. Qualifying an athlete through this method does not require the use of a right-of-membership entry. (NOTE: multi event size is 16)
4. Marks must be performed in a scheduled collegiate or open track and field meet. Practice marks or relay splits may not be used. A meet is defined as two or more collegiate teams competing in six or more events per gender. The exceptions are field meets, multi-event meets, and race walk events (contested on the track).
5. For more detailed outdoor specific procedures, please refer to page 11 of the Track and Field Coaches Manual.

6. For more detailed race walk specific procedures, please refer to page 11 of the Track and Field Coaches Manual.

NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual: https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/2025-26_TF_Manual.pdf

Sport Rules

NAIA Outdoor Track and Field will use the NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook. Any NAIA Modifications can be found in the NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual.

NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook: <https://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/TF25.pdf>

NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual: https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/2025-26_TF_Manual.pdf

Honest Effort Rule

Athletes must participate honestly in all trials and finals of all track or field events in which they are legally declared, or they shall be barred from all remaining events in the current meet. Athletes must compete with maximum effort and/or qualify from trials into the finals. Athletes must participate honestly in the finals of all events in which they are legally declared and qualified, and in which such participation is criteria for entry into a subsequent meet. It is understood that passing on trials in field events is a strategy available in those events and is not considered a question of honest effort, provided at least one trial has been made. Failure to complete a combined event competition shall not affect subsequent participation in an open event.

At the national championship, DNF will be used in results to indicate an athlete did not finish a race. DNS will be used in results to indicate an athlete did not start a race or event. This assumes withdrawal from the meet. In both cases, the athlete could be medically reinstated through meet medical personnel. Coaches can get forms in the games committee area.

National Championship Protests, Appeals, and Disqualification

Protest and Appeal Procedure

Protest and appeal forms are available in the Games Committee Area and must be submitted to the designated protest table for processing within 15 minutes after the results are official. A \$50.00 fee for any protest or appeal shall be charged. An

additional \$25.00 fee will be applied if requesting a video review. If the appeal is won, the fee will be returned to the coach who made the appeal. Exact cash only, no change will be given, and no cards will be accepted.

False starts are not reviewable. No personal video/photo can be submitted for review. Coaches will be asked to leave the games committee area while they review.

Review of Photographs and Official Video

An additional \$25.00 fee shall be charged for a request for the referee/games committee to review a photo-finish picture or official video. Should the official video not show the occurrence, the additional fee will be returned. Official photo and video will be the only material reviewed. Coaches cannot provide their own photo or video. Coaches will not be allowed to view the photo or video with the referee/games committee.

Disqualification

The Games Committee, after consultation with the NAIA Track and Field Sport Manager, has the authority to remove any athlete and/or coach from national competition or may recommend to the appropriate council any or all of the following:

1. A reprimand (public or private).
2. Disqualification from future participation in championships.
3. Banning from participation in subsequent championship qualification, a student-athlete or a representative of an institution who is guilty of misconduct occurring at any time preceding or subsequent to the competition during the official dates of the championships.

“Misconduct” shall mean any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct in practice or competition, or breach of policy which tends to discredit the championship and intercollegiate athletics that may be found upon an informal hearing granted the student-athlete or institutional representative involved.

Additional information regarding disqualification can be found in the NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual: https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/2025-26_TF_Manual.pdf

Championship Format

All events except the heptathlon, decathlon, 10,000m, high jump, and pole vault will have a preliminary round and final round of competition. Preliminary heats and flights will be determined based on the NCAA Track and Field Rulebook with oversight from the Outdoor Games Committee. Advancement methods from preliminary rounds to the final round will be detailed in the Games Committee Manual.

Declaration

All qualifiers must be entered through DirectAthletics during the declaration period.

If an event does not have 20 athletes declared (except for combined events), the sport manager will send out a form for coaches to declare additional athletes. There will be no additional steps to declare these athletes, they will be added to meet files without entry in DirectAthletics.

Relay Cards

At least thirty (30) minutes prior to a relay, coaches must turn in a relay declaration card to the clerk/check-in table. These cards will indicate which four runners will be running the relay. Cards will be provided in packets upon pickup. Extra relay cards can be found at the clerk/check-in table or the games committee area.

Spikes

Pyramid spikes a maximum of ¼ inch in length only. Spikes will be checked by the clerks at check-in.

Heat Sheets and Results

Heat Sheets will be available the week of the championship. The Championship Sport Manager will distribute heat sheets to head coaches via email. They will also be available through the live results website.

Live Results:

Information regarding official results will be posted in the next few weeks.

Event Check-in Process

All athletes should bring their shoes when checking in for their event. Shoes may be checked for compliance on the World Athletics approved shoe list (<https://certcheck.worldathletics.org/FullList>). Spike length will also be checked.

Running Events

Runners will check in with the Clerk of the Course. **The clerk's tent is located on the southeast side of the track.** Hip numbers will be given to the runner at that time. Runners may begin checking in at any time on the day of their event. **Athletes must be checked in at least 30 minutes prior to the posted start time of their event.** The Clerk of the Course will assemble the runners and give instructions about

their race. Runners must be checked in, or they will be scratched from the event and disqualified from all future events.

All members of a relay team should be present at the time of check-in. Relay cards must be presented to the Clerk of the Course in order for a relay team to check in. Relay cards will be required for prelims and finals. Coaches will receive relay cards in their packets. Additional cards can be found at the clerk's tent or the games committee area.

Runners will be arranged based on heat and lane assignments. Runners can continue to warm up in the warm-up area near the clerk's table while waiting to be clerked for their heat. Each heat will be clerked out to the start line in sections.

Field Events

Field event athletes will check in with the Clerk of the Course. **The clerk's tent is located on the southeast side of the track. Pole Vault and High Jump athletes should check in at their events, entering the track by the clerking area.**

Throwing implements will be brought to the field event venue by the officials. Field event athletes may begin checking in at any time on the day of their event. **Athletes must be checked in at least 30 minutes prior to the posted start time of their event.** If your athlete is not checked in, they will be scratched from the event and disqualified from all future events.

Field event athletes will be organized based on flight at the clerk's tent. They will be clerked out to their events prior to their allotted warm-up time at the event area. Athletes can begin non-runway, non-ring, non-implement warm ups in the warmup area near the clerk's table while waiting to be clerked for their flight.

Horizontal Jump Boards

The long Jump board distance is 8 feet. There will be triple jump boards at 36 and 41 feet. The runway length is approximately 186 feet.

Starting Heights, Progressions, and 5-Alive

The games committee will release information regarding starting heights, progressions, and five-alive by the coaches meeting.

Scoring Method

The top 8 finishers in each event will receive points counting toward their team totals. 1st place shall receive 10 points, 2nd place shall receive 8 points, 3rd place shall receive 6

points, 4th place shall receive 5 points, 5th place shall receive 4 points, 6th place shall receive 3 points, 7th place shall receive 2 points, 8th place shall receive 1 point. The team with the highest total points after the final event is the team champion.

Post-Championship

Awards

After the conclusion of each event, the individual or relay event awards presentation will take place at the awards area. The top 8 scoring finishers are awarded NAIA All-America status. Awards will not be awarded until the appeal window of 15 minutes has closed.

After the conclusion of the track meet and all individual event awards, we will present the championship awards. The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for the national championship meet. National championship awards are presented to the top 4 placing teams of each gender. They will be invited to receive their trophies. The NAIA will also recognize a Men's and Women's Coach of the Year. In addition, the NAIA recognizes the Most Outstanding Performance and the Most Valuable Performer of the meet. The Games Committee will select one athlete per gender for each award based on event performances and total individual points scored.

Championship Satisfaction Survey

During NAIA Championships, NAIA membership and student-athlete experience is of the utmost importance. The NAIA National Office and Championship Hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. The NAIA is committed to providing the best experience possible for its members and student-athletes and are able to provide feedback based on their experience and what improvements can be made for future NAIA Championships.

NAIA National Championship Satisfaction Survey:

<https://naiaforms.formstack.com/forms/csatsurvey>

Following the championship, coaches and administrators will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be sent via email to all head coaches after the meet.

Championship Deadlines

Submission Deadlines

Submission	Deadline (all times in CST)
Champions of Character (5+ participants of the same gender)	Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – 5:00 pm
TFRRS Performance List locks	Monday, May 11, 2026 – 12:00 pm (List is final at 1:00 pm)
DirectAthletics opens for multi events, individual events, and relays	Monday, May 11, 2026 – 1:00 pm
Entry Deadline – Multi Events	Monday, May 11, 2026 – 5:00 pm
Entry Deadline – Individual and Relays	Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 1:00 pm
Minimum Field Size Entry process opens	Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 1:00 pm
Minimum Field Size Entry process closes	Tuesday, May 12, 2026 – 5:00 pm
Deadline for late entries and roster corrections	Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 10:00 am
2026 Outdoor Track & Field Championship Qualifier Information Survey	Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 5:00 pm
Athletic Trainer Credential Request	Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 10:00 am
Entry Fees due	Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – 8:00 am EST
Coach of the Year Ballots due	Friday, May 22, 2026 – 4:00 pm EST

Entry Process

All individual qualifiers will need to be entered through DirectAthletics. After the entry deadline, if an event has not met the established minimum field size, the championship manager will send a form via email for coaches to declare their athletes for consideration.

More detailed information on how to submit online entries through DirectAthletics can be found in the NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual.

DirectAthletics: <https://www.directathletics.com/index.html>

NAIA Track and Field Coaches Manual: https://www.naia.org/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/2025-26_TF_Manual.pdf

Rosters

Rosters listed in DirectAthletics after the entry deadline will be considered official.

Entry Fee

The entry fee for the national championship is \$150.00 per team plus \$15 per athlete on the final declared roster, regardless of the number of events. Men and women are considered separate teams. The maximum any one institution pays in entry fees is capped at \$500 (combined cost for both men's and women's teams).

After entries are finalized, head coaches will receive an email from Airstream Ventures to pay their entry fees via credit card.

Uniforms

Uniform Policy

In all competitions, competitors must wear the proper uniform of the institution they represent in the championships. All uniforms must allow competitors' numbers to be placed above the waist (front and back). All applicable rules as printed in the NCAA Track and Field Rulebook shall be followed. Failure to comply with this regulation may jeopardize the student-athletes' eligibility. The NAIA uniform sponsorship is an NAIA modification to the NCAA uniform rules.

On any single day of competition, all team members must wear uniforms of the same color or combination (e.g. white top, red bottom). Teams may change uniform colors from one day to another for multiple day meets. Men's and Women's programs from the same institution are separate teams, and are not required to have uniforms of identical color. Competitors on the same team are not required to wear the same style of uniform.

NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook:
<https://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/TF25.pdf>

Competition Shoes

All shoes are subject to check by the Shoe Control Officer. The shoe control officer will be located just beyond the finish line, checking shoes after the conclusion of the races.

Coaches should look through the NCAA and WA shoe guidelines prior to the championship to ensure their student-athletes are compliant with the shoe rules.

If an athlete is found to have competed in an illegal shoe, that performance will be thrown out and indicated as a DQ on the meet results. The athlete will not be disqualified from the meet. They can compete in additional events, if any, so long as they have changed their shoes.

Competition Bibs and Numbers

Bibs must be worn by all competitors. Competition bibs or student-athlete credentials will be required to enter the competition facility. Competitors must wear bibs on the front of their jerseys. Pole vault competitors may wear bibs on the front or the back of their jersey. If an athlete loses or ruins their bib, upon request, the Championship Sport Manager and timer can issue a new number.

Runners must wear hip numbers denoting their lane assignments. Hip numbers will be given to the competitors when they check in with the Clerk of the Course.

Laundry

Fiesta Laundry

615 Merrimon Ave
Asheville, NC

Dutch Girl Coin & Pocket Change Laundry

116 New Leicester Hwy
Asheville, NC 28806

Equipment

Event Specific Equipment

Please refer to the NCAA Track and Field rulebook for specific rules regarding event specific equipment.

NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rulebook:

<https://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/TF25.pdf>

Shipping Equipment

If you are shipping any pole vault poles, throwing equipment, or team tents, please ship these directly to your hotel.

Team Tents

The team tent area will be located on the field adjacent to the track. Teams are permitted to bring their own team tents or coordinate a local tent rental. The facility and hosts are not responsible for any damage to tents.

Local Tent Rental: Professional Party Rentals – 828-505-2200

Venue Information

Official Team Entrance

Teams can use either ticketing entrance to enter the facility. Student-Athletes will need their competition bib to gain entry. Coaches will need their credentials to gain entry into the facility.

Facility Maps

2026 Outdoor Track and Field National Championship Facility Map:

https://d2o2figo6ddd0g.cloudfront.net/v/5/rlpbp5whllui8h/Site_Map.PNG

Ticketing Information

All tickets can be purchased online through the provided ticket links below. Tickets should be purchased in advance. No cash will be accepted at the front gate.

Ticket Pricing/Packages

3-day pass – \$40 Adult; \$20 Student; 3-under free

Single day ticket – \$16 Adult, \$10 Student; 3-under free

Purchase Tickets here: <https://tickets.passagesports.com/events/2026-naia-outdoor-track-field-championships>

Parking

Teams should utilize the team parking as indicated on the provided facility map.

Facility Map: https://d2o2figo6ddd0g.cloudfront.net/v/5/rlpbp5whllui8h/Site_Map.PNG

Games Committee

The games committee will assist in creating and approving the meet schedule. The games committee will also assist in various functions leading up to and throughout the championship, including, but not limited to, meet management decisions, creating practice schedules, approving heat sheets, packet pickup, practice monitoring, reviewing results, and hearing appeals.

Members of the 2026 Outdoor Games Committee include: Ryan McKenzie (chair) – William Carey University (Miss.), Alex Glover – Dakota State University (S.D.), Bradley Johnson – Clarke University (Iowa), Stacie Latnie – Madonna University (Mich.), Lisa Voyles – Goshen College (Ind.).

The games committee will be located in a tent by the finish line.

Team Travel & Information

Local Charter Buses

Contact Master's Transportation for all your group transportation and commercial vehicle needs.

Master's Transportation: <https://www.masterstransportation.com/masters-contact>

Phone: 800-783-3613

Email: info@masterstransportation.com

Local Restaurants and Activities

Restaurants in Asheville: <https://www.exploreasheville.com/eat-drink/restaurants>

Trails in and around Asheville: <https://www.exploreasheville.com/things-to-do/outdoors/hiking>

On-Site Communication

The NAIA will use the GroupMe app for all on-site communication. This is intended to be one-way communication from the NAIA to coaches and administrators. Please do not share the group with student-athletes. If you have questions, please send a direct message, email, or call the championship manager.

GroupMe Link: https://groupme.com/join_group/113881790/uIS87yPd

Hotels

Team Housing

All teams will be required to stay at the properties listed below. Please follow the instructions listed at the property of your choosing.

Approved Housing List: <https://www.exploreasheville.com/naia-outdoor-track-field-national-championships>

Medical

Athletic Training

The Host Medical Director is Michelle Landis. Her cell phone number is 828-450-3370. Michelle will lead a pre-event meeting for all AT and support staff on Wednesday, May 20th at 9:00 am in the main medical tent.

If you are an Athletic Trainer traveling with your team, please complete the [Athletic Trainer Credential Request Form](#) by 10:00 am on Sunday, May 17th. Athletic Trainers can pick up their credentials on Tuesday, May 19th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the team packet pick-up in the Rec Center. Please bring your licensure card or photo ID. If you are unable to attend packet pickup for your credential, credentials can be picked up at the ticket gate near the rec center.

Link to Championship Emergency Action Plan: https://naia.prestosports.com/coaches-corner/pdf/Track_and_Field/2026_NAIA_TF_EAP.pdf

Local Hospitals and Urgent Care

Mission Health Emergency Room

509 Biltmore Ave
Asheville, NC 28801
4.5 miles from the track

Novant Health-Go Health Urgent Care & Primary Care

674 Merrimon Ave
Asheville, NC 28804
1.3 miles from the track

EmergeOrtho

129 McDowell St
Asheville, NC 28801
4.4 miles from the track

Local Pharmacies

CVS Pharmacy

612 Merrimon Ave
Asheville, NC 28804
1.1 miles from the track

Credentials

Credentials will be assigned to coaches, media personnel, and athletic trainers. Credentials are nontransferable and are only to be used only by the assigned person. Any parties using transferred credentials will result in credentials being revoked.

Team Credentials

Student-Athletes

Student-Athletes will use their competition bib to gain access to the track facility throughout the competition. Bibs will be given to head coaches upon check-in on Tuesday.

Coaches

Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be assigned credentials based on their institution's qualifier survey request. Credentials will grant them access to the track facility and coaches' boxes throughout the competition. Credentials will be given to head coaches upon check-in on Tuesday.

Media Credentials

All SIDs/Media personnel will need to apply for a credential for the final site. Applications will close 72 hours before the event starts. Media credentials will NOT be included in the team packets at team check-in on Tuesday. Credentials not picked up during check-in on Tuesday can be retrieved from the ticket gate near the rec center throughout the meet.

Please apply here for SID/Photographer and media credentials:

https://naiaforms.formstack.com/forms/media_credentials

Hospitality/Concessions

Coach Hospitality

Coaches will have access to a hospitality area behind the VIP hospitality tent.

Concessions

There will be a variety of food trucks and concession vendors on-site throughout the track meet.

Official Roster

Each team's submitted DirectAthletics entries will be used as the official roster. Coaches will need to sign the roster upon packet pickup.

Submission Process

Meet entries will be submitted through DirectAthletics and the minimum field size fill form. Coaches will be listed on the qualifier survey.

Programs and Merchandise

Program

Download the digital program here:

Fine Designs

Official NAIA National Championship merchandise is provided exclusively by Fine Designs with an expansive list of items and customization options. Participating teams can order merchandise on-site or directly from Fine Designs prior to the national championship. Please see below for details on both options:

1. **Order and Pay Onsite:** A team order can be placed on-site via a team order form and working directly with a Fine Designs rep. Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cash. Merchandise will be provided on-site. Team order forms will be provided on-site at the national championship and can be accessed by visiting: Onsite Team Order Form. The Team order form must be submitted on-site and is not able to be submitted prior to the event

2. Order Direct: Fine Designs can be contacted via email or phone to place a custom order for merchandise prior to the invitational. The order can be paid by check or directly by the college. Merchandise will be shipped to the address and shipping method selected by the college. Contact Information for Fine Designs to place an order is below. Direct orders are not able to be shipped to the invitational site and will not be available for pick-up at the merchandise booth.

For any Fine Designs customer service inquiries, please contact:

Inna Kasaev, Fine Designs

inna@fdkyteam.com

(859) 241-1265

Fine Designs will be located near the team area.

Media Relations

NAIA Sport Page

The official 2026 NAIA Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championship website can be found by visiting: <https://www.naia.org/sports/mtrack-out/index> (men) or <https://www.naia.org/sports/wtrack-out/index> (women)

The official national championship website contains the tournament schedule and results, game box scores, official bracket, photo galleries, historical archives, ticketing information, and more.

Social Media

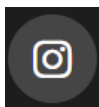
Follow the NAIA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the NAIA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field National Championship.



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Championship Results

The 2026 NAIA Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championships will have live results and team scores available by visiting:

For questions regarding official live statistics or box scores, please contact:

Katie Green

Senior Manager of Athletics Communications and Media
kgreen@naia.org

Championship Photo and Video Requests

All media parties requesting access to photos or video highlights from the 2026 NAIA Men's & Women's Track & Field National Championship should contact Katie Green, kgreen@naia.org.

A link to download championship photos will be sent to each institution's SID.

Marketing Resources

[Marketing Tools and Logo Downloads](#)

Radio and TV Broadcasting Policies

The NAIA owns the rights to all championship streaming. No additional live streams outside of the official stream produced by the NAIA will be allowed.

The 2026 NAIA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championship stream will be accessible through the Urban Edge Network:

<https://watch.urbanedgenetwork.net/page/naia>

On demand video will be available on the NAIA Network: <https://naianetwork.com/> following the championship.

NAIA Drug Testing

Each academic year all eligible NAIA student-athletes must sign a consent form in which he or she consents to be tested for the use of drugs prohibited by the NAIA Banned Substance List to participate in any NAIA National Champions competitions. This consent form shall be administered and kept by each individual institution.

Each institution will be responsible for verifying a signed consent form is on file for each participating student-athlete on the DirectAthletics roster. By providing a signed roster form at check-in, each institution is officially verifying that all student-athletes on the postseason roster have completed a drug testing consent form and are thus eligible to participate in postseason competition.

NAIA Drug Testing & Education Resource: https://www.naia.org/drug-education-testing/files/Drug_Testing_Info_Sheets.pdf

NAIA Sportsmanship and Code of Conduct Policy

Ejections

An ejection is an action enforced in conjunction with competition by a meet referee consistent with the playing rules in that sport. A suspension is required by NAIA bylaws (Article 6, Section B, Item 7) as an additional consequence related to ejections in conjunction with competition.

Ejections are not subject to appeal. Some sport rules allow protests through an official process outlined in each sport rule book.

Suspensions may be appealed starting with the Conference/Continental Athletic Conference (CAC) (formerly the Association of Independent Institutions). An institution must submit an appeal to their conference within 72 hours of the completion of contest. The conference will submit a recommendation to the national office within 72 hours of receiving the appeal from the institution. The Conduct and Ethics Committee is responsible for all appeals related to suspensions due to ejections of a coach and/or student-athlete.

Once an appeal with appropriate signatures has been submitted to the conference, the student-athlete/coach may continue to participate through the appeal process. If the appeal is not approved, then the student-athlete/coach must sit out of the next scheduled contest(s).

A suspended person cannot be in the competitive venue the day of the contest or communicate with any team personnel or game officials the day of the contest. The student-athlete/coach will be normally removed from the venue during a suspension. However, the game manager will use their best discretion on what is appropriate to risk management procedures regarding their venue.

Ejection reports must be completed by the NAIA game official ejecting a student-athlete or coach and the athletic director of the ejected student-athlete or coach. The form must be submitted to the NAIA within 48 hours after the completion of the contest.

Ejection Report Form: <https://www.naia.org/officiating/ejection-reporting>