



2026-27 Men's and Women's Tennis 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
For conferences with 12 or more teams, the second automatic bid team must be ranked in the top 25 of both UTR and ITA ranking to receive the automatic bid.	2026-2027
To change the selection process for Coach of the Year to a decision by the All-America Committee. All coaches who qualify for the national championships will automatically be on the ballot, and write-ins will be accepted.	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