



NAIA CROSS COUNTRY — IMPORTANT DATES

2026-27 CROSS COUNTRY SPORT CALENDAR

AUGUST 10	START – For practices, scrimmages, and exhibitions
AUGUST 20	START – National Ratings Releases <i>Dates: Aug. 20, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct. 29, Nov. 10</i>
AUGUST 27	START – For competitions
SEPTEMBER 9	START – Player of the Week Releases <i>Dates: Sept. 9, Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 14, Oct. 21, Oct. 28</i>
SEPTEMBER 30	DEADLINE – Submitting NAIA Scholar-Athletes
OCTOBER 11	DEADLINE – Undeclare from Postseason
NOVEMBER 8	DEADLINE – For completion of national championship qualifier meets (conference/CAC/unaffiliated championships)
NOVEMBER 10	RELEASE – Qualifiers for Cross Country National Championship Men's Selection Show – 4:00 pm CT – Individual qualifiers posted online Women's Selection Show – 4:30 pm CT – Individual qualifiers posted online
NOVEMBER 11	DEADLINE – Submitting Champions of Character Individual Award Nominations
NOVEMBER 12	DEADLINE – For online entries for BOTH team and individual qualifiers at the National Championship
NOVEMBER 16	DEADLINE – Submitting Sport Motions to be heard at the Business Meeting
NOVEMBER 20	NAIA Men's & Women's Cross Country National Championships <i>Fort Vancouver National Historic Site – Vancouver, Wash.</i>
DECEMBER 14-17	NAIA Cross Country Coaches Association Business Meeting <i>USTFCCCA Convention – Grapevine, Texas</i>
JUNE 30	DEADLINE – Submitting Scholar Team Award Nominations
JULY 15	DEADLINE – Submitting Hall of Fame Nominations to NAIA National Office

FIVE-YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Conference Tournament Deadline	Nov. 8	Nov. 7	Nov. 5	Nov. 4	Nov. 10
National Championships	Nov. 20	Nov. 19	Nov. 17	Nov. 16	Nov. 22

Women's National Championship Website – [Click Here](#)

Men's National Championship Website – [Click Here](#)