



IMPORTANT DATES

2026-2027 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SPORT CALENDAR

AUGUST 1	START – Practices, Scrimmages and Exhibitions
AUGUST 12	START – National Coaches Polls <i>Dates: Aug 12 (pre), Sept 2, 16, 30, Oct 14, 28, Nov 11</i>
AUGUST 14	START – Competitions
AUGUST 25	START – Player of the Week Releases <i>Dates: Aug 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3</i>
SEPTEMBER 30	DEADLINE – Nominations NAIA Scholar-Athletes in NAIA Connect
OCTOBER 1	DEADLINE – First & Second Round Facility Certification Application
OCTOBER 6	START – Area Rankings Releases <i>Dates: Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 15</i>
OCTOBER 17	DEADLINE – Undeclare from Postseason
NOVEMBER 2	DEADLINE – Submitting Bid Packet for First & Second Round Host Institutions
NOVEMBER 9	DEADLINE – Sport Motion Submissions
NOVEMBER 14	DEADLINE – Completion of conference/CAC/unaffiliated tournaments
NOVEMBER 15	DEADLINE – Submit Champions of Character Nominee
NOVEMBER 16	RELEASE – 4:00pm CST National Championship Qualifiers and Opening Round matchups and locations on the NAIA Network
NOVEMBER 16	DEADLINE – Submit All-Conference/CAC/Unaffiliated Group forms to the NAIA National Office
NOVEMBER 17	DEADLINE – Submitting Official Postseason Rosters in NAIA Connect
NOVEMBER 21	NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship – Opening Round <i>24 Host Sites</i>
DECEMBER 2-8	NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship – Final Site <i>Tyson Events Center, Sioux City, IA.</i>
DECEMBER 8	RELEASE – NAIA National Tournament Coach of the Year, All-Tournament Teams, and Tournament MVP
DECEMBER 15	RELEASE – NAIA Volleyball All-America teams and Player of the Year
DECEMBER 16	RELEASE – Post Season Women's Volleyball Coaches Poll
DECEMBER 16-17	NAIA Women's Volleyball Coaches Association Business Meeting AVCA Convention , San Antonio, Texas. Full Convention Dec 16-20
JUNE 30	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Scholar Teams
JULY 15	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Hall of Fame Due

FIVE-YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Conference Tournament Deadline	November 14	November 13	November 11	November 10	November 16
Opening Round	November 21	November 20	November 18	November 17	November 23
National Championship	Dec 2 – Dec 8	Dec 1 – Dec 7	Nov 29-Dec 5	Nov 28-Dec 4	Dec 4 – Dec 10