



2026-27 Men's Basketball 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
RPI Inclusion - When there is a team ranked within the consideration field that is suspended from postseason play, those teams would be removed, and the same number of teams affected would be moved into the consideration field for at-large.	2026-27
RPI Inclusion - A team has to play 25% or more of their maximum allowable contests per NAIA Bylaws against NAIA opponents to be listed in the final RPI release.	2026-27
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.	2026-27
Facility Certification Modifications • 4 secure locker rooms located in or adjacent to the venue. • Each participating team is provided with a secure locker room for use before, during, and after the contest. ◦ All four locker rooms must contain lockers and adequate space to accommodate the official travel party. • All participating teams will be provided with direct access to toilets, sinks, showers, and hot water that will not be shared with their opponent. ◦ Such amenities must be designated exclusively for team use and may not be shared with the public during competition. ◦ Amenities located outside of the locker room area must be within a short walking distance within the same facility and accessible without requiring teams to pass through public spectator areas.	2026-27