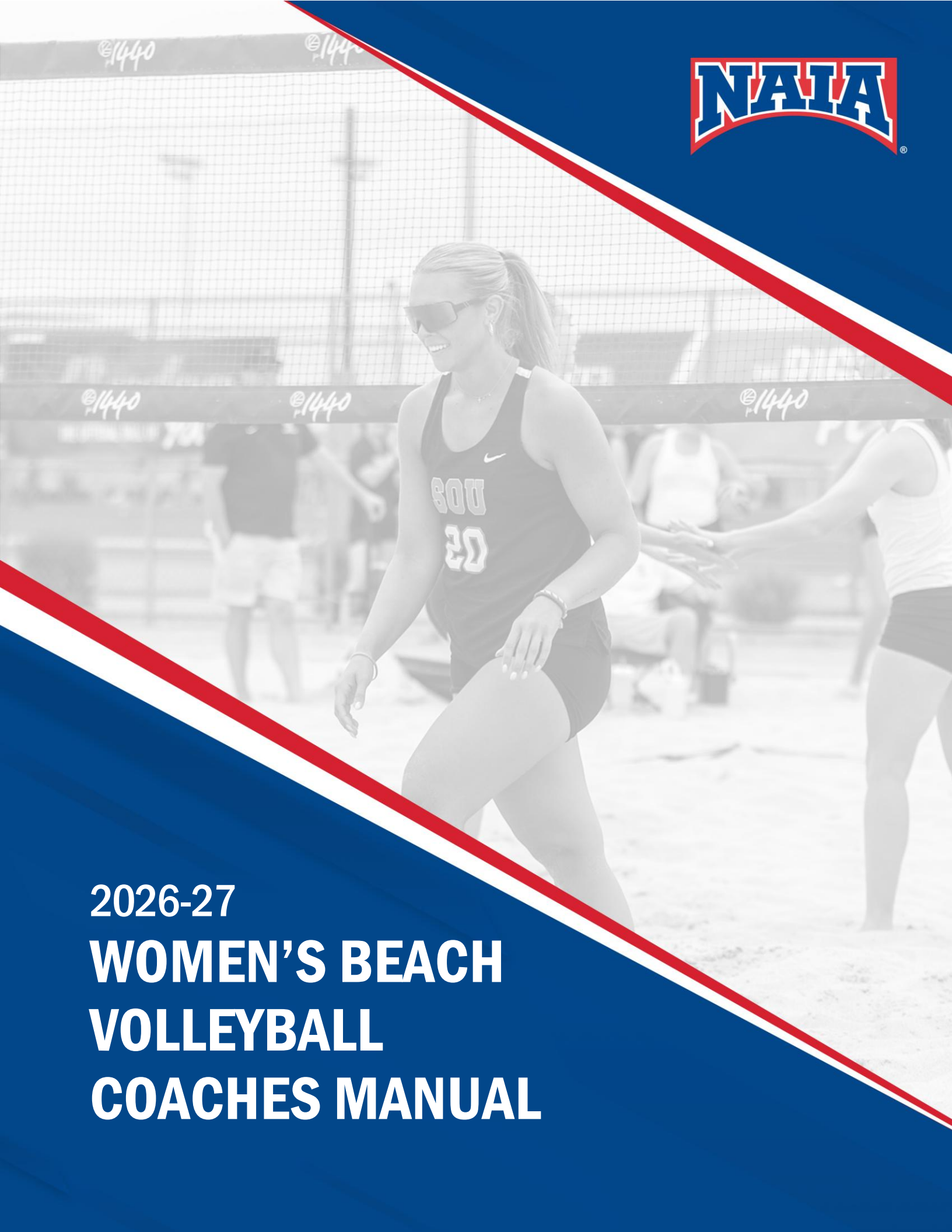




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**WOMEN'S BEACH
VOLLEYBALL
COACHES MANUAL**



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IMPORTANT DATES

2026-27 WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL SPORT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 1	START – Practices, Scrimmages, Exhibitions, and Fall Dates
JANUARY 20	START – National Poll Releases <i>Dates: Jan. 20 (Preseason), Feb. 17</i>
JANUARY 28	START – Spring Competitions
FEBRUARY 23	START – Player of The Week Releases <i>Dates: Feb. 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30</i>
APRIL 10	DEADLINE – Completion of Conference/CAC/Group Qualifying Events
APRIL 12	RELEASE – Women's Beach Volleyball National Championship Qualifiers
APRIL 14	DEADLINE – All-America Nominations Due to National Office
APRIL 15	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Scholar-Athlete
APRIL 22-24	NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Championship
April 29	RELEASE – All-America Honors
JUNE 30	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Scholar Team Awards
JULY 15	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Hall of Fame Due

FIVE-YEAR SPORT CALENDAR

	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Conference Tournament Deadline	April 10	April 15	April 14	April 20	April 19
National Championship	April 22-24	April 27-29	April 26-29	May 2-4	May 1-3



PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

PLAYING RULES

Rules governing NAIA regular-season and postseason play are the [USA Beach Volleyball](#) rules with NCAA modifications. These rules will be applied to all contests (preseason, regular-season, and postseason) when both institutions are members of the NAIA.

OFFICIALS

Officials used for matches should be a certified volleyball official.

OFFICIAL BALL

Baden is the official sponsor of NAIA Beach Volleyball. The NAIA strongly recommends the use of this ball for all regular-season and Conference/Continental Athletic Conference (CAC) Group Tournament play as well. The NAIA Beach Volleyball National Championship will be exclusively using Baden.

SEASON RECORDS

Won-loss-tied records for all member institutions participating in Women's Beach Volleyball shall include ONLY those games played against upper-level, degree-granting institutions, and SHALL NOT include games against junior colleges, clubs, foreign (Canada excluded), or military teams.

CONDUCT IN COMPETITION

EJECTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

An ejection is an action enforced in conjunction with competition by a game official 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) Group. 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).

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

[Ejection Report Form](#)

In the NAIA, any ejection in any sport carries a mandatory suspension of at least one game (see NAIA Bylaws Article VI, Section B, Item 7). In addition, the specific sport itself may also carry a suspension, as determined by rules of competition for that sport. If both an NAIA and sport rule suspension apply, the two suspensions run concurrently.

NAIA NAC Policy Article IV – Conduct in Competition – A player or coach serving a suspension(s) shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, and/or game officials from the start of game to its completion, including overtime periods. While the suspended coach or player is allowed on the field and in the bench area during pregame activities, the suspended player may not be dressed in their game uniform, and they may not take part in any warm-up activities.

**A one-game suspension is required by sports rule (not appealable through NAIA process); An additional one-game suspension is only required by NAIA bylaw and therefore is appealable through NAIA process.*



POSTSEASON COMPETITION

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

CREDENTIAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL PARTY - The official party for each team participating in postseason play is 14 players allowed in uniform and up to 3 support staff. Each team will receive a maximum number of 17 credentials, 14 student-athlete credentials and 3 official party credentials.

Official Postseason Roster forms will now be filled out via NAIA Connect (<https://www.naiiaconnect.org/s/login>) and sent to the NAIA National Office. If you do not have a login account, please contact naiiaconnectsupport@naia.org. Once you login, please follow these [instructions](#).

Postseason Rosters (and ejection disclosures) will be processed electronically and the administrator completing the roster will sign electronically. Postseason Rosters no longer need to be sent to the NAIA National Office.

If you have trouble with the online roster form, please contact Katie Green (kgreen@naia.org) of the NAIA Athletics Communications Department. For any other general questions related to the official postseason rosters, please contact the NAIA Sport Manager.

The list of up to 14 eligible players must be submitted at the time of the institution's selection into NAIA postseason play. Only players on the Official Postseason Roster may be in uniform. If a team is discovered using a player not on the Official Postseason Roster at any time during the postseason tournament, that team will be immediately disqualified from further postseason play that year. From the point of first infraction by a team using a player not on the Official Postseason Roster, all subsequent games shall be forfeited by the offending team.

A copy of this roster form must be hand-carried to the site of the Conference/Continental Athletic Conference (CAC) Group qualifying tournament site and National Championship and be presented to the Championship Tournament Committee prior to that institution's participation in the tournament.

The deadline for certifying the Official Roster of 14 players is 30 minutes prior to the first game of any conference tournament, or at the coaches meeting of the National Championship.

Once the National Championship begins, no player may play who is not on the Official Postseason Roster.

MEDICAL PERSONNEL - Each team is allowed up to two athletic training/medical personnel on the team sideline. One of which must be an ATC, MD, or DO. A licensed health care provider's license information/number must be submitted in the application in order to receive any medical/athletic training credentials for your team. Applications will close 72 hours before the event starts. Medical personnel credentials can be picked up during team check-in/registration only with a photo ID.

Please apply here for medical personnel credential: [LINK](#)

SPORTS INFORMATION/MEDIA PERSONNEL - 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 coaches' pick-up. Media credentials will be picked up at a TBD location. Approved credential applicants will be notified of where to pick up credentials after their application has been approved.

Please apply here for Media credential: [LINK](#)

ADMINISTRATOR PERSONNEL

All Presidents and Athletic Directors from qualifying teams will each receive two credentials. These credentials can be picked up at the box office.

All other administrators will receive free admission with their NAIA membership card when presented at the box office.

ROSTER CHANGES

A player may be replaced on the official roster between the Conference/CAC/Group Tournament and the NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Championship by any eligible player whose name is included on the NAIA Official Eligibility Form for the current season. Again, the coach will need to hand-carry a copy of the eligibility form to each tournament if a roster change is necessary.



For Unaffiliated Group Qualifying Tournament plans that call for preliminary competition between conference teams, roster changes cannot be made once this preliminary competition begins. Unaffiliated Group Tournaments will follow the same roster change policies used for Affiliated Conference Tournaments.

UNIFORMS

Teams must have both light and dark colored uniforms available. Home teams wear light colored uniforms and visitors wear dark. Numbers must be easily distinguishable from the predominant background color(s) and pattern. Numbers must be displayed on front and back of each player's jersey.

NAIA Uniform modifications to allow sponsors logos/patches during competition. 1. Limit of one sponsor logo or patch on a uniform. 2. The logos may not exceed a standard size of 2.25 inches square. 3. Sponsors of alcohol, tobacco, or any other legalized drugs (for example, Oregon marijuana) are not permitted. 4. Sponsors whose sole or primary business function is sports gambling (e.g., FanDuel, DraftKings, etc.) are not permitted. 5. Sponsor logos must be in the same location on each set of uniforms (e.g., if the home whites patch is on the neckline, all home whites must be the same; away jerseys could be in a different permissible location).

Primary Location: Front shoulder panel opposite manufactures logo. Between the apex of the neckline and the shoulder seam
Secondary Location: Centered on bottom right sleeve (as worn) or centered bottom opposite sleeve of manufactures logo. Alternate Permissible Location: If neither of the above locations is available at the back of the jersey, the apex/center of the neckline as close to the neckline as is possible.

EXPENSES

Each participating team shall be responsible for its own expenses en route to, during, and from all postseason events.

PARTICIPATION AT EVENTS

All participating teams and individuals competing in a NAIA Invitational or National Championship, must attend all event functions including, but not limited to – Parade of Champions, coaches meetings, Student-Athlete Experience Banquets and Teaming Up for Character initiatives. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of a \$1,500 fine to the institution.

COACHES RESPONSIBILITY

The coach or designated person from each participating team must be in attendance and is responsible for their team at all times while at the site of the National Championship. This person shall accept the responsibility for the conduct of their student-athletes at the National Championship site, during the competition and at all activities connected with the team's participation. In case of property damage, the offending institution shall be held financially responsible.

INSURANCE

Each participating team shall provide its own medical, hospitalization, travel and accident insurance for all official party members.

AFFILIATED CONFERENCE/CAC/GROUP TOURNAMENTS

The Conference/Continental Athletic Conference (CAC) Group tournaments are planned and administered by the Conference/CAC/Group Executive Committees under the leadership of the Conference/CAC/Group Beach Volleyball Chair and subject to approval of all standards and conditions as may be prescribed by their respective Executive Committees, Commissioners, and/or Presidents.

Conference/CAC/Group postseason tournament plans must be submitted to the National Office no later than **February 1, 2027**. Plans must include a weather contingency plan. The tournament deadline **will not** be extended for weather delays.

DATES AND SITES

The dates and sites of the Conference/CAC/Group qualifying tournaments shall be determined by their Executive Committees. The deadline for completion of the 2027 Conference/CAC/Group qualifying tournaments is **April 10, 2027**.

TEAM QUALIFICATION



Institutions must play at least 12 contests against accredited, upper-level, four-year, degree-granting institutions in the United States and/or Canada to be eligible for NAIA postseason competition. Conference tournament contests do not count towards the 12 competition minimum.

Consideration may be given to any one or combination of the following criteria in selecting teams for the postseason tournaments:

1. An approved rating system
2. Regular-season overall win-loss record
3. Overall win-loss record against NAIA teams within the conference, and/or
4. Any system approved by the NAIA Championships Department.

ADMINISTRATION

If available, the Conference/CAC/Group Beach Volleyball Chairs will serve as administrators for their respective National Championship qualifying tournament in cooperation with the host site Athletics Director. When not available, the host Athletic Director, or a designated person, may serve in this capacity. All National Championship qualifying tournaments must determine a clear winner.

FINANCES

The host site for all Conference/CAC/Group qualifying tournament games is responsible for the following:

1. Compensation of game officials.
2. Ordering Conference/CAC/Group awards, if applicable (see General Information, Section IV, I of this handbook for information on officially approved NAIA awards).
3. Administrative expenses, including security, ticket personnel, and public address announcer, scorer, timer, etc.
4. Expenses of game administrator, if applicable.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

DATES AND SITES

The NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Championship will be played April 22-24, 2027.

ADMINISTRATION

The NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Championship is under the direct control and supervision of the NAIA Sport Manager and the NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball Tournament Committee. The NAIA Sport Manager and the Tournament Committee are responsible for the management of tournament matches and the general welfare of participating teams and coaches. Together the NAIA Sport Manager and the Tournament Committee conduct the coaches' meetings, work with the Coordinator of Officials, and coordinate both pre- and post-tournament ceremonies.

Should a member of the Tournament Committee have a team qualify for the National Championship, the NAIA Sport Manager will appoint an alternative to serve on the Tournament Committee.

All National Championship champions should be determined in competition, with the National Championship played to conclusion. Playability should be determined by the NAIA Sport Manager and Tournament Committee, making every effort to conclude on schedule. The Tournament Committee should make every possible effort to finish in the timeliest fashion possible.

QUALIFICATION

The eight teams that will compete in the 2027 NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball Championship will be determined using the 2026-27 NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball Qualification Plan approved by the NAC, found in NAIA Connect.

Each Conference/Continental Athletic Conference (CAC) (formerly the Association of Independent Institutions)/Affiliated Grouping with six teams competing shall automatically qualify one representative to the NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Championship. Conferences/Continental Athletic Conference (CAC) (formerly the Association of Independent Institutions)/Affiliated Groupings with 12 or more teams shall automatically qualify two representatives to the National Championship.



At-large qualifiers will be determined by the Final Coaches Rating, highest ranked teams that have not earned an automatic berth shall qualify until eight teams have been selected. There are no limits on the number of at-large berths a conference/affiliated grouping may receive.

SEEDING

Once the eight-team field is set, the Tournament Committee, the national championship will be seeded by the National Selection Committee.

FORMAT

The NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Championship will be conducted in a three-day format. The field will consist of eight teams.

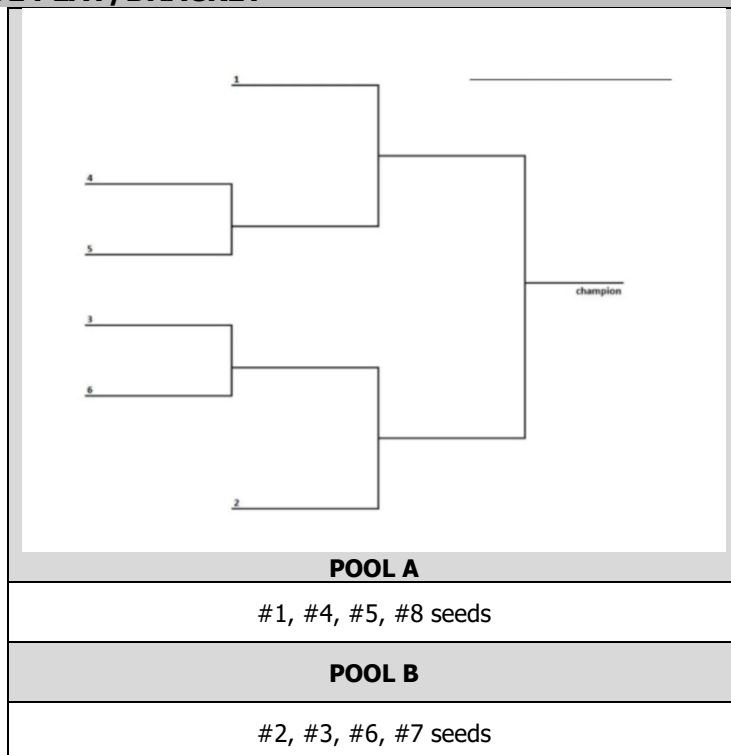
The NAIA Beach Volleyball National Championship will use the format of Pool Play (two pools of four teams) followed by a single-elimination tournament. There will be two pools of four teams. Teams in each pool will be placed in the single-elimination bracket accordingly following pool play.

Pool A 1 vs. Pool B 4
Pool B 2 vs. Pool A 3

Pool A 2 vs. Pool B 3
Pool A 4 vs. Pool B 1

Matches in all rounds are best of five. Matches will be played in waves: 2 & 4 will play first and then the 1, 3, & 5 after completion of the 2 & 4.

POOL PLAY/BRACKET



TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

The following procedure is to be used to determine the place in pool play and cannot eliminate a team from the competition:

1. Overall Match Record
2. Head-to-Head Competition
3. Individual Match won/lost
4. Sets won/lost
5. Point Differential
6. Team's Seed Entering Invitational

If there is a three-way tie, no single sets will be played. The highest-ranked team based on the tie-breaking procedures (Individual Match Won-Lost, Sets Won – Lost, Point Differential, Team's Seed Entering the Invitational) will advance to bracket play as the top team. The team that won the head-to-head match between the remaining two teams will be the second-highest team, with the last team being third. All three teams will then move to bracket play accordingly.

MATCH TIMES

The host organization, the NAIA Sport Manager, and the Tournament Committee jointly determine match times for all matches.

At the National Championship, teams traveling from the west and central time zones should not play the last match of the day when having to change more than one time zone. Teams traveling from Mountain and Pacific Time zones should not be scheduled in the early morning session when changing more than one time zone.

Once the placing of teams into the bracket is complete, game times shall be assigned. Game times are tentative and subject to change by the Tournament Committee, host organization, and/or NAIA Sport Manager.

TEAM HOUSING

All participating teams must stay at one of the hotels designated by the host. Teams are responsible for paying all room, tax, and incidental charges. All teams must stay at one of the designated hotels. Failure to do so would make a team **INELIGIBLE** for participation.

PARTICIPATION IN FUNCTIONS

All participating teams and individuals competing in a National Championship must attend all functions including, but not limited to - Parade of Champions, coaches meetings and student-athlete experience events. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of a \$1,500 fine to the institution.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If inclement weather should cause travel delays for any team(s) competing in the National Championship, it will be up to the discretion of the NAIA Championship Sport Manager and the Tournament Committee to make changes to the National Championship bracket to accommodate such delays.

It is the responsibility of the host Medical Director/Athletic Trainer at NAIA National 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 Sport Manager who, in collaboration with the appropriate personnel (i.e. Tournament Committee) will implement the predetermined action plan for both player and spectator safety.

MATCH OFFICIALS

8 officials will be selected to work the NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Championship by a Supervisor of Officials, as approved by the NAIA. During pool play, officials will work in one-person crews. During elimination play, the 8 officials will work in two-person crews. The USA Beach Volleyball Rules with NCAA and NAIA modifications are utilized for all games.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prior to the National Championship, an informational packet will be posted online on the NAIA Coaches Corner page for all potential qualifiers which will include specific instructions regarding transportation, housing, practices, and all responsibilities upon qualification. Please handle these responsibilities as early as possible.



Contacting the National Office – Immediately upon qualifying for the National Championship, all Conference/CAC/Group tournament champions are to contact the NAIA National Office to identify its team as the representative to the National Championship by emailing Marc Burchard (mburchard@naia.org)

Check-In – Upon arrival at the National Championship, teams must check in prior to the coaches' meeting. NAIA and host organization personnel will be at the check-in to greet all teams, provide information materials, and be available to answer questions.

Coaches Meeting – There will be a pre-tournament meeting of all participating coaches prior to the National Championship. This meeting shall serve as an informational forum and will include a briefing by a representative of the match officials. Head coaches are required to attend this meeting.

Radio and Television Rights Fees - The broadcast of any tournament match is governed by NAIA broadcast policies as printed in the NAIA Policy Handbook. Below are the rights fees for NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball:

	RADIO	TELEVISION	WEB BLOGGING**
Commercial	\$150	\$30/day (live or delayed) + \$100 per	\$75
Non-Commercial	\$100	\$300/day (live or delayed) + \$100 per*	\$50

**Extra charge associated with any additional radio stations that pick up a school's feed. This does not include when one team posts/advertises its opponent's internet broadcast.*

***Web-blogging is any form of live updates by typing on the computer in a public forum where anyone with internet has access.*

All rights fees must be paid prior to the start of each match at the National Championship. If you have any questions regarding broadcasting or streaming, please contact Katie Green (kgreen@naia.org) of the NAIA Athletics Communications Department.

TRAVEL

SHORTS TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

Qualifying institutions are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to the National Championship.

The Official Travel partner of the NAIA is Short's Travel Management. Please contact **Short's Travel (816-323-6405)** to book your travel arrangements.

Short's Travel has contacts with charter air travel as well as charter buses for ground travel.



NAIA POLICY HANDBOOK INFORMATION

The NAIA Policy Handbook can be found at [HERE](#). Please refer directly to the NAIA Policy Handbook for the following:

Competition

- A. Declaration of Intent to Participate – Bylaws, Article I, Section L
- B. Frequency of Play and Scheduling – Bylaws, Article I, Section F
- C. Criteria for Countable Contests – National Administrative Council, Article XXV, Section A, Item 12
- D. Reporting Results – National Administrative Council, Article XXV, Section A
- E. Forfeits – National Administrative Council, Article XI
- F. Conduct in Competition Guidelines – National Administrative Council, Article IV
- G. Ejection Policy – Bylaws, Article VI Section B Item 7
- H. Drug Testing and Reinstatement Procedures – Bylaws, Article VIII

Eligibility

- A. Definitions for Eligibility – Bylaws, Article V, Section B
- B. Eligibility Requirements – Bylaws, Article V, Section C
- C. Transfer Rules – Bylaws, Article V, Sections F-H
- D. Amateur Rules and Reinstatement – Bylaws, Article VII

Recruiting & Financial Aid

- A. Recruitment – Bylaws, Article II, Section D
- B. Campus Visitations and Tryouts of Prospective Students – Bylaws, Article II, Section C
- C. Financial Assistance – Bylaws, Article II, Section B
- D. Financial Aid Limits – Council of Presidents, Article XII

SUNDAY PLAY POLICY

As a matter of policy, NAIA Opening Round and National Championship competition will not be scheduled on Sunday. See NAIA Policy Handbook, National Administrative Council, Article XXIII for additional information.

DRUG TESTING

Drug testing may be done at any randomly selected NAIA National Championship competition for performance enhancing drugs. In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the National Drug Testing and Education Committee, the National Office will select which championships will incorporate drug testing each year. Student-athletes may be tested before, during and/or after NAIA National Championships.

For more information regarding championship drug testing, the [National Administrative Council Drug Testing Policy Manual](#), the safety of supplements and over-the-counter medications and resources to increase awareness on your campus, please visit – www.naia.org/wellness

DRUG TESTING CONSENT FORM

Each academic year all eligible NAIA student-athletes must sign a [Drug Testing 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 Championship competitions. This consent form shall be administered by the institution.

To ensure all student-athletes participating in NAIA National Championship competitions have signed a consent form and such form is on record with the institution, a representative of each institution participating in any NAIA National Championship competition must sign an Official Certification of Student-Athlete Consent Form at check-in. It is recommended that before the season begins that an institution has all student-athletes complete the form to minimize the possibility of issues occurring when the postseason roster is submitted at a NAIA National Championship.

MEDICAL EXEMPTION FORM

The NAIA recognizes that some banned substances are used for legitimate medical purposes. Accordingly, the NAIA allows exemptions to be made for those student-athletes with a documented medical history demonstrating the need for regular use of such a drug. Exemptions may be granted for substances included in the following classes of banned drugs – Stimulants, anabolic agents, beta blockers, diuretics, peptide hormones, anti-estrogens, and beta-2 agonists.

[Medical Exemption Form](#)



COACHES ASSOCIATION

NAIA-BEACH VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION (NAIA-BVCA)

The NAIA-BVCA is an association comprised of volleyball coaches whose institutions are members in good standing. The NAIA-BVCA is charged with the responsibility of carrying out programs beneficial to the sport of Beach Volleyball and the members of the NAIA-BVCA. The NAIA-BVCA elects officers (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary) who serve one-year terms and provide the leadership for the Association.

The NAIA-BVCA annual business meeting is held via Zoom at the end of June every year. Agenda items may be submitted by any NAIA coach and should be sent to the NAIA-BVCA current president at least two weeks prior to the annual business meeting.

AMERICAN VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) is committed to the development and advancement of volleyball throughout the nation. The Association has unified coaches at every level by increasing the professionalism of its members. Increasing knowledge and awareness is just one of the AVCA's commitments to coaches. The official AVCA technical journal, Coaching Volleyball, and the Association's newsletter, American Volleyball, will keep coaches abreast of volleyball techniques and activities.

In addition, the AVCA annually recognizes hundreds of coaches and student-athletes through one of the most comprehensive single-sport award programs, including AVCA-NAIA All-America, Player of the Year and Coach of the Year. In order for a player or coach to be eligible for NAIA-AVCA recognition the coach must be a member of the AVCA. For \$175, an NAIA head coach (\$125 for assistants) may join the Association and begin reaping the benefits only membership can offer. Additional information can be found at www.avca.org.

NAIA-BVCA VOTING

NAIA Coaches Associations must have a quorum (at least 50% of eligible voters) in order for a sport motion to be heard by the National Administrative Council. All voting will be completed using an online process following the business meeting in order to ensure all head coaches have an opportunity to vote. Motions will still be presented and discussed at the Annual Business meeting. If desired, a "straw poll" can be taken by those present to determine if a motion will be opened for vote to the full coaches association.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & SPORT MOTIONS

The Annual Business meeting for the NAIA-BVCA takes place at the AVCA Convention. Refer to the NAIA-BVCA Constitution and Bylaws for the organization of the Annual Business meeting.

Coaches are able to submit sport motions to the NAIA-BVCA President and Sport Manager prior to the Annual Business meeting. All sport motions from the coaches' body affecting the NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Championship will be distributed to all head coaches 1 week prior to the Annual Business meeting.

NAIA-BVCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Each officer (excluding the NAC Liaison) will serve in their position for one year before progressing.

POSITION/TITLE	NAME, SCHOOL & CONTACT INFO
President	Annett Davis , The Master's University, adavis@masters.edu
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Second Vice President	Jorge Rodriguez , Texas Wesleyan, jorgerodriguez@txwes.edu
Secretary	
Past President	Mike Talamantes , Park University (Mo.), michael.talamantes@park.edu
NAC Liaison	Cindy Potter , Columbia College, cnpotter@ccis.edu



NAIA-BVCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section I - The name of the Association shall be the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Beach Volleyball Coaches Association (NAIA-BVCA).

ARTICLE II - ORGANIZATION

Section I - The membership of this Association shall be comprised of volleyball coaches who currently coach volleyball at an NAIA member institution. NAIA-BVCA is an allied, sectional activity area of the NAIA parent organization and is charged with the responsibility of initiating programs beneficial to the game of volleyball and to the NAIA member coaches of this sport. The activities of this section shall be in accordance with the aims and objectives of NAIA and under the guidance of the NAIA National Administrative Council.

Section II - The NAIA-BVCA shall submit to the NAIA NAC for approval, all recommendations, plans and practices.

ARTICLE III - AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Section I - To initiate, conduct and supervise programs utilizing the guidance of the NAIA Beach Volleyball Executive Committee which will promote interest in volleyball programs on conference, independent and national levels.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section I - There shall be three classes of membership; 1 - Active; 2 - Allied; 3 - Honorary.

Section II - Active membership shall consist of volleyball coaches who are actively engaged in coaching volleyball in an NAIA educational institution.

Section III - Allied membership shall consist of coaches who are engaged in coaching volleyball in secondary schools and other persons who are interested in the advancement of the game of volleyball.

Section IV - Honorary membership may be conferred upon any individual who, because of his/her valuable contribution to the game of volleyball, shall be nominated by the membership committee and elected by two-thirds vote of the Association.

Section V - All members shall have the privilege of the floor at meetings of the Association, but the privilege of voting shall be exercised by active members only.

ARTICLE V – VOTING POWER

Section I – Current membership of NAIA-BVCA entitles the member to (1) vote per school in all democratic action held in open assembly of the association.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section I - The officers of this Association (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Past President) shall be elected from the active membership of the Association. Such elected officers shall be from institutions which are in good standing in the NAIA. Nominations and resumes are to be received following the annual business meeting and shall be included with the minutes of the NAIA-BVCA Annual Business Meeting. Results of the election will be distributed in the coaches' handbook, preceded by written notification.

Section II - Term of office for all President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary shall be one year.

Section III - The progression shall be from Secretary to Vice President to President to Past President. Each office is to be held from August 1 to July 31. In the event a vacancy occurs, the normal progression from Secretary to President shall be accelerated to fill the vacant office. The NAIA-BVCA Executive Committee is empowered to appoint officers from the membership-at-large to fill the remaining position. Such appointee shall not succeed in the normal progression of offices unless duly elected by the membership.

Section IIII - The NAIA-BVCA officers, the Executive Committee, shall serve as members of the tournament committee at the NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball National Championship.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section I – The duties of the President are to afford leadership and guidance to the NAIA-BVCA through all possible channels and to direct their efforts specifically to conduction the Annual Meetings and clinics. The President is the executive officer of all appointed and standing committees of the association.

Section II – The duties of the 1st Vice-President are assuming the leadership at all meetings unattended by the President.

Section III – The 2nd Vice-President is designated as the membership chairman and he works directly with the conference/CAC chairmen who are designated as conference/CAC membership chairmen. The 2nd Vice-President assumes the leadership designated to the President or 1st Vice-President in the event neither is available to assume their proper roles.

Section IV – The Secretary shall make an annual report to the NAIA-BVCA Executive Committee, supervise the association correspondence, maintain the roster, notify members of meetings and other such duties as are incident to the office.

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section I – The Executive Committee of NAIA-BVCA is composed of six members; the officers of the association, the association's immediate past-president and the appointed NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC) liaison (ex-officio).

Section II – The President of the NAIA-BVCA is empowered to appoint committees which will assist in programs designed to produce national and conference/CAC recognition for teams, players and coaches. The President is also encouraged to appoint competent NAIA-BVCA members who will assist in any and all ways to foster the aims and objectives of NAIA as they relate to the sport of beach volleyball, the participants, the coaches, the spectators and the institutions represented by these groups.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

Section I - One annual business meeting of the Association shall be held each year virtually at the end of June.

ARTICLE X – CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Section I - Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the NAIA-BVCA must be presented in writing to the President of the NAIA-BVCA at least one month prior to the annual business meeting. The President must see that the proposal is presented to the membership at the next annual business meeting. The amendment must have a two-thirds vote of approval by current members of the NAIA-BVCA. All changes of the constitution must have approval of the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC).

AWARDS

NATIONAL PAIR OF THE WEEK

There will be weekly recognition of an outstanding performance at the national level, with honorees selected from athletes nominated by their institution or conference/group sports information directors. Nominations will be accepted from all NAIA member institutions in which they are declared for NAIA postseason.

Honorees will be released by 5 PM (CST) during [the selected dates](#). All nominations must be submitted via the [NAIA Presto awards admin](#) website by 3:30 PM (CST) on the weeks where the award is given. Only one pair from each team will be allowed for consideration during each honors period. Honorees will be selected by a national voting committee.

ALL-AMERICA

All-America awards are annually bestowed on the most outstanding athletes in the NAIA. Criteria for the awards and the procedures for selection and implementation are established by the Awards & Statistics subcommittee of the National Administrative Council (NAC). Please note some sports recognize All-America status by order of finish, and others require submission of materials and selection at the Conference/CAC/Group levels.

The NAIA Women's Volleyball All-America teams are selected by the NAIA-BVCA Executive Committee during the NAIA regular season. The All-America Selection Committee must select a team's #1 pair before the #2 pair can be considered. #2 pairs nominations from institutions can be considered before #1 pairs from other institutions.

Each postseason participating institution may nominate up to two pairs for consideration. The All-America Committee shall select a first and second team consisting of eight (8) pairs. A minimum participation level of 66% at a flight is required to be considered for All-America status.

CONFERENCE PAIR OF THE YEAR

Each Conference/CAC/Group selects a Pair of the Year using its own method of determination.

NATIONAL PAIR OF THE YEAR

The All-America Committee will select the NAIA Women's Beach Volleyball Pair of the Year after the First Team All-America is selected. The recipients must be a member of the All America First Team.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

Criteria for the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete Award are as follows:

1. Nominee must be a sophomore or above in academic standing;
2. Nominee must have been in attendance at the nominating institution one full academic year at the time of the nomination deadline (April 15)
3. Nominee has a minimum grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of the nomination deadline (for transfer students the GPA is only at current NAIA institution).
4. Nominee has been certified as eligible and is listed on the eligibility certificate submitted to conference eligibility chair.
5. Nomination form is complete and submitted through NAIA Connect.
6. All the above information is to be received by April 15 to be eligible for national press release/website, certificate and honors database – All criteria must be met by this date.

NOTE – There are no statistical/playing requirements needed to receive this award.

Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete nominations will be filled out via the NAIA Connect admin website at <https://www.naiiaconnect.org/s/login/>. NAIA Connect is the only way to nominate student-athletes as a Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete.

Nominations will be processed entirely electronically. In order to complete a nomination, the student-athlete must have approved and signed a release of their cumulative grade point average for nominating purposes. If you or your sports information office does not have a signed release form from the nominated student-athlete on file, a blank document (PDF) will be available for



download. This release form does not need to be turned into the NAIA National Office. You are asked to retain it for your institutional records. The administrator nominating the student-athlete will sign electronically. This release form does not need to be turned into the NAIA National Office. You are asked to retain it for your institutional records. The administrator nominating the student-athlete will sign electronically. To be eligible for listing on website, honors database or receive a certificate, forms **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY April 15, 2026**. LATE nominations will not be accepted.

RED BANNER SCHOLAR AWARD

New in 2026-27: The Red Banner Scholar Award recognizes the highest level of academic achievement among student-athletes competing at each NAIA National Championship Final Site. The award celebrates the NAIA's commitment to developing champions in the classroom, character, and competition by honoring the student-athlete(s) with the highest cumulative institutional grade point average participating in the national championship.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Red Banner Scholar Award, a student-athlete must:

1. Be listed on the official active championship roster (team sports) or be an official qualifier and active participant (individual sports) at the NAIA National Championship Final Site.
2. Be recognized as an NAIA Scholar-Athlete for the applicable academic year.
3. Meet all established NAIA Scholar-Athlete eligibility requirements and be submitted through the official NAIA Scholar-Athlete nomination process by the applicable sport deadline.

Selection Process

The NAIA National Office will determine the recipient(s) using approved NAIA Scholar-Athlete data.

- The eligible student-athlete with the highest cumulative institutional GPA at the national championship final site will receive the Red Banner Scholar Award.

In the event of a tie for the highest GPA, all tied student-athletes will be recognized as

SCHOLAR TEAM AWARD

In recognition of academic achievement, the NAIA names a Scholar Team for all sports in which Scholar-Athletes are recognized. Based on a cumulative 3.0 season GPA for the current academic year on a 4.0 scale, all members of the team who appear on the eligibility certificate will be included in the GPA compilation.

The deadline for Scholar Team nominations is June 30, 2026. Download the NAIA Scholar Team Award Form [here](#).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Conference Coach of the Year

Each Conference/CAC/Group selects a Coach of the Year using its own method of determination.

National Championship Coach of the Year

The National Tournament Coach of the Year is determined by vote taken by coaches of teams participating in the National Championship. The ballot includes all National Championship coaches.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for its national championship, with awards provided to the official parties of the top two teams. A 10-member All-Tournament Team, including the Tournament Most Valuable Player, is selected by participating national Championship participating coaches. The Tournament Most Valuable Player is included in the 10-member All-Tournament Team. The Coach of the Year and Pair of the Year are also presented during the awards ceremony.

ORDERING AWARDS

Appropriate Conference/CAC/Group tournament awards are to be ordered by each respective conference chair and are the financial responsibility of the Conference/CAC/Group or the conference tournament host institution.

Official NAIA awards must be ordered from:

Collegiate Awards

18081 E. Trafficway, Springfield, MO 65802



Contact – Brad Stout – brads@collegiateawards.com