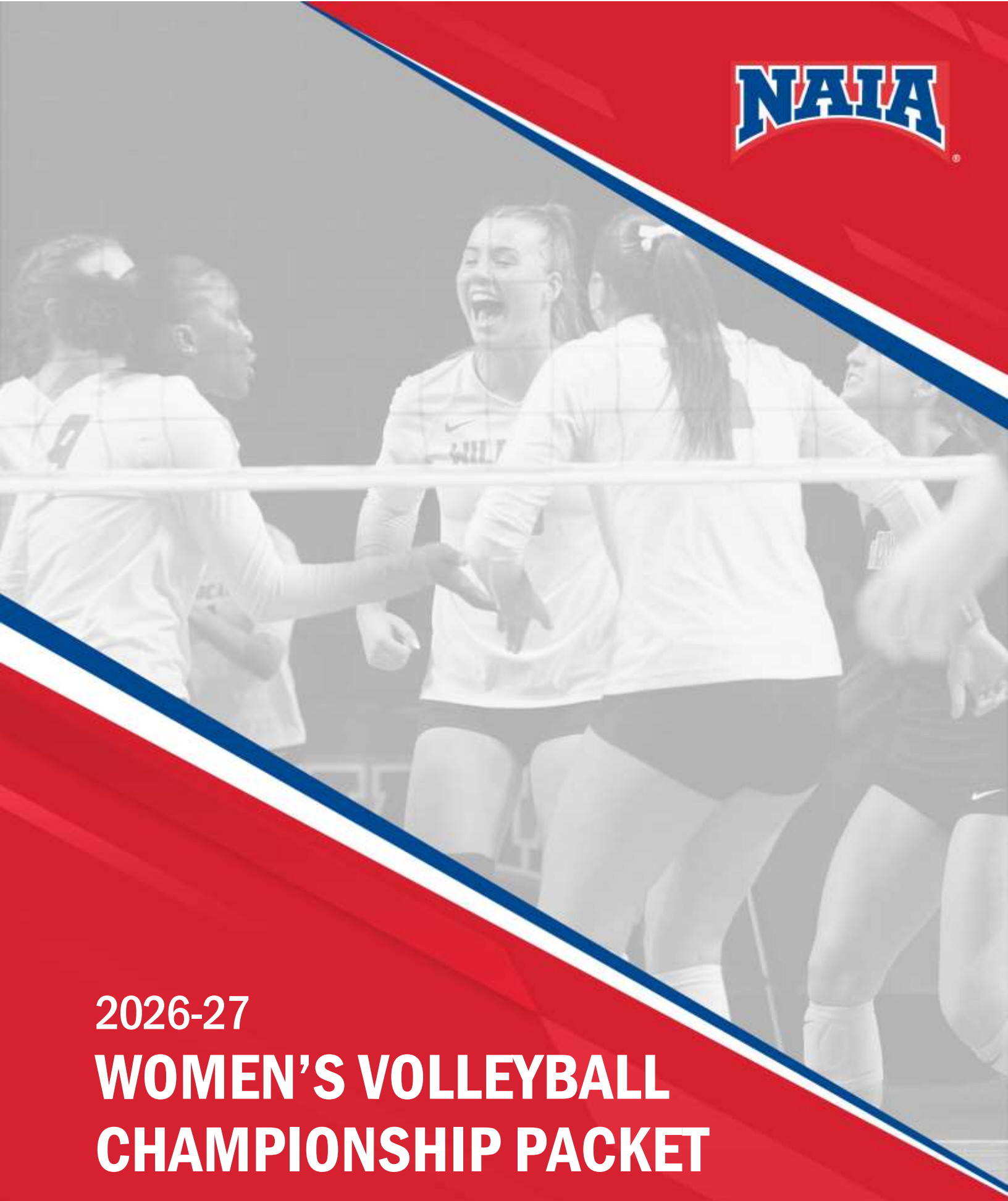


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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET

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Welcome

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), the City of Sioux City, the Tyson Events Center, and Explore Siouxland, congratulations on your qualification to the 2026 Women's Volleyball National Championship! The event will be held at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa, December 2-8, 2026. This championship packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the championship.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sioux City and wish you the best of luck!

Mission Statement

The purpose of the NAIA is to promote education and development of students through intercollegiate athletic participation. Member institutions, although varied and diverse, share a common commitment to high standards and the principle that athletics serve as an integral part of education.

The NAIA embraces the concept of the student and recognizes the importance of the individuality of each member institution, the value of the conference and independent structure, and the benefits of membership in a national association. (Additional information relative to the philosophy of the NAIA can be found in the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook.)

About the NAIA

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) was founded in 1940 as the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB) to provide small colleges with a championship basketball tournament. In 1952, the organization expanded to include other sports and became the NAIA. The NAIA was a pioneer in college athletics, being the first to offer championships for African American student-athletes and the first to sponsor a national championship for women's sports in 1980. Today, the NAIA supports smaller colleges and universities, emphasizing character-driven athletics and student-athlete development.

Tournament Personnel

Position	NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
Co-Director	Corey Westra	712-226-4722	corey.westra@gpacsports.com
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NAIA Senior Manager of Athletic Communications	Katie Green	816-595-8104	kgreen@naia.org

Schedule of Events

Monday, November 30		
8:00am – 6:00pm	Practices Arranged	Various Locations
Tuesday, December 1		
8:00am – 6:00pm	Practices Arranged	Various Locations
8:30am – 10:15am	Coaches Check-in	Tyson Events Center-Lobby
9:30am – 10:15am 10:15am – 11:00am	Teaming up for Character Pools A, B, C, and D Pools E, F, G, and H	Tyson Events Center
10:30am	On-Site Coaches Meeting	Tyson Events Center Near Lobby
6:30pm – 8:00pm 6:00pm Doors Open	Student-Athlete Experience Event	Sioux City Convention Center 801 4th St, Sioux City, IA
Wednesday, December 2		
10:00am	Pool A, Court 1 – #1 vs #3 Pool E, Court 2 – #1 vs #3	Tyson Events Center
1:00pm	Pool D, Court 1 – #1 vs #3 Pool H, Court 2 – #1 vs #3	Tyson Events Center
4:30pm	Pool B, Court 1 – #1 vs #3 Pool F, Court 2 – #1 vs #3	Tyson Events Center
7:30pm	Pool C, Court 1 – #1 vs #3 Pool G, Court 2 – #1 vs #3	Tyson Events Center
Thursday, December 3		
10:00am	Pool A, Court 1 – #2 vs #3 Pool E, Court 2 – #2 vs #3	Tyson Events Center
1:00pm	Pool D, Court 1 – #2 vs #3 Pool H, Court 2 – #2 vs #3	Tyson Events Center
4:30pm	Pool B, Court 1 – #2 vs #3 Pool F, Court 2 – #2 vs #3	Tyson Events Center
7:30pm	Pool C, Court 1 – #2 vs #3 Pool G, Court 2 – #2 vs #3	Tyson Events Center

Friday, December 4		
9:00am	Pool E, Court 1 – #1 vs #2 Pool A, Court 2 – #1 vs #2	Tyson Events Center
12:00pm	Pool H, Court 1 – #1 vs #2 Pool D, Court 2 – #1 vs #2	Tyson Events Center
3:30pm	Pool F, Court 1 – #1 vs #2 Pool B, Court 2 – #1 vs #2	Tyson Events Center
6:30pm	Pool G, Court 1 – #1 vs #2 Pool C, Court 2 – #1 vs #2	Tyson Events Center
9:00pm (est.)	Tiebreaker Sets, if necessary	Tyson Events Center
Saturday, December 5		
11:00am	Quarterfinals #1 Pool A Winner vs Pool H Winner	Tyson Events Center
2:00pm	Quarterfinals #2 Pool D Winner vs Pool E Winner	Tyson Events Center
5:30pm	Quarterfinals #3 Pool B Winner vs Pool G Winner	Tyson Events Center
8:30pm	Quarterfinals #4 Pool C Winner vs Pool F Winner	Tyson Events Center
Sunday, December 6		
11:00am – 12:00pm	Sunday Practice Times Winner of Quarterfinal #1	Tyson Events Center
12:05pm – 1:05pm	Sunday Practice Times Winner of Quarterfinal #2	Tyson Events Center
1:10pm – 2:10pm	Sunday Practice Times Winner of Quarterfinal #3	Tyson Events Center
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Sunday Practice Times Winner of Quarterfinal #4	Tyson Events Center
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Youth Volleyball Clinic Quarterfinal Winner 1	Tyson Events Center
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Youth Volleyball Clinic for Quarterfinal Winner 2	Tyson Events Center
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Youth Volleyball Clinic for Quarterfinal Winner 3	Tyson Events Center
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Youth Volleyball Clinic for Quarterfinal Winner 4	Tyson Events Center

Monday, December 7		
10:00am – 11:00am	Practice – Winner Quarterfinal #1	Tyson Events Center
11:05am – 12:05pm	Practice – Winner Quarterfinal #2	Tyson Events Center
12:10pm – 1:10pm	Practice – Winner Quarterfinal #3	Tyson Events Center
1:15pm – 2:15pm	Practice – Winner Quarterfinal #4	Tyson Events Center
5:00pm	Semifinal #1	Tyson Events Center
8:00pm	Semifinal #2	Tyson Events Center
Tuesday, December 8		
11:00am – 12:00pm	Practice – Winner Semifinal #1	Tyson Events Center
12:05pm – 1:05pm	Practice – Winner Semifinal #2	Tyson Events Center
7:00pm	**NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship Match**	Tyson Events Center
9:30pm (est.)	Championship Award Ceremony	Tyson Events Center

Qualifier Call

A Qualifier Call will take place for the 24 teams that qualify for the Final Site. Coaches are required to attend the final site qualifier call; administrators are welcome to attend but not required.

- Final Site Qualifier Call, Monday, November 23, 11:00am CST – LINK

Team Check-In

Team check-in will be **Tuesday, December 1** at the Tyson Events Center in the lobby by the ticket office. Check-in will be open from **8:30am until 10:15am,** prior to the on-site Coaches Meeting (10:30am). Teams must complete official check-in, at which time official rosters will be verified and signed, team packets distributed, and credentials issued. The Head Coach is responsible for checking in their team (please consider bringing an assistant as there are multiple items handed out at check-in).

Practices

Practice sessions (other than those related to the Semifinals and Finals) will be 40-minute sessions in the Tyson Events Center and up to 70-minute sessions in other facilities, with

a five-minute break to clear the court. To schedule your practice times for the week, please call Katie Robson at 920-222-6865, **NO EARLIER than Sunday, November 22 at 6:00pm CST**. Practices will be held at both the Tyson Events Center along with other facilities in the area.

You may request a time of your choosing as well as how many practices (Monday and/or Tuesday). Practice schedules will be configured by the host, and a full practice schedule (for all teams) will be sent out once completed. Practice times are only reserved for those teams who request it and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate all teams to their preferred time. Each team will be given **ONE** practice time on one of two courts in the Tyson Events Center, which could be Monday OR Tuesday. Towels and showers will not be provided for practice sessions.

New: Once you have been assigned a practice session, you are not permitted to change the time. If you do wish to change your time, then you are not guaranteed a practice in the Tyson Events Center.

Additional practice times may be arranged Wednesday – Friday, contact Katie Robson. Practices times for teams advancing to the Semifinals and Finals are already pre-assigned and will be shared with those competing teams. Lastly, practice times for Saturday are not available at the Tyson Events Center and facilities will not be coordinated through the Host Committee.

Monday Practice Times (start times vary based on facility)
- Bishop Heelan – 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:00am, 12:15pm, 1:30pm.
- Arena Sports Academy – 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm.
- United Sports Academy – 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm.
- Tyson Events Center – 8:30am, 9:15am, 10:00am, 10:45am, 11:30am, 12:15am, 1:00pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, 3:15pm, 4:00pm, 4:45pm, 5:30pm.

Tuesday Practice Times (start times vary based on facility)
- Bishop Heelan – 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:00am, 12:15pm, 1:30pm.
- Arena Sports Academy – 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm.
- United Sports Academy – 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm.
- Tyson Events Center – 8:00am, 11:30am, 12:15pm, 1:00pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, 3:15pm.

Wednesday Practice Times (start times vary based on facility)
- Arena Sports Academy – 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm.
- United Sports Academy – 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm.

Thursday Practice Times (start times vary based on facility)
- Bishop Heelan – 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:00am, 12:15pm, 1:30pm, 2:45pm.

- Arena Sports Academy – 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm.
- United Sports Academy – 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm.

Friday Practice Times (start times vary based on facility)

- Bishop Heelan – 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:00am, 12:15pm, 1:30pm.
- Arena Sports Academy – 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm.
- United Sports Academy – 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm.

Pre-game Timeline

Once the court becomes available, teams may take their side of the court at any time; however, balls may not be utilized until 60 minutes prior to the official start of the match. At no time may teams (or members of a team) utilize their opponent's side of the court.

60:00-45:00	**Shared court if time permits. Teams may only use their half of the court.**
45:00-19:00	Shared court, minimum warm-up period for all matches.
30:00	Coin Toss, Officials/Captain's Meeting.
19:00-15:00	Visiting Team has full court.
15:00-11:00	Home Team has full court.
11:00-6:00	Visiting Team has full court.
6:00-1:00	Home Team has full court.
1:00-0:00	Team Huddles and prepare to lineup for announcements.
0:00	Announcements, National Anthem, Lineups and start of Match.

In-game Timeline

All matches at the final site will follow the 2026-2027 new side-change and technical timeout policies.

All timeouts, including the technical timeout will be a maximum of 75-seconds.

During Pool Play, the time between sets 2 and 3 will be 3 minutes.

During Bracket Play, the time between sets 2 and 3 will be 5 minutes.

Weather Policy

In the event of Inclement Weather, the Championship Committee, Host Committee and Head Athletic Trainer will make all determinations related to potential delays and adjustments to the Championship Schedule.

Student-Athlete Experience Event

Join us at the Sioux City Convention Center for the NAIA Student-Athlete Experience Event, an opportunity to celebrate your season, recognize your accomplishments and officially open championship week. This special evening will provide student-athletes and coaches the opportunity to enjoy a formal atmosphere away from the court while celebrating the journey that brought your team to the NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship.

Teams are encouraged to dress up and take advantage of the opportunity for team photos as we celebrate this championship experience together. Light appetizers will be served, followed by a special program recognizing the qualifying teams and NAIA Scholar-Athletes. It will be a memorable way to bring everyone together, celebrate the accomplishments of the student-athletes, and officially open our week of NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship competition.

This event will happen on Tuesday, December 1, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at the Sioux City Convention Center, 801 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa; doors open at 6:00pm.

Teaming Up for Character

The NAIA Women's Volleyball Teaming Up for Character (TUFC) program will once again partner with Special Olympics Iowa during the NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship. This is a great opportunity for participating NAIA institutions to give back while creating meaningful connections with Special Olympics athletes from local delegations. Student-athletes will have the opportunity to share the court, build relationships and enjoy the experience of being part of something bigger than competition.

The TUFC session will be divided into two halves, with participating NAIA schools assigned to one half of the session. Each school is asked to provide a minimum of six student-athletes to participate. We encourage teams to take advantage of this unique opportunity to spend time with our local Special Olympics delegations, share their love of volleyball and help make the national championship

This event will happen on Tuesday, December 1, from 9:30am – 11:00am at the Tyson Events Center. Teams assigned to Pools A, B, C, and D will take the first shift (9:30am – 10:15am) and teams assigned to Pools E, F, G, and H will take the second shift (10:15am – 11:00am). Remember to arrive early for each shift.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

On Sunday, December 6, the GPAC Conference will host a youth clinic for third through sixth grades, comprising of four different sessions. All four teams that qualify for the Semifinals will each have their own time slot and grade to work with approximately 35 participants.

Session 1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm, 6th Grade, Volunteer Teams – Winner of Quarterfinal #1

Session 2: 4:00pm – 5:00pm, 5th Grade, Volunteer Teams – Winner of Quarterfinal #2

Session 3: 4:30pm – 5:30pm, 4th Grade, Volunteer Teams – Winner of Quarterfinal #3

Session 4: 5:00pm – 6:00pm, 3rd Grade, Volunteer Teams – Winner of Quarterfinal #4

Coaches Meeting

A mandatory on-site coaches meeting will be held on site Tuesday, December 1 at 10:30am (CST) at the Tyson Events Center (during the Teaming Up for Character Event). **It is mandatory for all teams to have a coach attend**. The meeting will include information pertaining to the administration of the championship, along with other important information.

Qualification Process

The NAIA National Championship includes a field of 48 teams. Qualification plans are approved by the NAC and can be found in NAIA Connect.

1. Conferences and the CAC automatically qualify one berth per six sponsored teams and two for 10. These automatic berths are awarded based on the approved qualifying tournament plans for each conference and the CAC.
2. At-large berths will be selected by the Women's Volleyball National Selection Committee.
3. The host institution (if one exists) may receive an automatic berth if it does not qualify through the automatic or at-large process. If no host berth is awarded an additional at-large berth will be added.
4. There are no limits to the number of at-large berths a conference or the CAC may receive.
5. Qualifying teams will be seeded by the Women's Volleyball National Selection Committee.

Sport Rules

NAIA Women's Volleyball will follow NCAA Women's Volleyball Playing Rules with approved NAIA modifications. The modifications listed below are the only current modifications to the NCAA Women's Rulebook. Any future modifications to the NCAA Rules must be passed by the NAIA Women's Volleyball Coaches Association (NAIA-VCA) and approved by the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC).

NCAA Rule 11.3.2 – Substitutions-Limitations

Matches between NAIA Institutions will follow an unlimited substitution rule. Unlimited substitution rule will apply regardless of the use of a Libero.

NCAA Rule 1.3.1 – SERVICE AREA

The NAIA will not require a minimum of 2-meters depth for the service area.

Challenge Review System (CRS)

The challenge review system (CRS) is a process whereby video review is used to confirm, reverse or replay specific decisions made by the officiating team.

Challenge Review System Manual Link

Procedures, Rule 18.1.5

1. (.1) A team begins each match with two challenges per match.
2. (1.1) If a fifth set is played, each team is awarded an additional challenge at the start of the set, not to exceed two total challenges.
3. (.2) Only one challenge per team is allowed each time the ball is out of play.
4. (.3) Only the team that lost the rally may challenge. If the call is reversed as a result of that challenge, the team that lost the review would be able to challenge another aspect of the previous play.
5. (.4) Only the head coach may request a challenge. The head coach may request a challenge by holding up the challenge card.
6. (.5) A challenge must be requested immediately after the play in which the challengeable action occurred and before the next service.
    a. (.5.1) At the end of a set, a challenge must be requested before the first referee gives the end of set signal.
    b. (.5.2) At the end of the match, a challenge must be requested before the first referee leaves the referee stand.

7. (.8) If the video review results in a reversal of the original outcome, that challenge is retained by the challenging team. If the original outcome stands or is confirmed, the challenging team loses that challenge.

New 2026-2027

NCAA Rule 11.2.3 – Media & Technical Timeouts

To add an alternative timeout protocol for a technical timeout. The technical timeout would occur when a team reaches 15 points in sets 1-4, regardless of whether a team has already taken a timeout. The technical timeout would be a maximum of 90 seconds. There would not be a media timeout in the fifth set. Each team is entitled to two timeouts per set. Team timeouts would be a maximum of 75 second.

NCAA Rule 9.2.4.3 & 9.2.5.1 – Bench Protocols

Teams will change sides of the court at the end of second set. At the coin toss prior to the fifth set, the team that wins the toss may choose to serve, receive or side of the court. Teams will remain on their respective side of the court for the fifth set.

Addendum for NAIA National Championship (Final Site Only)

During any Pool Play Tiebreaker Sets, the recent Tiebreaker Set Format will continue for 2026-2027 (See Pool Play Tiebreaker Procedures section).

Tournament/Championship Format

The NAIA National Championship will include a field of 48 teams. Forty-eight (48) teams compete in 24 National Championship Opening Round matchups played on campus sites nationwide.

Opening-round winners will take part in a 24-team pool play tournament. Teams will be placed into eight (8) pools with three (3) teams in each pool. The winner of each pool will advance to the Quarterfinals. If there is a three-way tie in pool play, teams will compete in tiebreaker sets (see next section for more details).

Teams have been predetermined based on their pool assignment as to where each pool winner will advance into the Quarterfinals. Pool A will receive the #1 seed, Pool B will receive the #2 seed, and on through Pool H receiving the #8 seed.

Pool Play Tiebreaker Procedures

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

1. Overall match record.
2. Percentage of sets won of those played among tied teams (total sets won/total sets played).
3. Head-to-head competition if 1 & 2 are tied after sets won.
4. Percentage of points won in matches played among tied teams (total points won/total points played).
5. Head-to-head competition if 1 & 2 are tied after points won.

Three-Way Ties – The tied teams in the pool will each play a single set to 25 points to determine the winner of the pool and advance to bracket play.

1. The team judged to be superior by the procedure listed above will earn the first bye in the pool playoffs.
2. The other two teams shall play one set to 25 points (win by two, no cap) and the winner will play the bye team, one set to 25 points (win by two, no cap).
3. Only one team will advance out of pool play.
4. Protocols for the Tie Break.
    a. Thirty (30) minute warm-up clock will begin after the completion of the referees/captains meeting.
    b. The lower seed will call the coin toss.
    c. The higher seed will decide which bench to start play.
    d. Teams will switch sides when one team reaches 13 points.
5. Administrative protocols.
    a. Live stream will be available.
    b. Endline camera will not be required.
    c. Stats are not kept.
    d. CRS will be used, and each team will receive one challenge (used in the same manner as pool play – win challenge = keep challenge; lose challenge =out of challenges.

Film Exchange

Opening Round matches will need to be uploaded and will be available for scouting purposes through Hudl via Direct Exchange.

New: All qualifying teams must upload their most recent game film to the Hudl Video Exchange program by **noon (CST) on Tuesday** following the release of qualifiers or incur the stated fine ($500) – No Exceptions will be made.

All matches at the final site will be recorded from an endline view by the Championship Committee and then uploaded to Hudl. If there are any technical difficulties with the endline recording, then the live stream film will be used (sideline view).

All qualifying teams will have a Hudl account created and be added to the NAIA Women's Volleyball Championship Film Exchange on **Monday, November 16**, following the bracket announcement.

- Current Hudl users will login as usual.
- Non-Hudl users will need to sign a free agreement to have a team account created under the head coach's school email address.

For Hudl concerns contact Logan Reising at logan.reising@hudl.com.

Post-Championship

Awards

The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for its national championships, with awards provided to the official parties of the top four teams. A 14-member All-Tournament Team, **including** the Tournament Most Valuable Player, Setter of the Tournament, Attacker of the Tournament, and Defensive Player of the Tournament, is selected by members of the tournament committee in collaboration with participating national championship coaches. The National Tournament Coach of the Year award is presented during the awards ceremony.

Championship Satisfaction Survey

During NAIA Championships, NAIA membership and student-athlete experience is of the utmost importance. The NAIA National Office and Championship Hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. The NAIA is committed to providing the best experience possible for its members and student-athletes and can provide feedback based on their experience and what improvements can be made for future NAIA Championships.

NAIA National Championship Satisfaction Survey

Following the championship, coaches and administrators will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via a QR code found on the back of the NAIA-issued championship credentials.



QR Code for National Championship Satisfaction Survey

Tournament Deadlines

All Conference/CAC/Unaffiliated tournaments must be completed no later than Saturday, November 14, 10:00pm CST.

Submission Deadlines

Entry Forms

Final Site Qualifier Forms are due by November 23 to Fred Aubuchon, faubuchon@naia.org at the NAIA National Office.

Rosters

Submit all post-season rosters directly to NAIA Connect. If you do not have a login account, please contact naiaconnectsupport@naia.org. Once you login, please follow these instructions.

If a roster change is necessary after the completion of the Opening Round of the Women's Volleyball National Tournament, please email both Katie Green, kgreen@naia.org and Fred Aubuchon, faubuchon@naia.org at the National Office.

Roster changes are permitted up until 30-minutes prior to the start of the first match at both the Opening Round and Final Site of the National Tournament. However, some changes that occur late may not be reflected in the Championship Program.

Headshots (photos)

Student-athlete headshots should be submitted to the NAIA national office via Greenfly (every institution has only one login). Photos should be uploaded by the end of the day, on Nov. 24. Prior to uploading, please be sure the files are named Athlete Name_School. The national office will use these headshots for starting line-up graphics during the final site. If there are additional questions about uploading please contact kgreen@naia.org.

Uniforms

Teams must have both light and dark colored uniforms available. Teams will be preassigned which uniform color (light or dark) will be worn for each round of play.

Uniform Policy

For specific details regarding the uniform, please see the NCAA Rulebook.

Opening Round Matches:

The host team is designated the home team and will wear light-colored uniforms

Final Site Matches:

Uniform colors (light or dark) will be preassigned by the NAIA and distributed to teams in advance of the championships. Teams must bring both light and dark colored uniforms to the championships.

Equipment

Official Ball

The Baden Perfection NAIA-branded Volleyball (Red/White/Blue) is the official NAIA volleyball and is the only ball to be used in all NAIA post season competition.

Venue Information

Official Team Entrance

Teams will continue to use the Northwest doors located on the Northwest corner of the building along the service road. The public will not be permitted to use this entrance, only for officials, staff and teams.

Ticketing Information

Ticket Prices:

Full Tournament Adult $68
Adult $17, per day
Student $12 (with Student ID), per day
Military $12 (with valid Military ID) per day
Children 9 years old and younger are free
City Employee Pass $33 (limit 4)

Ticketing Link for the Women's Volleyball National Championships.

Parking

During the Championship, teams are permitted to park in the Long Lines lot, which is the large lot on the East side of the building (closest to Burger King/Walgrreens). During practices or other times, teams park in the main lot.

Games Committee

The Games Committee will be comprised of the Host Committee (Co-Tournament Directors), the NAIA Championships Manager and four Championship Committee members.

Co-Tournament Director – Corey Westra, GPAC Commissioner

Co-Tournament Director – Katie Robson

NAIA Championship Manager – Fred Aubuchon

Championship Committee Members – TBD

Red Banner Interns – TBD

Team Travel & Information

Local Charter Buses

Windstar - https://www.gowindstar.com/sioux-city-iowa.html

Navigator - https://navigatorbus.com/

United Coachways - https://unitedcoachways.com/bus-rental/bus-rental-in-sioux-city-iowa/

NAIA Travel Policy

There are two categories for transportation reimbursement:

1. Trips less than 750 miles:
    - Air travel will not be eligible for reimbursement without prior written approval from the NAIA.
    - Expenses for one standard 55 passenger bus, or up to two 15-passenger vans. Institutions are responsible for arranging all ground transportation needs.
    - Teams traveling close to 750 miles may submit a written request to the NAIA for approval to use air travel. Written request must be accompanied by –
        - The estimated cost of ground transportation,
        - A quote from Shorts Travel for the cost of airline tickets.
        - Any airline tickets purchased without written approval from the NAIA Department of Championships will not be eligible for reimbursement.
2. For trips over 750 miles:
    - Air transportation will typically be used.
    - Commercial airline flights for up to 30 members of the Official Party.
    - A quote for alternative proposed travel arrangements.

The traveling team's institution is responsible for transportation expenses incurred from campus to the NAIA designated airport for departure and return.

Team Travel Expense Report

Travel and lodging reimbursement to member institutions participating in postseason events is not guaranteed by the NAIA for any event. All transportation and housing expenses incurred to attend an NAIA Final Site shall be the financial responsibility of the institution.

Each participating institution will need to complete the Travel Expense Report using this Link.

Hotels

Team Hotels

The Host Team of the National Championship will assign all teams to their designated hotel.

All participating teams must stay at the designated hotels. Failure to do so would make a team INELIGIBLE for participation and reimbursement. Potential reimbursement for lodging begins on Monday prior to the start of play and includes the evening of the team's elimination from the National Championship.

Please do not call your designated hotel prior to 8:00am CST, Monday, November 23.

Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center
300 3rd Street
Sioux City, Iowa
712-234-1100

Country Inn and Suites
151 Tower Road
Dakota Dunes, South Dakota
605-232-3500

Holiday Inn Express
4723 Southern Hills Drive
Sioux City, Iowa
712-274-0100

Hampton Inn and Suites South
5555 Sergeant Road
Sioux City, Iowa
605-232-9739

Staybridge Suites
5410 Sergeant Road
Sioux City, Iowa
712-244-5333

Hilton Garden Inn
1132 Larsen Park Road
Sioux City, Iowa
712-255-4214

Marriott South Sioux City Riverfront
385 E 4th Street
S. Sioux City, Nebraska
402-494-4000

Hampton Inn and Suites North
101 Sodrac Drive
N. Sioux City, South Dakota
605-232-9739

Candlewood Suites
4720 Southern Hills Drive
Sioux City, Iowa
712-271-2222

Courtyard by Marriott Downtown
901 4th Street
Sioux City, Iowa
712-569-1706

Holiday Inn Express Dakota Dunes
885 Cottonwood Lane
Dakota Dunes, South Dakota
605-206-2610

Medical

Ambulance

Ambulance services link to include various fees, services, and billing/insurance contact information.

Athletic Training

Head Athletic Trainer – Ashley Culver, ashley.culver@cnos.net, 608-728-0171.

Athletic Training Room located in the Tyson Events Center on the main level, to the right as you enter the main entrance of the building.

Local Hospitals

Unity Point – St. Luke's Downtown, ½ mile from venue
801 5th Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101

Urgent Care – Unity Point Sunnybrook, 7 miles from venue
5885 Sunnybrook Drive, Sioux City, Iowa 51101

Local Pharmacies

Walgreens, 0.2 miles from venue
100 Pierce Street, 712-252-4669

Thompson Dean Drug, 1.7 miles from venue
911 West 7th Street, 712-252-2761

Hy-Vee Clinic Pharmacy, 2.3 miles from venue
2611 Pierce Street, 712-258-0117

Credentials

Team Credentials

Rosters – Each team will receive up to 25 credentials for their official party to be broken up as 20 participants and five (5) support staff.

Athletic Trainers will have two (2) separate credentials and will not be included in the 25 official party credentials. Athletic Trainers will be able to access the court and the team benches with their credentials.

Please apply here for medical personnel credential: LINK

Media Credentials

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 can be picked up at team check-in or by contacting the host media coordinator if arriving outside of the check-in window, only with phone ID. Media credentials will NOT be included in the team packets at coaches pick up.

Please apply here for Media credentials: LINK

Hospitality/Concessions

Hospitality

Coach and VIP Hospitality Room – Located in the West Upper Concourse and will be open during specific mealtimes.

Player Hospitality Room – Located to the East of the Box Office (to the right as you enter the building), next to the training room.

A Player Hospitality Room will be available for the athletes throughout the tournament located east of the Box Office windows at the Tyson Events Center. Please note: Players are not allowed in the VIP sponsored Hospitality Area on north concourse.

Official Roster

Submission Process

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

Roster changes are permissible between the Opening Round and the start of the Final Site competition. Replacements are permitted from among eligible athletes only.

Official Party Size

Each team will be permitted to have up to 20 players in uniform and up to 5 support staff (including the Head Coach).

Programs and Merchandise

Program

The opening round host will produce any programs for opening rounds. This is done at the discretion of each host. The NAIA National Office will no longer be producing a traditional program cover as the final site program will be transitioning to a more digital approach

Fine Designs

Official NAIA National Championship merchandise is provided exclusively by Fine Designs with an expansive list of items and customization options. Participating teams can order merchandise on-site or directly from Fine Deigns prior to the national championship. Please see below for details on both options:

1. Order and Pay Onsite: A team order can be placed on-site via a team order form and working directly with a Fine Designs rep. Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cash. Merchandise will be provided on-site. Team order forms will be provided on-site at the national championship and can be accessed by visiting: Onsite Team Order Form. The Team order form must be submitted on-site and is not able to be submitted prior to the event
2. Order Direct: Fine Designs can be contacted via email or phone to place a custom order for merchandise prior to the invitational. The order can be paid by check or directly by the college. Merchandise will be shipped to the address and shipping method selected by the college. Contact Information for Fine Designs to place an order is below. Direct orders are not able to be shipped to the invitational site and will not be available for pick-up at the merchandise booth.

   For any Fine Designs customer service inquiries, please contact:
   contact@fdkytean.com
   (859) 241-1265

Media Relations

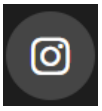
NAIA Sport Page

The official 2026 NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship stream will be accessible through the NAIA Family of Networks is naia.org/watch.

The official national championship website contains the tournament schedule and results, game box scores, official bracket, photo galleries, historical archives, ticketing information, and more.

Social Media

Follow the NAIA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the NAIA SPORT National Championship.

 @NAIA  Play NAIA  playnaia

Championship Results

The 2026 NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship official live statistics and box scores can be found at https://naiastats.prestosports.com/sports/wvball/scoreboard.

For questions regarding official live statistics or box scores, please contact:

Katie Green, Senior Manager of Athletics Communications

kgreen@naia.org

Championship Photo and Video Requests

All media parties requesting access to photos or video highlights from the 2026 NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship should contact Katie Green at kgreen@naia.org.

Radio and TV Broadcasting Policies

The 2026 NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship is broadcast FREE on the NAIA Channel of the Urban Edge Network and the newly redesigned NAIA Network for all matches at the final site in Sioux City, Iowa. For more information and to pre-register, click HERE.

NAIA Sportsmanship and Code of Conduct Policy

Ejections

An ejection is an action enforced in conjunction with competition by an 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) (formerly the Association of Independent Institutions). 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).

A suspended person cannot be in the competitive venue the day of the contest or communicate with any team personnel or game officials the day of the contest. The student-athlete/coach will normally be removed from the venue during a suspension. However, the game manager will use their best discretion on what is appropriate to risk management procedures regarding their venue.

Ejection reports must be completed by the NAIA game official ejecting a student-athlete or coach. The form must be submitted to the NAIA within 48 hours after the completion of the contest.

Ejection Report Form

NAIA Championship Property

All NAIA-branded signs, banners, and displays are the property of the NAIA and must be treated with care and respect. Any student-athlete, coach, or team found damaging, removing, or stealing these materials will be held accountable. The offending institution will be responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement and may be subject to an administrative fine of up to $500, as well as additional disciplinary action under NAIA Conduct and Ethics policies.