



NAIA COACH of CHARACTER AWARD



Please note the Nomination Procedure, Criteria for Selection, Selection Procedures and Nature of the Award listed below. Inquiries concerning this award program of the nomination for should be directed to:

NAIA Coach of Character Award
NAIA National Office
23500 W. 105th Street
Olathe, KS 66051
Phone: 913-791-0044

A. Nomination Procedure

1. Any NAIA active member institution may nominate one coach by completing and submitting the enclosed nomination form with the required supporting materials to your Region Chair.

Please note that the nomination form must be signed by the President, Athletic Director and Campus Character Representative or Faculty Athletics Representative and be postmarked no later than **February 1, each year.**

2. The required supporting materials must include:
 - a. How the coach intentionally implements character coaching.
 - b. A list of coaching and/or community recognition or involvement.
 - c. A minimum of three letters of recommendation, to include a letter from the nominee's President or Athletic Director, a current or former player and a colleague.
 - d. An essay written by the nominee based on one of the five core values of the NAIA *Champions of Character* initiative and how sport has influenced that value in his/her life. Not to exceed 300 words in length.

B. Criteria for Selection

1. Nominee must be a head coach of the NAIA institution.
2. The nominee must have been employed by the institution a minimum of 3 years.
3. The nominee must be clearly outstanding in:
 - a. embracing the five core values of the NAIA *Champions of Character* initiative
 - b. methods of teaching character through sport
 - c. community leadership through volunteering, service or other means

C. Selection Procedure

1. Nominations should be sent to your Region Chair no later than February 1. Each region will have a committee review the nominations and make a selection on behalf of the region.
2. The supporting materials for each regional representative selected will be forwarded to the National Office for review by the Character Committee.
3. Each of the 14 regional representatives will receive a certificate from the National Office.
4. The Champions of Character Committee will announce the NAIA Coach of Character Award recipient no later than April 1, each year.

D. Nature of Award

1. The recipient will receive a specially engraved plaque as a permanent memento of the honor.
2. Awardees are expected to attend two significant award ceremonies. Transportation will be provided. One in conjunction with the annual NAIA National Convention (normally held in March) and the other at the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance (CTSA) Awards Banquet held during the summer.

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NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee's Full Name: _____

Institution: _____

Year(s) at Institution: _____

Sport(s): _____

Support Materials Enclosed:

_____ Methods of teaching character through sport

_____ List of athletic and/or community recognition or involvement

_____ Three letters of recommendation supporting the nominee

_____ Essay by nominee

Signatures:

Nominating Person

Phone Number

President/CEO

Athletic Director

Campus Character Representative
(if same as athletic director, please have FAR sign)

**All materials should be sent to your Region Chair and be postmarked by
February 1, each year.**