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2008 NAIA SOFTBALL

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 30** **Release** of Pre-Season Softball Ratings
- February 29** **Deadline** for National Office to receive affiliated conference, independent groupings and region playoff plans.
- March 19** First softball rating of top 25 teams continuing on Wednesdays ending May 7. Ratings released 3:00 p.m. (CST) on NAIA website, www.naia.org.
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- April 15** NAIA National Office to send softball all-region ballots to region chairs.
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- April 28** **POSTMARK DEADLINE** for all conference/independent-qualifying teams to submit softball official team roster to the NAIA National Office. Must hand carry copy of official roster to all postseason competition.
- April 30** **FINAL RELEASE** of NAIA National Softball Pitcher/Player of the Week.
- May 2** **RECEIPT DEADLINE** for submitting Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete Nomination Form to the Scholar-Athlete Coordinator, **Hal Wynn, Faulkner University, 5345 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, AL 36109-3398**. It is recommended that forms be sent either certified mail or overnight mail. Please make a copy of all forms sent for your files.
- May 3** **DEADLINE** for completion of conference/independent softball tournaments. Call in results to the NAIA National Office (816) 595-8000.
- May 7** **FINAL** softball rating for top 25 teams.
- May 9** **RECEIPT DEADLINE** for regional chairs to submit completed softball all-region ballot to NAIA National Office.
- May 9** **RECEIPT DEADLINE** for submitting softball All-America nomination form and required support materials to NAIA National Office. Sending certified mail is recommended. Faxing is not recommended.
- May 10** **DEADLINE** for completion of regional softball tournaments. Call in results to NAIA National Office (816) 595-8000.
- May 11** **RELEASE** of 20 participating softball teams and national softball tournament bracket on NAIA website, www.naia.org.
- May 15** **Parade of Champions and Hall of Fame Induction**

- May 15** Tournament coaches meeting, 9:00 p.m.
- May 16-21** **28th ANNUAL NAIA SOFTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**
- May 20** **RELEASE** of softball All-America Scholar-Athletes at site.
- May 21** **RELEASE** of All-America teams.
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- June 6** **RECEIPT DEADLINE** for submitting final softball statistical report forms (Appendix R) to NAIA National Office.
- June 9** **RECEIPT DEADLINE** for submitting NAIA Coach of the Year Ballots to NAIA National Office.
- June 13** **RELEASE** of NAIA National Softball Coach of the Year.
- June 13** **RELEASE** of final softball statistical report by NAIA Department of Sports Information.

NAIA SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

2008

May 3 Affiliated Conference/Independent Deadline
May 10 Regional Tournament Deadline
May 16-21 National Championship

2009

May 2 Affiliated Conference/Independent Deadline
May 15-20 National Championship

2010

May 1 Affiliated Conference/Independent Deadline
May 14-19 National Championship

2011

April 30 Affiliated Conference/Independent Deadline
May 13-18 National Championship

2012

May 5 Affiliated Conference/Independent Deadline
May 18-23 National Championship

NAIA OFFICIAL WEBSITE: www.naia.org
for
Softball Ratings and Pitcher/Player of the Week

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GENERAL INFORMATION

I. HISTORY

A. NAIA

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) is a completely autonomous association currently administering programs of intercollegiate athletics for approximately 300 fully accredited colleges and universities of moderate enrollment. The fundamental tenet of the NAIA is that intercollegiate athletics is an integral part of the total educational program of the institution. This belief is strongly reflected in the governing documents, activities and organizational structure of the Association.

Established in 1940 as the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB), the Association expanded to include other programs in 1952. The NAIA became the first intercollegiate sports governing body to provide championship opportunities for both men and women when the women's program was established on August 1, 1980.

B. Softball Program

The NAIA softball championship begins at the affiliated conference/independent level following the conclusion of regular season competition. The second round is the regional tournament, and the final round brings 20 teams together at one site to compete for the NAIA national softball championship title.

The purpose of this manual is to provide policies and procedures to be used as guidelines by coaches to ensure the democratic opportunity for member institutions to participate. These policies and procedures are written to be comprehensive enough to cover the varied conditions that exist throughout the affiliated conferences/independents and regions.

C. Past Champions

Year	Site	Champion	Runner-Up	Year	Site	Champion	Runner-Up
1981	Conroe, TX	Sam Houston State TX	Emporia State KS	1995	Columbia, MO	Oklahoma City	Puget Sound WA
1982	Kearney, NE	Missouri Western	Saint Francis IL	1996	Decatur, AL	Oklahoma City	Shawnee State OH
1983	Kearney, NE	Emporia State KS	Kearney State NE	1997	Decatur, AL	Oklahoma City	Athens State AL
1984	Indianapolis, IN	Emporia State KS	Quincy IL	1998	Tulsa, OK	Western Washington	Simon Fraser BC
1985	Indianapolis, IN	Quincy IL	Washburn KS	1999	Jupiter, FL	Simon Fraser BC	Oklahoma City
1986	San Antonio, TX	St. Mary's TX	Oklahoma City	2000	Decatur, AL	Oklahoma City	Azusa Pacific CA
1987	Kearney, NE	Kearney State NE	Francis Marion SC	2001	Decatur, AL	Oklahoma City	Simon Fraser BC
1988	Oklahoma City	Pacific Lutheran WA	Minnesota-Duluth	2002	Decatur, AL	Oklahoma City	Point Loma Naz. CA
1989	Midland, MI	Saginaw Valley MI	Kearney State NE	2003	Decatur, AL	Simon Fraser BC	Oklahoma City
1990	Pensacola, FL	Kearney State NE	Pacific Lutheran WA	2004	Decatur, AL	Thomas GA	Simon Fraser BC
1991	Columbia, MO	Hawaii-Loa	Puget Sound WA	2005	Decatur, AL	Simon Fraser BC	California Baptist
1992	Pensacola, FL	Pacific Lutheran WA	Kennesaw State GA	2006	Decatur, AL	Mobile AL	California Baptist
1993	Columbia, MO	West Florida	Oklahoma City	2007	Decatur, AL	Oklahoma City	Point Loma Naz CA
1994	Columbia, MO	Oklahoma City	Athens State AL				

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

1981	Brenda Stolle, Emporia State KS	1995	Tammy Brauthwaite, Oklahoma City
1982	Cheri Kempf, Missouri Western	1996	Kim White, Shawnee State OH
1983	Rhonda Clark, Emporia State KS	1997	Dawn Beard, Athens State AL
1984	Rhonda Clark, Emporia State KS	1998	Sonya Joseph, Western Washington
1985	Laura Klamm, Washburn KS	1999	Kathy Iggulden, Simon Fraser BC
1986	Leticia Morales, Saint Mary's TX	2000	Sonia Ortiz, Oklahoma City
1987	Melissa Moyers, Francis Marion SC	2001	Alexandria Boily, Oklahoma City
1988	Karen Stout, Pacific Lutheran WA	2002	Lindsay Voss, Oklahoma City
1989	Julie Bydalek, Saginaw Valley MI	2003	Erin Thomas, Simon Fraser BC
1990	Susan Johnson, Kearney State NE	2004	Cathy Andrijaszyn, Thomas University, GA
1991	Shannon Akau, Hawaii-Loa	2005	Ashley Lanz, Simon Fraser BC
1992	Becky Hoddevik, Pacific Lutheran WA	2006	Linden Jones, Mobile AL
1993	Danelle Harvey, West Florida	2007	Dasha Shemebreva, Oklahoma City
1994	Tracey Mosley, Oklahoma City		

D. Coach of the Year

1981	Wayne Daigle, Sam Houston TX	1990	Dan Simmons, Kearney State NE	1999	Mike Renney, Simon Fraser BC
1982	Rhesa Sumrell, Missouri Western	1991	Howard Okita, Hawaii-Loa	2000	Phil McSpadden, Oklahoma City
1983	Betty Walters, Emporia State KS	1992	Ralph Weekly, Pacific Lutheran WA	2001	Phil McSpadden, Oklahoma City
1984	Betty Walters, Emporia State KS	1993	Doug Palmer/Tami Cyr, West Florida	2002	Phil McSpadden, Oklahoma City
1985	Sharlene Peters, Quincy IL	1994	Phil McSpadden, Oklahoma City	2003	Mike Renney, Simon Fraser BC
1986	Jim Zeleznak, St. Mary's TX	1995	Phil McSpadden, Oklahoma City	2004	Thomas Macona, Thomas GA
1987	Brad Horky, Kearney State NE	1996	Phil McSpadden, Oklahoma City	2005	Mike Renney, Simon Fraser BC
1988	Ralph Weekly, Pacific Lutheran WA	1997	Phil McSpadden, Oklahoma City	2006	Vinny Dima, Mobile AL
1989	Art Tolfree, Saginaw Valley MI	1998	Art Phinney, Western Washington	2007	Phil McSpadden, Oklahoma City

E. Hall of Fame

The NAIA Softball Hall of Fame is displayed within the Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

	Coaches		Athletes		Meritorious Service
1988	Judy Sherman, Pacific OR	1993	Rhonda Clarke, Emporia State KS	1988	Mary Nutter, Pittsburg State KS
1992	Lynn Adams, Greenville IL	1993	Cheri Kempf, Missouri Western		
1993	Linda Draft, Wisconsin-Parkside	1993	Laura Klamm, Washburn KS		
1994	Nick Kellum, IUPUI-Indianapolis	1998	Gladys Renneker, Central Oklahoma		
1998	Jesse Edmonds, Tusculum TN	2000	Leticia Moreales-Bissaro, St. Mary's TX		
		2004	Kim White-Merb, Shawnee State OH		

II. COACHES ASSOCIATION

A. NAIA-Softball Coaches Association (NAIA-SCA)

The NAIA-SCA is an association composed of softball coaches whose institutions are members in good standing. This body can affect policy relative to the NAIA softball championship series through 1) coaches membership approval, 2) the Council of Athletic Administrators or Council of Affiliated Conferences and Independents and 3) ultimately seek approval from the National Coordinating Committee.

The annual business meeting of the NAIA-SCA shall be held in conjunction with the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Convention. All NAIA coaches are encouraged to attend. Agenda items may be submitted by any NAIA coach and should be sent to the association's current president three weeks prior to the annual business meeting. All agenda items must be given in writing as a motion to be eligible for a second, before discussion can occur at the business meeting. Motions receiving a first and a second will appear on a mail ballot sent to all NAIA softball coaches.

B. Past Presidents

1981-82	Mary Nutter, Pittsburg State KS	1991-92	Ralph Weekly, Pacific Lutheran WA	2001-02	Wendy Spratt, Columbia MO
1982-83	Mary Nutter, Pittsburg State KS	1992-93	Lynn Adams, Greenville IL	2002-03	Mike Renney, Simon Fraser BC
1983-84	Hank Dicke, Kearney State NE	1993-94	Judy Sherman, Pacific OR	2003-04	Mary-Ellen Hall, Houston Baptist TX
1984-85	Bonnie Kock, Mesa CO	1994-95	Jeanne Raudensky, Ohio Dominican	2004-05	Deb Thompson, Spring Arbor MI
1985-86	Laurel Sue Smith, Salem WV	1995-96	Phil McSpadden, Oklahoma City	2005-06	Tracy Gastineau, William Woods MO
1986-87	Linda Draft, Wisconsin-Parkside	1996-97	Mary Ann Jennings, Mobile AL	2006-07	Wendy Spratt, Columbia College, MO
1987-88	Judy Sherman, Pacific OR	1997-98	Mary Ann Jennings, Mobile, AL		
1988-89	Jim Zeleznak, Saint Mary's TX	1998-99	Lisa Sweany, Tri-State IN		
1989-90	Jim Zeleznak, Saint Mary's TX	1999-00	Dave Hulsart, Northwestern Iowa		
1990-91	Doug Palmer, West Florida	2000-01	Wendy Spratt, Columbia MO		

C. National Fastpitch Coaches Association

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) offers a variety of services and professional opportunities for coaches at all levels.

Individual membership dues are \$60.00 for active NAIA coaches. A membership application can be found at www.nfca-services.org/members.

III. SOFTBALL AWARDS

A. National Pitcher/Player of the Week

The NAIA Department of Sports Information will select a NAIA National Softball Pitcher/Player of the Week. The regional information director or his/her designated representative must make nominations. The

National Office will NOT accept nominations from anyone but the regional information director or his/her designated representative. Affiliated conference/independents may nominate only one athlete weekly for national consideration.

Nominations must include the player's name, institution, class, position and hometown. Information in support of the nomination should include statistics such as at bats, hits, runs, RBI's, doubles, triples, home runs and batting average for non-pitchers; and innings, hits, earned runs, strikeouts, walks, won-loss record and saves for pitchers. Opponents and scores from the previous week's games (Monday-Sunday) must also be noted. Additional information could include any significant notes (i.e. records set, game-winning hits, etc.).

B. All-Conference/Independent and All-Region

1. All-Conference/Independent

Each NAIA affiliated conference may select an all-conference team by whatever method the affiliated conference desires. Independent grouping of 6 or more may select an all-independent team by whatever method the region desires.

Athletes on an all-conference or all-independent team are not considered for All America honors. A player must be chosen as an All-Region team member in order to be considered for All-America honors.

2. All-Region

Each NAIA region must select up to an 18-member all-region team at the discretion of each region by whatever method determined by the Regional Softball Committee.

A player must be chosen as an all-region team member in order to be nominated for consideration for All-America honors.

Each Region should rank their All-Region Team from 1-18 regardless of position. (with "1" being the best overall player, "2" being the 2nd best overall player, etc.)

The Region Player of the Year must be a member of the all-region team.

C. All-America

The NAIA-SCA Executive Committee is responsible for administering the selection procedures for the All-America Softball team at the site of, and prior to, the start of the NAIA Softball National Championship.

The NAIA-SCA selects a first and second All-America team, each consisting of 20 members per team (three pitchers, two catchers, five infielders, four outfielders, one designated player, one utility player and four at-large positions. If no DP and/or Utility player is nominated, the selection committee will select an additional one to two at-large players.). An honorable mention team of 20 is selected without regard to position. The committee will also select a player and pitcher of the year.

The criteria for selection as an All-America is as follows:

1. Each player under consideration must have been named all-region as submitted by the region chair.
2. The NAIA Softball All-America Nomination Form (Appendix G) must be submitted for each candidate.
3. The NAIA Softball Statistics Summary Sheet (Appendix G-1) must be submitted for each player. Game by game analysis form (Appendix H or I) are also required for all nominees or computerized statistics may be used as long as the required information is included.
4. Pitchers must throw at least 60 innings.
5. Utility players must have played at least two defensive positions (excluding DP) and she must have played at least 25 percent of her total games at each position.
7. Designated players must have played a minimum of 50% of total games.
8. Each player nominated must have played in 20 or more games through the conference/independent tournament.

The NAIA National Office must receive the following materials **by May 9, 2008**. The NAIA strongly

recommends that All-America nomination forms and support material be sent via overnight, registered or certified mail by the deadline! The NAIA is NOT responsible for nomination forms and/or support material that is lost via the mail or fax machine. **See Appendix F for complete list of information and selection procedures.** Send to: Dennis Green, NAIA Softball All-America, 1200 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64106:

1. NAIA Softball All-America Nomination Form (Appendix G)
2. NAIA Softball Statistics Summary Sheet, including regular season play (Appendix G-1).
3. NAIA Softball Statistics Form (game-by-game analysis), including regular season play (Appendix H and I).

NOTE: A computer printout reflecting the exact same data may be used in place of Appendices H and/or I. But Appendix G and game by game statistics (or Appendix H) must both be supplied!

The NAIA Department of Sports Information will release the NAIA Softball All-America teams on May 21, 2008.

D. Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete awards are given annually to the most outstanding student-athletes in the NAIA. The program recognizes excellence in the classroom while competing in a sport.

The following criteria for All-America Scholar-Athletes are applied by all coaches associations:

There shall be no minimum or maximum number selected.

Nominee **must** be a junior or above in academic standing.

Nominee **must** have a cumulative 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Nominee **must** have been in attendance at nominating institution for one full academic year.

Nominee **must** appear on eligibility certificate for sport in which nominated.

Nominee **must** be nominated for the award.

Nomination form **must** be received prior to the deadline.

Nomination packet **must** be complete at the time of receipt, including appropriate signatures.

Faxed nominations will not be accepted.

Nominations require the signatures of the athletics director, faculty athletics representative, and the head coach. The NAIA strongly recommends Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete nomination material be sent via overnight, registered or certified mail. The NAIA will not be responsible for nominations that are lost in the mail when not sent by one of the above listed methods. Please refer to Appendix K for nomination procedures.

Signed nominations must be sent to **Hal Wynn, Faulkner University, 5345 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, AL 36109-3398.**

E. Scholar Team

In recognition of academic achievement, the NAIA names a Scholar Team for all sports in which Scholar-Athletes are recognized. Based on a 3.0 season GPA on a 4.0 scale, all members of the team who appear on the eligibility certificate will be included in the GPA compilation. Please refer to Appendices I and J for nomination procedures.

All nominations are to be submitted by mail to the NAIA National Office, 1200 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO, 64106. They **MUST** be received no later than June 30, 2008. **No faxed forms or late nominations will be accepted. The NAIA strongly recommends Team Scholar nominations be sent via overnight mail, registered or certified mail.** The NAIA will **NOT** be responsible for nomination packets that are lost in the mail when not sent by one of the above listed methods.

F. Player/Pitcher of the Year

A National Player of the Year and a National Pitcher of the Year are selected annually. Selection is made by the All-America Selection Committee from players nominated to the Conference All-America teams.

The NAIA Department of Sports Information will release the Players of the Year on May 21.

G. Coach of the Year

The National Coach of the Year will be selected through an election process following the national championship involving all NAIA Softball Coaches. All Region Coaches of the Year as well as the national championship quarterfinalists will be included on the ballot.

H. National Championship Awards

The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for the national championship.

National championship team awards are provided to the top four teams. Individual awards will be given to the official party of 20 persons of the top four teams. Members of the tournament committee and participating coaches select a 16-member all-tournament team (irregardless of position) and the tournament's most valuable player.

I. Ordering Awards

Appropriate conference/independent, regional tournament awards are to be ordered by the conference commissioners or regional chairs and are the financial responsibility of the conference/region.

Affiliated conference/independent and regional awards for tournaments and all official team and individual NAIA awards MUST be ordered from:

Midwest Trophy
3501 SE 29th Street, Del City OK 73115
PHONE: (405) 670-4545 FAX: (405) 672-1308.
Contact – Gerald Robinson
National Office Liaison: Mindy Pinkerton

Midwest Trophy is the official trophy supplier of the NAIA.

IV. NAIA – NATIONAL AWARDS

A. Buffalo Funds Five Star Champions of Character Team Award

The Buffalo Funds Five Star Champions of Character Team Award sponsored by Buffalo Funds is an annual award given at the end of each sport season. Each sport will award the Buffalo Funds Five Star Champions of Character Award to one team on a yearly basis and all NAIA teams are eligible for the team award. Teams must be nominated by their institution. Award winners will be selected based upon their documented display of exemplary character and sportsmanship on the field, on campus, and in the community. Specifically, fulfillment of the Core Character Values of **respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership** and **sportsmanship** will be taken into consideration.

For complete nomination information, please see NAIA National Awards forms.

B. Coach of Character Award

The NAIA Coach of Character Award is an annual award given to a head coach of an NAIA institution. The nominee must be employed by the institution a minimum of 5 years and must be clearly outstanding in embracing the five core values of the NAIA Champions of Character initiative, methods of teaching character through sport, and community leadership through volunteering, service or other means.

For complete nomination information, please see NAIA National Awards forms.

C. Dr. LeRoy Walker Character Award

This award was created to honor Dr. LeRoy Walker a former president of the NAIA and President emeritus of the United States Olympic Committee.

The nominee must be a representative of an NAIA institution as a student-athlete. The nominee must be at least a junior academic status at the nominating institution at the time of nomination, and must be "outstanding" in

academic achievement (3.0 G.P.A or higher), campus leadership, community leadership, embracing the five core character values of the NAIA Champions of Character initiative, athletic achievement and future ambition.

The recipient will receive a \$1,000 cash award to the institution scholarship fund of recipient's choice. Also, the recipient will receive a specially engraved plaque/revere bowl as a permanent memento of the award.

The recipient will be provided round-trip transportation to the two awards ceremonies. One ceremony is in conjunction with the annual NAIA National Convention in the spring of 2008 and the other at the Citizen through Sports Alliance Awards Banquet

For complete nomination information, please see NAIA National Awards forms.

D. A. O. Duer Award

Named in honor of the NAIA's former executive secretary that served the association for 26 years, this award has been annually presented since 1967 to a junior student-athlete in any sport who has excelled in scholarship, character and citizenship.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must have an overall grade point average of at least 3.75 (on a 4.00 scale) and be in her/his junior year academically.

For complete nomination information, please see NAIA National Awards forms.

E. Wally Schwartz Award

The Faculty Athletic Representative Association has initiated this award to honor past Vice-President of Legislative Services, Wally Schwartz. The Award will annually recognize Conference, Regional, and a National FAR of the Year. The intent is to consider members who are FARs in all phases of the FARA on college campuses, conference and regional levels. Registrars are not to be considered for this Award as they have their own association. The recipient should exemplify the loyalty, enthusiasm, and honesty that Wally Schwartz had, and still has, shown on behalf of the NAIA.

For complete nomination information, please see NAIA National Awards forms.

F. Charles Morris Award

The award was initiated in memory and honor of past Associate Executive Director Charles Morris. The award is presented annually to recognize Conference, Region and a National Administrator of the Year.

The recipient should exemplify the loyalty and enthusiasm Charles Morris had for the NAIA. Nominees must be active as an administrator at a member institution or in conference/regional committee organizations.

For complete nomination information, please see NAIA National Awards forms.

G. Hall of Fame

The NAIA Hall of Fame Award is the highest honor presented by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Nominees must be persons of outstanding quality, high moral character, fine leadership ability and must be held in high esteem by their colleagues, former coaches and former athletics.

The Hall of Fame program honors individuals in three categories: Meritorious Service, Coach and Athlete.

For complete nomination information, please see NAIA National Awards forms.

H. Larry Lady Officiating Award

The Larry Lady Officiating Award is presented annually to an official of any sport recognized by the NAIA. It is named in honor of Larry Lady, current NAIA Supervisor of Officials for basketball, football and baseball, and long-time NAIA supporter and administrator.

Nominees must be persons of outstanding quality, high moral character, fine officiating ability and be held in high esteem by their colleagues, administrators and athletes.

The recipient will receive an award of \$500 to be used by recipient, a member of the recipient's family or family friend who attends an NAIA institution.

For complete nomination information, please see NAIA National Awards forms.

V. RATINGS, REPORTING RESULTS AND STATISTICS

A. Ratings

The NAIA Department of Sports Information conducts weekly ratings of the top 25 NAIA softball teams. The Pre-Season Poll will be released January 30. The first regular-season rating will be March 19 and will continue through May 7.

Please refer to Appendix C for sport-specific rating policies and procedures.

Each sport will have a four person oversight committee charged with upholding the integrity of the national ratings. In addition, each conference/region will be responsible for oversight of their specific rating reports.

Frequency of Ratings

CACI to determine starting and ending dates of regular-season ratings for all sports.

Coaches associations will be allowed to submit motions to change start and end dates for 2008 season for all sports.

B. Raters

Ratings are compiled from the balloting of the fourteen-member rating committee of the NAIA-SCA. The fourteen raters include one representative of each of the NAIA's fourteen regions. Raters are elected by coaches to serve a 2-year term within their own region. See **Appendix A** for names and addresses of the fourteen regional raters. NAIA Department of Sports Information compiles the balloting and releases the top 25 ratings. Ratings are available on the NAIA website, www.naia.org after 3:00 p.m. (CST) each Wednesday of a scheduled rating.

Two conference calls will be conducted during the season to convene the raters for the purpose of sharing information about region teams.

NOTE: New as of 2006 Rater Update Form (Appendix B from 2006) will no longer be used, please see reporting results for more information.

Coaches are not to contact any raters other than their own. Coaches are not to solicit votes for their team or for teams in their region.

C. Timeline

1. Ratings week for all sports defined as 12:01 a.m. Monday through 11:59 p.m. Sunday and all games played during the designated week are to be included in rating.
2. Conference/Region reports to NAIA office by noon (Central) on Monday.
3. National Rating Ballot to NAIA office no later than noon (Central) on Tuesday
4. Oversight approves/disapproves National Ratings Grid by 9:30 a.m. (Central) on Wednesday.
5. Raters have until noon (Central) on Wednesday to respond with requested rationale.
6. National Ratings released no later than 3 p.m. (Central) on Wednesday.

D. Reporting Results

Mandated by CACI, **all contest results must be reported to the NAIA scoreboard within 24 hours of completion in order to be eligible for team and/or individual weekly ratings and honors.** Please refer to Appendix C for score reporting instructions.

Rater Update Form will no longer be used. Prior to 2007, Appendix B was used to give results and info to raters. Now with the new reporting structure this form is no longer needed.

To report sport scores, report statistics via the DakStats Web-sync feature.

E. Statistics

An in-season, weekly national statistical report is produced utilizing DakStats for softball. To be eligible for the statistical report, a student-athlete must play in 75 percent of team games played. Only statistics from games against varsity teams from upper-level, degree-granting institutions should be submitted. Categories will be determined on a sport-by-sport basis and by the NAIA Sports Information Department.

VI. NAIA POLICY HANDBOOK INFORMATION

THE NAIA POLICY HANDBOOK - can be found at ; http://graphics.fansonly.com/schools/naia/member-services/pubs/handbook/2007-08_Official_Handbook.pdf

Please refer directly to the NAIA policy handbook for the following:

- A. Forfeits – Council of Athletics Administrators, Article X
- B. Declaration of Intent to Participate – Bylaws, Article I, Section K.
- C. Eligibility Requirements – Bylaws, Article V, Section C.
- D. Frequency of Play and Scheduling - Bylaws, Article I, Section E.
- E. Amateur Rules and Reinstatement – Bylaws, Article VII
- F. Institutional Financial Aid Policy – Council of Presidents, Article VIII

VII. SUNDAY PLAY POLICY

As a matter of policy, NAIA national qualifying and national championship competition will not be scheduled on Sunday. See NAIA Policy Handbook for additional information.

VIII. PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. Playing Rules

The official rules used to govern **all NAIA affiliated fast-pitch programs** (including regular season, conference/independent/regional and national championship) are the official rules of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) with the following modifications approved by the NAIA-SCA:

1. SKINNED INFIELDS
All infields must be skinned for conference/independent, regional and national championship play.
2. OUTFIELD FENCE DISTANCE
Outfield fence distance shall be 190-225 feet with the recommendation of 200 feet down the lines and 225 in centerfield for all NAIA conference/independent, regional and national championship competition.
3. There shall be no time limit or tiebreaker rule used during NAIA postseason play. It may be used during the regular season.
4. The NAIA will follow the stipulation by the NCAA Rules Committee regarding the banned bat list published by the ASA. The banned bat list can be found at www.softball.org/about/asabannedbats.pdf.
5. Exception to the logo restrictions for uniforms. This exception applies only to uniforms manufactured by Fergo Athletics with the "NAIA Drive" logo.
6. For the 2008 season, the Official Softball of the NAIA is the Wilson A9010BNAIA which is the .47 core.

To order a NCAA Rulebook contact: NCAA Publishing, P.O Box 361147, Indianapolis, Indiana 46236. Phone (888) 388-9748.

B. Game Officials - Umpires

The NAIA Department of Championships contracts twenty game umpires and one umpire-in-chief to work the national championship. The national office shall mail nomination material to conference commissioners, region chairs and region softball chairs in late summer. Any conferences or regions can nominate any qualified umpires from their area. Nominees will be sent to the NAIA-SCA Executive Committee and the umpire-in chief to approve a total of twenty.

The national tournament requires a minimum of three umpires per game. No umpire shall be assigned to any championship game in which a team from within 75 miles of his/her home is participating.

C. Season Records

Won-loss records for all member institutions participating in softball shall include **ONLY** those games played against accredited, upper-level, degree-granting institutions, and **SHALL NOT** include games against junior college, club, foreign (Canada excluded), or military teams.

D. Official Ball

The official ball for all NAIA independent, regional and national championship competition is the **Wilson A9010BNAIA (.47 core)**. The NAIA will ship Wilson Softballs, with the appropriate NAIA logo for exclusive use in each regional tournament game. The NAIA strongly recommends the use of the Wilson A9010BNAIA for all regular season conference play.

E. Alcohol and Tobacco Products

The use of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco products is not permitted by participants, coaches, cheerleaders, trainers, game administrators, or officials in the playing areas during all NAIA sanctioned competition and practices for such competition. The institution's coaching staff, event games committee, administrator or host site coordinator (as applicable) shall enforce this policy through the following steps: On the first offense, the individual(s) and team shall receive an official warning; A second offense will cause expulsion from the practice, game, tournament or event. Member institutions are strongly encouraged to adopt this policy for all regular season practice and competition.

POSTSEASON COMPETITION

I. QUALIFYING POLICIES

The following policies are in effect to formulate conference/independent/regional tournament plans.

- A. Conference tournament plans **MUST** be approved by the Conference Executive Committee and be submitted to the NAIA Department of Championships by March 1.
- B. Independent and Regional tournament plans **MUST** be approved by the Regional Management Committee and be submitted to the NAIA Department of Championships by March 1.
- C. The NAIA Department of Championships shall establish conference/independent/regional tournament plans in accordance with policies established by the NAIA Council of Athletics Administrators (NAIA-CAA) for those conferences and/or regions not meeting the above deadlines.
- D. Only those institutions having declared their "intent to participate" in the championship event for softball are eligible to participate in the conference/independent/regional tournaments.
- E. All member institutions in good standing must have the opportunity to qualify for postseason play. Conference/independent/regional tournament policies may not create undue hardship on a member institution financially, philosophically, or with regard to affiliated conference requirements.
- F. The following guidelines are to be used in the development of tournament plans:
 - 1. Consideration may be given to any one or a combination of the following criteria in selecting teams for conference/independent/regional championship events:
 - a) an approved rating system

- b) regular season overall won-lost record
 - c) overall won-lost record against NAIA teams within the conference or region
 - d) any system approved by the Conference Executive Committee, Regional Management Committee and/or the NAIA Department of Championships
- G. Institutions **MUST** play a minimum number of 16 contests against upper-level, degree-granting institutions in the United States and/or Canada to be eligible for NAIA postseason competition:
- H. Affiliated conference/regions which determine a champion without conducting a championship event **MUST** certify that the representative complies with all tournament policies.
- I. When an affiliated conference/regional championship event is conducted and a team champion is determined and subsequently withdraws and/or is declared ineligible for the next round of the national championship, it is the prerogative of the affiliated conference executive committee or Regional Management Committee to identify its affiliated conference/regional representative.
- J. Exceptions to the above policies require a written request and rationale from the affiliated conference executive committee or Regional Management Committee to the NAIA Department of Championships 30 days prior to the deadline for tournament plans. The NAIA Department of Championships shall submit the appeals and rationale along with their recommendation to the NAIA Council of Athletics Administrators, or their duly appointed committee, for a decision. The regional chair requesting the exception shall not participate in the decision.
- K. The NAIA Council of Athletics Administrators shall review these policies annually with the NAIA Department of Championships and revise policies when applicable.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

- A. The official party for each team participating in postseason play is 20, with no more than 18 players in uniform. A maximum of 25 credentials, may be issued per team 20 in the official traveling party plus five additional dugout personnel. Upon selection for the affiliated conference/independent tournaments, the official roster must be filed with the NAIA Department of Championships prior to participation in the first affiliated conference/independent postseason tournament game.

The list of up to 18 eligible players (official roster - Appendix E) **MUST** be submitted to the NAIA National Office by April 29, 2008. **[In addition to the official roster, the game by game results, a 5 x 7 team photo, head coach photo and logo slick should also be emailed to Precision Printing at carma@precisionprintkc.com.**

A copy of this roster must be hand-carried to the site of the affiliated conference/ independent, regional and national tournaments and presented to the supervisor (affiliated conference/independent softball chair for affiliated conference/independent tournament, regional softball chair for regional tournament, and NAIA Softball Administrator for the national championship) prior to that institution's participation in the tournament. **Rosters ARE NOT to be sent to the NAIA National Office.**

The deadline for certifying the official roster of 18 players is 30 minutes prior to the first game of any affiliated conference/independent or regional tournament, or at the coaches meeting of the national championship. **Once the tournament begins, no player may play that is not on the official roster.**

A player may be replaced on the official roster between the affiliated conference/independent and the regional tournaments and between the regional tournament and the national championship by any eligible player whose name is included on the NAIA Official Eligibility Form for softball for the 2007-2008 season. The coach will need to hand-carry a copy of the eligibility form to each tournament if a roster change is necessary.

- B. Each participating team shall be responsible for its own expenses en route to, during, and from all postseason events.
- C. Each participating team shall provide its own medical, hospitalization, travel and accident insurance for all members of its official party.

- D. The coach or other designated person for each participating team must be in attendance and responsible for his/her team at all times while at the site of the championship. This person shall accept the responsibility for the conduct of his/her student-athletes at the championship site, during the championship and at all activities connected with the team's championship participation. In case of property damage, the offending institution shall be held financially responsible.

III. AFFILIATED CONFERENCE/INDEPENDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The affiliated conference softball championship is planned and administered by the affiliated conference softball committee under the leadership of the affiliated conference softball chair and subject to approval of all standards and conditions as may be prescribed by the affiliated conference executive committee/commissioner/president.

The independent softball championship, if applicable, is planned and administered by the regional softball committee under the leadership of the regional softball chair, and subject to approval of all standards and conditions as may be prescribed by the Regional Management Committee and the NAIA.

A. Dates and Sites

The dates and sites of the affiliated conference/independent softball championships shall be determined by the affiliated conference/regional softball committee. The affiliated conference/ independent softball playoffs, if held, MUST be completed no later than May 3, 2008.

All games must be held at an approved home site of one of the participating institutions and are to be played on an "OFFICIAL" softball field as defined by current NCAA rules. Note: All infields must be skinned for all levels of competition. Outfield fence distance, a minimum of 190 feet and a maximum of 225 feet is required for conference/independent, regional and national championships.

B. Administration

Affiliated conference tournaments are under the direct control and supervision of the leadership of the individual conferences. It is recommended that the affiliated conference commissioner/president or a representative of the conference executive committee be present at all conference tournament games as the tournament supervisor.

If available, the affiliated conference/regional softball chair will serve as administrator for the affiliated conference/independent softball playoffs in cooperation with the host site athletics director. When not available, the host athletics director, or a designated person, may serve in this capacity.

At the time of final team selection, immediately contact the NAIA National Office (816) 595-8000, with the participating teams, seedings and pairings, and match sites and times.

IV. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The regional softball championship is planned by the regional softball committee under the leadership of the regional softball chair. The regional softball committee is made up of the affiliated conference/independent softball chairs within the region. The regional chair MUST submit a regional playoff plan to the NAIA National Office no later than March 1, of each year.

A. Dates and Sites

The dates and sites of the regional softball championship shall be determined by the regional softball committee with approval from the Regional Management Committee. All regional championships MUST be completed no later than Saturday, May 10, 2008. In the event of unforeseen circumstances or unplayable conditions, a method of selecting the regional champion must be established by the region and agreed upon in writing by the participating region.

B. Administration

The regional tournaments are under the direct control and supervision of the regional management committee. The Regional Management Committee's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Administration and interpretation of the regional playoff plan including all qualifications and selection procedures;
2. Certification of approved sites for playoff games;
3. Announcement of participating teams, seedings, pairings, game times and site immediately upon selection;
4. Assignment of a regional tournament supervisor to each game/session site and provision of complete instructions for game/session administration;
5. Assignment of a certified athletic trainer;
6. Establishing physician and ambulance service on-site or immediately on call throughout the tournament;
7. Approving the selection and assignment of all regional tournament officials;
8. Reporting results of all regional tournament games to the NAIA National Office;
9. Ordering the regional championship award; and
10. Appealing policies, if necessary.

Note: If an appeal for an exception to any affiliated conference or regional tournament policy is approved by the NAIA Department of Championships, the affiliated conference/region must accept the conditions under which the exception is granted. Any affiliated conference that requires an exception of policy or region that requires an exception and does not abide by the decision rendered by the Department of Championships, will forfeit the right to send a team to the national championship. In both events, the berths would be filled by the at-large process outlined in the Qualification of Teams section of this handbook.

It is suggested that the regional chair or a representative of the Regional Management Committee be present at all regional tournament games as the tournament supervisor. The tournament supervisor will coordinate all activities at each game site and work with the host institution athletics director in implementing regional and national policies in the conduct of the tournament games.

The tournament supervisor implements regional and national policies, and reports to the game site no later than two hours prior to game time. Other administrative duties of the supervisor include:

1. Overseeing the administration of the gate, if applicable, to assure that only ticket purchasers and appropriately identified personnel (certified news media representatives, etc.) gain admittance to the tournament game facility.
2. Supervision and administration of the game(s) including pre-game protocol, crowd control, supervision of the games officials and post game awards ceremonies if applicable.
3. Ensuring that only authorized media personnel occupy space in the press box or press row areas and that all radio and/or television stations have paid the appropriate broadcast fees prior to the start of each game.
4. Reporting scores of each game/session promptly to the NAIA National Office: (816) 595-8000, fax (816) 595-8200.

C. Selection of Teams

The Council of Athletics Administrators approved the following limitations on the number of teams allowed to compete at regional tournaments in soccer, volleyball and softball:

- 12 or less teams in the regions, maximum 4 teams in the regional tournament
 - 13-18 teams in the region, maximum 6 teams in the regional tournament
 - 19 or more in the region, maximum 8 teams in the regional tournament
1. Affiliated conference/independent champions will receive an automatic berth into regional championships.
 2. In order to select a team to fill the bracket as an at-large entry to the regional championship, the following procedures may be followed:
 - a) Criteria will be established by the regional softball committee.
 - b) Regional and national ratings should apply.
 - c) Criteria should be included in regional tournament plans and therefore receive Regional Management Committee and NAIA approval.

V. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A. Administration

The NAIA Softball National Championship is under the direct control and supervision of the NAIA Softball Tournament Committee. The tournament committee is responsible for the bracketing of the participating teams, the management of tournament games and the general welfare of participating teams and coaches. Other responsibilities include conducting a tournament coaches meeting, working with and assigning game officials, and coordinating both pre and post-tournament ceremonies. The NAIA Softball Tournament Committee is composed of the officers of the NAIA-SCA. Should an officer of the tournament committee have their team qualify for the national championship, the NAIA Softball Administrator will appoint an alternate to take his/her place on the committee. The criteria for selection shall include: past tournament experience, geographical representation and current national rater.

The major responsibilities for the softball tournament committee members are:

Chair:	Conducts all meetings with umpires and coaches Assists umpire-in-chief in umpire assignments Ground rules with umpires and coaches In charge of game balls Assign game tournament committee supervisor
Committee Member:	Inform coaches of game times Coin flip procedure conveyed to all tournament committee members Field supervision and foul balls
Committee Member:	Opening ceremonies Practice & Warm-up sessions Line-up cards All-Tournament Team selection
Committee Member:	Awards ceremonies Tournament procedures Video Equipment Additional people in dugout

Depending on the host it may be necessary for an additional (5th) Committee Member.

B. Qualification of Teams

The NAIA Softball National Championship consists of the thirteen – fourteen regional champions, and 6 - 7 at-large berths. The at-large berths will be awarded based on the final top 25 rating.

C. Host for 2008 Championship

The City of Decatur will serve as host. The softball venue will be Wilson Morgan Park. Kelly Varnell will serve as the event coordinator and tournament director.

D. Format

The NAIA Softball National Championship will be May 16-21, 2008 in Decatur, Alabama. The national championship format will be a 20-team pool play format where teams will be seeded 1-20 and divided into 4 pools of 5 based on the seeds. The top 2 teams of each pool will advance. Those 8 teams will compete in double elimination the final 3 days of the championship. This format will guarantee a minimum of 4 games.

20 Teams will consist of 4 Pools of 5 Teams.

	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Team 1	#1	#2	#3	#4
Team 2	#20	#19	#18	#17
Team 3	#8	#7	#6	#5
Team 4	#13	#14	#15	#16
Team 5	#12	#11	#10	#9

Each team will play 2 pool games on Friday and 2 pool games on Saturday.
Each pool will play on a different field with game times 2 1/2 hours apart.

Double-elimination tournament seeding is as follows:

A1 vs D2

D1 vs A2

B1 vs C2

C1 vs B2

*Teams are seeded in this format to keep teams from the same pool from playing in the first round.

(The Double Elimination bracket can be found in Appendix S)

E. Tournament Selection Process Appeals

If there is misapplication of NAIA policy and procedures regarding tournament selection, an institution may appeal to the national office of the NAIA.

Criteria for filing an appeal

1. A written appeal citing the specific NAIA policies and/or procedures that have been misapplied must be submitted to the NAIA National Office - Department of Championships within 24 hours (or noon (central time) of the next business day if the end of the 24 hour period falls on a non-business day) from the time the tournament field has been released.
2. Once an appeal has been submitted a response will be provided within 24 hours from receipt of appeal.
3. **Appeals must be submitted and signed by the Athletics Director and President of the institution.**

NOTE: The Council of Athletics Administrators sport liaison will be on the selection conference call to listen to the discussion of tournament selection.

The liaison will report any concerns to the National office immediately following the conclusion of the conference call.

The oversight committee will review ratings to prevent any ratings process violations or unethical use of the ratings process.

F. Team Travel/Reimbursement Policies

Championship events are to be financially independent in that, income from those events, are to cover expenses of the event. A program of national and local sponsors is to be developed for the purpose of providing sufficient money (together with event income) to allow schools to participate in national championships at minimum expense to the institution.

The Association will not reimburse meal costs of participating teams or individuals.

In order to minimize travel expenses, the NAIA has entered into an agreement with Anthony Travel for air travel. This arrangement offers the NAIA and its member institutions the services of the nation's leading air travel company specializing in sports and association travel.

1. **Transportation** – To secure air travel please call Anthony Travel (866/284-NAIA)
2. **Lodging** - All participating teams **MUST** stay at the designated headquarters hotel or assigned properties. Failure to do so would make a team **INELIGIBLE** for the national event.

G. Related Information

1. **Phone the National Office** - Immediately upon qualifying to be identified as a national championship participant. (816) 595-8000.
2. **Meeting** - There will be a pre-tournament meeting of all coaches the Thursday evening prior to the start of the tournament. This meeting shall serve as an informational forum, team check in and will include a briefing by a representative of the game officials. **Coaches are required to attend this meeting.**
4. **Banquet** - There will be a meal function on Thursday evening prior to the beginning of play to recognize the participating teams and NAIA Hall of Fame inductees. **All teams** are required to be in attendance at this function. Each participating team shall be given 20 complimentary banquet tickets. Additional tickets are available for purchase, but must be paid for in advance.
5. **Opening Ceremonies** - The Parade of Champions involving all teams, honorary coaches and tournament officials will be held on Thursday evening to officially open the 2008 NAIA Softball National Championship. **All softball teams** are required to participate in this function dressed in official team uniform. Teams failing to participate are subject to forfeiture of any travel reimbursement.
6. **Awards Ceremonies** - Immediately following the championship game, awards will be presented to the top four teams, All-Tournament Team, Most Valuable Player, and Player/Pitcher of the Year. Teams receiving awards are required to attend.
7. **Honorary Coaches** - An "Honorary Coach" program has been organized for the national tournament. Local businesses and civic groups are obtained to serve as local hosts for each of the teams. Honorary coaches sit with their teams at the banquet, sit on the benches during games, march in the parade of champions and are generally available to assist teams and make them feel welcome while at the championship.
7. **Radio and Television** - The broadcast of any tournament game is governed by the broadcast policies as printed in the NAIA Policy Handbook. This includes audio broadcasts and video broadcasts through conventional outlets and new media avenues.

COSTS-SOFTBALL

National Championship Tournament

Commercial \$150 per game + \$75 per additional station feed

Non-Commercial \$100 per game + \$50 per additional station feed

(Third party carriers other than school and originating radio station of streaming audio on Web sites accessed the additional station feed charge.)

For information relative to these policies, contact:

Chad Waller
NAIA Department of Sports Information
1200 Grand Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 595-8000

9. **Notice for Fans** - All ticket holders voluntarily assume all risks of property loss and personal injury arising during its use. Management may revoke the license and eject or refuse entry to the holder by refunding the stated purchase price. The holder agrees that City of Decatur and its agents, the NAIA and its agents, and the participants are not liable for injuries resulting from attendance at this event. The holder agrees that alcoholic beverages, in any form, shall not be allowed to be sold, dispersed or brought into the public area of this event.

NAIA COACHES CODE

I believe in the power of athletics as a program for the training of youth for a strong and efficient democracy.

I believe in athletics for the building of good character and personality.

I believe in athletics as a significant part of a sound educational program.

I believe in athletics as a constructive force in the lives of millions of sports followers throughout our nation. Therefore, I will hold sportsmanship and fair play high above all other values to be gained through sports participation.

I consider the privilege of guiding youth through participation in sports as a sacred trust and not merely a means of livelihood.

I will always keep the best interests of each student-athlete as my aim. I shall never be guilty of enhancing my professional progress by the use of a student's skill for my benefit.

I will ever keep before the students under my direction the high ideals, honesty, sincerity, and integrity which have made our nation great. I will not encourage, or ever tolerate, any form of trickery or evasion of rules in order to gain an advantage over an opponent.

I will do all in my power to instill in those under my direction a tolerance for all races and creeds, and I will stand out against intolerance wherever it may occur.

I will strive to instill in every youth great purposes and aims in living and will use the desire to play not as an end, but as a training ground for the student's highest development.

I will strive to teach each student to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat, to be above bragging or using alibis, and shall help develop inner strength and poise.

I will use only fair and honest means in my desire for personal achievement and shall count the goodwill of my peers far above any achievement unfairly gained.

I will not sacrifice the values to be gained through a wholesome enjoyment of challenging sports activity for institutional pride or commercial ends.

I will use only fair and honest means of securing talent for athletic teams and never stoop to trickery or insincere promises in influencing students in the selection of their educational experience.

I will use every means at my command to protect the moral, mental and physical health of the students under my guidance and will never be party to the use of athletics for the financial or political gain of any office or group.

I will encourage each student to avail himself/herself of the best experience to be gained in a well-rounded education and to progress normally toward graduation. I will never encourage participation in athletics as an end in itself.

I will help each student under my guidance toward the development of honest habits of work and pride in work well done and I shall not practice or allow evasion in any obligation surrounding the athletics program.

I will shoulder my total responsibility as a leader through athletics and will not allow that responsibility to be transferred to any person or group outside the educational institution. I will not violate this sacred trust for financial support or political prestige.

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Appendix A

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Appendix B

SOFTBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

All coaches and players participating in the NAIA Softball National Championship agree to abide by the standards of conduct outlined below:

1. Exemplary conduct is expected in team travel, and at eating establishments, championship site and overnight accommodations before, during and after the national championship.
2. All teams will comply with procedures established by host institution for banquet, opening and closing ceremonies, and any other official function of the national championship.
3. Teams will confine all verbal conversation and chatter to positive reinforcement of own team members and not negative statements or chatter toward the opposing team.
4. It is the responsibility of the tournament supervisor at conference/independent, regional and national tournaments to report violations of this code of conduct to the NAIA National Conduct and Ethics Committee.

Failure to comply with the code of conduct may result in any or all of the following actions:

1. University or college president and athletics director to be notified by letter.
2. The athlete or coach be banned from the following year's championship. If athlete is a senior or coach leaves, his/her team will be ineligible for the following year's championship.
3. All honors and awards, including All-America status be taken away from offending athlete of coach.

Upon notification of any violation of the code of conduct, the NAIA-Softball Coaches Association will review the case and take prompt appropriate action, which may include the above.

It is the responsibility of NAIA softball coaches to ensure that their teams adhere to these rules of conduct. The NAIA Softball National Tournament Committee will have authority to warn and reprimand coaches at the national tournament during the championship event.



APPENDIX C

NAIA Softball Ratings Manual

2007-08 Season

I General Information

A Frequency of Ratings: The NAIA conducts a pres-season rating to be released late January. NAIA Softball ratings are conducted on a weekly basis beginning late March.

B Total Number of Raters: The rating committee is comprised of 13 raters. Each region appoints one rater.

C Release of Rating: The NAIA Softball Top 25 Poll is released on Wednesdays by 3 p.m. (Central) on the NAIA Web site, www.naia.org.

D Reporting Period: All games during the current rating period, Monday-Sunday.

II Expectations of Raters

A The NAIA expects every rater to have an unbiased opinion as to region affiliation. Each rater is expected to rate the top 25 teams in the nation, regardless of region affiliation.

B The NAIA expects every rater to submit requested information by the designated deadlines.

C If you are unable to fulfill your commitment as a rater, notify the NAIA Sports Information Department immediately.

III Reporting Results

A Mandate for reporting scores: In order for schools to be eligible for the national ratings, results from matches **must** be reported to the NAIA Scoreboard **within** 24 hours of completion of contest. It is the responsibility of each school to report its respective scores.

B Avenues for reporting: Scores can manually be entered at www.naiasports.org/admin

1. To register for the NAIA Scoreboard, visit www.naiasports.org/admin and click on “Don’t have a password? Click here to register now.”
2. Complete the information and enter a school-based e-mail and a password of your choice.
3. All registrations must be approved prior to access being granted, so please allow ample time for approval.

IV Rating Procedure

A Top 10’s

1. Each rater is to review results posted on the NAIA Scoreboard
2. Top 10 rankings are to be submitted to the NAIA no later than **Noon (Central)** every Monday during the rating season. Top 10’s **must** be submitted via the on-line ranking system: www.naiasports.org/admin.
3. The NAIA will compile all Region Top 10’s for distribution to raters and for posting on the NAIA Web site. Raters will receive e-mail notification when all of the Top 10’s are compiled.
4. Top 10’s received after the deadline will **not** be included in the compilation.
5. If a region rater fails to submit a region rating, teams in that region are NOT eligible for that weekly rating.

B Region Rankings

1. **New for 2007-08:** Region raters are allowed one tie at any position (#1-#9) in their ballot. Only one tie is allowed and the region is still limited to only 10 teams in its region rating.
2. Rater has **one** chance to correct Region Report should more than one tie appear. If not corrected, Region Report removed.

C Ballots

Every Top 25 ballot is due to the national office on Tuesdays by **Noon (Central)**. Please keep the following in mind when submitting ballots:

- Include name, phone number, date, and region on the ballot.
- Raters must vote in region order; ie the #2 team in a region can not be ranked higher than the #1 team.
- Designate the state of **every** team ranked. The NAIA can not assume a certain team was intended for ranking purposes. The NAIA will NOT make that distinction on any ballot and may result in that team not receiving the intended points.
- No ties are allowed. If a tie is indicated, both teams will be omitted from the ballot.
- Double check the ballot for teams that may have been ranked twice.
- **New for 2007-08:** Faxed ballots will **not** be accepted. Submit your ballot via SID Help. The NAIA is **not** responsible for securing ratings. Ballots received after the Noon deadline will **not** be included in the rating.
- A rating will not be conducted if 50% of the raters do not submit a ballot.

D. Recommended Rating Criteria

1. recent head to head results
2. performance versus common opponents
3. strength of schedule
4. inter regional competition

E. Corrections to Region Top 10's / National Ratings

1. For incorrect information regarding record and/or scores in Region Top 10 reports, contact respective Region Rater.
2. For incorrect information regarding overall record in national rating, contact both Region Rater and NAIA Sports Information Department.
3. For concerns regarding the integrity of Region Top 10, contact respective region rater and Region Chair.
4. For concerns regarding the integrity of the national rating, contact respective Region Rater, National Oversight Committee or the NAIA Championship Administrator.

V Oversight Committee

A National Oversight Committee to consist of:

1. Member of CACI and/or Ratings Task Force member
2. Three coaches from appropriate sport with the following criteria:
 - a. One coach must have prior rating experience
 - b. One coach must be current officer in coaches association, unless all officers are raters

NAIA Championship Administrator to work with officers to recruit/appoint National Oversight Committee members.

B Ratings Task Force liaison to be active part of each National Oversight Committee.

C New CACI/Ratings Task Force policy for 2007-08: Each region must designate a three person oversight committee to monitor region ratings. Region chair will provide names and contact information for regional oversight committee members to the national office. If a region does not have a designated oversight committee in place, the will not be able to submit regional and national ratings.

D Oversight committee will review each rating grid prior to posting.

1. Approval forms to be submitted by each National Oversight Committee member.
2. If a concern is expressed, oversight will contact NAIA Sports Information Department immediately.
3. If concern is expressed by oversight regarding a rating ballot, rater in question will have until **Noon (Central)** on Wednesdays to respond to oversight's concerns and provide rationale for the rating.

New for 2007-08 – If a rater does not provide rationale:

- 1st case = written warning (ballot is still figured into rating for that week)
- 2nd case = ballot is removed for that week
- NAIA administrator copies all parties (rater, national oversight, region chair) in each instance

4. No response from National Oversight Committee member for two-week period constitutes NAIA National Office intervention/call.

E Oversight has authority to remove a rater's ballot if the ballot is deemed to jeopardize the integrity of the rating. Removal of ballot must be requested by minimum of 50% of National Oversight Committee.

1. In the event of the removal of a ballot, the rater, respective Region Chair, NAIA Director of Sports Information, NAIA Director of Championships and respective NAIA sport liaison will be notified.

F Removal of rater authorized in the case of the following:

1. Failure to submit a region or national rating.
2. Failure to represent region on a ratings conference call.
3. Removal of ballot twice in ratings period.

G New for 2007-08 from the Ratings Task Force – Standard policies when removing a rater:

1. Warning letter (email correspondence) sent to rater after first offense (see section F above). Respective region chair on all correspondence.

2. Removal of rater after second offense. NAIA administrator contacts region chair for procedures in submitting ratings in raters absence.

NOTE: The region loses its rater voting privileges for the remainder of the current ratings season if the region has its rater removed. However, the region **MUST** still submit a region rating so that teams in the region can receive ratings votes from all other raters.

VI Ratings Grievance Procedure

A Region Oversight Committee is responsible for Region Report

B Rater-to-Rater grievance to be facilitated through the NAIA Championship Administrator with Oversight Committee serving as liaison/resource.

1. Appeal to be processed through Ratings Task Force.

VII Selection/Identification of Raters

A Region raters are to be selected at regional level with RMC forwarding rater to national office.

1. Region determines appropriate selection criteria and process.

VIII Final Rating

A Results of every contest up to submission of Final Region Report is to be included for final rating.

IX Other Information

A Conference Calls: There are two calls during the season. Information concerning these calls will be provided to each rater by the championship administrator prior to the calls. Substitutions (assistant coaches, non-rater coach from the same conference, etc)

are not permitted on conference calls. Contact the NAIA Administrator if you are not able to participate on a ratings conference call.

B Contact From Coaches: Coaches are permitted to send information to their respective region rater only. It is strongly suggested that no coaches, regardless of their region, contact a rater. If, as a rater, you are receiving correspondence from a coach outside your region, please contact the Oversight Committee.

C Questions Regarding Rating Procedure: Any questions regarding the above ratings procedures should be directed to the NAIA Director of Sports Information.

Appendix D 2007-08 NAIA Softball Qualification Plan

Total # of schools: 203

denotes the institution sponsors the sport but does not participate in postseason play.

Region I

Cascade Collegiate Conference (7)

Albertson (Idaho)
Concordia (Ore.)
Corban (Ore.)
Eastern Oregon
Northwest Christian (Ore.)
Oregon Tech
Southern Oregon

Independent (2)

Great Falls (Mont.)
Simon Fraser (B.C.)

Region II

Golden State Athletic Conference (7)

Azusa Pacific (Calif.)
Biola (Calif.)
California Baptist
Concordia (Calif.)
Hope International (Calif.)
Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.)
Vanguard (Calif.)

Independent (7)

Bethany (Calif.)
California State-East Bay
California State-San Marcos
Dominican (Calif.)
Holy Names (Calif.)
Menlo (Calif.)
Patten (Calif.)

Region III

Dakota Athletic Conference (6)

Black Hills State (S.D.)
Dakota State (S.D.)
Dickinson State (N.D.)
Jamestown (N.D.)
Mayville State (N.D.)
Minot State (N.D.)

Great Plains Athletic Conference (13)

Briar Cliff (Iowa)
Concordia (Neb.)
Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.)
Dana (Neb.)
Doane (Neb.)
Dordt (Iowa)
Hastings (Neb.)
Midland Lutheran (Neb.)
Morningside (Iowa)
Mount Marty (S.D.)
Nebraska Wesleyan
Northwestern (Iowa)
Sioux Falls (S.D.)

Independent (1)

Northland (Wis.)

Region IV

Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (9)

Bethany (Kan.)
Friends (Kan.)
Kansas Wesleyan
McPherson (Kan.)
Ottawa (Kan.)
Southwestern (Kan.)
St. Mary (Kan.)
Sterling (Kan.)
Tabor (Kan.)

Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (7)

Bellevue (Neb.)
Central Christian (Kan.)
Haskell Indian Nations (Kan.)
Park (Mo.)
Peru State (Neb.)
St. Mary (Neb.)
York (Neb.)

Region V

American Midwest Conference (8)

Columbia (Mo.)
Hannibal-LaGrange (Mo.)
Harris-Stowe State (Mo.)
Illinois-Springfield
McKendree (Ill.)
Missouri Baptist
William Woods (Mo.)
Williams Baptist (Ark.)

Heart Of America Athletic Conference (11)

Avila (Mo.)
Baker (Kan.)
Benedictine (Kan.)
Central Methodist (Mo.)
Culver-Stockton (Mo.)
Evangel (Mo.)
Graceland (Iowa)
Lindenwood (Mo.)
MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.)
Missouri Valley
William Jewell (Mo.)

Independent (2)

Quincy (Ill.)
Stephens (Mo.)

Region VI

Red River Athletic Conference (7)

Bacone (Okla.)
Jarvis Christian (Texas)
Langston (Okla.)
Northwood (Texas)
Southwest (N.M.)
Texas College
Texas Wesleyan

Sooner Athletic Conference (10)

Lubbock Christian (Texas)
Mid-America Christian (Okla.)
Northwestern Oklahoma
Oklahoma Baptist
Oklahoma Christian
Oklahoma City
Rogers State (Okla.)
Science & Arts (Okla.)
Southern Nazarene (Okla.)
St. Gregory's (Okla.)

Independent (1)

Houston Victoria (Texas)

Region VII

Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (10)

Calumet-St. Joseph (Ind.)
Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)
Judson (Ill.)
Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)
Purdue North Central (Ind.)
Robert Morris (Ill.)
St. Francis (Ill.)
St. Xavier (Ill.)
Trinity Christian (Ill.)
Trinity International (Ill.)

Midwest Collegiate Conference (9)

Ashford (Iowa)
Clarke College (Iowa)
Grand View (Iowa)
Iowa Wesleyan
Mount Mercy (Iowa)
St. Ambrose (Iowa)
Viterbo (Wis.)
Waldorf (Iowa)
William Penn (Iowa)

Region VIII

Mid-Central College Conference (9)

Bethel (Ind.)
Goshen (Ind.)
Grace (Ind.)
Huntington (Ind.)
Indiana Wesleyan
Marian (Ind.)
Spring Arbor (Mich.)
St. Francis (Ind.)
Taylor (Ind.)

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (7)

Aquinas (Mich.)
Concordia (Mich.)
Cornerstone (Mich.)
Indiana Tech
Madonna (Mich.)
Michigan-Dearborn
Siena Heights (Mich.)

Region IX

American Midwest Conference (12)

Carlow (Pa.)
Cedarville (Ohio)
Malone (Ohio)
Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio)
Notre Dame (Ohio)
Ohio Dominican
Point Park (Pa.)
Rio Grande (Ohio)
Shawnee State (Ohio)
Urbana (Ohio)
Ursuline (Ohio)
Walsh (Ohio)

Region X

Independent (4)

Canton (NY)
Delhi (N.Y.)
Fisher (Mass.)
St. Joseph (Vt.)

Region XI

Mid-South Conference (6)

Campbellsville (Ky.)
Cumberlands (Ky.)
Georgetown (Ky.)
Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)
Pikeville (Ky.)
West Virginia Tech.

TranSouth Athletic Conference (9)

Bethel (Tenn.)
Crichton (Tenn.)
Cumberland (Tenn.)
Lambuth (Tenn.)
Lyon (Ark.)
Martin Methodist (Tenn.)
Mid-Continent (Ky.)
Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.)
Union (Tenn.)

20-team national championship
13-14 region berths, 6-7 at-larges

Note: Region X Champion must qualify through the Region IX tournament. If the Region X representative wins the Region IX tournament, Region IX will still receive an automatic berth.

Region XII

Appalachian Athletic Conference (9)

Bluefield (Va.)
Covenant (Ga.)
King (Tenn.)
Milligan (Tenn.)
Montreat (N.C.)
Tennessee Wesleyan
Union (Ky.)
Virginia Intermont
Virginia-Wise

Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (6)

Alice Lloyd (Ky.)
Berea (Ky.)
Brescia (Ky.)
Indiana Southeast
Midway (Ky.)
Mountain State (W.V.)

Independent (4)

Allen (S.C.)
Morris (S.C.)
Southern Virginia
Voorhees (S.C.)

Region XIII

Southern States Athletic Conference (8)

Brenau (Ga.)
Brewton-Parker (Ga.)
Emmanuel (Ga.)
Faulkner (Ala.)
Lee (Tenn.)
Reinhardt (Ga.)
Shorter (Ga.)
Southern Wesleyan (S.C.)

Independent (5)

Belhaven (Miss.)
LSU - Alexandria
Mobile (Ala.)
Spring Hill (Ala.)
William Carey (Miss.)

Region XIV

Florida Sun Conference (6)

Edward Waters (Fla.)
Northwood (Fla.)
Savannah College of Art and Design (Ga.)
St. Thomas (Fla.)
Warner Southern (Fla.)
Webber (Fla.)

Independent (1)

Thomas (Ga.)

20-team national championship
13-14 region berths, 6-7 at-larges

Note: Region X Champion must qualify through the Region IX tournament. If the Region X representative wins the Region IX tournament, Region IX will still receive an automatic berth.

Appendix E

NAIA SOFTBALL OFFICIAL ROSTER

IMPORTANT: Upon qualifying for the conference/independent tournament, but no later than April 29, 2008. Send Appendix E, Team photo and an institution seal or mascot logo to Precision Printing at carma@precisionprintkc.com and fax Appendix E to the NAIA National Office at 816-595-8200

Institution: _____	Location: _____
Affiliated Conf./Reg: _____	School Colors: _____
Enrollment: _____	Team Nickname: _____
Head Coach: _____	Reg. Season Record: _____
Phone (work): _____	President/CEO: _____
Phone (cell): _____	Athletics Director: _____
Coach's email: _____	Sports Information Dir.: _____

	NUMBER						
1.	LT.	DK.	NAME	POS.	Ht.	Class	Hometown & State
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
16.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
17.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
18.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

1. _____	4. _____
Head Softball Coach	Other Personnel Position/Title
2. _____	5. _____
Assistant Softball Coach	Other Personnel Position/Title
3. _____	
Athletic Trainer or Physician	

I certify that the above players meet all eligibility guidelines of the NAIA and are eligible to participate in NAIA softball postseason competition.

Signature - Softball Coach	Signature - Faculty Athletics Representative or Registrar
Signature - Director of Athletics	Date

Appendix F

NAIA ALL-AMERICA INFORMATION SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. The NAIA-SCA selects a first and second All-America team, each consisting of 20 members per team (three pitchers, two catchers, five infielders, four outfielders, one designated player, one utility player and four at-large positions. If no DP and/or Utility player is nominated, the selection committee will select an additional one to two at-large players). An honorable mention team of 20 is selected without regard to position.
2. The official All-Region ballots are mailed in late March by the NAIA Sports Information Department to all regional chairs. All regions are to name an 18-member All-Region team.
3. In addition to submitting its All-Region team, a player must be named to an All-Region team to be eligible for the All-America teams.
4. The NAIA nomination form (Appendix G) and softball statistical summary form (Appendix G-1) are required. Game-by-game analysis forms (H or I) are also required for all nominees. Computer statistics will be accepted by committee in lieu of Appendix H or I as long as the required information is included on the printout. If you are submitting computer stats, Game by Game stats are required, statistical summaries will not suffice. All materials are due by the deadline. Receipt deadline to be received by the NAIA National Office is May 9, 2008. Mail to: Dennis Green, NAIA Softball All-America, 1200 Grand Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64106. Faxing is not recommended.
5. Statistical forms should contain all statistics through the end of the regular season. Postseason statistics are not required.
6. The NAIA strongly recommends that All-America nomination forms and support material be sent via overnight, registered or certified. The NAIA is NOT responsible for nomination forms and/or support material that are lost via the fax machine or the USPS.
7. In order for a designated player to be considered for All-America at the designated player position, the player must have played in the designated player position in half or 50% of all games played by her team.
8. For a player to be considered as a utility player, she must have a minimum of 25% of the games in which she participated to be played at an alternate position(s).
9. The NAIA-SCA Executive Committee is responsible for administering the selection procedures for the All-America softball teams at the site of and prior to the start of the NAIA Softball National Championship. The All-America softball teams will be announced on May 21, 2008.

Appendix G

NAIA SOFTBALL ALL-AMERICA NOMINATION FORM

Nominee	Coach
Institution _____	Coach Phone Number _____ (Office)
Class _____	Coach E-Mail _____
Hometown Address _____	Conference _____
_____	Region _____
_____	_____

Position(s) for which you are nominating the player:

1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 OF
 DP
 UT

****The NAIA Statistics Summary MUST be completed (Appendix G-I) and game by game analysis or computerized statistical printout are to be stapled to the nomination form****

If nominated for Utility

Pos:		% of games:		Pos:		% of games:	
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If nominated for DP

Pos:		% of games:		Pos:		% of games:	
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# of game winning hits		against	
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Major contributions to team's success:

Softball Honors:

Coaches Comments (technical proficiency, versatility, execution, consistency, etc.):

Team record (W/L):	
Team Conference/Independent finish:	

Coach's Signature	Athletic Director's Signature

APPENDIX G-I, AND APPENDIX H, APPENDIX I OR A FULL COPY OF THE PLAYER'S STATISTICS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS NOMINATION FORM. ALL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED AND PACKET MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEADLINE OF MAY 9, 2008.

Appendix G-1

NAIA SOFTBALL STATISTICS SUMMARY SHEET

To be completed for each All-America Nomination

Player's Name:	Position:
Institution:	Year:

SUMMARY OF ALL GAME BY GAME ANALYSIS SHEETS (ATTACH APPENDIX H)

CATCHER/OUTFIELD/INFIELD

G	AB	R	H	BA	2B	3B	HR	SLUG %	RBI	SAC	SO	BB	OB %	SB	SBA

PO	A	E	%		SBA	CS	PB

CATCHERS ONLY

SUMMARY OF ALL GAME-BY-GAME ANALYSIS SHEETS (ATTACH APPENDIX I)

PITCHERS

G	GS	CG	W	L	SAVES	IP	R	ER	ERA

BF	1B	2B	3B	HR	WP	BB	SO	BB/AVG	SO/AVG

1. A complete statistics package must be prepared for each nominee. This includes Appendix G, G-I, H or I. Computer statistics will be accepted by committee in lieu of Appendix H or I as long as the required information is included on the printout. If you are submitting computer stats, Game-by-Game stats are required, statistical summaries will not suffice. **All materials are due by the deadline.**
2. Forms should include all statistics through the end of regular season only. No postseason statistics are required.
3. Forms and support material are to be received by the NAIA by May 9, 2008.

Appendix J

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NAIA SOFTBALL STATISTICS FORMS

Note: The running/slapping hit shall be treated as any other attempt to hit the ball. When a player **bunts** the ball while running, the action shall be treated as a bunt. For example, if the player performs a running bunt and is out while moving a runner safely to another base, it shall be scored a sacrifice bunt. Also note Rule 1-103 (p. 27) of the NCAA Rule Book for the definition of a slap hit.

Game-by-Game Analysis: Catcher/Outfield/Infield

G	Number of games played
AB	At Bat. Times at bat do not include: walk, hit by the pitch, sacrifice bunt, sacrifice fly. Times at bat do include: base hit, error, strike out, ground out, fly out, called for being out of the batter's box, fielder's choice. All of the above can be defined as a plate appearance.
R	Runs
H	Hits
BA	Batting Average (BA = hits/at bats)
2B	Doubles
3B	Triples
HR	Home Runs
SLUG%	Slugging Percentage (SLUG% = total bases/at bats) Total Bases = the total number of bases collected on all hits . For example: If a player had 2 singles, 1 double and 1 triple in 7 at bats, her slugging percentage would be $7/7 = 1.000$.
RBI	Runs Batted In
SAC	Sacrifice bunt and/or fly (Note: a sacrifice fly occurs only when a batter scores a runner from third with a fly ball and does not occur whenever a batter advances a runner with a fly ball.)
SO	Strike Out
BB	Base on Balls
HP	Hit by Pitch
OB%	On Base Percentage (OB% = times on base/at bats + walks + SAC + hit by pitch) (Note: times on base includes each time the runner safely reaches at least first base, including reaching on an error.)
SB	Stolen Base
SBA	Stolen Base Attempt

Fielding Statistics

PO	Put Out. Give credit to the fielder who receives the ball at the location of the out. On a strike out the catcher gets credit for the put out.
A	Assist
E	Error
PCT	Fielding Percentage ($F\% = PO + A / PO + A + E$)

Catcher's Statistics

SBA	Stolen Base Attempts
CS	Caught Stealing
PB	Passed Balls

Game-by-Game Analysis: Pitchers

G	Games Played
GS	Games Started
CG	Complete Games Pitched
W	Won
L	Lost
SAVES	Games Saved
IP	Innings Pitched
R	Run
ER	Earned Run
ERA	Earned Run Average (ERA = $ER \times 7/IP$) Earned runs include base hits, walks and hit by pitch. They do not include runners getting on base because of an error. Remember that the runner who scores the run must not have been advanced at any time because of an error, including dropping foul balls. For example: If a pitcher pitched 5 innings and gave up 4 earned runs, her earned run average would be $28/5$ or 5.6.
BF	Batters Faced
1B	Single
2B	Double
3B	Triple
HR	Home Run
HP	Hit by Pitch
WP	Wild Pitch
BB	Base on Balls
SO	Strike Out
BB Avg.	Base on balls average (BB avg. = $BB \times 7/IP$)
SO Avg.	Strike Out average (SO avg. = $SO \times 7/IP$)

Appendix K

2008 DAKTRONICS-NAIA SOFTBALL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE NOMINATION FORM

(In the event of more than one nominee, please duplicate this form.)

My institution nominates the following student-athlete for consideration to receive the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete Award:

NOMINEE:	
HOMETOWN, STATE:	
INSTITUTION:	
CITY, STATE:	
POSITION:	
MAJOR:	

NOMINATING COACH:		OFFICE:		E-MAIL:	
HOME PHONE:		CELL:			

Signature – Softball Coach

Date

Signature – Athletics Director

Date

ACADEMIC VERIFICATION (*Must be completed by the registrar*)

CUMULATIVE GPA as defined by the institution: (compute two decimal places on 4.0 Scale)	_____
CLASS STANDING: <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR <input type="checkbox"/> FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR <input type="checkbox"/> GRADUATE STUDENT	
START DATE AT YOUR INSTITUTION: _____	
By signing below, I hereby certify that the above information was obtained from the official transcript.	
_____ Signature-Registrar	_____ Date

Forms MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 2, 2008. The NAIA strongly recommends that the Scholar-Athlete nomination form be sent via overnight, registered, or certified mail. Mail to:

Hal Wynn
NAIA Softball Scholar Athlete Coordinator
Faulkner University
Athletics Department, Head Softball Coach
5345 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, AL 36109

FAXED FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Appendix L
2008 SOFTBALL
DAKTRONICS-NAIA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE
“CHECKLIST”

This form is for the coaches use to determine if all the necessary information, documentation and signatures are complete before mailing the form to the scholar-athlete coordinator.

Nominee's Name: _____ Institution: _____

- Nominee is junior or above in academic standing.
- Nominee has been in attendance at the nominating institution a minimum of one full year of attendance.
- Nominee has a minimum grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of nomination at the nominating institution as defined by the nominating institution.
- Nominee has been certified as eligible and is listed on the eligibility certificate submitted to conference/region eligibility chair.
- Nomination form is complete with **required signatures**.
- All the above information is to be received by **May 2, 2008**.

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

Mail completed documentation to:

Hal Wynn
NAIA Softball Scholar Athlete Coordinator
Faulkner University
Athletics Department, Head Softball Coach
5345 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, AL 36109

The NAIA recommends that the Scholar-Athlete nomination form be sent via overnight, registered or certified mail. NAIA is not responsible for lost material when not sent one of the above ways.

Appendix M

NAIA SCHOLAR TEAM NOMINATION FORM

SPORT: _____ Men's Women's

INSTITUTION: _____ STATE: _____

COACH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CRITERIA

- * To be nominated, an institutional team must include all student-athletes listed on the eligibility certificate.
- * Cumulated GPA's included will be through the end of the academic year.
- * The nominated institutional team must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale as defined by the institution.
- * The team GPA will be calculated by adding the total credit hours of the athletes and dividing that into the total quality grade points earned.
- * Nomination form must be signed by the institutional registrar, athletics director and coach.

	Credit hours Attempted and completed at this institution	Graded credit hours attempted and completed at this institution	Quality grade points earned
TEAM ACCUMULATED TOTAL	_____	_____	_____

TEAM GPA: _____

I hereby certify the institutional credit hours and grade points attempted per student are accurate and were obtained from each student's official transcript.

Registrar _____ Date _____

I hereby certify the above students have been certified properly with the eligibility chair.

Athletics Director _____ Date _____

Coach _____ Date _____

Forms MUST be received by June 30, 2008. Late nominations will not be accepted. Mail to:

**NAIA Scholar Team Award
1200 Grand Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64106**

FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

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Appendix M

NAIA SCHOLAR TEAM NOMINATION FORM

SPORT: _____ Men's Women's

INSTITUTION: _____ STATE: _____

COACH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CRITERIA

- * To be nominated, an institutional team must include all student-athletes listed on the eligibility certificate.
- * Cumulated GPA's included will be through the end of the academic year.
- * The nominated institutional team must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale as defined by the institution.
- * The team GPA will be calculated by adding the total credit hours of the athletes and dividing that into the total quality grade points earned.
- * Nomination form must be signed by the institutional registrar, athletics director and coach.

	Credit hours Attempted and completed at this institution	Graded credit hours attempted and completed at this institution	Quality grade points earned
TEAM ACCUMULATED TOTAL	_____	_____	_____

TEAM GPA: _____

I hereby certify the institutional credit hours and grade points attempted per student are accurate and were obtained from each student's official transcript.

Registrar _____ Date _____

I hereby certify the above students have been certified properly with the eligibility chair.

Athletics Director _____ Date _____

Coach _____ Date _____

Forms **MUST** be received by June 30, 2008. Late nominations will not be accepted. Mail to:

**NAIA Scholar Team Award
1200 Grand Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64106**

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Appendix N

NAIA SCHOLAR TEAM CRITERIA

Official Criteria:

1. Team GPA must be a minimum 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the nominating institution.
2. Must include every student-athlete certified as eligible and listed on the eligibility certificate submitted to conference/region eligibility chairs.
3. Cumulative GPAs included will be through the end of the academic year.
4. The team GPA will be calculated by adding the total credit hours of the athletes and dividing that into the total quality grade points earned.
5. The nomination form must be signed by the institutional registrar, athletics director and coach.

All Nominations must be received by June 30, 2008

Complete the nomination form with the appropriate signatures and mail to:

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Appendix O

NAIA Softball Coaches Association Business Meeting November 29, 2007—9:00AM Las Vegas, NV.

Minutes

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order by Myra Minuskin, NAIA-SCA President

B. Introductions of Officers:

Keith Kramme-SCA 1st VP

Terri Knecht-SCA 2nd VP

Hal Wynn-SCA Secretary

C. Approval of Minutes-November 29, 2007

Motion-Wendy Spratt

Second- Melanie Gregor

II. Reports

A. NFCA National Office Report-Ritchie Richardson

a. Attendance-41% are present

b. Convention Reminders: wear credentials, tickets for each event,
Hall of Fame Friday at 7:00PM.

c. Submit articles to Fastpitch Delivery

d. More response to the Question of the Month

e. Opportunity to discuss issues that affect all groups. Try to get these
posted on the website. Example: some want to do away with the
eight after five rule.

f. All Region Coaches: Melanie Carter, Dave Williams,
Mike Christner, Anna Welch

g. National Coach of the Year- Phil McSpadden

B. NAIA National Office Report-Dennis Green

a. National Office has been relocated to Kansas City, MO.

b. New Staff Members

c. Coaches manual around mid to late January

d. Champion of Characters May 9th deadline-need more nominations

Terri Knecht asked about changing of the form. It will be looked at.

e. Conference tournament deadline-May 3rd.

f. Regional tournament-May 10th.

g. National Tournament-May 16th-21st.

h. Deadline for bids for National Tournament site due December 1st.

i. Direct Qualification Update:

Eleven person Transition Committee met on November 19th.

Independents-not a member of a conference

Affiliates- member of conference but not six or more with softball.

One bid per six or two bids per twelve

No limit on at large bids to conferences

A conference tournament is not mandated for the automatic bid

Autonomy is given to each conference to determine their automatic

Bid.

**There will be one rater for each conference
There will be one rater per geographical grouping for unaffiliated Teams.**

- j. There will continue to be an oversight committee.**
 - k. NAIA awards will be conference and national**
 - l. An increase in the number of All America Honorable Mention instead of All Region**
 - m. All the above information and more can be found at the NAIA website concerning Direct Qualification. Click on the Membership Services and go to Direct Qualification.**
- C. Raters and Ratings Process- Keith Kramme**
- a. Thirteen raters**
 - b. Preason poll in February**
 - c. Weekly basis**
 - d. Deadlines-Noon on Mondays Regional top ten
Tuesday top twenty-five due**
 - e. Oversight committee will check the top twenty-five rankings.**
 - f. Check the Coaches Manual.**
- D. All America Selection Process Review-Myra Minuskin**
- a. Will be in the coaches manual**
 - b. Make sure that you get the completed forms signed**
- E. All Scholar Athlete Requirements and Deadlines-Terri Knecht and Hal Wynn**
- a. All deadlines will be posted in the coaches manual**
 - b. Athletes must be at your institution for a full year**
 - c. Make sure all appropriate signatures are on form(s)**
- F. National Tournament Update-Myra Minuskin**
- a. No changes**
 - b. Consult coaches manual**

III. Discussion

- A. Direct Qualification-format for National Tournament**
- a. May 14th-20th , 2009**
 - b. Deadline to submit how your conference's automatic bid will be chosen will be May 4th**
 - c. The question was raised if you have dates remaining may you play during the ten day period between conference deadline and the start of the National tournament?**

IV. Determining bids for Independents

- A. The question was raised concerning a rater(s) for the independents**
- B. You will find in Proposals a motion(B) for Independents tournament(s)**

V. Proposals

- A. Games before the National Tournament- Phil McSpadden, OK. City**
- a. Teams be allowed to play up until midnight Wednesday seven days prior to the National Tournament. There will still be plenty of time to make travel arrangements and teams will not have so much dead time between tournaments.**

to

2nd - Lou Yacinich, Grand View College
Passed-unanimous

B. Independent Tournament- Mike Renney, Simon Fraser University

- a. East and West tournament. Each winner will receive a bid to the National Tournament. In the event that six teams cannot meet then There will be one tournament at a neutral site with the remaining Teams.**

2nd - Ed Lehotak, Bellevue University
Passed-unanimous

C. Unaffiliated Tournament- Dale Ray, Calumet College of St. Joseph

- a. Each geographical area of six unaffiliated teams can play a tournament with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the National Tournament.**

2nd - Allison Cook, Spring Hill College
Passed- unanimous

D. Move games 12 and 13 of the National Championship Bracket play(the loser's bracket semi-finals and finals) to Tuesday night at 5:00 & 7:00pm.

Dave Williams, Point Loma Nazarene University

- a. This will allow the team coming from the loser's bracket an opportunity to rest and prepare for the National Championship game(s). The team without any losses will still have an advantage because they will have only played three games on Monday and Tuesday and their opponent coming from the loser's bracket will have played four or five games on Mon/Tues. It will also give added significance to the finals because the National Championship will be on a separate day.**

2nd - Dale Ray, Calumet College of St. Joseph
Passed- unanimous

E. Change the wording to say Board can only have one member on it from

A conference-Mike Christner, William Penn University

- a. Updating to change with the conference direct qualification plan. Before is said only one from a region.**

2nd - Pat Reardon, Central Methodist College
Passed- unanimous

F. Format-How and when pool play is played at National Tournament

Wendy Spratt, Columbia College

Games start on Thursday. Each team will play one game each on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

2nd - Lou Yacinich, Grand View College
Passed- unanimous

G. Nominations for Secretary

- a. Lou Yacinich, Grand View College**
b. Brandi Paul, Martin Methodist College

H. Adjournment

- a. Motion-Mike Hampton, Iowa Wesleyan College**
b. Second- Mike Christner, William Penn University

Attendees

Hal Wynn – Faulkner University
Keith Kramme – Midland Lutheran College
Myra Minuskin – Saint Xavier University
Todd Buckingham – Indiana University Southeast
Mike Renney – Simon Fraser University
Lou Yacinich – Grand View College
Kim Kosinski – Saint Xavier University
Mike Smith – California Baptist University
Phil McSpadden – Oklahoma City University
Dale Ray – Calumet College of St. Joseph
Ed Lehotak – Bellevue University
Heather Hupke – Briar Cliff University
Gary Tanner – Haskell Indian Nations University
Marcella Vanlandingham – Ohio Dominican University
Michelle Schaper – William Woods University
Laura Goldstein – William Woods University
Tracy Gastineau – William Woods University
Jerry Breaux – Evangel University
Kevin Kennedy – Evangel University
Dawn Reed-Schultz – Rogers State University
Sue Bowman – Indiana Wesleyan University
Ryan Bolyn – University of St. Francis (IN)
Michelle Stallard – King College
Lisa Rogers – Covenant College
Melanie Carter – Shorter College
Chris Wilcoxson – Auburn University at Montgomery
Tania Black – Thomas University
Becky Bruns – Judson University
Natalie Smith – Judson University
Kristin Peeples – Trinity Christian College
Kristen Morgan – Martin Methodist College
Brandie Paul – Martin Methodist College
Keri Lambeth - University of Houston, Victoria
Jim Farrell – Cornerstone University
Denise Panice – Northwood University (TX)
Holly Pearce – Biola University
Marc DeCoulode – Holy Names University
Melanie Gregor – Holy Names University
Emily Russell – Lee University
Mike Christner – William Penn University
Ritchie Richardson – Olivet Nazarene University
Pam Fink – Oklahoma Baptist University
Krista Hawkins – Oklahoma Baptist University

Appendix P

NAIA-SCA CONSTITUTION

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Softball Coaches Association (NAIA-SCA).

PURPOSE

1. To foster and encourage the playing of fastpitch softball in accordance with the highest traditions of intercollegiate competition.
2. To establish and maintain rules of play and high standards of amateurism and good sportsmanship.
3. To encourage through softball the development of health, character, and responsible citizenship.
4. To develop within coaches a sense of responsibility to develop, promote, maintain, and conduct the game of softball.
5. To initiate, conduct, and supervise programs on the conference, regional and national level.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Active membership of this Association shall be comprised of fastpitch softball coaches who are actively engaged in coaching softball at an NAIA educational institution.
2. There shall be two classes of membership:
 - Active
 - Honorary
3. Active membership shall consist of coaches who are actively engaged in coaching a softball team of a member institution of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.
4. Honorary membership shall be conferred upon any individual who, because of his/her contributions to the game of softball, shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by a majority vote of the Association's active membership. The honorary member shall have all of the privileges of an active member.
5. All members shall have the privilege of speaking from the floor at meetings. In voting matters, each institution shall have one vote.
6. The activities of this Association shall be in accordance with the philosophy, aims, and objectives of the NAIA, under the jurisdiction of the NAIA Council of Athletic Administrators.

OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Association shall consist of:
 - President
 - First Vice President
 - Second Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Ad Hoc - Past President
2. The officers of the Association shall be nominated at the business meeting of the Association and elected by mail ballot.
4. Each officer shall be elected for a maximum four year term beginning with the position of Secretary and then rotating upward one year until Presidency is served.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside at the annual meeting of the Association and at all other meetings as deemed necessary. He/she shall appoint committee chairpersons and committee members, whose appointments are not otherwise provided by the Constitution.
2. The First Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and shall exercise all the power of the President in his/her absence. He/she shall serve as ratings coordinator for the top 25 weekly ratings throughout the season. He/she shall work with the umpire-in-chief and the sport administrator from the National Office to develop a list of umpires eligible for national championships. He/she shall also perform such duties as the President may designate.
3. The Second Vice President shall assist the President and the First Vice President in the performance of their duties and shall exercise all the powers of the First Vice President in his/her absence. He/she shall serve as coordinator of the top twenty-five pre-season poll. He/she shall also perform such duties as the President may designate.
4. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping accurate records, and keeping the minutes. He/she shall also serve as the All-America Scholar-Athlete Coordinator. He/she shall perform such other duties from time to time as designated by the President.

COMMITTEES

1. The Association shall have a Hall of Fame Committee. The chairperson will be the past president.
2. A NFCA liaison will be elected by the NFCA members of the NAIA-SCA to serve a three-year term.
3. Vacancies for any cause on any committee shall be filled by an appointment from the chairperson for the remainder of the term.

5. All members of the Association are eligible to serve on any committee as deemed necessary by the President.
6. A four-member tournament committee shall be composed of the following:
 - a. officers of the Association
 - b. appointed coaches not participating in the tournament
7. If an officer's team qualifies for the national tournament, an active member of the Association will be appointed by the officers to replace them.
8. The highest ranking officer shall serve as the chairperson of the Tournament Committee.

MEETINGS

1. There shall be one annual meeting of this Association held in conjunction with the National Fastpitch Coaches Association convention.
3. A tournament coaches meeting will be held prior to the start of the national tournament to review all policies and procedures associated with tournament play.
2. The President may call any other special meeting deemed necessary by a majority vote of the Association's active membership.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by mail ballot by a majority of votes cast of the members. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the President prior to or during the annual business meeting held in conjunction with the National Fastpitch Coaches Association convention.

EXECUTIVE REGULATION

1. Order of Business Procedures at all meetings of the Association shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order."
2. Agenda for Meeting. If any member of this Association wishes a proposal/topic placed on the agenda for the annual meeting, he/she must submit, in writing prior to or during the annual business meeting.
3. Regulations Governing Conduct of the NAIA Championship. The Association recognized that the NAIA National Softball Championship is under the jurisdiction of the NAIA and shall be supervised by the Executive Committee of the NAIA. Also, it recognizes that the championship is subject to all regulations governing conduct and eligibility of participants as set forth by the NAIA.

Appendix Q

2007-08 NAIA Softball Schools

Total # of schools: 195

denotes the institution sponsors the sport but does not participate in postseason play.

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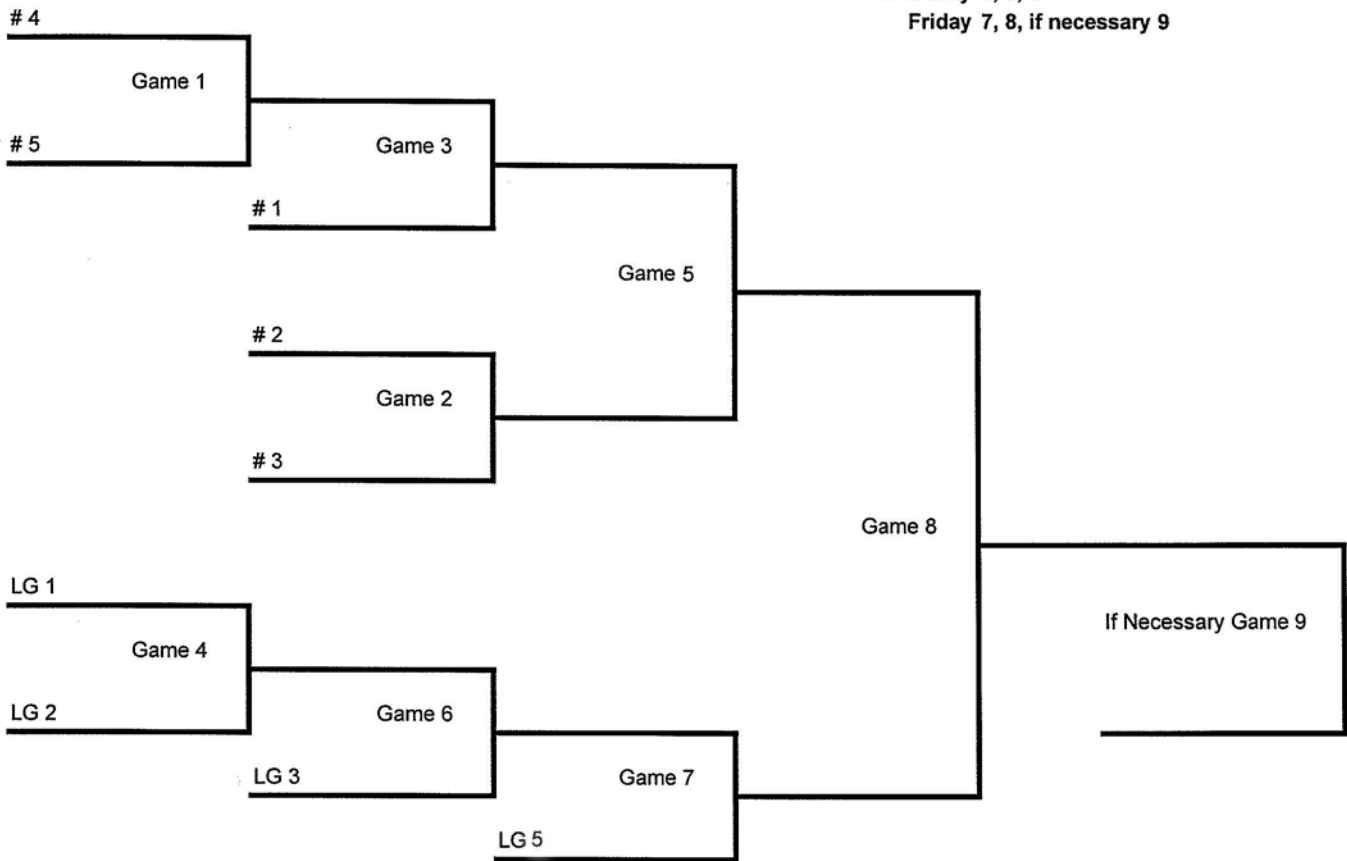
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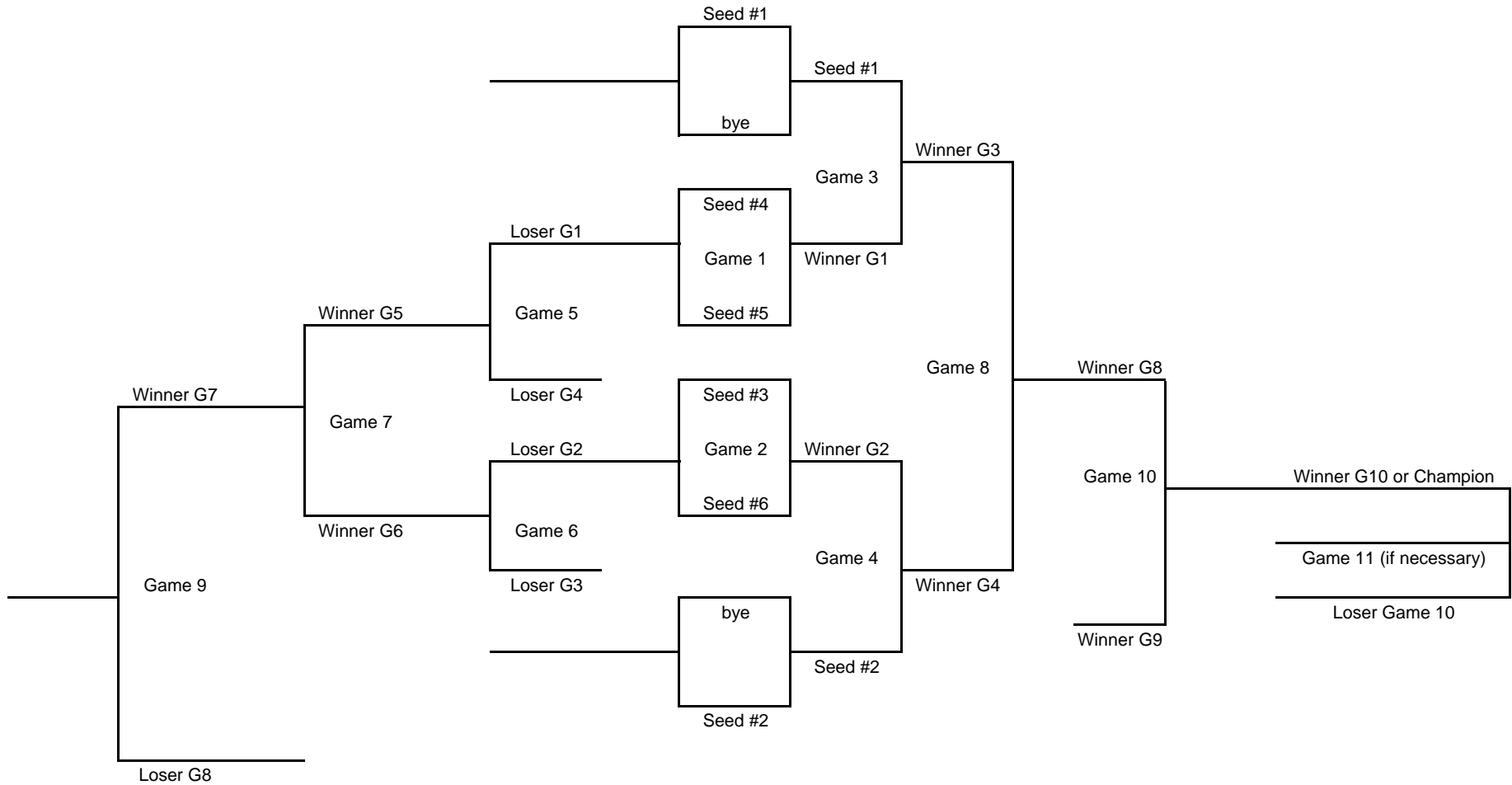
The 5 and 6 team brackets are examples for conference and regional tournaments. They are only suggestions and conferences/regions are not required to use these formats. The format decision is left up to the conference/region.

5 Team Double Elimination Tournament

Wednesday 1, 2, 3
Thursday 4, 5, 6
Friday 7, 8, if necessary 9



6 TEAM DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT



2008 NAIA SOFTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT BRACKET

May 16-21, 2008 - Wilson Morgan Softball Complex, Decatur, Alabama

Pool play format with top two teams from each pool advancing to eight-team double elimination tournament.

POOL PLAY - MAY 16-17

FRIDAY, MAY 16

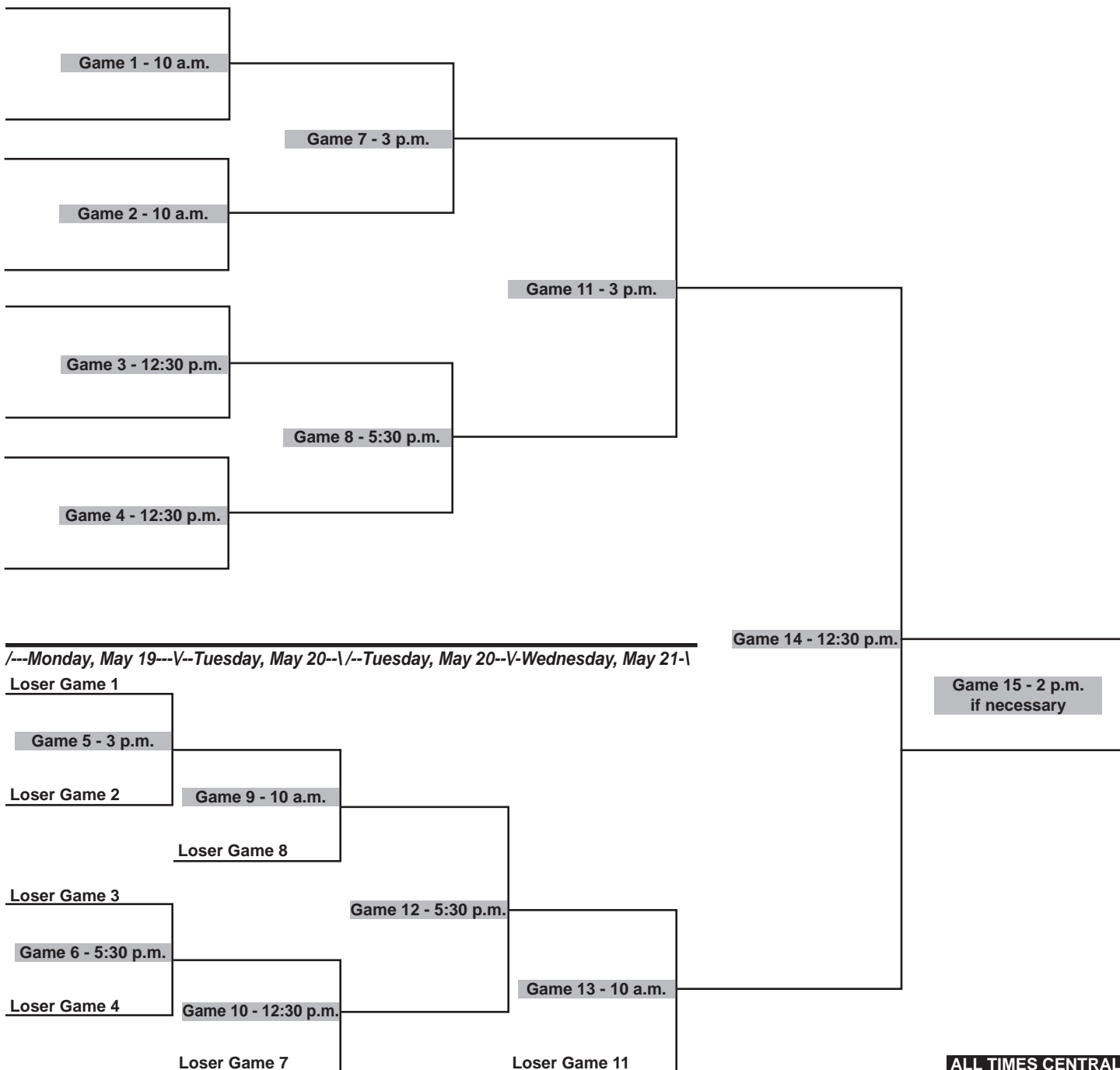
Team	Field 1 Pool A	Field 2 Pool B	Field 3 Pool C	Field 4 Pool D
T1 vs. T2	9 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
T3 vs. T4	11:30 a.m.	Noon	12:30 p.m.	1 p.m.
T5 vs. T1	2 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
T2 vs. T3	4:30 p.m.	5 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6 p.m.
T4 vs. T5	7 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	8 p.m.	8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Team	Field 2 Pool A	Field 3 Pool B	Field 4 Pool C	Field 1 Pool D
T1 vs. T3	9 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
T2 vs. T4	11:30 a.m.	Noon	12:30 p.m.	1 p.m.
T5 vs. T3	2 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
T1 vs. T4	4:30 p.m.	5 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6 p.m.
T2 vs. T5	7 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	8 p.m.	8:30 p.m.

EIGHT-TEAM DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT - MAY 19-21

/-----Monday, May 19-----\ /-----Monday, May 19-----\ /-----Tuesday, May 20-----\ /---Wednesday, May 21---\ /---Wednesday, May 21---



Appendix T

**2008 NAIA SOFTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
UMPIRES NOMINATION FORM
(Please type or print legibly)**

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

E-mail address: _____

Height _____ Weight _____ Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Number of Years Officiating College Softball _____

Conference or other Officiating Chapter Member _____

Major Postseason Events Previously Worked _____

Key References (Supervisor of Umpires, Conference Commissioner, etc.):

Name	Title	Home Phone	Work Phone
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IMPORTANT! PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

1. Letter of application from the prospective official indicating desire to work the NAIA Softball National Tournament.
2. Personal resume' highlighting officiating career to date.
3. Officiating schedule from the previous **two** seasons including regular season and postseason assignments. Schedules should include dates, opponents, site and partner(s) for each contest.
4. Officiating schedule for 2007-08. Schedule should include dates, opponents, and location.
5. Minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation to include the NAIA Regional Chair/Affiliated Conference Commissioner, Supervisor of Umpires, and one other.

NAIA Conference/Region _____ supports the above official for the NAIA Softball

National Tournament. Official was nominated by coach _____ (Name)

from _____ (College/University)

Regional Sports Chair/Conference Commissioner Signature	Date
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Conference Supervisor of Umpires Signature	Date
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Complete this nomination form attach appropriate support material and mail to the address below, postmarked no later than **September 13, 2008.** NAIA – Dennis Green, 1200 Grand Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64106