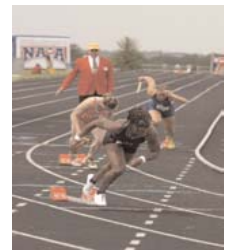


NAIA

Built on a Legacy of Progress and Innovation



NAIA Mission: promote the education and development of students through intercollegiate athletics participation

Core commitments:

- ❖ Athletics as an integral part of the total educational process
- ❖ Student and character development
- ❖ Academic excellence
- ❖ Institutional autonomy
- ❖ Ethical conduct and fair play
- ❖ Equitable access and opportunities for championships participation





NAIA CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER IS CHANGING THE CULTURE OF SPORT

The NAIA *Champions of Character* program is an educational outreach initiative which emphasizes the tenets of character and integrity, not only for college students, but children, coaches and parents in school and youth-sports settings.

This innovative program was developed in response to a growing problem in sport which reflects standards of integrity in our society. *Champions of Character* training, delivered on our campuses, in program centers and at championship events, emphasizes five core values: **respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership** and **sportsmanship**.



INTEGRATING CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER:

NAIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- ❖ Recognition of individuals and teams
- ❖ Standards of behavior
- ❖ School-based partnerships
- ❖ Community camps and clinics

CAMPUS PROGRAM CENTERS

- ❖ 24 Program Centers on NAIA campuses
- ❖ Educational seminars for coaches and students
- ❖ Team standards & individual codes of conduct
- ❖ Community – school outreach

NATIONAL SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

- ❖ Over 300,000 parents, students and coaches reached
- ❖ Keynote speakers for NAIA campus kick-offs
- ❖ Multi-media resources available to NAIA members
- ❖ *Champions of Character* Toolkit



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LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE

National governing councils provide leadership for the association, working in concert with NAIA President and CEO.

- ❖ **Council of Presidents** – overall governing body with primary authority for fiscal matters, employment & supervision of the President, review of recommendations from other councils, and final authority on membership issues
- ❖ **Council of Athletics Administrators** – oversight for national competition, including national qualification plans for championship play
- ❖ **Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives** – sets operational policies for association academic standards and supervises National Eligibility Committee and other committees and associations related to academic standards
- ❖ **Council of Affiliated Conferences and Independents** – sets policies for regional events, national statistics services and awards; handles requests for exceptions to financial aid policies
- ❖ **National Coordinating Committee** – Policy oversight for CAA, CFAR & CACI; acts on appeals related to council decisions; acts on requests for reinstatement of amateur status and exception to NAIA rules

Regional administration. The NAIA is divided into 14 regions for administration and postseason play. Council of Presidents members are represented in each region's governance structure.

- ❖ **Regional Management Committees** – governing body for each region, responsible for making recommendations on new members, developing regional championship qualification plans, serving as appellate body for regional issues, and managing regional financial affairs

Legislation: One school – One vote. Legislation may be proposed by any of the association's primary governing councils. During the annual spring NAIA Convention, proposals are debated and voted on by the full membership.



NAIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NAIA conducts 23 national championship events in 13 sports. Policies for NAIA postseason play are governed by the Council of Athletics Administrators, with broad policy oversight by the Council of Presidents.

Championships Qualification

Twelve championships qualify directly to national play:

- ❖ Divisions I & II basketball (men and women)
- ❖ Football
- ❖ Swimming and diving (men and women)
- ❖ Indoor track and field (men and women)
- ❖ Outdoor track and field (men and women)
- ❖ Wrestling

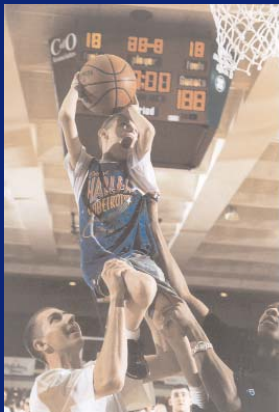
Eleven championships qualify through regional play:

- ❖ Baseball
- ❖ Cross Country (men and women)
- ❖ Golf (men and women)
- ❖ Soccer (men and women)
- ❖ Softball
- ❖ Tennis (men and women)
- ❖ Volleyball (women)

In these sports, Regional Management Committees develop plans for regional postseason play and qualification for national championships. National qualification plans allow for specified numbers of automatic qualifiers – based on conference championship play – and equitable access for independent members.

Championship Participation Opportunities:

NAIA institutions qualify for national championships through conference and regional postseason play. *NAIA student-athletes have better access to postseason play than student-athletes in any other intercollegiate athletics organization in the United States.*





FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid to prospective and enrolled students must be administered under policies established through the institution's regular committee on student loans and scholarships.

Awards cannot exceed tuition, mandatory fees, books and supplies, and room and board.

Team limits on financial aid:

- ❖ Baseball – 12
- ❖ Basketball – 11 in Division I; 6 in Division II
- ❖ Cross Country – 5
- ❖ Football – 24
- ❖ Golf – 5
- ❖ Soccer – 12
- ❖ Softball – 10
- ❖ Swimming & Diving – 8
- ❖ Track & Field – 12
- ❖ Tennis – 5
- ❖ Volleyball – 8
- ❖ Wrestling -- 8

Exceptions for Academic Performance: Financial aid for academically talented students can be exempted from institutional limits. **Incoming freshmen or continuing students can receive one-half or full exemptions** if those students meet criteria established by the NAIA Council of Presidents.

Financial Aid Reporting: Reports submitted to the NAIA at the conclusion of the academic year by each institution include information concerning the amount and number of financial aid awards in each sport. Year-end reports also detail academic exceptions earned by students in each sport.

