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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## 2007-08 BASEBALL IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 14	RELEASE of preseason rating and pre-season NAIA All-America Teams.
JANUARY 3	NAIA-BCA Annual Business Meeting at the ABCA Convention – Philadelphia, PA
JANUARY 4	RELEASE of 2007 Rawlings-NAIA National Coach of the Year at the Rawlings/NAIA Hall of Fame & Awards Luncheon
FEBRUARY 25	FIRST Monday for raters to report top 6s to the national office.
FEBRUARY 27	FIRST national rating (conducted weekly on Wednesdays).
MARCH 1	DEADLINE for Department of Championship Events to receive conference, region and Super Regional tournament plans from regional chairs and conference commissioners.
MARCH 17	RESUMPTION of weekly ratings calendar
MARCH 17	FIRST nominations for National Player/Pitcher of the Week (conducted weekly).
MARCH 19	SECOND national rating (conducted weekly on Wednesdays).
APRIL 1	Department of Sports Information to send forms for all-conference and all-region teams to affiliated conference commissioners and regional chairs.
APRIL 30	FINAL Monday to nominate National Player/Pitcher of the Week.
MAY 1	DEADLINE for entering NAIA-SIDA baseball brochure contest.
MAY 2	RECEIPT DEADLINE for submitting DAKTRONICS-NAIA Scholar-Athlete nomination forms to Mike Lee, Thomas University.
MAY 3	DEADLINE for completion of Conference tournaments.
MAY 4	FINAL rating.
MAY 5	RECEIPT DEADLINE for conference commissioners to submit All-Conference teams to NAIA Department of Sports Information. FINAL Monday for raters to report top 6s to the national office.
MAY 10	DEADLINE for completion of Regional tournaments.
MAY 11	RELEASE of post-regional and pre-super regional seeding rating
MAY 12	RECEIPT DEADLINE for Region Baseball Chairs to send All-Region teams (including Region Coach and Player of the Year and All-Region Gold Glove team) to NAIA Department of Sports Information
MAY 13	DEADLINE for All-Region teams (including All-Region Gold Glove) and DAN statistics for All-Region players to be received by NAIA-BCA 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President Denney Crabaugh at Oklahoma City University.
MAY 17	DEADLINE for completion of Super Regional tournaments.

# 2007-08 BASEBALL

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

<b>MAY 18</b>	National Championship seeding rating & committee conference call.
<b>MAY 19</b>	<b>RELEASE</b> of pairings, official bracket and game times for the 52 <sup>nd</sup> Annual NAIA Baseball National Championship, Lewiston, Idaho.
<b>MAY 23 - 30</b>	<b>52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL NAIA BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, Lewiston, Idaho.</b>
<b>MAY 29</b>	<b>RELEASE</b> of DAKTRONICS-NAIA Scholar-Athletes.
<b>MAY 30</b>	<b>RELEASE</b> of All-America teams (including Rawlings-NAIA Gold Glove team) and RAWLINGS-NAIA National Player of the Year.
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<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>RECEIPT DEADLINE</b> for NAIA National Office to receive Hall of Fame nomination forms.
<b>JUNE 30</b>	<b>RECEIPT DEADLINE</b> for NAIA Scholar-Team nominations <b>DEADLINE</b> for NAIA National Coach of the Year voting.
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<b>JULY 11</b>	<b>RELEASE</b> of NAIA Scholar Teams (All sports).

# NAIA BASEBALL FIVE-YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

## 2008

<b>May 3</b>	Affiliated Conference Tournament Deadline
<b>May 10</b>	Regional Tournament Deadline
<b>May 17</b>	Super Regional Tournament Deadline
<b>May 23-30</b>	National Tournament, Lewiston, Idaho

## 2009

<b>May 7</b>	Affiliated Conference Tournament Deadline
<b>May 12-15</b>	Opening-Round National Tournament Dates (9 sites)
<b>May 22-29</b>	AVISTA-NAIA World Series, Lewiston, Idaho

## 2010

<b>May 13</b>	Affiliated Conference Tournament Deadline
<b>May 18-21</b>	Opening-Round National Tournament Dates (9 sites)
<b>May 28-June 4</b>	NAIA World Series, Site TBA

## 2011

<b>May 12</b>	Affiliated Conference Tournament Deadline
<b>May 17-20</b>	Opening-Round National Tournament Dates (9 sites)
<b>May 27-June 3</b>	NAIA World Series, Site TBA

## 2012

<b>May 10</b>	Affiliated Conference Tournament Deadline
<b>May 15-18</b>	Opening-Round National Tournament Dates (9 sites)
<b>May 25-June 1</b>	NAIA World Series, Site TBA

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## II. HISTORY

### A. NAIA

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) is a completely autonomous Association currently administering programs of intercollegiate athletics for approximately 285 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. Baseball Program

The NAIA has been conducting a national championship baseball tournament since 1957. The first two years of the tournament, now commonly referred to as the NAIA World Series, was conducted on an invitational basis. Beginning in 1959, selection of the field was based on area representation. Currently, each of the fourteen (14) NAIA region champions advance to their respective Super Regional. Each region is paired up with a neighboring region, and competes in a best of three series to decide the NAIA World Series participant from their Super Regional.

The NAIA had an eight-team tournament field from 1957 until 1980, when the tournament was expanded to 10 teams to include a host institution and an at-large team. Beginning in 1992, the tournament returned to an eight-team format based on area (now region) representation. In 1999 the tournament was expanded back to a ten-team format. Regional and Super Regional tournaments will be eliminated following the 2008 season; and a new conference direct tournament format will be implemented beginning in 2009. The new format expands the national championship field to 46 teams and will include an opening-round tournament featuring 5-team tournaments at nine sites across the country. Overall, 168 NAIA institutions have competed in the baseball national tournament since its inception 51 years ago.

### C. Past Champions

<u>Year</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
1957	Alpine, TX	Sul Ross State, TX	Rollins, FL
1958	Alpine, TX	San Diego State, CA	Southwestern Oklahoma
1959	Alpine, TX	Southern-Baton Rouge, LA	Nebraska-Omaha
1960	Sioux City, IA	Whitworth, WA	Georgia Southern
1961	Sioux City, IA	East Carolina, NC	Sacramento State, CA
1962	St. Joseph, MO	Georgia Southern	Portland State, OR
1963	St. Joseph, MO	Sam Houston State, TX	Grambling, LA
1964	St. Joseph, MO	West Liberty State, WV	Grambling, LA
1965	St. Joseph, MO	Carson-Newman, TN	Nebraska-Omaha
1966	St. Joseph, MO	Linfield, OR	Lewis, IL
1967	St. Joseph, MO	New Mexico Highlands	Glassboro State, NJ
1968	St. Joseph, MO	William Jewell, MO	Georgia Southern
1969	St. Joseph, MO	William Carey, MS	La Verne, CA
1970	Phoenix, AZ	Eastern Michigan	Northeastern Louisiana
1971	Phoenix, AZ	Linfield, OR	David Lipscomb, TN
1972	Phoenix, AZ	La Verne, CA	David Lipscomb, TN
1973	Phoenix, AZ	U.S. International, CA	Eastern Connecticut
1974	St. Joseph, MO	Lewis, IL	Sam Houston State, TX
1975	St. Joseph, MO	Lewis, IL	Sam Houston State, TX
1976	St. Joseph, MO	Lewis, IL	Lewis-Clark State, ID
1977	St. Joseph, MO	David Lipscomb, TN	Southeastern Oklahoma
1978	St. Joseph, MO	Emporia State, KS	Missouri Southern
1979	Nashville, TN	David Lipscomb, TN	High Point, NC
1980	Nashville, TN	Grand Canyon, AZ	Lewis, IL
1981	Lubbock, TX	Grand Canyon, AZ	Winthrop, SC
1982	Lubbock, TX	Grand Canyon, AZ	Lewis-Clark State, ID
1983	Lubbock, TX	Lubbock Christian, TX	Lewis-Clark State, ID
1984	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State, ID	Azusa Pacific, CA
1985	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State, ID	Dallas Baptist, TX
1986	Lewiston, ID	Grand Canyon, AZ	Lewis-Clark State, ID
1987	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State, ID	Emporia State, KS
1988	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State, ID	Grand Canyon, AZ
1989	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State, ID	St. Francis, IL
1990	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State, ID	Auburn-Montgomery, AL
1991	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State, ID	Oral Roberts, OK

## Past Champions (Continued)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
1992	Des Moines, IA	Lewis-Clark State, ID	Mary Hardin-Baylor, TX
1993	Des Moines, IA	St. Francis, IL	Southeastern Oklahoma
1994	Des Moines, IA	Kennesaw State, GA	Southeastern Oklahoma
1995	Sioux City, IA	Bellevue, NE	Cumberland, TN
1996	Sioux City, IA	Lewis-Clark State, ID	St. Ambrose, IA
1997	Sioux City, IA	Brewton-Parker, GA	Bellevue, NE
1998	Tulsa, OK	Albertson, ID	Indiana Tech
1999	Jupiter, FL	Lewis-Clark State ID	Albertson, ID
2000	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State ID	Dallas Baptist University, TX
2001	Lewiston, ID	Birmingham Southern, AL	Lewis-Clark State, ID
2002	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State, ID	Oklahoma City
2003	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State, ID	Oklahoma City
2004	Lewiston, ID	Cumberland, TN	Oklahoma City
2005	Lewiston, ID	Oklahoma City	Embry-Riddle, FL
2006	Lewiston, ID	Lewis-Clark State, ID	Cumberland, TN
<b>2007</b>	<b>Lewiston, ID</b>	<b>Lewis-Clark State, ID</b>	<b>Spring Arbor, MI</b>

## D. Coaches of the Year

1961	Bob Lee, Southern, LA
1962	Virgil Yelkin, Nebraska-Omaha
1963	J.I. Clements, Georgia Southern
1964	Ray Benge, Sam Houston, TX
1965	Gordon Gillespie, Lewis, IL
1966	Stuart Maynard, Guilford, NC
1967	R. W. E. Jones, Grambling, LA
1968	Michael Briglia, Glassboro State, NJ
1969	Bob Smith, Greenville, IL
1970	Ron Oestrike, Eastern Michigan
1971	Gordon Gillespie, Lewis, IL
1972	Gordon Gillespie, Lewis, IL
1973	Joe Record, Phillips, OK
1974	Russ Tiedmann, Wisconsin-Oshkosh
1975	Bill Brooks, UNC-Wilmington
1976	Dave Bingham, Emporia State, KS
1977	Ben Hines, LaVerne, CA
1978	Warren Turner, Missouri Southern
1979	Dave Brazell, Grand Canyon, AZ
1980	Dave Brazell, Grand Canyon, AZ
1981	Gil Stafford, Grand Canyon, AZ
1982	Gil Stafford, Grand Canyon, AZ
1983	Ed Cheff, Lewis-Clark State, ID
1984	Dave Bingham, Emporia State, KS
1985	Jim Harp, Dallas Baptist, TX
1986	Dave Bingham, Emporia State, KS
1987	Ed Cheff, Lewis-Clark State, ID
1988	John Morrey, St. Xavier, IL
1989	Rick Jones, Elon, NC
1990	Q.V. Lowe, Auburn-Montgomery, AL
1991	Ed Cheff, Lewis-Clark State, ID
1992	Ed Cheff, Lewis-Clark State, ID
1993	Gordie Gillespie, St. Francis, IL
1994	Mike Sansing, Kennesaw State, GA
1995	Mike Evans, Bellevue, NE
1996	Ed Cheff, Lewis-Clark State, ID
1997	Mike Robins, Brewton-Parker, GA
1998	Tim Mooney, Albertson, ID
1999	Ed Cheff, Lewis-Clark State, ID
2000	Sam Riggleman, Dallas Baptist, TX
2001	Brian Shoop, Birmingham-Southern, AL
2002	Ed Cheff, Lewis-Clark State, ID
2003	Denney Crabaugh, Oklahoma City
2004	Hank Burbridge, Spring Arbor, MI
2005	Denney Crabaugh, Oklahoma City
2006	Woody Hunt, Cumberland, TN
<b>2008</b>	<b>Sam Riggleman, Spring Arbor, MI</b>

## E. NAIA Hall of Fame – Baseball Inductees

### Athletes

1960	Lloyd Waner, East Central OK	1972	Marty Pattin, Eastern Illinois
1960	Paul Waner, East Central OK	1973	Chuck Hiller, St. Thomas MN
1961	James "Pim" Goff, Illinois State	1974	Paul Splitteroff, Morningside IA
1961	George Altman, Tennessee State	1976	Elwin "Preacher" Roe, Harding AR
1962	Danny Litwhiler, Bloomsburg State PA	1984	Dan Quisenberry, LaVerne CA
1962	Norm Cash, Sul Ross State TX	1987	Dave Gumpert, Aquinas MI
1963	Norm Siebern, Southwest Missouri	1987	Brett Butler, Southeastern Oklahoma
1963	Jerry Lumpe, Southwest Missouri	1989	Paul Assenmacher, Aquinas MI
1964	Jimmy Gleeson, Rockhurst MO	1990	Tim Leslie, Lubbock Christian TX
1965	Ray Washburn, Whitworth WA	1993	Mike Hargrove, Northwestern Oklahoma
1965	Pete Ward, Lewis and Clark OR	1993	Butch Stinson, David Lipscomb TN
1966	Donn Clendenon, Morehouse GA	1994	Ray Burris, Southwestern Oklahoma
1967	Wayne Causey, Northeastern Louisiana	1996	Ken Voges, Texas Lutheran
1968	Ernie Shore, Guilford NC	1998	Rusty Greer, Montevallo AL
1969	Jim Northrup, Alma MI	2003	Scott Brosius, Linfield, OR
1970	Clyde Wright, Carson-Newman TN	2005	Jeff Frye, Southeastern Oklahoma
1971	Wes Parker, Claremont-Mudd CA	2007	Lew Ford, Dallas Baptist TX
1972	Ed Spiezio, Lewis IL	<b>2008</b>	<b>Alan Cartwright, Southeastern Oklahoma</b>

### Coaches

1960	Sigurd Reque, Luther IA	1987	B. Harold Stout, Milligan TN
1960	Rankin Williams, Southwestern Oklahoma	1988	Harold Ellen, Pembroke State NC
1961	Roy Helser, Linfield OR	1989	Gary Grob, Winona State MN
1962	A. C. Burcky, Bluffton OH	1989	Charles Hartman, High Point NC
1963	Marion McDonald, Washburn KS	1989	Ben Hines, LaVerne CA
1963	Sam "Frosty" Holt, Carson-Newman TN	1989	Ad Rutschman, Linfield OR
1964	Max Molock, St. Mary's MN	1989	Robert Starcher, Malone OH
1964	R.W.E. Jones, Grambling LA	1990	Jack Russell, Lambuth TN
1965	Virgil Yelkin, Nebraska-Omaha	1990	Carroll Land, Point Loma Nazarene CA
1967	Robert Lee, Southern-Baton Rouge LA	1990	Bob Riesener, Montevallo AL
1968	J. I. Clements, Georgia Southern	1991	Larry Hays, Lubbock Christian TX
1969	Al Meyer, Mayville State ND	1992	Dick Naylor, Hanover IN
1970	Ed Chissus, Eastern Washington	1993	Jim Mallon, Southwestern TX
1972	Elmer Kosub, St. Mary's TX	1993	Gerald Griffin, Francis Marion SC
1974	Gordon Gillespie, Lewis IL	1993	Ron Christopher, Wingate NC
1974	Dave Brazell, Grand Canyon AZ	1994	Ed Cheff, Lewis-Clark State ID
1975	Joe Record, Phillips OK	1994	Fred Flook, William Jewell MO
1976	Bill Arce, Claremont-Mudd CA	1999	Mike Metheny, Southeastern Oklahoma State
1980	Charles Bafaro, Pacific OR	2000	Terry Bocian, Aquinas MI
1980	Clifford Papik, Black Hills State SD	2000	Horace Turbeville, Winthrop University
1982	Stuart Maynard, Guilford NC	2001	Ray Katt, Texas Lutheran University
1984	Joe Ferebee, Pfeiffer NC	2001	David Altopp, Lee University TN
1984	Henry Burbridge, Spring Arbor MI	2002	Don Brandon, Anderson University, IN
1984	Ken Dugan, David Lipscomb TN	2002	Scott Berry, Mayville State University ND
1985	John D. Sanford, Atlantic Christian NC	2003	Lou Yacinich, Grand View College IA
1986	Harry Stille, Jr., Erskine SC	2005	Warren Turner, Missouri Southern
1986	Robert "Bobby" Wilson, Carson-Newman TN	2007	Denney Crabaugh, Oklahoma City
1987	Walter Mathes, Cumberland KY	2007	Woody Hunt, Cumberland TN

### Meritorious Service

1966	C. C. Johnson Spink, Sporting News, St. Louis MO	1990	Walt McAlexander, Lubbock Christian TX
1967	Dave Bristol, Western Carolina NC	1991	Richard Hannan, Lewis-Clark State ID
1969	John Lewis, Willamette OR	1995	Dick Case, USA Baseball
1970	Paul Merkel, Whitworth WA	1996	Max Dobson, Oklahoma Christian
1971	Don Protexter, Morningside IA	1996	Lou Pavlovich, Collegiate Baseball
1973	Bobby Winkles, Illinois Wesleyan	1997	Jim Harp, Dallas Baptist TX
1977	John Waldron, St. Joseph MO	2004	Tim Belcher, Mount Vernon Nazarene, OH
1978	Bob Smith, Greenville IL	2007	Clyde Miller, Newberry SC/Gardner-Webb NC
1988	Joe Niekro, West Liberty State WV	<b>2008</b>	<b>Dave Keilitz, ABCA</b>
1989	Doug Minnis, Missouri Western		
1989	Carl Erskine, Anderson IN		

### III. COACHES ASSOCIATION

#### A. NAIA-Baseball Coaches Association (NAIA-BCA)

The NAIA-Baseball Coaches Association (NAIA-BCA) is an organization of collegiate baseball coaches at NAIA institutions. The NAIA-BCA meets annually, conducting its business each January in conjunction with the meetings of the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA).

The NAIA-BCA elects officers who serve two-year terms and provide the leadership for the Association. The NAIA-BCA studies and makes recommendations through legislation of all action affecting the organization and administration of the NAIA baseball program. The president, first vice president, second vice president and secretary serve as the Games Committee for the NAIA national tournament and are in charge of the administration of the tournament. The NAIA-BCA Executive Committee is composed of the officers of the Association, the fourteen region chairs and the NAIA-BCA's immediate past president.

#### B. Past Presidents

1959-62 Virgil Yelkin, Nebraska-Omaha  
1962-63 John Kasper, St. Cloud State, MN  
1963-65 J. I. Clements, Georgia Southern  
1965-67 Paul Merkel, Whitworth, WA  
1967-68 Don Protexter, Morningside, IA  
1968-70 Gordon Gillespie, Lewis, IL  
1970-72 Elmer Kosub, St. Mary's, TX  
1972-74 Al Meyer, Mayville State, ND  
1974-76 Joe Record, Phillips, OK  
1976-78 Bob Smith, Greenville, IL  
1978-80 Chuck Bafaro, Pacific, OR  
1980-82 Robert Starcher, Malone, OH  
1982-84 Charles Sarver, Biola, CA  
1984-86 Harold Ellen, Pembroke State, NC  
1986-87 Pat Ricci, Western New England, MA  
1987-90 Richard Naylor, Hanover, IN  
1990-92 Ron Christopher, Wingate, NC  
1992-94 Bob Riesener, Montevallo, AL  
1994-96 Dave Altopp, Trevecca Nazarene, TN  
1996-98 Hank Burbridge, Spring Arbor, MI  
1998-00 Scott Berry Mayville State, ND  
2000-02 Beauford Sanders, Campbellsville, KY  
2002-04 Tim Mead, Walsh, OH  
**2004-06 Jim Boeve, Hastings NE**

#### C. American Baseball Coaches Association

The ABCA was organized in 1945 by college coaches to promote and improve the collegiate game. The main objective of the Association is educational in nature: to help improve the level of coaching. The ABCA also assists in the promotion of baseball and acts as a sounding board on issues concerning the various levels of baseball. The ABCA has more than 6,200 members, which includes coaches from every state in the country and international membership from over 23 countries. The ABCA is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization with its national office in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

### IV. BASEBALL AWARDS

#### A. National Player/National Pitcher of the Week

An NAIA National Player and Pitcher of the Week will be selected by the NAIA Department of Sports Information. Nominations for national consideration must be made by a region's information director from among conference players/pitchers of the week in that region. The National Office will NOT accept nominations for national consideration from anyone but a region information director or his/her designated representative. Regions may nominate only one athlete per award for national consideration. Nominations for National Player/Pitcher of the Week will begin March 17 and continue through April 28.

#### B. All-America Selection

NAIA All-America honors in baseball consist of a 17-man first team, a 17-man second team and an honorable mention listing. Honorable mention selections are limited to 34 player and the honorable mention team is not position-specific. The All-America Selection Committee is responsible for administering the selection procedures at the site and prior to the start of the national tournament (See Appendix K for details.). Each November, a pre-season All-America team will be named. This will consist of one 17-player team. The All-America Selection Committee will be responsible for administering the selection process. In 2007, Rawlings also began sponsoring an NAIA Gold Glove team, which consists of 9 players from each position. The Rawlings Gold Glove team is selected by the NAIA-BCA All-America Selection Committee.

**C. 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 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.

Additional and specific details, relative to a particular sport, are outlined in each coach's manual. Nomination packets require the signatures of the athletics director, faculty athletics representative, and the head coach of the respective sport. 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 J for award criteria/information and Appendix K for nomination form.

**D. NAIA Scholar Team Award**

In recognition of academic achievement, the NAIA names a Scholar Team for all sports in which Scholar-Athletes are recognized. Based on a 3.0 annual GPA on a 4.0 scale (for the year of competition), all members of the team who appear on the eligibility certificate will be included in the GPA compilation. Please refer to Appendix L for award criteria/information and Appendix M for nomination form.

**E. Rawlings-NAIA Coach and Player of the Year Awards**

Each affiliated conference will select a Coach of the Year. A ballot with the conference Coaches of the Year (and all independent coaches) within a region will be mailed to all the coaches within that region. The region coaches will then vote for their region Coach of the Year (June 15 deadline). The region Coach of the Year must be a conference Coach of the Year or a coach of an independent institution.

The National Coach of the Year will be chosen by the NAIA-BCA Past Presidents Committee and current NAIA-BCA officers from a ballot that includes the fourteen regional Coach-of-the-Year winners and NAIA World Series participant coaches. The deadline for ballots will be July 9. The Rawlings-NAIA National Coach of the Year is honored at the annual recognition banquet of the NAIA-BCA each January at the ABCA Convention.

The Rawlings-NAIA National Player of the Year Award is selected by the All-America Selection Committee prior to the start of the NAIA World Series.

**F. Hank Burbridge Champions of Character Team & Player Awards**

The Hank Burbridge *Champions of Character* Team and Individual Awards will be selected by the NAIA-BCA executive committee at the annual NAIA World Series.

The individual player and team awards will be given to participating teams in the NAIA World Series. Players must be nominated by their institution as their team's NAIA *Champion of Character* representative prior to the tournament. 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.

See Appendix O for more information and nomination forms for this award.

**Past recipients of the Hank Burbridge Champions of Character Team & Player Awards**

2004 – Player – Eddie Ortega, Cumberland (TN); Team – Point Loma Nazarene (CA)

2005 – Player – Josh Underhill, Cumberland (TN); Team – Embry-Riddle (FL)

2006 – Player – Johnny Yiu, U. of British Columbia; Team – Loyola (LA)

2007 – Player – Michael Crabtree, Houston Baptist TX; Team – Spring Arbor (MI)

**G. Robert E. Smith Achievement Award**

The Robert E. Smith Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has given of oneself in promoting NAIA Baseball and has distinguished oneself as a coach or administrator. See Appendix N for a nomination form for this award.

**Past recipients of the Robert E. Smith Achievement Award**

1999 – Robert E. Smith, Greenville IL  
2000 – Paul Merkel, Whitworth WA  
2001 – Gordon Gillespie, Lewis IL/St. Francis IL  
2002 – Carroll Land, Point Loma Nazarene CA  
2003 – Bill Arce, Claremont-Scripps CA  
2004 – Hank Burbridge, Spring Arbor MI  
2006 – Jamie White, NAIA World Series, Lewiston, ID  
2007 – Elmer Kosub, St. Mary's TX  
**2008 – Al Meyer, Mayville State ND**

**H. National Championship Awards**

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

National championship awards are provided to the official parties of the top four teams. Team trophies are presented to the champion, runner-up, third and fourth place finishers.

All-tournament team selections (16 player team) are presented as well as a most valuable player, hustle recipient and outstanding fielder. One Hank Burbridge NAIA *Champion of Character* Player and Team Award is also presented. The Burbridge Player Award is selected from one of the *Champion of Character* winners from each of the ten teams represented at the NAIA National Championship Tournament; and the Burbridge Team Award is also selected from a team participating in the Series.

**I. Ordering Awards**

Appropriate regional tournament awards are to be ordered by the regional chair and are the financial responsibility of the region. Official NAIA awards MUST be ordered from:

**Midwest Trophy, Inc.  
3501 SE 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Del City, Oklahoma 73115  
Phone: (405) 670-4545  
Fax: (405) 672-1308**

**V. 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* Team 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, see NAIA National Awards found at the end of the manual.

**B. NAIA 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, see NAIA National Awards found at the end of the manual.

**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 2007 and the other is at the Citizen through Sports Alliance Awards (CTSA) Banquet.

For complete nomination information, see NAIA National Awards found at the end of the manual.

**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, see NAIA National Awards found at the end of the manual.

**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 has shown on behalf of the NAIA.

For complete nomination information, see NAIA National Awards found at the end of the manual.

**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, see NAIA National Awards found at the end of the manual.

**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 found at the end of the manual. The following is a complete list of former NAIA athletes, coaches or administrators who have been inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in the sport of soccer:

## I. 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 found at the end of the manual.

## VI. RATINGS, REPORTING RESULTS AND STATISTICS

### A. Ratings

A weekly or bi-weekly national rating will be conducted for all sports with the exception of indoor and outdoor track and field. The ratings are compiled from ballots submitted by national raters. NAIA Baseball releases a pre-season rating on November 14, 2007. The first regular-season rating will be released on February 27, 2008. The national office resumes weekly ratings on March 19 and the final rating is scheduled for May 4. Two postseason seeding ratings will also be conducted. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the teams advancing beyond the regional championships will be seeded prior to the super regionals; and a seeding rating of the ten teams participating in the NAIA World Series will be conducted on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to Appendix B-I for NAIA Men's Soccer rating policies and procedures.

#### Ratings Timeline

1. Ratings week for all sports defined as 12:01 a.m. Monday through 11:59 p.m. Sunday.  
All games played during the designated week are to be included in rating.
2. 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.

### B. Reporting Results

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 R for score reporting instructions.

To report scores, report statistics via the DakStats Web-sync feature in the sports of football, basketball, baseball and softball. For all other sports, visit [www.naiasports.org/admin](http://www.naiasports.org/admin) and log in with user name and password. To register for scoreboard, click on the "Don't have password? Register now?" link. Your registration will need to be approved prior to reporting scores.

### C. Statistics

An in-season, weekly national statistical report is produced utilizing DakStats software for the sports of volleyball, soccer, football, basketball, baseball and 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.

## VII. NAIA POLICY HANDBOOK - can be found at

[http://graphics.fansonly.com/schools/naia/member-services/pubs/handbook/2006-07\\_Official\\_Handbook.pdf](http://graphics.fansonly.com/schools/naia/member-services/pubs/handbook/2006-07_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

## VIII. 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.

## IX. PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

### A. Playing Rules

The Official Baseball Rules as published by *The Sporting News*, with NAIA-Baseball Coaches Association modifications (Appendix F) are applied to all contests (preseason, regular season and postseason) when both institutions are members of the NAIA. To order an Official Baseball Rulebook, contact *The Sporting News*, at (800) 825-8508, or visit the Sporting News web site at <http://www.sportingnews.com/books/alltitles.html>

### B. Game Umpires

**New for 2008 season – Prior to the start of the game, the umpire may check equipment. Note – The language changed from will (2007 rule) to may in 2008 based on changes in the NCAA rule book/procedures. Base coaches are not required to wear helmets while coaching. This is an NAIA modification to the 2008 MLB rule requiring base coaches to wear helmets.** The outcome of all games is under the jurisdiction of game umpires and all disputes, protests, etc., must be settled directly with the umpires. Decisions of game umpires are final and are NOT subject to appeal.

Officials for affiliated conference, regional and Super Regional playoff games shall be assigned by the affiliated conference, regional and Super Regional baseball chair or by policy established by the affiliated conference/region coordinating committee. Compensation is the responsibility of the host institution.

### C. Season Records

Won-lost records for all member institutions participating in baseball shall include **ONLY** those games played against a varsity program from an accredited, upper-level, degree-granting institution, and **SHALL NOT** include games against junior colleges, clubs, foreign (Canada excluded), or military teams.

### D. Official Ball

The official baseball for all NAIA regions, Super Regional and national tournament competition is the **Rawlings R100-NAIA**. Rawlings will provide the balls for region, Super Regional and national competition. The NAIA strongly recommends the use of the **Rawlings R100-NAIA** baseball for regular season and affiliated conference tournament play.

### E. Substance Abuse/Tobacco Policy

During the regular season, all tobacco products are prohibited, including cigarettes, snuff and chewing tobacco. Any player or coach caught with a tobacco substance will result in a warning to him and the entire team and subsequent use will result in ejection from the game. Enforcement of this rule will lie with the game umpires and those people noted in the NAIA Substance Abuse Policy (see Appendix AA).

### F. 2007-08 NAIA Council Interpretations/Policies

- ✓ 24-Week Season: Effective August 1, 2007 the 24-week season rules are applicable between August 1 and May 15. Refer to 2007-08 NAIA Bylaws, Article I, Section E, Item 5 for specific language.
- ✓ Junior College Recruiting: Effective March 20, 2007, coaches are permitted to initiate contact with two-year college prospects once the student has begun his/her second season of competition. Refer to 2007-08 NAIA Bylaws, Article II, Section D, Item 1 for specific language.
- ✓ Definition of a Non-Term: Effective August 1, 2007, the discrepancy in current eligibility regulations regarding the definitions of term and non-term have been clarified. Refer to 2007-08 NAIA Bylaws, Article V, Section B for specific language.

# POSTSEASON COMPETITION

## I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

A. The official party for each team participating in postseason play is **26**, with no more than 24 players in uniform. Institutions may provide additional coaches to be in uniform and sit in the dugout or team bench area, but those coaches will be the financial responsibility of the institution. A total party of not to exceed 28 persons, plus one trainer (29 total), will be permitted in the team area, which includes the dugout or bench or bullpens.

The list of up to **24** eligible players (Official Postseason Roster and Entry Form, Appendix H) must be submitted to the NAIA Department of Championship Events at the time of the institution's selection into NAIA postseason play. Only players on the official playoff/post-season roster may be in uniform. If a team is discovered using a player not on the tournament playoff roster at anytime in a postseason tournament, that team is immediately disqualified from further post-season play that year. From the point of first infraction by a team using a player not on the playoff roster, all subsequent games shall be forfeited by the offending team.

A copy of this roster/entry form **MUST** be hand-carried to the site of the affiliated conference, regional, super regional and national tournaments and be presented to the supervisor (**affiliated conference** baseball chair for affiliated conference tournament, **region baseball chair** for region tournament, **host region baseball chair** for Super Regional tournament and **NAIA baseball administrator** for the national championship) **prior** to that institution's participation in the tournament. Once the tournament begins, no player may play who is not on the official roster.

A player may be replaced on the official roster between the affiliated conference tournament and the region tournament, between the region tournament and the Super Regional tournament, and between the Super Regional tournament and the national championship by any eligible player whose name is included on the NAIA Official Eligibility Form for baseball for the 2007-08 season. The coach will need to hand-carry a copy of the eligibility form to each tournament if a roster change is necessary.

B. Participating teams are responsible for 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 is responsible for his team at all times while at the site of the championship. This person shall accept the responsibility for the conduct of his 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.

E. Scores from all games in postseason play should be reported to the NAIA national office (Phone – 816-595-8112); (Fax – 816.595.8200) immediately following the day's game. List all pertinent data including region, teams involved, score, current records, site of the game(s) and tournament round.

## II. GENERAL POLICIES - POSTSEASON PLAY

### A. Final-Game Procedures

Procedures governing the **final game** of each tournament (Affiliated Conference, Regional, Super-Regional or National) shall be decided by the **affiliated conference baseball chair** (for the affiliated conference tournament), by the **region baseball chair** (for the region tournament, by the host region chair for the Super Regional) and by the **NAIA baseball administrator and tournament games committee** (for the national tournament) **prior** to the game being played.

1. If a game is interrupted after five (5) innings and cannot be completed before the **completion deadline** established for affiliated conference, region, super region and national tournaments, it shall be considered a regulation game.
2. If a rain date has been established for the tournament, then the rain date becomes the official completion date for the tournament.

## **B. 10-Run Rule**

The 10-Run Rule shall be in effect at the end of seven (7) innings or any inning thereafter in the following:

1. first-round games in super regional and region tournaments. The first round is equal to the upper-bracket games and includes the first game in the losers' bracket to be played the first day. Any bye would be considered a second-round game;
2. the four opening-round games on the first day and the two losers' bracket games on the second day in the national tournament.

## **C. Suspended Game**

Any game that is suspended (including tie games) **shall be continued** from the point of suspension -- at a time designated by the Tournament Games Committee. All games shall be nine (9) innings, except those affected by the 10-Run Rule.

## **D. Structure of Postseason Tournaments**

Postseason tournaments **will** follow the following bracket structure (Note: times and dates of tournament games will be determined by the Games Committee):

1. 3-team tournament - modeled after 3-team, double elimination tournament brackets
2. 4-team tournament - modeled after 4-team, double elimination tournament brackets
3. 5-team tournament - modeled after 5-team, double elimination tournament brackets
4. 6-team tournament-modeled after NCAA Division I double-elimination tournament brackets (Does not allow for byes in opening round)
5. 7-team tournament - modeled after 7-team, double elimination tournament brackets
6. 8-team tournament-modeled after former NAIA national tournament bracket that was followed (will fit into five-day tournament)
7. 10-team tournament-modeled after 10-team, double elimination tournament brackets
8. 10-team tournament-modeled after a 10 team field with two five team, double elimination brackets, with the winner of each bracket to meet in the championship game for a **one game final** (regardless if one or both teams do not have a loss). This bracket will be used in the event of securing television for championship game.

## **E. Related Information**

1. **Team Warm-up** - There shall be a ten-minute warm-up for each team between games. A member of the Tournament Games Committee will be charged with timing the warm-up. Home team will take infield first.
2. **Protests** - Tournament protests will be decided upon by the Tournament Games Committee at the point of the protest. All protests must be lodged with the umpire-in-chief in the presence of the Tournament Games Committee, the opposing coach and the umpire involved **before** the next pitch is thrown.
3. **Player/Coach Suspension** - The Tournament Games Committee is given the authority to suspend, for the next game, a player or coach who is removed from a tournament game for flagrant behavior.
4. **Use of Tobacco/Alcohol** - All tobacco products are prohibited, including cigarettes, snuff and chewing tobacco. During post-season play, any player or coach caught with a tobacco substance will result in a warning to him and the entire team and subsequent use will result in ejection from the game. Enforcement of this rule will lie with the "game umpires" and those people noted in the NAIA Substance Abuse Policy document (see Appendix T). No alcoholic beverages in any form shall be allowed to be sold, dispersed or consumed under any circumstances.

5. **Home Team Determination** - The home team for first-round games in the affiliated conference/Super Regional, region or national tournament will be determined by a flip of the coin.
  - a. Teams which draw a bye in the first round of all tournaments will be assigned either home or visitor, based upon their opponent's status in the first-round game.
  - b. For subsequent games, the Tournament Games Committee shall designate as home team the institution that has been the home team the fewer number of times. If the two teams are equal in this respect, but unequal in the number of times they were the visitor, then the team that has been the visitor most often will be designated the home team.
  - c. If the two teams are equal in the number of times that they have been home and visitor, the Tournament Games Committee will observe the following procedures in the order as listed:
    - 1) the team that was visitor in its preceding game shall be the home team, unless both teams were visitors in their preceding game;
    - 2) if the two teams have met previously in the tournament, the visitor in the previous game shall be the home team in the game in question;
    - 3) if the above procedures do not resolve the matter, the home team shall be determined by a flip of the coin.
6. **Choice of Dugout** - The visiting team in each game of the tournament will be given its choice in determining the dugout (first or third base) it wishes to occupy for that game.
7. **Choice of Uniform** - Coaches of the participating teams involved in the game should decide between the two which color uniforms they will wear. If both coaches cannot agree on uniform color, then the home team will wear light or white, and the visiting team will wear dark-color uniforms.

### III. AFFILIATED CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

Conference playoff plans must be submitted to the NAIA National Office by March 1 of each year.

#### A. Dates and Sites

**The deadline date for affiliated conference/independent tournaments to be completed is Saturday, May 3.** Affiliated conference/independent tournament games must be held at an approved home site of one of the participating institutions, unless a request for a neutral site has been made by the affiliated conference commissioner/region chair and approved by the NAIA Department of Championship Events.

#### B. Team Qualification and Selection

In order to qualify for a postseason tournament, a team must play a minimum of 16 games. All games must be played between January 1 and the start of the postseason tournament.

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

1. an approved rating system;
2. regular-season overall won-lost record;
3. overall won-lost record against NAIA teams within the conference and/or
4. any system approved by the NAIA Department of Championship Events.

### C. **Administration**

All affiliated conference/independent tournaments must be double-elimination. It is permissible for a tournament to revert to a single-elimination format in those instances where weather-related delays/cancellations or playing conditions necessitate a deviation from the original double-elimination format.

A change in format should receive approval from the:

1. affiliated conference/region baseball chair; or
2. affiliated conference commissioner/region chair; or
3. affiliated conference executive committee/region management committee.

The affiliated conference baseball chair should arrange to be present throughout the affiliated conference tournament and serve as tournament supervisor. The tournament supervisor should coordinate all activities at the tournament site and work with the host institution athletics director and/or baseball coach in implementing affiliated conference and national policies in the conduct of the tournament games. (See Appendix E for roles of the affiliated conference baseball chair.)

It is the financial responsibility of the host institution to provide housing and meals for the affiliated conference baseball chair during the affiliated conference tournament. Any member of the affiliated conference baseball committee (including the affiliated conference baseball chair) must relinquish his tournament responsibilities if he has a team competing in the tournament.

The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for affiliated conference tournaments. Team and individual awards must be ordered from the suppliers noted in this handbook. Conference tournament awards are the financial responsibility of the affiliated conference.

## IV. **REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The region baseball tournament is planned by the region baseball committee under the leadership of the region chair and region baseball chair. All region tournament plans must be submitted by the region chair for approval to the NAIA Department of Championship Events. Region Management Committees must submit a weather contingency plan for all spring sports. Region tournament deadlines will not be extended for weather delays. Regions must determine/declare a regional champion on or before the deadline for completion of regional tournaments. They also approved the proposal from the NAIA-BCA Tournament Procedures Committee **requiring all region tournament host sites to have lights and/or a tarp.**

All region tournament plans must be submitted to the NAIA National Office **no later than March 1 of each year.**

### A. **Dates and Sites**

**The deadline for region tournaments to be completed is Saturday, May 10.** Region tournament games must be held at an approved home site of one of the participating institutions unless a request for a neutral site has been requested by the region baseball chair and approved by the NAIA Department of Championship Events.

### B. **Team Qualification and Selection**

The size of regional tournaments will be determined by each region with the following guidelines utilized in the selection of teams:

1. The Council of Athletics Administrators approved the following limitations on the number of teams allowed to compete at regional tournaments in soccer, volleyball, baseball and softball:
  - 12 or less teams in the region – maximum of 4 teams in the regional tournament
  - 13-18 teams in the region – maximum of 6 teams in the regional tournament
  - 19 or more teams in the region – maximum of 8 teams in the regional tournament
1. Independents within a region must be provided an avenue to participate in the regional tournament, as determined by the regional management committee.
2. Affiliated conference champions will receive an automatic berth into regional tournaments.
3. Criteria for selection of at-large teams (if any) shall be determined by the regional management committee.

**C. Administration**

All region tournaments must be double-elimination. It is permissible for a tournament to revert to a single-elimination format in those instances where weather-related delays/cancellations or playing conditions necessitate a deviation from the original double-elimination format. If no games can be played in a region tournament because of weather, playing conditions, etc., that region's representative to the national tournament will be determined by the region.

The region baseball chair should arrange to be present throughout the region tournament and serve as tournament supervisor. The tournament supervisor should coordinate all activities at the tournament site and work with the host institution athletics director and/or baseball coach in implementing region and national policies in the conduct of the tournament games. (See Appendix E for roles of the region baseball chair.)

It is the financial responsibility of the host institution to provide housing, meals and travel expenses for the region baseball chair or his designee during the regional tournament.

Any member of the region baseball committee (including the region baseball chair) must relinquish his responsibilities for the tournament if he has a team competing in the tournament.

The NAIA National Office does not provide team or individual awards for region tournaments. Regions wishing to present awards must order them from the suppliers listed in this handbook. The awards are the financial responsibility of the region.

The region baseball chair, in consultation with the institution hosting the region tournament, selects the umpires for his region tournament.

**V. SUPER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Super Regional baseball tournament is planned by the paired region baseball committees under the leadership of the host region's regional chair. Super Regional tournament plans must be submitted by the previously paired regions for approval to the NAIA Department of Championships. Super Regional tournament plans must be submitted to the NAIA no later than March 1 of each year.

**A. Dates and Sites**

**The deadline for Super-Regional tournaments to be completed is Saturday, May 17.** Super Regional tournament games must be held at an approved home site of one of the participating institutions unless a request for a neutral site has been requested by the region baseball chair and approved by the NAIA Department of Championship Events.

**B. Team Qualification and Selection**

The region champions in the paired regions below, will compete for the Super Regional championships. The Super Regional names and match-ups are as follows.

Region 1 vs. 2 ~ West Coast Super Regional – Region 1 hosts

Region 3 vs. 4 ~ Plains Super Regional – Region 3 hosts

Region 5 vs. 6 ~ Mid South Super Regional – Region 6 hosts

Region 7 vs. 8 ~ Heartland Super Regional – Region 7 hosts

Region 9 vs. 10 ~ East Coast Super Regional – Region 9 hosts

Region 11 vs. 12 ~ South Central Super Regional – Region 11 hosts

Region 13 vs. 14 ~ Atlantic South Super Regional – Region 14 hosts

**C. Administration**

All Super Regional tournaments must be a maximum of a best of three series to decide the championship. If no games can be played in a super regional tournament because of weather, playing conditions, etc., that region's representative to the national tournament will be determined by the two regional chairs.

The host region baseball chairs should arrange to be present throughout the super regional tournament and serve as tournament supervisor. The tournament supervisor coordinates all activities at the tournament site and works with the host institution athletics director and/or baseball coach in implementing region and national policies in the conduct of the tournament games. (See Appendix E for roles of the region baseball chair.)

It is the financial responsibility of the host institution to provide housing, meals and travel expenses for the region baseball chair or his designee during the regional tournament.

Any member of the region baseball committee (including the region baseball chair) must relinquish his responsibilities for the tournament if he has a team competing in the tournament.

The NAIA National Office does not provide team or individual awards for Super Regional tournaments. Super Regional hosts wishing to present awards must order them from the suppliers listed in this handbook. The awards are the financial responsibility of the two participating regions.

The host region baseball chair, in consultation with the institution hosting the super-region tournament, selects the umpires for the super-regional.

## VI. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### A. Dates and Sites

The NAIA Baseball National Championship will be played May 23-30 at Harris Field in Lewiston, Idaho. The NAIA Department of Championship Events shall negotiate and determine the site of the national tournament.

### B. Qualification and Seeding of Teams, Format

The national tournament is a ten-team, double-elimination format played in seven or eight days featuring the champions of the seven NAIA baseball Super Regionals, two at-large berths and the host. The two at-large berths will be selected from be the two highest ranked teams in the first postseason seeding rating that participated in, but did not win, their respective Super Regional. The tournament will be seeded by the NAIA National Raters. The bracket will be determined on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Note: the host team cannot receive a number one or number two seed in the national tournament bracket.

### C. Tournament Selection Appeals Process

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.

### D. Game Times

The host organization, the NAIA Department of Championship Events and the NAIA-BCA officers jointly determine game times for all games. An institution will not play more than one game a day unless weather becomes a factor in completing the tournament on the scheduled completion date. There will be a minimum of 3 ½ hours between published game times.

### E. Administration

The national tournament is planned and implemented by the NAIA Department of Championship Events under the guidelines and standards established by the NAIA-Baseball Coaches Association (NAIA-BCA) and approved by the NAIA Council of Athletics Administrators.

The administration of tournament games is under the direct supervision of a four-member Tournament Games Committee, which is composed of the officers of the NAIA-BCA. In addition, two coaches are selected via the "Volunteer Coach Enhancement Program" and assist the Games Committee in the administration of the tournament.

Any member(s) of the National Tournament Games Committee must relinquish their position on the committee if they have a team competing in the tournament. The NAIA baseball administrator will appoint an alternate(s) in this case.

The NAIA Department of Championship Events contracts eight umpires to work the national tournament. Officials are evaluated and selected by the Tournament Games Committee.

The NAIA arranges for a fully staffed athletic training room at the national tournament, administered by NAIA-certified trainers representing member institutions.

**F. Team Travel/Reimbursement Policies**

**ONLY those institutions that secure air travel through the NAIA travel desk of Anthony Travel (866) 284-NAIA shall be eligible for event travel, housing and per-diem.** All air travel expenses incurred to attend the baseball championship shall be the financial responsibility of the institution.

**G. Housing**

All participating teams must stay at the designated hotels. Failure to do so would make a team INELIGIBLE for participation and reimbursement. Reimbursement for lodging begins on Thursday, May 22, and includes the evening of the team's elimination from the tournament. Ten (10) double-rooms will be furnished for each team at no cost to the institution.

**H. Related Information**

Prior to the tournament, an information packet will be distributed to all teams in contention which will include specific instructions regarding transportation, housing, practices and all responsibilities upon qualification.

1. **Phone Call to NAIA National Office** - Immediately upon qualifying for the national championship, all Super Regional champions are to telephone the NAIA National Office (816-595-8112) to identify their team as a Super Regional champion. After regular office hours and on weekends, leave the information on the voice mail. The following information should be telephoned to the NAIA National Office **no later than May 17**:
  - a. identify your institution, Super Regional championship game score, opponent and your current team record;
  - b. entry form information (roster changes, if any);
  - c. game-by-game results, individual and team cumulative statistics for all games including affiliated conference, region and Super Regional tournament games;
  - d. method of transportation and arrival time at the championship site;
  - e. name(s) of local media covering the team at the national championship; and
  - f. number of additional banquet tickets required beyond travel party of 24.
2. **Check-In/Out** - Upon arrival in Lewiston, teams must check in by 3 p.m., May 22 at NAIA Headquarters. NAIA and host site personnel will greet all teams, provide informational packets and be available to answer questions.

Following their last game, team head coaches or authorized representatives are required to check out at their assigned hotel with a Tournament Games Committee member and a representative of the hotel staff. This check-out must be done prior to departure from Lewiston. Any damages to rooms assigned to teams will be recorded, with payment for damage the responsibility of the institution.
3. **Meeting** - The first **OFFICIAL** function which all head coaches **MUST ATTEND** is the pre-tournament meeting, conducted by the Tournament Games Committee on Thursday, May 22. This meeting is **MANDATORY** and will serve as a forum for all participating teams. The meeting will include a briefing by a representative of the game umpires.
4. **Banquet** - There will be an opening banquet on Thursday, May 22 at 6:30p.m. at a site to be determined.
5. **Opening Ceremonies** - Opening Ceremonies involving all ten teams will be held Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> prior to the final game of the day. **All teams** are required to participate in this function. Special instructions relative to this event will be explained at the pre-tournament meeting.

6. **Honorary Coaches** - An "Honorary Coach" program has been developed with local businesses in Lewiston to serve as local hosts for each of the ten teams. Honorary coaches sit with their teams at the field, and are generally available to assist teams and make them feel welcome while in Lewiston. Teams are requested to provide their honorary coaches with two team jackets to wear during the tournament. It is considered quite appropriate to provide their honorary coaches with a gift emblematic of their institution or hometown.
7. **Awards** - Official awards for the tournament include certificates of participation for every participant. Team trophies are presented to the champion, runner-up, third and fourth place finishers. Additionally, awards are presented to the all-tournament selections (16), most valuable player, outstanding fielder and hustle winner, and the Hank Burbridge *Champion of Character* Player and Team Award winners.
8. **Radio and Television** - The broadcast of any tournament game is governed by the broadcast policies as printed in the NAIA Policy Handbook. For information relative to these policies, contact:

**NAIA Department of Sports Information**  
**1200 Grand Blvd.**  
**Kansas City, Missouri 64106**  
**Phone: 816-595-8000**  
**FAX: 816-595-8200**

# 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.