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2007 NAIA FOOTBALL IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

(It is recommended by the NAIA National office that anything being submitted on a receipt deadline should be sent via certified or overnight mail.)

August 15	Preseason Poll released
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September 10	First Monday for submitting nominations for National Players of the Week to the NAIA Department of Sports Information. Nominations must be received by the NAIA SID by 12 p.m. (CST) each Monday, ending Nov. 12.
September 10	First Monday for release of NAIA National Players of the Week, after 3 p.m.
September 10	First national rating released weekly - available after 3 p.m. (CST) at www.naia.org ending November 11.
October 29	Football Championship Series Bid Proposals due to NAIA Office.
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November 2	RECEIPT DEADLINE for submitting Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete award nomination forms to the Scholar-Athlete coordinator.
November 6	RECEIPT DEADLINE for receiving 1 st Round Football Championship Series Bids to the NAIA Football Administrator
November 11	FINAL regular season rating.
November 11	RELEASE of participating teams, pairings and sites for the first round of the football championship series.
November 12	FINAL Monday for submitting nominations for players of the week.
November 13	RECEIPT DEADLINE for receiving 2nd Round Football Championship Series Bids to the NAIA Football Administrator
November 17	FIRST ROUND , Football Championship Series
November 20	RECEIPT DEADLINE for receiving Semi-Final Football Championship Series Bids to the NAIA Football Administrator
November 21	RECEIPT DEADLINE for receiving all-conference team ballots from independent institutions to the NAIA Department of Sports Information. Forms must denote conference/independent player of the year nominee
November 22	Player of the Year ballots are faxed to selection committee.
November 23	Ballots for Player of the Year due no later than 5 p.m. (Central) to national office from selection committee.

November 24	QUARTERFINALS , Football Championship Series.
December 1	SEMIFINALS , Football Championship Series.
December 13	RELEASE of AFCA NAIA Football All-America Teams.
December 14	Release NAIA Player of the Year award at the national championship banquet, Savannah, TN.
December 15	RELEASE of Daktronics NAIA Football Scholar-Athletes.
December 15	52nd ANNUAL NAIA NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP , HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
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January 6-9 2008	American Football Coaches Association Convention, Anaheim, California www.afca.com
January 6	NAIA-Football Coaches Association Rating Committee Breakfast, Anaheim, California
January 6	NAIA Football Coaches Association All-America and Scholar-Athlete Committee meetings, Anaheim, California
January 6	Rawlings-NAIA Hall of Fame Dinner, Anaheim, California
January 7	NAIA-Football Coaches Association Annual Business Meeting, Anaheim, California
January 8	RELEASE of NAIA Football National Coach of the Year.
January 8	AFCA Coach of the Year Dinner, Anaheim, California
January 14	Post Season rating

*****RAWLINGS*****
(ST-5, PRO-5, R-5) The Official Ball of NAIA Football

NAIA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

2007

November 17	First Round
November 24	Quarterfinal Round
December 1	Semifinal Round
December 15	National Championship – Savannah, TN

2008

November 22	First Round
November 29	Quarterfinal Round
December 6	Semifinal Round
December 20	National Championship - TBD

2009

November 21	First Round
November 28	Quarterfinal Round
December 5	Semifinal Round
December 19	National Championship –TBD

2010

November 20	First Round
November 27	Quarterfinal Round
December 4	Semifinal Round
December 18	National Championship -TBD

2011

November 19	First Round
November 26	Quarterfinal Round
December 3	Semifinal Round
December 17	National Championship -TBD

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GENERAL INFORMATION

II. 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. Football Program

The NAIA football program was inaugurated in 1956 with the first national championship game being played in Little Rock, Arkansas as the Aluminum Bowl. In 1956 and 1957, two leading NAIA football teams were invited to participate in the game, and in 1958, a four-team playoff was implemented to determine the NAIA National Football Champion.

In 1970, following a year's study and recommendation by the NAIA Football Coaches Association (NAIA-FCA), member institutions were divided into two divisions for football competition and two four-team playoffs were initiated to determine the NAIA Divisions I and II National Football Champions.

After eight years of conducting the two four-team playoffs, the NAIA-FCA recommended that the championship series be expanded to include eight teams in each of the divisional playoffs. The eight-team playoffs were first conducted following the 1978 regular season.

An ad hoc committee of the NAIA-FCA was appointed in January 1986 to study the selection policies for the championship series and to investigate the possibility of expanding the playoffs to include 16 teams in each division for competition. After 15 months of study, the 16-team playoffs were held for the first time following the 1987 regular season.

In March 1989, the NAIA National Executive Committee directed that the number of teams in the championship series of each division be determined by the number of teams in that division based on the Declaration of Intent to Participate Form.

Effective with the 1989 season, the NAIA National Executive Committee adopted the following:

1. There shall be four teams in the championship series of a division with less than 32 participants;
2. There shall be eight teams in the championship series of a division that includes 32 to 63 participants;
3. There shall be 16 teams in the championship series of a division with 64 or more participants.

At the NAIA Council of Presidents spring meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma in April 1995, the issue of divisions in the sport of football was one agenda item. The Council of Presidents voted to have one division of football beginning in 1996. The upper limit for financial aid would be 12. Those institutions over the twelve limit would be eligible for a two-team invitational provided they have reduced their aid by fifty percent.

The aforementioned policy required review by the COP following the approval of the new definition of athletic financial aid and a new upper limit for football that went into effect in 1997, therefore, the Council approved the continuation of two divisions for one more year.

The above actions were taken based on the information provided by the NAIA-Football Coaches Association, the Council of Athletics Administrators, and the Council of Presidents.

C. Past Champions

YEAR	SITE	CHAMPION	SCORE	RUNNER-UP
1956	Little Rock Ark.	Montana State/St. Joseph's (Ind.)	0-0 (tie)	_____
1957	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Pittsburg State (Kan.)	27-26	Hillsdale (Mich.)
1958	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Northeastern State (Okla.)	19-13	Northern Arizona
1959	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Texas A&I	20-7	Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)
1960	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	15-14	Humboldt State (Calif.)
1961	Sacramento, Calif.	Pittsburg State (Kan.)	12-7	Linfield (Ore.)
1962	Sacramento, Calif.	Central State (Okla.)	28-13	Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)
1963	Sacramento, Calif.	St. John's (Minn.)	33-27	Prairie View A&M (Texas)
1964	Augusta, Ga.	Concordia (Minn.)/Sam Houston State (Texas)	7-7 (tie)	_____
1965	Augusta, Ga.	St. John's (Minn.)	33-0	Linfield (Ore.)
1966	Tulsa, Okla.	Waynesburg (Pa.)	42-21	Wisconsin-Whitewater
1967	Morgantown, W.Va.	Fairmont State (W.Va.)	28-21	Eastern Washington
1968	Montgomery, Ala.	Troy State (Ala.)	43-35	Texas A&I
1969	Kingsville, Texas	Texas A&I	32-7	Concordia (Minn.)
1970-I	Greenville, S.C.	Texas A&I	48-7	Wofford (S.C.)
1970-II	New Castle, Pa.	Westminster (Pa.)	21-16	Anderson (Ind.)
1971-I	Birmingham, Ala.	Livingston (Ala.)	14-12	Arkansas Tech
1971-II	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	California Lutheran	30-14	Westminster (Pa.)
1972-I	Commerce, Texas	East Texas State	21-18	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
1972-II	Joplin, Mo.	Missouri Southern	21-14	Northwestern (Iowa)
1973-I	Shreveport, La.	Abilene Christian (Texas)	42-14	Elon (N.C.)
1973-II	Huntington, W.Va.	Northwestern (Iowa)	10-3	Glenville State (W.Va.)
1974-I	Kingsville, Texas	Texas A&I	34-23	Henderson State (Ark.)
1974-II	Seguin, Texas	Texas Lutheran	42-0	Missouri Valley
1975-I	Kingsville, Texas	Texas A&I	37-0	Salem (W.Va.)
1975-II	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	Texas Lutheran	34-8	California Lutheran
1976-I	Kingsville, Texas	Texas A&I	26-0	Central Arkansas
1976-II	Redlands, Calif.	Westminster (Pa.)	20-13	Redlands (Calif.)
1977-I	Seattle, Wash.	Abilene Christian (Texas)	24-7	Southwestern Oklahoma
1977-II	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	Westminster (Pa.)	17-9	California Lutheran
1978-I	McAllen, Texas	Angelo State (Texas)	24-14	Elon (N.C.)
1978-II	Findlay, Ohio	Concordia (Minn.)	7-0	Findlay (Ohio)
1979-I	McAllen, Texas	Texas A&I	20-14	Central State (Okla.)
1979-II	Findlay, Ohio	Findlay (Ohio)	51-6	Northwestern (Iowa)
1980-I	Burlington, N.C.	Elon (N.C.)	17-10	Northeastern State (Okla.)
1980-II	Tacoma, Wash.	Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)	38-10	Wilmington (Ohio)
1981-I	Burlington, N.C.	Elon (N.C.)	3-0	Pittsburg State (Kan.)
1981-II	Sherman, Texas	Austin College (Texas)/Concordia (Minn.)	24-24 (tie)	_____
1982-I	Edmond, Okla.	Central State (Okla.)	14-11	Mesa (Colo.)
1982-II	McMinnville, Ore.	Linfield (Ore.)	33-15	William Jewell (Mo.)
1983-I	Grand Junction, Colo.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	36-28	Mesa (Colo.)
1983-II	Tacoma, Wash.	Northwestern (Iowa)	25-21	Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)
1984-I	Conway, Ark.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)/Central Arkansas	19-19 (tie)	_____
1984-II	McMinnville, Ore.	Linfield (Ore.)	33-22	Northwestern (Iowa)
1985-I	Conway, Ark.	Hillsdale (Mich.)/Central Arkansas	10-10 (tie)	_____
1985-II	Tacoma, Wash.	Wisconsin-La Crosse	24-7	Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)
1986-I	Jefferson City, Tenn.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	17-0	Cameron (Okla.)
1986-II	McMinnville, Ore.	Linfield (Ore.)	17-0	Baker (Kan.)
1987-I	Lawton, Okla.	Cameron (Okla.)	30-2	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
1987-II	Tacoma, Wash.	Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)/Vacant *	16-16 (tie)	_____
1988-I	Jefferson City, Tenn.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	56-21	Adams State (Colo.)
1988-II	New Wilmington, Pa.	Westminster (Pa.)	21-14	Wisconsin-La Crosse
1989-I	Jefferson City, Tenn.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	34-20	Emporia State (Kan.)

1989-II	Canton, Ohio	Westminster (Pa.)	51-30	Wisconsin-La Crosse
1990-I	Grand Junction, Colo.	Central State (Ohio)	38-16	Mesa State (Colo.)
1990-II	Omaha, Neb.	Peru State (Neb.)	17-7	Westminster (Pa.)
1991-I	Wilberforce, Ohio	Central Arkansas	19-16	Central State (Ohio)
1991-II	Georgetown, Ky.	Georgetown (Ky.)	28-20	Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)
1992-I	Boiling Springs, N.C.	Central State (Ohio)	19-16	Gardner-Webb (N.C.)
1992-II	Portland, Ore.	Findlay (Ohio)	26-13	Linfield (Ore.)
1993-I	Ada, Okla.	East Central (Okla.)	49-35	Glenville State (W.Va.)
1993-II	Portland, Ore.	Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)	50-20	Westminster (Pa.)
1994-I	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Northeastern State (Okla.)	13-12	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
1994-II	Portland, Ore.	Westminster (Pa.)	27-7	Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)
1995-I	Tahlequah, Okla.	Central State (Ohio)	37-7	Northeastern State (Okla.)
1995-II	Tacoma, Wash.	Central Washington/Findlay (Ohio)	21-21 (tie)	—————
1996-I	Weatherford, Okla.	Southwestern Oklahoma	33-31	Montana Tech
1996-II	Savannah, Tenn.	Sioux Falls (S.D.)	47-25	Western Washington
1997	Savannah, Tenn.	Findlay (Ohio)	14-7	Willamette (Ore.)
1998	Savannah, Tenn.	Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	17-14	Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)
1999	Savannah, Tenn.	Northwestern Oklahoma State	34-26	Georgetown (Ky.)
2000	Savannah, Tenn.	Georgetown (Ky.)	20-0	Northwestern Oklahoma State
2001	Savannah, Tenn.	Georgetown (Ky.)	49-27	Sioux Falls (S.D.)
2002	Savannah, Tenn.	Carroll (Mont.)	28-7	Georgetown (Ky.)
2003	Savannah, Tenn.	Carroll (Mont.)	41-28	Northwestern Oklahoma
2004	Savannah, Tenn.	Carroll (Mont.)	15-13	St. Francis (Ind.)
2005	Savannah, Tenn.	Carroll (Mont.)	27-10	St. Francis (Ind.)
2006	Savannah, Tenn.	Sioux Falls (S.D.)	23-19	St. Francis (Ind.)

* Wisconsin-Stevens Point forfeited its entire 1987 schedule because of the use of an ineligible student-athlete. Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) is considered a co-champion with the other position vacated.

D. Coaches of the Year

1956	Dewey Halford, Morningside (Iowa)		1985	I Ralph Carpenter, Henderson State
1957	Frank Waters, Hillsdale (Mich.)	(Ark.)		
1958	Volney Ashford, Missouri Valley		II	Larry Korver, Northwestern (Iowa)
1959	Clarence Stasavich, Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)		1986	I Dennis Franchione, Pittsburg State (Kan.)
1960	Phil Sarboe, Humboldt State (Calif.)		II	Ad Rutschman, Linfield (Ore.)
1961	Carnie Smith, Pittsburg State (Kan.)		1987	I Dennis Franchione, Pittsburg State (Kan.)
1962	Paul Durham, Linfield (Ore.)		II	Vacated
1963	Billy Nicks, Prairie View (Texas)		1988	I Jon Lantz, Southeastern (Okla.)
1964	Jake Christiansen, Concordia (Minn.)		II	Joe Fusco, Westminster (Pa.)
1965	John Gagliardi, St. John's (Minn.)		1989	I Jeff Geiser, Adams State (Colo.)
1966	Forrest Perkins, Wisconsin-Whitewater		II	Joe Fusco, Westminster (Pa.)
1967	Deacon Duvall, Fairmont State (W.Va)		1990	I Mike Isom, Central Arkansas
1968	Bill Atkins, Troy State (Ala.)		II	Tom Shea, Peru State (Neb.)
1969	Jake Gaither, Florida A & M		1991	I Duke Iverson, Western State (Colo.)
1970	Gil Steinke, Texas A & I		II	Kevin Donley, Georgetown (Ky.)
1971	Robert Shoup, California Lutheran		1992	I Billy Joe, Central State (Ohio)
1972	Jim Frazier, Missouri Southern		II	Dick Strahm, Findlay (Ohio)
1973	Larry Korver, Northwestern (Iowa)		1993	I Rich Rodriguez, Glenville State (W.Va)
1974	Gil Steinke, Texas A & I		II	Frosty Westering, Pac. Lutheran (Wash.)
1975	Gil Steinke, Texas A & I		1994	I Tom Eckert, Northeastern (Okla.)
1976	Gil Steinke, Texas A & I		II	Gene Nicholson, Westminster (Pa.)
1977	DeWitt Jones, Abilene Christian (Texas)		1995	I Rick Comegy, Central State (Ohio)
1978	Jim Hess, Angelo State (Texas)		II	Dick Stahm, Findlay (Ohio)
1979	I Ron Harms, Texas A & I		1996	I Paul Sharp, Southwestern (Okla.)
	II Richard Strahm, Findlay (Ohio)		II	Bob Young, University of Sioux Falls (S.D.)
1980	I Jerry Tolley, Elon (N.C.)		1997	Dick Strahm, Findlay (Ohio)
	II Stan McGarvey, Wm. Jewell (Mo.)		1998	Vic Shealy, Azusa Pacific (Calif.)
1981	I Ron Randleman, Pitt. State (Kan.)		1999	Tim Albin, Northwestern Oklahoma
	II Jim Christopherson, Concordia (Minn.)		2000	Bill Cronin, Georgetown (Ky.)
1982	I Dick Lowry, Hillsdale (Mich.)		2001	Bill Cronin, Georgetown (Ky.)
	II Ad Rutschman, Linfield (Ore.)		2002	Carl Poelker, McKendree (Ill.)
1983	I Harold Horton, Central Arkansas		2003	Mike Van Diest, Carroll (Mont.)
	II Frosty Westering, Pac. Lutheran (Wash.)		2004	Kevin Donley, St. Francis (Ind.)
1984	I Ken Sparks, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)		2005	Mike Van Diest, Carroll (Mont.)
	II Ad Rutschman, Linfield (Ore.)		2006	Kalen DeBoer, Sioux Falls (S.D.)

E. NAIA Hall of Fame Inductees

ATHLETES

1956	Dale Burnett, Emporia State (Kan.)	1967	Carol Heier, Huron (S.D.)
1956	Tony Glazine, Illinois Wesleyan	1967	Eddie Meador, Arkansas Tech
1956	George Musso, Millikin (Ill.)	1967	Paul 'Tank' Younger, Grambling (La.)
1956	Mike Reed, Louisiana Tech	1968	Junious 'Buck' Buchanan, Grambling (La.)
1957	Joe Arenas, Omaha (Neb.)	1968	Edward McGlone, Colorado Mines
1957	Cliff Battles, West Virginia Wesleyan	1969	Willie Davis, Grambling (La.)
1957	Tony Canoed, Gonzaga (Wash.)	1969	Elbert Dubenion, Bluffton (Ohio)
1957	Bill Cross, West Texas State	1969	Jackie Smith, Northwestern State (La.)
1957	Wilbur Henry, Washington & Jefferson (Pa.)	1971	Fritz Ehren, College of the Ozarks (Ark.)
1957	Walter Kielsing, St. Thomas (Minn.)	1971	Charles 'Bo' Miller, Austin (Texas)
1957	Jack McIntire, Peru State (Neb.)	1972	Calvin Dunn, Missouri Valley
1957	Steve Owen, Phillips (Okla.)	1972	Norm Jarock, St. Norbert WI
1957	Andy Robustelli, Arnold (Conn.)	1973	Eldon Danenhauer, Kansas State-Pittsburgh
1957	Dan Towler, Washington & Jefferson (Pa.)	1977	Bruce Cerone, Emporia State (Kan.)
1958	Tom Domey, St. Benedict's (Kan.)	1978	Al Conway, William Jewell (Mo.)
1958	Harlon Hill, Florence State (Ala.)	1978	Cliff Harris, Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)
1958	Alex Sandusky, Clarion State (Pa.)	1979	Howard Mudd, Hillsdale (Mich.)
1958	Leo Sanford, Louisiana Tech	1980	Richard McGeorge, Elon (N.C.)
1959	Raymond 'Nig' Borleske, Whitman (Wash.)	1984	Mike Washington, Texas Lutheran
1959	Norbert Hecker, Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)	1985	Bill Campbell, Western State (Colo.)
1959	Clarence Stassavich, Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	1985	Brad Crawford, Franklin (Ind.)
1960	Lloyd Madden, Colorado Mines	1987	Gamey Henley, Huron (S.D.)
1960	Kenneth Mercer, Simpson (Iowa)	1987	Earnest Rhone, Sr., Henderson State (Ark.)
1960	John Tucker, Arkansas Tech	1987	Doug Sutherland, Wisconsin-Superior
1961	Virgil 'Joe' Lindahl, Wayne State (Neb.)	1989	Clarence "Willie" Williams, Austin (Texas)
1961	Robert 'Bobby' Morrow, Illinois Wesleyan	1990	Jim Jodat, Carthage (Wis.)
1961	Jack Kemp, Occidental (Calif.)	1990	Chris Luper, Austin (Texas)
1962	Roosevelt Brown, Morgan State (Md.)	1991	Eric Rhoades, Bethel (Kan.)
1962	Jimmy Carr, Morris Harvey (W. Va.)	1992	Dave Krieg, Milton (Wis.)
1962	Marv Tommervik, Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)	1993	Gene Branum, Austin (Texas)
1963	Cal Hubbard, Geneva (Pa.)	1993	Lee Mckinstrey, Northwestern (Iowa)
1963	J. D. Smith, North Carolina A & T	1993	Ed Smith, Bethel (Kan.)
1964	Michael Scarry, Waynesburg (Pa.)	1994	Brian Apke, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)
1964	Albert Spurlock, Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	1994	Brian Hansen, Sioux Falls (S.D.)
1964	Lionel Taylor, New Mexico Highlands	1994	Charles Jessamy, Kansas Wesleyan
1965	Glenn 'Slim' Campbell, Emporia State (Kan.)	1995	Gary Worthy, Wilmington (Ohio)
1965	I. R. "Ike" Martin, William Jewell (Mo.)	1998	Dan Jones, Lewis & Clark (Ore.)
1965	David 'Dode' Phillips, Erskine (S.C.)	2002	Wilbur Young, William Penn (Iowa)
1966	Warren Harris, Missouri Valley	2003	Rolland (Bay) Lawrence, Tabor (Kan.)
1966	James Holder, Panhandle State (Okla.)	2004	Sim Byrd, Troy State (Ala)
1966	R. C. Owens, College of Idaho	2006	Jamie Mueller, Benedictine (Kan.)

COACHES

1956	John Dorman, Upper Iowa	1974	Ameroo "Mertz" Mortorelli, Wisconsin Superior
1956	Harry Turpin, Northwestern State (La.)	1975	Frank 'Muddy' Waters, Saginaw Valley (Mich.)
1956	A. G. Wheeler, Peru State (Neb.)	1978	Stewart 'Red' Fought, Franklin (Ind.)
1957	Ivan Grove, Hendrix (Ark.)	1978	Richard L. Peters, Ottawa (Kan.)
1957	Clyde Lamb, Ohio Northern	1980	Rollie Greeno, Jamestown (N.D.)
1957	John Neinrich, Puget Sound (Wash.)	1980	Roland Ortmyer, La Verne (Calif.)
1957	Wallace Newman, Whittier (Calif.)	1981	Otis Delaporte, Southwestern (Okla.)
1957	C. A. "West," North Dakota	1983	William McArthur, Oregon College
1958	Clarence 'Al' Clingenpeel, Central Methodist (Mo.)	1986	Tony Colobro, Concord (W. Va.)
1958	Ralph R. Jones, Lake Forest (Ill.) *	1987	Buddy Benson, Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)
1958	A. W. Mumford, Southern-Baton Rouge (La.)	1987	Paul Pierce, Sul Ross State (Texas)
1959	Joseph Aillet, Louisiana Tech	1988	Walter Barr, Shepherd (W. Va.)
1959	Voiney Ashford, Missouri Valley	1988	Cally Gault, Presbyterian (S.C.)
1959	Dale Hamilton, Central Oklahoma	1989	Kenneth Gible, Missouri Valley
1960	Alonzo 'Jake' Gaither, Florida A & M	1989	Larry Korver, Northwestern (Iowa)
1961	Harry Jefferson, Hampton Institute (Va.)	1989	Ralph "Sporty" Carpenter, Henderson State (Ark.)
1962	Fred Long, Wiley (Texas)	1989	George Elliott, Northeastern State (Okla.)
1963	Camie Smith, Kansas State-Pittsburg	1990	Pat O'Neal, East Central (Okla.)
1964	J. J. 'Jake' Christiansen, Concordia (Minn.)	1990	John Prock, Harding (Ark.)
1965	Billy Nicks, Prairie View A & M (Texas)	1991	Gene Bissell, Kansas Wesleyan
1965	Clark Swisher, Northern State (S.D.)	1993	Bob Petrino, Carroll (Mont.)
1966	Eddie Robinson, Grambling (La.)	1995	Oree Banks, West Virginia State
1967	Harold Burry, Westminster (Pa.)	1995	Joe Fusco, Westminster (Pa.)
1967	Norris Patterson, William Jewell (Mo.)	1995	Frosty Westering, Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)
1968	Allen Zikmund, Kearney State (Neb.)	1996	Ross Fortier, Moorhead State (Minn.)
1969	By Morgan, Findlay (Ohio)	1997	Bill Ramseyer, Wilmington College (Ohio)
1971	Lloyd Hollingsworth, Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.)	1998	Dick Strahm, Findlay (Ohio)
1971	Gil Steinke, Texas A & I	2002	Dr. Ted Kessinger, Bethany (Kan.)
		2005	Hank Biesot Dickinson State (N.D.)

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

1956 Charles P. Lantz, Eastern Illinois

1957	Walter Johnson, Presbyterian (S.C.)	1961	Ray E. Watts, Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio)
1957	Henry Kean, Tennessee A & I *	1963	John Knight, Bethany (W. Va.)
1957	Harold Ratliff, Associated Press-Dallas(TX)	1963	Ralph McKinzie, Northern Illinois
1957	Fred Young, Bloomington Pantagraph (Ill.)	1964	George Miller, Indiana (Pa.)
1958	Moray Eby, Coe (Iowa)	1965	Ross Armstrong, Chadron State (Neb.)
1958	John Wesley Rollins, East Texas State	1966	Raymond Hunthausen, Carroll (Mont.)
1959	R. E. 'Dad' Bowles, William Jewell (Mo.)	1967	Algie Newlin, Guilford (N.C.)
1959	Howard Hancock, Illinois State	1967	P.E. "Pete" Shotwell, McMurry (Texas)
1959	Alfred Nash Higgins, Tampa (Fla.)	1969	Paul Durham, Linfield (Ore.)
1960	B. T. Harvey, Alabama State	1971	John Duke Wells, Henderson State (Ark.)
1960	Jules V. Sikes, East Texas State	1987	Harold "Tuffy" Stratton, Northeastern (Okla.)
1961	W. C. 'Brady' Cowesll, Stetson (Fla.)		
1961	Charles F. Lappensbusch, Western Wash.		

III. COACHES ASSOCIATION

A. NAIA Football Coaches Association

The NAIA Football Coaches Association (NAIA-FCA) is an organization of collegiate football coaches at NAIA institutions. The NAIA-FCA membership dues are paid by the institution as part of its NAIA membership dues for all personnel who receive all or part of their salary for their responsibilities within the athletic department. The NAIA-FCA Annual Business Meeting is held each January in conjunction with the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Annual Convention.

The NAIA-FCA elects officers who serve two-year terms (effective 2001) and provide the leadership for the Association. (The NAIA-FCA studies and makes recommendations through legislation of actions affecting the organization and administration of the NAIA football championship series. All action items are forwarded to the NAIA Council of Athletics Administrators for final approval.

B. Past Presidents

1956-57	Earl Cravens, William Penn (Iowa)	1982-83	Pat O'Neal, East Central (Okla.)
1957-58	Earl Cravens, William Penn (Iowa)	1983-84	Bill Ramseyer, Wilmington (Ohio)
1958-59	Frank Waters, Hillsdale (Mich.)	1984-85	Walter Barr, Shepherd (W.Va.)
1959-60	Frank Waters, Hillsdale (Mich.)	1985-86	Ken Gibley, Missouri Valley
1960-61	Clarence Stasavich, Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	1986-87	Ralph Carpenter, Henderson State (Ark.)
1961-62	Paul Durham, Linfield (Ore.)	1987-88	Ad Rutschman, Linfield (Ore.)
1962-63	Al Lewis, California Western	1988-89	Larry Wilcox, Benedictine (Kan.)
1963-64	Al Lewis, California Western	1989-90	Wally Hood, Fairmont State (W.Va.)
1964-65	Richard Peters, Ottawa (Kan.)	1990-91	Mel Tjeerdsma, Austin College (Texas)
1965-66	Richard Peters, Ottawa (Kan.)	1991-92	Bob Cortese, Fort Hays State (Kan.)
1966-67	Frank Waters, Hillsdale (Mich.)	1992-93	Kent Rogers, Bethel (Kan.)
1967-68	Frank Waters, Hillsdale (Mich.)	1993-94	Ross Hjelseth, Puget Sound (Wash.)
1968-69	Hanley Painter, Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	1994-95	Paul Sharp, Southwestern Oklahoma
1969-70	Hanley Painter, Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	1995-96	Tom Dowling, Cumberland (Ky.)
1970-71	Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin-La Crosse	1996-97	Keith Barefield, Evangel (Mo.)
1971-72	Bill Vickroy, Wisconsin-La Crosse	1997-98	Bob Green, Montana Tech
1972-73	By Morgan, Findlay (Ohio)	1998-99	Ron Finley, Cambellsville (Ky.)
1973-74	Don Dempsey, Arkansas Tech	1999-2000	Courtney Meyer, Concordia (Neb.)
1974-75	Robert Shoup, California Lutheran	2000-01	Mike Redwine, MidAmerica Naz. (Kan.)
1975-76	Rick Carter, Hanover (Ind.)	2001-02	Dale Carlson, Tri-State (Ind.)
1976-77	Phil Ball, Central State (Okla.)	2002-04	Fran Schwenk, Doane (Neb.)
1977-78	Ron Randleman, Pitt State (Kan.)	2004-05	Bill Cronin, Georgetown (Ky.)
1978-79	Jim Christopherson, Concordia (Minn.)		
1979-80	Don Larson, Illinois Wesleyan		
1980-81	Joe Fusco, Westminster (Pa.)		
1981-82	Tom Parry, Central Washington		

E. American Football Coaches Association

The American Football Coaches Association was founded in 1923 as a means of providing education, service, promotion and simulation of interest in football. To obtain these goals, the AFCA holds various types of coaching clinics, administers awards programs for coaches and athletes and publishes The Extra Point on a bimonthly basis. More information on the AFCA, membership and its programs may be obtained by contacting: **AFCA, 100 Legends Lane, Waco, Texas 76706. Phone: (254) 754-9900 Fax: (254) 754-7373.**

IV. AWARDS

A. National Player of the Week

An offensive, defensive and special teams player of the week is selected throughout the regular season. Nominations are submitted each Monday by the conference information director.

B. All-America

In 2006 the NAIA-FCA approved a motion to have the AFCA select the NAIA All-America team. NAIA coaches are selected by the AFCA to sit on the AFCA-NAIA All America Committee. One NAIA coach will be named chair by the NAIA and he will conduct all proceedings in conjunction with the AFCA for these selections. The team will be announced each year during the week of the NAIA Championship. Please see www.afca.org for more details.

C. Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete

Student Athletes are eligible to receive the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete award each year based on criteria set by the NAIA Council of Affiliated Conferences and Independents. The Scholar-Athlete Coordinator will review the nomination forms for student-athletes to be honored as scholar-athletes. 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.

All nominations (Appendix H) are to be submitted by mail to the Football Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete Coordinator, Dave Dallas, Kansas Wesleyan, 200 East Clafin, Salina, KS 67401-6196 They **MUST** be received no later than Monday, November 2, 2007. **No faxed forms or late nominations will be accepted. The NAIA strongly recommends Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete 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. Please refer to Appendix I for nomination procedures.

D. 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 J and K 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.

E. Player of the Year

Each conference and all independents with a .500 record or above will identify a player of the year upon submission of its All-Conference information as its nomination for national player of the year. The selection committee will evaluate player's statistics and contributions to the team's success, as well as the player's success off the field and in the classroom. The award is recognition of achievement on the field but conduct off the field will also be considered.

Beginning with the 1999 season, the Player of the Year will be recognized at the championship game banquet. The selection committee will vote on nominees via fax in late November. Nominees will be designated by each conference or independent (provided they meet the criteria of winning record).

F. Coach of the Year

The AFCA selects a national coach of the year through a coaches ballot of head NAIA football coaches. All Head Coaches in the NAIA who are AFCA members are eligible for this award. The AFCA will also select five regional coaches of the year. All recipients will be recognized at the AFCA Annual Convention in January. The NAIA will also recognize its Conference Coaches of the year. The Rawlings NAIA Conference Football Coaches of the Year are also honored at the Annual NAIA Hall of Fame Dinner at the AFCA Convention each January.

G. National Championship Awards

The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for the national championship. Appropriate conference awards are to be ordered by the conference and are the financial responsibility of the conference.

National awards are presented to the official party of each participating team. Individual plaques are awarded to the official party of the semifinal, runner-up and championship teams. Trophies are awarded to the semifinal, runner-up and championship teams. Each week throughout the playoff series, outstanding offensive and defensive players are selected and presented with a plaque.

H. Ordering Awards

Midwest Trophy
3501 SE 29th Street, Del City, Oklahoma 73115
(405) 670-4545 Fax (405) 672-1308
Contact – Gerald Robinson
NAIA Liaison – Mindy Pinkerton

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 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 2005 and the other at the Citizen through Sports Alliance Awards Banquet

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

C. 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 forms.

D. 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 forms.

E. 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 forms.

F. Hall of Fame Award

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 forms.

G. 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 forms.

VI. RATINGS, REPORTING RESULTS AND STATISTICS

A. Ratings

A weekly national rating will be conducted for football beginning with the Top 25 poll on Sept. 10. The 2007 preseason poll will be released on Aug. 13. The ratings are compiled by the balloting of a 17-member rating committee (Appendix A). Raters are selected by their conference and rate teams on the national level on a weekly basis. Please refer to Appendix C for rating policies and procedures.

Three (3) conference calls (September 11, October 9, and November 11) during the rating season will convene the raters for the purpose of sharing information about region teams. All calls will be at 10:00am (CST).

In order to be eligible for ratings and honors, all contest results must be reported to the NAIA scoreboard at <http://www.naiasports.org/admin/> within 24 hours of completion. Institutions failing to report results any two weeks during the reporting period will not be eligible for the national statistical reports or ratings for the remainder of the season. This policy was created and mandated by CACI before the 2006-07 season.

Campaigning for ratings votes for one's own team or for votes for one's own players for postseason awards shall be considered inappropriate and unethical. Campaigning shall be construed as using fax, mail, e-mail or telephone to contact a coach or group of coaches to solicit support for one's team or players. Organized public relations campaigns dedicated to that same end shall also be deemed unethical.

The NAIA Department of Sports Information compiles the balloting and releases the results each week to the national wire services and selected media. The weekly ratings may be found under the Football heading on the NAIA website, www.naia.org.

Results of every contest up to submission of Conference/Region report is to be included for final rating.

CACI will determine starting/ending dates of regular season ratings. Coaches Association will be allowed to submit a motion to change start and end dates for 2008 season.

B. Raters

Rater Selection is based on the following criteria

- Each NAIA-certified conference is given one rater for every four schools within the conference.
- In conjunction with the NAIA-FCA officers, the NAIA Department of Championships shall determine the number of raters to be selected from independent institutions based on geographical balance.
- Conference raters are to be selected at conference level with Conference Commissioner forwarding rater's name to NAIA office.
- Conference determines appropriate rater selection criteria and process.

C. 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. Game scores to NAIA office by noon (Central) on Sunday.
3. National Rating Ballot to NAIA office no later than 10 a.m. (Central) on Monday.
4. Oversight approves/disapproves National Ratings Grid by 1 p.m. (Central) on Monday.
5. Raters have until 3 p.m. (Central) on Monday to respond with requested rationale.
6. National Ratings released no later than 4 p.m. (Central) on Monday.

D. Reporting Results/Submitting Scores

Mandated by CACI in 2006, **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.

First time users:

1. To register to use the NAIA Scoreboard, go to www.naiasports.org/admin
2. Click on the "Don't Have a Password? Register Now" link.
3. Enter your school e-mail address (only school email addresses are accepted) with a chosen password.
4. The NAIA National Office receives an email notification of your registration request.
5. Your registration will be approved within 1 business day.

If you have an active account with SIDHelp, you do not have to re-register. Your username/password is already in the system.

Reporting team scores on the NAIA website provides greater team exposure to media, coaches, potential student-athletes and fans.

E. Statistics

An in-season, weekly national statistical report is produced utilizing DakStats for the sport of football. 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.

It is strongly recommended that the host institution be responsible for both team's official statistics. The home team must notify opposing team at least 72 hours prior to contest if official stats will not be provided. The opposing team can file an appeal if they feel an error was made in the official stats up to 72 hours after the conclusion of the contest. The appeal must be filed with the home team up to 72 hours after the contest and both teams must change the stats.

It is vital that sport records maintain a certain level of integrity and accuracy. The NAIA urges the official statistician for every sport to become familiar and have a working knowledge of the statistical manual. For football, please refer to www.ncca.org, go to the football page and the statisticians manual link. The book can be downloaded in PDF format and is free.

VII. 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

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

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules are followed throughout the NAIA championship series. Effective with the 1993 football season, the NCAA playing rules **MUST** be followed for all regular-season games, as well as post season play.

Note: 25-second clocks shall be required in all championship series games.

The NCAA Football Rulebook in August each year and may be accessed through the NCAA web site at www.ncaa.org.

Any exception to the rules must be passed by the coaches association or through a membership vote and will be noted in the coaches manual or the Football Championship Series Manual. Currently, there is an exception to the NCAA logo restrictions for uniforms. The only exception the NAIA currently allows applies only to uniforms manufactured by Fergo Athletics with the "NAIA Drive" logo.

B. Game Officials

The outcome of all games is under the jurisdiction of game officials and all disputes, protests, etc., must be settled directly with the officials. Decisions of game officials are final and are **NOT** subject to appeal.

C. Season Records

Win-loss-tied records for all member institutions participating in football shall include **ONLY** those games played against upper-level, degree-granting institutions, and **SHALL NOT** include games against junior colleges, clubs, foreign (Canada excluded), or military teams. See Policy Handbook, CACI section, Item II, A, 13.

D. Official Ball

The official ball for NAIA post season competition is the Rawlings ST-5. The Rawlings Pro-5 or R-5 may also be used. The NAIA strongly recommends the use of the Rawlings footballs for regular season competition.

POST SEASON COMPETITION

I. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A. Qualifying Procedures for the Championship Series

The following criteria shall apply in selecting the participating teams for the football championship series:

1. All active member institutions in good standing which sponsor intercollegiate football are eligible for selection.
2. Institutions **MUST** declare their intent to participate in the NAIA championship football program by the established (postmarked) deadline of May 1 of each year.
3. Institutions **MUST** be ranked among top 20 (including ties) in the final rating to receive consideration for a berth in the championship series. The final rating is Sunday, November 11.
4. Institutions:
 - a. **MUST** play a minimum of eight intercollegiate games against upper-level institutions in the United States or Canada prior to the final November 11 rating.
 - b. Shall count only intercollegiate contests against upper-level institutions in the United States or Canada in its overall record (excludes junior colleges, club teams, military teams, junior varsity, etc.)
5. Football conferences certified by the NAIA shall be eligible to qualify its champion to the championship series provided:
 - a. Six or more active members in good standing sponsor intercollegiate football.
 - b. Six or more active members in good standing have declared their intent to participate in the NAIA championship series.
 - c. The conferences with less than 10 members must play an intra-conference, round-robin schedule and have a written charter/constitution on file with the NAIA Department of Championships. Conferences of 10 or more must have a written charter/constitution on file with the NAIA Department of Championships and must play at least (7) seven intra-conference games to be eligible to participate in the NAIA football championship series.
 - d. The conference is certified by the NAIA prior to May 1 of each year by filing a conference certification form with the NAIA Department of Championships.
 - e. The conference certifies its method of determining its champion in case of ties by May 1. Only one institution per conference shall be recognized as qualifying for the conference championship team berth.
 - f. The championship team must be ranked among the top 20 teams in the final rating Sunday, November 11.
6. Independent institutions (those not recognized by the NAIA as a member of a certified football conference) shall be available for selection by meeting criteria one through four above. Additionally, the highest ranked independent (provided they are ranked in the top 20) shall automatically qualify for the play-offs. Policy passed at the 1997 NAIA-FCA meeting and was approved by the CAA.

7. The field for the championship series shall be determined as follows:
 - a. Certified conference champions and independents determined by criteria five and six above shall be selected.
 - b. The remaining berths shall be filled by the highest ranked teams (in order) in the final rating of November 11, irrespective of conference affiliation or independent status.
 - c. In case of ties in the November 11 final rating which affect selection procedure, the tie-breaking criteria shall be used to select the team that has accumulated the greatest number of rating points during the season.

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.

B. Site Selection and Pairings

The NAIA Football Selection Committee composed of representatives from the NAIA Council of Athletics Administrators and the officers of the NAIA Football Coaches Association shall determine game sites based on the following criteria:

1. Availability of quality facilities
2. Potential income
3. Comparative cost factors among the available sites
4. Enthusiasm for hosting championship series games
5. Competition from other activities
6. Weather considerations

Pairings for each round shall be determined by the following:

1. Geographical location of teams
2. Financial considerations
3. Final rating
4. Institutions from the same conference **MUST** be paired no later than the semifinal round.
Institutions selected for the championship series ARE NOT seeded or bracketed.

C. Host Institution Financial Requirements

1. The host institution shall be required to provide a cash guarantee to the NAIA for each game of the championship series.
2. The guarantee figure shall be established after consultation with the host institution by the NAIA, and is based on a consideration of the following items with priority given in the following order:
 - a. Potential income
 - b. At-site expenses
3. The host institution is financially responsible for the amount of the guarantee or the game income, whichever is higher.
4. Game income is defined as all income derived from the following:
 - a. Ticket sales
 - b. Program sales
 - c. Championship game banquet
 - d. Radio/television rights
 - e. Concessions (if applicable)
 - f. Parking (if applicable)
5. All authorized and approved at-site expenses are to be deducted from the guarantee/game income figure, whichever is greater. **The amount remaining is defined as net income.**
6. Authorized at-site expenses include the following:
 - a. Game officials (six on field and clock operator). Includes: game fees, transportation, meals and lodging as authorized by the NAIA.
 - b. Traveling team local transportation at game site (if travel is by air).
 - c. Banquet for championship game only.
7. When the host institution generates income in excess of its guarantee/game income figure (net income), it has the opportunity to share in that excess income with the NAIA provided that the:
 - a. The Host's net income is greater than the game guarantee for the first round, the host institution and the NAIA will share 50-50 of the excess net income. This policy shall hold true for all future rounds (Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Finals) of the NAIA Football Championship Series.
8. The host institution receives and is responsible for paying all at-site expenses, up to the amount of the cash guarantee or game income, whichever is greater.

D. Traveling Teams Transportation and Housing

The following reimbursement policy was approved by the Council of Athletic Administrators and Council of Presidents in June, 1995. The Football Championship Series Task Force analyzed these items in 2004 and made minor changes. These changes were later reviewed and approved by the NAIA Council of Presidents;

All arrangements for the traveling team's official party (maximum of 60 persons for expense purposes) must be approved by the NAIA Department of Championships. The traveling team will receive and pay the transportation bill (air and/or ground) and any meal and housing bills incurred to and from, and while at the game site.

1. Transportation and Housing

There are three categories for transportation, reimbursement:

1. For trips under 400 miles, the NAIA would reimburse no more than:
 - Pre-approved expenses for one 55 passenger bus & one additional vehicle (15 passenger van)
 - If it has been determined by the Department of Championships that an institution will bus to the site of a championship series game, and be reimbursed for those expenses, that institution will be responsible for arranging ground transportation.
 - Pre-approved hotel for 30 rooms (use state government rate as standard)
The Department of Championships in coordination with the host institution arranges housing for the traveling team's official party while at the game site.
 - All participating teams must stay at the designated headquarters hotel or assigned property **in order to be eligible for the event** and any reimbursement funds.

2. For trips between 400 and 800 miles:
 - Pre-approved expenses for two 55 passenger buses (no additional vehicle allowed)
 - If it has been determined by the Department of Championships that an institution will bus to the site of a championship series game, and be reimbursed for those expenses, that institution will be responsible for arranging ground transportation.
 - Pre-approved hotel for 30 rooms per night (use state government rate as standard).
The Department of Championships in coordination with the host institution arranges housing for the traveling team's official party while at the game site.
 - All participating teams must stay at the designated headquarters hotel or assigned property **in order to be eligible for the event** and any reimbursement funds.

3. For trips over 800 miles, **air transportation** will typically be used and reimbursement is as follows:
 - Air charter costs (see information below)
 - Pre-approved hotel for 30 rooms per night (use state government rate as standard).
The Department of Championships in coordination with the host institution arranges housing for the traveling team's official party while at the game site.
 - All participating teams must stay at the designated headquarters hotel or assigned property **in order to be eligible for the event** and any reimbursement funds.

Air transportation Info

- Institutions assigned commercial flights must use Anthony Travel, the Official NAIA Travel Agency of the NAIA. An institution not using Anthony Travel for commercial flights will be ineligible for reimbursement.
- Charter flights will be coordinated by the NAIA through Air Planning, the Official Air Charter Company of the NAIA. All institutions that charter a flight must be prepared to pay for all costs associated with the flight up front. Once the flight is confirmed the institution must be able to wire a check to Air Planning for the full amount of the flight. The check must be received by Air Planning the on the first business day after flight confirmation. An institution not using Air Planning for charter service will be ineligible for reimbursement.
- When Charter Air Travel is used, the NAIA reimburses the institution for 60 seats at a predetermined rate. This rate is calculated by dividing the total cost of the charter flight by the total number of seats on that flight.
- It is the responsibility of the traveling school to sell the additional seats beyond the above mentioned 60. These additional seats may be sold to individuals directly related to the institution (alumni, boosters, family of players, etc.). For the 2007 FCS, the NAIA agrees to allow the traveling school to charge a maximum of \$350 per seat. If the cost per seat (calculated by dividing total seats by total charter costs) is greater than \$350, the NAIA will include the difference in the amount eligible for reimbursement.

EXAMPLE: A charter has 100 seats and the total cost is \$50,000. Each seat is valued at \$500. As a result, eligible reimbursement is calculated as follows:

1. $60 \times \$500 = \$30,000$
2. 40 (remaining seats) $\times \$150$ (value of seat – revenue for seat sold) = \$6,000
3. Total = \$36,000

The school is responsible for \$14,000, which equals the additional seats (40) \times \$350.

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

2. General

- 1.. The traveling team will receive and shall pay the transportation bill (air and/or ground), and pay meal and housing bills incurred to and from and while at the game site.
2. Upon attainment of an institutional invoice with accompanying receipts (charter bus, airline, institutional van, lodging, etc.), the **NAIA** shall reimburse the traveling team's institution for approved transportation and housing expense up to 100 percent of authorized expenses for those items. Reimbursement will not be provided until all institutional invoices have been received and the FCS financial budget is complete.
3. The dates of the playoffs were changed to include quarterfinal games being played over Thanksgiving weekend, semifinals the following weekend and a week off prior to the championship game. The week off prior to the championship game will allow participating institutions an opportunity to finish final exams as well as arrive in Hardin County by Wednesday of championship week for special activities leading up to the game.
4. Radio, Television, Internet – The broadcast of any post season game/match is governed by NAIA broadcast policies as printed in the NAIA Policy Handbook. This includes audio broadcasts and video broadcasts through conventional outlets and new media avenues.

Radio Rights Fees - Football Championship Series and Championship Game

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 radio station of streaming audio on Web sites accessed the additional station feed charge.)

Video Rights Fees - Football Championship Series and Championship Game

Commercial \$500 per game live (\$250 tape delay)

Non-Commercial \$250 per game live or tape delay

For information relative to these policies, contact:

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NOTE: Detailed information on the 2007 NAIA championship series will be published in the 2007 NAIA Football Championship Series Manual in October.

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.