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2007-08 NAIA MEN'S SOCCER

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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|------------------|---|
| August 15 | Preseason national rating - available after 3:00 p.m. (CST) at www.naia.org . |
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| September 4 | First weekly nominations for NAIA Men's Soccer National Player of the Week. Nominations from the regional information director or his/her designated representative must be received by the NAIA Department of Sports Information by 12:00 p.m. (CST) Tuesdays, ending October 30. |
| September 5 | First national weekly ratings released - available after 3:00 P.M. (CST) at www.naia.org in the "Statistics and Ratings" section. 2007 rating dates are August 15 (preseason), September 5, September 12, September 19, September 26, October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24 and October 31 (final rating). |
| September 5 | RELEASE player of the week after 3:00 p.m. (CST) each Wednesday through October 31 at www.naia.org . |
| September 24 | First of two rater conference calls |

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| October 1 | DEADLINE for the national office to receive affiliated conference, independent, and regional playoff plans. |
| October 11 | DEADLINE for receipt of DAKTRONICS-NAIA Scholar-Athlete information, if utilizing the Scholar-Athlete checklist. |
| October 19 | DEADLINE for receipt of NAIA Buffalo Funds <i>Champions of Character</i> Team Award nomination materials. |
| October 26 | DEADLINE for submitting Conference/Independent tournament brackets with participating teams to the national office. |
| October 29 | Second of two rater conference calls |
| October 31 | FINAL Weekly Rating. |

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| November 1 | DEADLINE for completing affiliated conference and independent competition. |
| November 2 | RECEIPT DEADLINE for submitting Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete nomination materials to John Bratcher, NAIA-MSCA Scholar-Athlete Coordinator. RECEIPT DEADLINE for teams advancing to postseason play to submit official roster form to the national office. (FAX 816.595.8200) DEADLINE for the NAIA national office and NAIA-MSCA 1 st -Vice President Richard Vardy (Berry GA) to receive the Soccer Seeding Information Form. DEADLINE for Region Chairs to receive All-Region Ballots. DEADLINE for submitting regional tournament brackets to the national office. |
| November 5 | DEADLINE for region coaches to return ranked All-Region ballot to Region Chair. |
| November 6 | DEADLINE for Region Chairs to fax and/or e-mail All-Region Teams (ranked) to all other raters and national office. |
| November 7 | NAIA All-America Team selection conference call (10:00 a.m. CST). |
| November 8 | DEADLINE for completion of regional tournaments. |

- November 9** **RELEASE** of 20-team national tournament field and championship bracket.
- November 13** **NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship Opening Banquet** – Olathe, Kansas
- November 14-20** **49th ANNUAL NAIA MEN'S SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – College Boulevard Activities Center – Olathe, Kansas**
- November 19** **RELEASE** of 2007 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete team.
Available after 3 p.m. (CST) at www.naia.org.
- November 20** **RELEASE** of 2007 All-America Teams and National Player of the Year.
Available immediately prior to the start of championship final at www.naia.org
- November 30** National office to mail Brine-NAIA National Coach of the Year ballot to all coaches.
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- December 17** **RECEIPT DEADLINE** for agenda items for NAIA-MSCA annual business meeting to NAIA National Office and/or NAIA-MSCA President Dave Wolf (Westmont CA).
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- January 4, 2008** **DEADLINE** for submitting national coach-of-the-year ballot to the national office.
- January 16-20** National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Annual Convention – Baltimore, Maryland – NAIA-MSCA Annual Business Meeting, Friday, Jan. 18, 4:00 p.m.
- January 18** **RELEASE** of 2007 BRINE-NAIA Men's Soccer National Coach-of-the-Year.
NAIA-Men's Soccer Coaches Association Annual Business Meeting (Baltimore, Maryland)
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- June 30, 2008** **RECEIPT DEADLINE** for submitting NAIA Scholar-Team nomination materials to NAIA national office.

NAIA MEN'S SOCCER FIVE-YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

(Subject to change with the implementation of new direct
qualification post-season model)

2007 (20-team/single-elimination)

November 1 Affiliated Conference/Independent Tournament Deadline
November 8 Regional Tournament Deadline
November 14-20 49th Annual NAIA National Championship – Olathe, KS

2008 (To Be Announced)

November 5 Affiliated Conference/ Independent Deadline
November 12 Regional Tournament Deadline
November 19-25 National Championship – Site TBA

2009 (To Be Announced)

November 4 Affiliated Conference/Independent Deadline
November 11 Regional Tournament Deadline
November 18-24 National Championship – Site TBA

2010 (To Be Announced)

November 3 Affiliated Conference/Independent Deadline
November 10 Regional Tournament Deadline
November 17-23 National Championship – Site TBA

2011 (To Be Announced)

November 2 Affiliated Conference/Independent Deadline
November 9 Regional Tournament Deadline
November 16-22 National Championship – Site TBA

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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 284 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. Men's Soccer Program

The NAIA conducted the first national collegiate soccer championship in 1959 with a four-team invitational tournament held at Slippery Rock State College in Pennsylvania. Since that time, soccer has grown rapidly with 205 member institutions fielding varsity teams.

The NAIA has expanded the national tournament format on several occasions upon recommendations from the NAIA-Men's Soccer Coaches Association (NAIA-MSCA). For the first nine years (1959-67), the national tournament field consisted of four teams selected on a regional basis. For the next 11 years (1968-78), the tournament field was expanded to eight teams, which qualified by winning one of the eight geographical areas. In 1979, the national tournament field increased to 10 teams, consisting of the eight area champions, an at-large entry, selected from the national ratings, and the host institution. In 1981, an NAIA-MSCA Realignment Committee proposal was instituted which expanded the field to 12 teams, consisting of 11 area champions and the host institution. Beginning with the 1988 season, the 11 areas were reorganized into 10 geographic areas, creating an at-large berth to join the host institution in the 12-team field. In 1994, the 10 areas were reorganized into nine geographic regions, creating two at-large berths to join the host institution in the 12-team field. In 1999, a NAIA-MSCA proposal was passed by the Council of Presidents (COP) to expand the tournament to 16 teams to reflect the administrative change at the national level to 14 administrative regions. Pool play was eliminated, making the tournament a 16-team, single-elimination bracket made up of 14 regional champions and two at large berths. In 2002, the Council of Athletic Administrators approved a proposal by the NAIA Men's Soccer Coaches Association to increase the national championship field to twenty (20) teams for the 2003 season. If a NAIA institution should host the championship, a berth may be negotiated and taken from the at-large allotment.

C. Past Champions

| Year | Site | Champion | Score | Runner-up |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 1959 | Slippery Rock, (Pa.) | Pratt Institute (N.Y.) | 4-3(ot) | Elizabethtown (Pa.) |
| 1960 | Slippery Rock, (Pa.) | Elizabethtown (Pa.)/ Newark (N.J.) | 2-2 | Co-Champions |
| 1961 | Lock Haven, (Pa.) | Howard DC | 3-2 | Newark Engineering (N.J.) |
| 1962 | Richmond, (Ind.) | East Stroudsburg (Pa.) | 4-0 | Pratt Institute (N.Y.) |
| 1963 | Frostburg, MD | Earlham (Ind.)/Castleton State (Vt.) | --- | Final Canceled (snow) |
| 1964 | Upper Montclair, (N.J.) | Trenton State (N.J.) | 3-0 | Lincoln (Pa.) |
| 1965 | Kansas City, (Mo.) | Trenton State (N.J.) | 6-2 | Earlham (Ind.) |
| 1966 | Belmont, (N.C.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 6-1 | Trenton State (N.J.) |
| 1967 | Quincy, (Ill.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 3-1 | Rockhurst (Mo.) |
| 1968 | Quincy, (Ill.) | Davis & Elkins (W. Va.) | 2-1(5ot) | Quincy (Ill.) |
| 1969 | Richmond, (Ind.) | Eastern Illinois | 1-0(ot) | Davis & Elkins (W. Va.) |
| 1970 | Dunn, (N.C.) | Davis & Elkins (W. Va.) | 2-0 | Quincy (Ill.) |
| 1971 | Dunn, (N.C.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 1-0 | Davis & Elkins (W. Va.) |
| 1972 | Dunn, (N.C.) | Westmont (Calif.) | 2-0(2ot) | Vacant |
| 1973 | Florissant, (Mo.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 3-0 | Rockhurst (Mo.) |
| 1974 | Florissant, (Mo.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 6-0 | Davis & Elkins (W. Va.) |
| 1975 | Raleigh, (N.C.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 1-0 | Simon Fraser (B.C.) |
| 1976 | Pasadena, (Calif.) | Simon Fraser (B.C.) | 1-0 | Rockhurst (Mo.) |
| 1977 | Huntsville, (Ala.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 3-0 | Keene State (N.H.) |
| 1978 | Huntsville, (Ala.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 2-0 | Alabama-Huntsville |
| 1979 | Springfield, (Ill.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 1-0 | Rockhurst (Mo.) |
| 1980 | Springfield, (Ill.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 1-0(ot) | Simon Fraser (B.C.) |
| 1981 | Springfield, (Ill.) | Quincy (Ill.) | 4-1 | Alderson-Broaddus (W. Va.) |
| 1982 | Wichita Falls, (Texas) | Simon Fraser (B.C.) | 4-0 | Midwestern State (Texas) |
| 1983 | Wichita Falls, (Texas) | Simon Fraser (B.C.) | 1-0 | Midwestern State (Texas) |
| 1984 | Fresno, (Calif.) | West Virginia Wesleyan | 3-2(3ot) | Fresno Pacific (Calif.) |
| 1985 | Spartanburg, SC | West Virginia Wesleyan | 4-3(4ot) | Fresno Pacific (Calif.) |
| 1986 | Wichita Falls, (Texas) | Sangamon State (Ill.) | 1-0 | Simon Fraser (B.C.) |
| 1987 | Wichita Falls, (Texas) | Boca Raton (Fla.) | 1-0(3ot) | Simon Fraser (B.C.) |
| 1988 | Ft. Lauderdale, (Fla.) | Sangamon State (Ill.) | 3-1 | Alderson-Broaddus (W. Va.) |
| 1989 | Las Cruces, NM | West Virginia Wesleyan | 1-0 | Boca Raton (Fla.) |
| 1990 | Boca Raton, (Fla.) | West Virginia Wesleyan | 3-1 | Boca Raton (Fla.) |
| 1991 | Boca Raton, (Fla.) | Lynn (Fla.) | 2-1(3ot) | Midwestern State (Texas) |
| 1992 | San Antonio, (Texas) | Belhaven (Miss.) | 2-1 | Lynn (Fla.) |

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|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1993 | San Antonio, (Texas) | Sangamon State (Ill.) | 4-3(4ot) | Lynn (Fla.) |
| 1994 | Mobile, (Ala.) | West Virginia Wesleyan | 4-2 | Mobile (Ala.) |
| 1995 | Mobile, (Ala.) | Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) | 2-1 | Midwestern State (Texas) |
| 1996 | Birmingham, (Ala.) | Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) | 5-0 | Birmingham Southern (Ala.) |
| 1997 | Birmingham, (Ala.) | Seattle, (Wash.) | 2-1(ot) | Rockhurst, (Mo.) |
| 1998 | Birmingham, (Ala.) | Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) | 2-1 | Illinois-Springfield |
| 1999 | Albuquerque, NM | Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) | 2-1 | Mobile (Ala.) |
| 2000 | Albuquerque, NM | Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) | 2-1 (2ot) | Auburn-Montgomery (Ala.) |
| 2001 | Bowling Green, Ky. | Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) | 4-0 | Auburn-Montgomery (Ala.) |
| 2002 | Bowling Green, Ky. | Mobile (Ala.) | 2-1 | Vacant |
| 2003 | Olathe, Kan. | Rio Grande (Ohio) | 1-0 | Fresno Pacific (Calif.) |
| 2004 | Olathe, Kan. | Lindenwood (Mo.) | 1-0 | Auburn-Montgomery (Ala.) |
| 2005 | Daytona Beach, Fla. | Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) | 4-1 | Azusa Pacific (Calif.) |
| 2006 | Daytona Beach, Fla. | Graceland (Iowa) | 0-0 (7-6 PKs) | Azusa Pacific (Calif.) |

D. Coaches of the Year

| | | | |
|------|--|-------------|---|
| 1970 | Jim Cole, Campbell (N.C.) | 1989 | Derrick Leeson, West Virginia Wesleyan |
| 1971 | Jack MacKenzie, Quincy (Ill.) | 1990 | Derrick Leeson, West Virginia Wesleyan |
| 1972 | Russ Carr, Westmont (Calif.) | 1991 | Shaun Pendleton, Lynn (Fla.) |
| 1973 | Jim Egli, Slippery Rock (Pa.) | 1992 | Peter Fuller, Belhaven (Miss.) |
| 1974 | Terry Hanson, Benedictine (Kan.) | 1993 | Aydin Gonulsen, Sangamon State (Ill.) |
| 1975 | Jack MacKenzie, Quincy (Ill.) | 1994 | Gavin Donaldson, West Virginia Wesleyan |
| 1976 | Tony Tocco, Rockhurst (Mo.) | 1995 | Ray Wells, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) |
| 1977 | Jack MacKenzie, Quincy (Ill.) | 1996 | Ray Wells, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) |
| 1978 | Doug Burke, Houghton (N.Y.) | 1997 | Peter Fewing, Seattle (Wash.) |
| 1979 | Tony Tocco, Rockhurst (Mo.) | 1998 | Ray Wells, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) |
| 1980 | Aydin Gonulsen, Sangamon State (Ill.) | 1999 | Peter Fuller, Mobile (Ala.) |
| 1981 | Jack MacKenzie, Quincy (Ill.) | 2000 | Ray Wells, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) |
| 1982 | Keith Watts, Simon Fraser (B.C.) | 2001 | Ray Wells, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) |
| 1983 | Frank Kohlenstein, SC-Spartanburg (N.C.) | 2002 | Peter Fuller, Mobile (Ala.) |
| 1984 | Tom Martin, West Virginia Wesleyan | 2003 | Scott Morrissey, Rio Grande (Ohio) |
| 1985 | Tom Martin, West Virginia Wesleyan | 2004 | Carl Hutter, Lindenwood (Mo.) |
| 1986 | Tony Tocco, Rockhurst (Mo.) | 2005 | Ray Wells, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) |
| 1987 | Roy Wiggemansen, Boca Raton (Fla.) | 2006 | Ivan Joseph, Graceland (Iowa) |
| 1988 | Howard Patterson, Midwestern State | | |

E. NAIA Hall of Fame – Inductees in the sport of soccer

Athlete Category

| | | | |
|------|---|------|--|
| 1973 | Frank Villa, Quincy (Ill.) | 1998 | Evandro Batista, Cedarville (Ohio) |
| 1977 | Steve Gay, Westmont (Calif.) | 1998 | Larry Bollback, Cedarville (Ohio) |
| 1979 | Alan Harte, Quincy (Ill.) | 1999 | Ekow Dennis, Wilmington (Ohio) |
| 1979 | Edmundo Comacho, Quincy (Ill.) | 2000 | Drew Burwash, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) |
| 1979 | Sam Bick, Quincy (Ill.) | 2001 | Brian Belobradic, Quincy (Ill.) |
| 1982 | Jim Pollihan, Quincy (Ill.) | 2001 | Michael Gallo, Quincy (Ill.) |
| 1984 | William Smyth, Davis & Elkins (W. Va.) | 2001 | Stephen Lux, Quincy (Ill.) |
| 1984 | Michael Whelan, Davis & Elkins (W. Va.) | 2002 | Eric Delabar, Quincy (Ill.) |
| 1986 | Gary Allison, Westmont (Calif.) | 2002 | Bill Fann, Quincy (Ill.) |
| 1996 | Emilio John, Quincy (Ill.) | 2003 | Gerardo Pagnani, Eastern Illinois |
| 1996 | Steve Spirk, Wilmington (Ohio) | 2003 | Derrick Leeson, West Virginia Wesleyan |
| 1997 | Philmore George, Tiffin (Ohio) | | |

Coach Category

| | | | |
|------|---------------------------------------|------|--|
| 1977 | Charles Matlack, Earlham (Ind.) | 1998 | Bobby Gray, Alderson-Broadus (W. Va.) |
| 1986 | Russ Carr, Westmont (Calif.) | 2000 | Preston Goldfarb, Birmingham-Southern (Ala.) |
| 1989 | Jack MacKenzie, Quincy (Ill.) | 2000 | Aydin Gonulsen, Illinois-Springfield |
| 1990 | Doug Burke, Houghton (N.Y.) | 2002 | Ray Wells, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) |
| 1996 | Howard Patterson, Incarnate Word (TX) | | |

Meritorious Service Category

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------------------|------|---|
| 1965 | James Egli, Slippery Rock (Pa.) | 1988 | Hal Henderson, Wisconsin-Parkside |
| 1970 | Fran Tripp, Southeastern (Mass.) | 1993 | John McGillivray, Cedarville (Ohio) |
| 1974 | Frank Longo, Quincy (Ill.) | 1993 | Jim Thieser, Castleton State (Vt.) |
| 1979 | Nicholas Lefko, Pfeiffer NC | 1994 | Dr. Ray Bernabei, NISOA |
| 1980 | Ed Norman, Biola (Calif.) | 1996 | Hank Steinbrecher, U.S. Soccer Federation |
| 1984 | Cliff McCrath, Spring Arbor (Mich.) | 1998 | Steve Veal, NAIA/NSCAA |
| 1985 | Nels Dahlquist, NISOA | | |

III.

COACHES ASSOCIATION

A. NAIA-Men's Soccer Coaches Association

The NAIA-Men's Soccer Coaches Association (NAIA-MSCA) is an organization of collegiate soccer coaches at NAIA institutions. The membership consists of coaches in good standing at member institutions. The NAIA-MSCA meets once annually at its annual business meeting, held in conjunction with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Convention each January.

The NAIA-MSCA elects officers who serve one-year terms and provide leadership for the Association. The NAIA-MSCA studies and makes recommendations on all issues affecting the organization and administration of the NAIA soccer program. The president, first vice president, second vice president, and secretary serve as the games committee for the NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship, and are in charge of the administration of the championship. The Past President serves on the games committee as a first alternate if necessary.

The following steps will be taken to formulate the agenda for the NAIA-MSCA Annual Business Meeting in January 2008.

1. All agenda items MUST be submitted to NAIA-MSCA President Dave Wolf by December 17.
2. On November 17, NAIA-MSCA officers shall meet at the national tournament to discuss agenda proposals and create a preliminary agenda for the 2007-08 NAIA-MSCA business meeting agenda.
3. A copy of the proposed agenda shall be e-mailed on December 21 to all NAIA men's soccer coaches.
4. Agenda items shall be discussed and voted on during the NAIA-MSCA Annual Business Meeting on January 18 at the NSCAA Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

B. Past Presidents

| | | | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 1960-64 | James Egli, Slippery Rock (Pa.) | 1983-85 | John McGillivray, Cedarville (Ohio) |
| 1964-65 | Charles Matlack, Earlham (Ind.) | 1985-87 | Jim Thieser, Castleton State (Vt.) |
| 1959-60 | James Egli, Slippery Rock (Pa.) | 1987-89 | Bob Gray, Alderson-Broaddus (W. Va.) |
| 1965-66 | James Egli, Slippery Rock (Pa.) | 1989-92 | Dwain Hartzler, Goshen (Ind.) |
| 1966-68 | Charles Matlack, Earlham (Ind.) | 1992-94 | Howard Patterson, Incarnate Word (Texas) |
| 1968-70 | Cliff McCrath, Spring Arbor (Mich.) | 1994-95 | Woody Gibson, High Point (N.C.) |
| 1970-71 | Frank Longo, Quincy (Ill.) | 1995-00 | Brian Crossman, Covenant (Ga.) |
| 1972-73 | Frank Longo, Quincy (Ill.) | 2000-01 | Preston Goldfarb, Birmingham Southern (Ala.) |
| 1973-75 | Hal Henderson, Wisconsin-Parkside | 2001-02 | Kurt Swanbeck, Berry (Ga.) |
| 1976-77 | Ed Norman, Biola (Calif.) | 2003-04 | Mitch Ellison, St. Francis (Ind.) |
| 1977-79 | Darrell Saunders, Pfeiffer (N.C.) | 2004-06 | Bob Gustavson, John Brown (Ark.) |
| 1979-81 | Russ Carr, Westmont (Calif.) | 2006-07 | Pat Clemens, Cardinal Stritch (Wis.) |
| 1981-83 | Doug Burke, Houghton (N.Y.) | | |

C. National Soccer Coaches Association of America

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) was founded in 1941 as a means of providing education, service, promotion and stimulation of interest in soccer. To obtain these goals, the NSCAA holds various types of coaching clinics, administers awards programs for coaches and athletes, and publishes the Soccer Journal on a bi-monthly basis. Annual membership dues for this Association, which boasts more than 16,000 members, is \$80.00. More information on the NSCAA and its programs may be obtained by visiting their website at www.nscaa.com. **The NAIA national office, the CAA, and the NAIA-MSCA strongly encourage all of the NAIA-member men's soccer coaches to join the NSCAA.**

IV. SOCCER AWARDS

A. Region & National Player of the Week

1. Region Player of the Week

All NAIA member institutions are encouraged to nominate candidates for **Region Player of the Week** for all sports in which they declare for NAIA post season. Region Players of the Week are selected from Conference Players of the Week and nominees from those institutions competing as independents.

2. National Player of the Week

All NAIA member institutions are permitted to nominate candidates for **National Player of the Week** for all sports in which they declare for NAIA post season. National Players of the Week are selected from Region Players of the Week for each of the thirteen regions. Honorees are released in conjunction with national ratings on Wednesdays.

B. All-Region

An All-Region Team of fourteen players (two goalkeepers, four forwards, four midfielders, four backs) is selected in each of the thirteen regions (regions IX & X are combined in men's soccer) by a ballot of the coaches in their respective region.

All soccer coaches shall forward their All-Region nomination form (Appendix I) to their regional soccer chair. Coaches vote for the top two goalkeepers, the top four forwards, the top four backs and the top four midfielders in their region. These should be listed in order with number one being the best player at that position, then two, three, etc. A coach may vote for no more than three of his own players and may not solicit votes for his players.

Upon receipt of the ballots, the regional soccer chair will tabulate the voting based upon the procedures indicated in Appendix H and will announce the 14-member all-region team consisting of two goalkeepers, four forwards, four backs, and four midfielders. The regional soccer chair will then send a ballot to all members in the region to rank the all-region players one through fourteen.

C. All-America

All-America awards are annually bestowed on the most outstanding athletes in the NAIA. Criteria for the awards and the procedures for selection and implementation are forwarded by each coaches association and approved by the Council of Affiliated Conferences and Independents. Please note some sports recognize All-America selections by order of finish, while others require submission of materials at the conference/independent level or regional level.

The NAIA strongly recommends All-America 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. The NAIA is not responsible for material faxed to the national office.

The NAIA Men's Soccer Administrator shall conduct a conference call with the 13 region chairs (Regions IX & X combined in soccer) to select the All-America team. The first vice president of the NAIA-Men's Soccer Coaches Association will serve as All-America Committee Chair, and will lead the discussion on the conference call.

The All-America Committee shall select a first, second and third team consisting of three forwards, three midfielders, three backs, one goalkeeper and one at-large position. The remainder of the all-region players, plus conference players of the year not selected to the all-region team, will be named to the honorable mention All-America team. For additional information, refer to Appendix H.

D. Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

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

The following criteria for 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.

E. 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.

F. BRINE-NAIA National Player-of-the-Year

The All-American Committee, while on a conference call, shall select the BRINE-NAIA National Player of the Year. Each Region Chair will discuss and review their region player-of-the-year. From the 13 Region Players of the Year, the BRINE-NAIA National Player of the year will be selected. For further information, see Appendix H.

G. BRINE-NAIA National Coach-of-the-Year

The Brine-NAIA Men's Soccer National Coach-of-the-Year is selected by a vote of the NAIA-MSCA membership from a ballot containing the names of the regional coaches of the year and those coaches participating in the national championship. Selection of the regional coach-of-the-year is coordinated by the regional soccer chair. Ballots for national coach-of-the-year are mailed to all coaches in December for return in early January. The NAIA Men's Soccer National Coach-of-the-Year is announced in mid-January during the annual business meeting of the NAIA-MSCA at the NSCAA Convention.

Note: The NAIA National and Regional Coaches-of-the-Year are selected independently of the NSCAA Coaches-of-the-Year for NAIA men's soccer.

H. National Championship Awards

The NAIA maintains a standardized awards program for national championships. Certificates of participation are presented to each participant in a national championship. Team awards and the traditional championship banner are standard awards at NAIA national championships, while individual awards and awards for outstanding play vary from sport to sport. Specific details are outlined in the respective coach's manual.

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.
3405 SE 29th Street
Del City, Oklahoma 73115
Phone: (800) 324-5997 ext. 453 or (405) 670-4545 ext. 453
Fax: (405) 672-1308
NAIA National Office Staff Awards 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* 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, please 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, please 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, please 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, please 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, please 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, please 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 national rating will be conducted for men's soccer beginning with the Top 25 poll on September 5. The 2007 preseason poll will be released on August 15. The ratings are compiled from ballots submitted by national raters. Two conference calls (Sept. 24 & Oct. 29) will be conducted during the ratings' period for raters to exchange information. All calls will be at 10:00 a.m. (CST). Please refer to Appendix Q for NAIA Men's Soccer rating policies and procedures.

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 national statistical reports or ratings for the remainder of the season. This policy was created and mandated by CACI prior to 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.

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 10:00 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

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 R for score reporting instructions.

To report scores, go to <http://www.naiasports.org/admin/>. If you are a first-time user, enter your e-mail address (school e-mail addresses ONLY) with a chosen password. The NAIA office receives your registration request and will approve it within 24 hours. If you have an active SIDHelp account, you do not have to re-register; your username/password is already in the system. Coaches are strongly encouraged to report team scores on the NAIA website for greater exposure to coaches, potential student-athletes and fans.

The Ratings Manual (Appendix Q) provides additional instructions for reporting scores.

All NAIA teams must use the Adidas Scoreboard Yellow/Red Card reporting system. Game reports (including card updates) must be filed within 48 hours of the contest (or return to campus if game was played on the road/neutral site) in which the cards occurred. Failure to update card accumulations following each game will result in your team being ineligible for regional and national ratings for that week(s).

Teams rated in the Top 25 national rating will be removed if they do not post and update their Yellow/Red Card accumulations on the NSCCAA/Adidas Scoreboard and report their scores within 24 hours of the completion of every game. For more information on updating game results and cards, go to the NSCAA Adidas Scoreboard at <http://scoreboard.nscAA.com/>.

C. Statistics

An in-season, weekly national statistical report is produced utilizing DakStats for the sports of soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and softball. **Starting in 2007, men's and women's soccer and volleyball will use DakStats in-season statistical reporting.** 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 teams' official statistics. The home team must notify opposing team at least 72 hours prior to contest if official statistics will not be provided. The opposing team can file an appeal if they feel an error was made in the official statistics up to 72 hours after the conclusion of the contest. The appeal must be filed with the home team and both teams must amend the statistics if the appeal is accepted.

With the weekly use of DakStats and the Web-sync feature, there is a \$75 per sport fee for soccer currently using the system for weekly report. Schools with both men's and women's soccer teams will only be assessed one fee for the sport of soccer.

It is vital that sport records maintain a 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 men's soccer, please refer to www.ncaa.org. To access the statistician's manual link, go to the men's soccer page on the NCAA website. The free booklet can be downloaded in PDF format.

VII. NAIA POLICY HANDBOOK - can be found at

http://graphics.fansonly.com/photos/schools/naia/genrel/auto_pdf/2005-06_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

Rules governing NAIA regular season and postseason play are the NCAA Soccer Rules (men's and women's). The NAIA-CAA adopted an exception to the logo restrictions for uniforms in NCAA rule book during their June 2006 meeting. This exception applies only to uniforms manufactured by Fergo Athletics with the "NAIA Drive" logo. Rulebooks may be purchased by contacting: NCAA Publishing, P.O Box 781046, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278-8046 or by visiting their website at www.ncaasports.com.

B. Jurisdiction of 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. **Beginning in the fall of 2006, all NAIA teams are required to use a standardized NAIA pre-game roster form (Appendix F-I in coaches' manual) to be exchanged prior to all matches. One version must include Y/R card information and be distributed to opposing team, table/press box personnel & media; and a separate version (without Y/R card totals) must be distributed to the game officials at least fifteen minutes prior to the start of the game.**

If a game is "terminated" prior to its completion (because of the elements or other causes), the game shall not count. If the decision is made to replay the game, it shall be replayed in its entirety. Statistics from the first game shall not count; however, any ejections or cautions occurring in the first game shall be subject to the procedures stated in the NCAA Rulebook. Games that are suspended by an official and resumed the same day after an "official delay," can be resumed and completed from the point of suspension. A game official may also "terminate" play due to player/coach/ team conduct, and declare a forfeit winner at any time during a contest.

The three-person diagonal officiating system is required per NCAA rules. It is strongly recommended that the host institution for regular season games be responsible for hiring and compensating the game officials.

Officials for affiliated conference/independent and regional playoff games shall be assigned by the affiliated conference and/or regional soccer chair or by policy established by the affiliated conference/regional executive committee. Compensation is the responsibility of the host institution. It is recommended that only NISOA officials be used in these tournaments.

C. Season Records

Won-loss-tied records for all member institutions participating in men's soccer 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.

D. Official Ball

The official ball for NAIA regional and national competition is the BRINE NAIA Official Championship Ball. BRINE will provide the balls for regional and national competition. The NAIA strongly recommends the use of the BRINE NAIA Official Championship Ball for regular season and affiliated conference play. To learn more about this partnership and the NAIA Official Championship Ball visit the men's and women's soccer pages at www.naia.org. To learn more about the BRINE Ball Adoption Program call **1-800-227-2722**.

E. 2006 Council Interpretations Reminder

Effective in the Fall of 2006, competition in any outside soccer competition, regardless of the number of players (e.g., 11v11, 7v7, 3v3), is considered part of the soccer season. Therefore, while it is permissible to compete in "7v7" tournaments, participation in such tournaments must be counted towards each soccer team's limit of 18 regular contests and two scrimmages. Please be reminded that all students must be certified eligible in the spring term to participate in spring competition.

During their June 2006 meeting, the Council of Athletic Administrators reviewed the sports of futsal and indoor soccer. The Council confirmed that competition in futsal and indoor soccer (using futsal and indoor soccer rules, not simply playing outdoor soccer at an indoor venue), continue to be independent of outdoor soccer and therefore do not count toward contest limitations.

POSTSEASON COMPETITION

I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION

A. Official Party/Roster

The official party for each team participating in postseason play is 22. No more than 24 players are allowed in uniform. At the national championship, a maximum of 30 persons (with "official party" credentials) will be allowed on the sideline.

1. The list of up to 24 eligible players (official postseason roster and entry form, Appendix F-II) MUST be submitted to the NAIA National Office by **November 2**.
2. A copy of this roster/entry form MUST be hand-carried to the site of all post-season games and presented to the supervisor (affiliated conference men's soccer chair for affiliated conference tournament, regional men's soccer chair for regional tournament, and NAIA men's soccer administrator for the national championship) prior to that institution's participation in the tournament.
3. The deadline for certifying the official roster of 24 players is prior to the first game of any tournament (affiliated conference/independent, regional or national). Once the tournament begins, no player may play that is not on the official roster. Official tournament rosters may change from conference to region and from region to national levels. Roster changes can be made up to 30 minutes prior to the team's first national tournament game. Coaches must bring a copy of the institution's NAIA Official Eligibility Certificate to the site in order to verify the eligibility of any players added to the roster.
4. A player may be replaced on the official roster between the conference/independent and the regional tournaments, and between the regional and the national championship by any eligible player whose name is included on the NAIA Official Eligibility Form for men's soccer for the 2007 season. The coach will need to hand-carry a copy of the eligibility form to each tournament if a roster change is necessary.
5. Teams MUST have both light and dark colored uniforms available. Home teams generally wear light colored uniforms, and visitors wear dark. It is MANDATORY that numbers are easily distinguishable from the predominant background color(s) and pattern. Numbers MUST be on front and back of each player's jersey.

B. Expenses

Each team shall be responsible for its own expenses en route to, during and from all postseason events.

C. Insurance

Each participating team shall provide its own medical, hospitalization, travel and accident insurance for all members of its official party.

D. Coaches Responsibility

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

II. AFFILIATED CONFERENCE/INDEPENDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

The independent soccer tournament, when applicable, is planned and administered by the regional soccer committee under the leadership of the regional soccer chair, and subject to approval of all standards and conditions as may be prescribed by the regional management committee and the NAIA.

Conference/independent playoff plans must be submitted to the NAIA National Office no later than October 1.

A. Dates and Sites

The dates and sites of the affiliated conference/independent soccer tournament shall be determined by the affiliated conference/regional soccer committee, as applicable. In most cases, sites of affiliated conference/independent playoff games should be the home field of the higher seeded teams.

B. Administration

If available, the affiliated conference/regional soccer chair will serve as administrator for the affiliated conference/independent soccer playoffs in cooperation with the host site athletics director. When not available, the host athletics director, or a designated person, may serve in this capacity. All playoff games must determine a winner. Games tied after regulation must utilize the tie breaker procedures outlined in the NCAA rules book.

C. Finances

The host site for all affiliated conference/ independent tournament games is responsible for the following:

1. Compensating game officials. The NAIA, per contract with NISOA, requires a minimum fee schedule for conference and independent playoff games to be \$110.00 for referees and \$70.00 for assistant referees.
2. Ordering/purchasing affiliated conference/ independent awards, if applicable.
3. Administrative expenses, security, ticket personnel, PA announcer, scorer, timer, etc.
4. Expenses of game administrator, if applicable.

III. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The regional soccer tournament is planned by the regional soccer committee, under the leadership of the regional chair and regional management committee. The regional soccer committee is made up of the affiliated conference/independent soccer chairs within the region. The regional chair (of the Regional Management Committee) MUST submit a regional playoff plan to the NAIA National Office no later than October 1 each year.

A. Dates and Sites

The dates and sites of the regional soccer tournament shall be determined by the regional soccer committee. In most cases, sites of regional playoff games should be the home field of the higher seeded teams (unless designated in soccer playoff plan).

B. Administration

If available, the regional soccer chair will serve as administrator for the regional soccer playoffs in cooperation with the host site athletics director. When not available, the host athletics director, or a designated person, may serve in this capacity. Games tied after regulation must utilize the tie-breaker procedures outlined in the NCAA rule book to determine the winner.

C. Finances

The host site for all regional tournament games is responsible for the following:

1. Compensating game officials for all expenses. The NAIA, per contract with NISOA, requires a minimum fee schedule of \$120.00 for middle assignment, \$90.00 for assisting referees, and \$55.00 for fourth official. Only NISOA registered officials should be used.
2. Ordering/purchasing regional awards, if applicable.
3. Administrative expenses, including security, ticket personnel, PA announcer, scorer, timer, etc.
4. Expenses of game administrator, if applicable.

D. Selection of Teams

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 4 teams in the regional tournament
 - 13-18 teams in the region, maximum 6 teams in the regional tournament
 - 19 or more teams in the region, maximum 8 teams in the regional tournament

2. Independents within a region must be provided an avenue to participate in the regional tournament, as determined by the regional management committee.
3. Affiliated conference champions will receive an automatic berth into regional tournaments.
4. Criteria for selection of at-large teams (if any) shall be determined by the regional management committee.

IV. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A. Administration

The NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship is planned and implemented by the NAIA-MSCA under the leadership of a four-member games committee and subject to approval of all standards and conditions as may be prescribed by the NAIA-CAA. The games committee is made up of the officers of the NAIA-MSCA and/or a NAIA-MSCA Past President if necessary.

Should a member of the games committee have a team qualify for the national tournament, the NAIA Men's Soccer Administrator shall appoint an alternate to take his place on the committee. During the tournament, the games committee conducts a coaches meeting and assists the participating teams to function in an efficient manner. The games committee is also in charge of working with the game officials, and coordinating the pre-tournament meetings/functions and post-tournament ceremonies.

The NAIA Men's Soccer Administrator serves as the tournament administrator and works with the host site coordinator (appointed by the host institution) on all details related to the preparation and organization of the event. Before the tournament, the NAIA Men's Soccer Administrator distributes complete information to all teams in contention, which includes housing and transportation information, team responsibilities and all other instructions deemed appropriate.

B. Qualification of Teams

The 2007 NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship is a 20-team event consisting of 14 region champions, five at-large teams and a host team (MidAmerica Nazarene University). Should MidAmerica Nazarene University win its regional tournament, six at-large teams would be selected.

C. Selection of At-Large Teams

At-large selections for the 2007 NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship shall be made by the officers of the NAIA-MSCA on a conference call following the completion of regional tournaments. The following criteria have been established by the NAIA-MSCA to be used in the selection of at-large teams:

1. All teams ranked and receiving votes in the final NAIA regular season rating (October 31) shall be considered.
2. The committee shall consider Longo ratings, head-to-head record, strength of schedule, and common opponents in evaluating eligible teams for at-large selection.

D. Championship Format

The twenty (20) teams will be seeded and placed in a single elimination bracket.

1. Official pairings for the 2007 NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship shall be seeded based on Longo ratings (see Appendix D "Special Reminders and Recommendations). The official tournament bracket will be released on Friday, November 9.
2. Prior to the seeding, the following steps shall be taken:
 - a.) On November 8, teams which have qualified for the national tournament through regional play or at-large selection shall be seeded 1-20 by the NAIA National Championship Games Committee using the NAIA Longo Rating System
 - b.) Copies of the seeding shall be sent to head coaches of the qualifying teams on November 9.

Four first-round games will be played on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Four quarterfinal games will be played on Saturday. Games times for the first two days will be 12:00, 2:30, 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. Friday's game times will be 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Saturday's quarterfinal games will be at 12:00, 2:30, 5:00 and 7:30. Semi-final games will be on Monday evening at 5:00 and 7:30; and the championship game will be Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All of these times are tentative and subject to change by the games committee, tournament host and/or NAIA Administrator. For a complete outline of the tournament bracket, see Appendix G.

E. 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 is submitted a response will be provided within 24 hours from receipt of appeal.
3. Appeals MUST be submitted and signed by the Athletics Director and President of the institution.

NOTE: The Council of Athletics Administrators sport liaison will be on the selection conference call to listen to the discussion of tournament selection. The liaison will report any concerns to the National office immediately following the conclusion of the conference call. The oversight committee will review ratings to prevent any ratings process violations or unethical use of the ratings process.

F. Tournament Housing

All participating teams MUST stay at designated hotel. Failure to comply makes a team INELIGIBLE to compete in the national tournament.

G. Related Information

1. **Banquet** - There will be a pre-tournament banquet on the Tuesday evening prior to the beginning of play to recognize the participating teams. All teams are required to be in attendance at this function. Each participating team shall be given 22 complimentary banquet tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased from the tournament host.
2. **Meeting** - There will be a pre-tournament meeting of all coaches and officials on Tuesday afternoon. This meeting will be an informational forum and include a briefing by a representative of the game officials, tournament director and games committee. Coaches are required to attend this meeting.
3. **Officials** - The NAIA Division of Championships, in consultation with the games committee and the NISOA Supervisor of Officials, shall arrange for a sufficient number of game officials to work the tournament utilizing the three-person diagonal system. Only registered NISOA, nationally-certified officials will be considered for assignment.
4. **Radio and Television and 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. Below are the 2007 soccer postseason tournament rights fees:

RADIO

Regional Tournament

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Commercial | \$75 per game |
| Non-Commercial | \$50 per game |

National Championships

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Commercial | \$150 per game + \$75 per additional station feed |
| Non-Commercial | \$100 per game + \$50 per additional station feed |

VIDEO

Regional Tournament

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Commercial | \$250 per game live (\$125 tape delay) |
| Non-Commercial | \$250 per game live (\$125 tape delay) |

National Championships

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Commercial | \$500 per game live (\$250 tape delay) |
| Non-Commercial | \$250 per game live or tape delayed |

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

For information relative to these policies, contact:

Chad Waller – cwaller@naia.org
NAIA Director of Sports Information
1200 Grand Blvd.
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
816.595.8119

NAIA COACHES CODE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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