What is the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)?

When you attend one of nearly 300 NAIA member colleges or universities, you are welcomed into a supportive community of students, coaches and faculty dedicated to your success. NAIA schools strive to help student-athletes grow on all levels. The focus is on accomplishing academic objectives as much as it is on competing in college sports.

The NAIA provides exclusive opportunities for 60,000 student-athletes every year. NAIA institutions award $450 million annually to eligible student-athletes and offer opportunities for participation in 23 national championship events. As leaders in small college athletics, NAIA institutions offer a personal connection that combines competitive athletics and academic excellence.

The NAIA boasts a proud reputation for the role it plays in intercollegiate athletics, a model that promotes competitive athletics, academic excellence and character values simultaneously. The “total person” concept is brought to life through the NAIA’s flagship program Champions of Character, which emphasizes the five core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership on and off the field.

To learn more visit www.NAIA.org

Quick Facts:

- 60,000 students-athletes at nearly 300 colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and Canada
- 23 collegiate national championships in 13 sports
- Over $450 million annually in financial aid awards
- Standards that focus on athletic participation as a piece of the total education process

Sports Offered:

- **MEN:** Baseball | Basketball (Division I and II) | Cross Country | Football | Golf | Indoor Track & Field Outdoor Track & Field | Soccer | Swimming & Diving | Tennis | Wrestling

- **WOMEN:** Basketball (Division I and II) | Cross Country | Golf | Indoor Track & Field | Outdoor Track & Field | Soccer | Softball | Swimming & Diving | Tennis | Volleyball
The **National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics’ Eligibility Center** provides initial-eligibility certification for student-athletes who plan to participate in athletics at an NAIA college or university. First-time NAIA participants — high school students, transfers from non-NAIA schools and those who have never participated in athletics at an NAIA-member school — must register with the online service.

**When to register**
Students are encouraged to complete the registration process and have their official academic materials sent before their enrollment/participation date at their NAIA institution. Do not wait until the start of the sport season to start the process.

**How to register**

1. **Step 1:** Create a password-protected account
2. **Step 2:** Fill out your personal registration
3. **Step 3:** Submit your information and learn more about your opportunities in the NAIA
4. **Step 4:** Check the status of your certification

**Information required**
You’ll be asked to submit basic information required by the NAIA certification process. In addition to a valid email address, students must supply:
- Current contact information
- Current and previous residences and addresses
- High schools attended
- History of your sports participation during and after high school graduation

**Test scores**
When you take the ACT or SAT, be sure to specify the code “9876” to have your test scores sent directly to the NAIA Eligibility Center.

**Transcripts**
Ask your high school guidance counselor or college registrar to send your official transcript to the NAIA Eligibility Center.

**Payment**
Through a secure transaction, your credit card or electronic check can be used for payment of the one-time fee when you register. Students who qualify for a waiver of SAT or ACT testing fees or for a free or reduced school lunch program are eligible for a waiver of the registration fee. Fee waivers will be verified by your high school.

**Other eligibility certification centers**
Certification of NAIA eligibility is separate from NCAA certification – the NAIA and NCAA are two different associations with different eligibility rules and certification processes.