



Declaration of Intent



Declaration of Intent (DOI)

- The Declaration of Intent to Participate serves as a contract for all NAIA postseason competition
 - NAIA postseason competition is defined as conference, Continental Athletic Conference or unaffiliated grouping qualifying events.
- Each active member institution is required to submit to the National Office its Declaration of Intent to participate in the national championship program in all NAIA sponsored sports
 - Declaration period is April 1 – June 1 each year



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- Active members are to sponsor and declare a intent to participate in NAIA approved postseason in a minimum of six (6) NAIA championship sports
 - No later than the beginning of the fourth full academic year of active NAIA Membership
 - Single-gender institutions must sponsor at least three (3) NAIA Championship sports



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- When an institution declares its intent not to participate in a national championship in any NAIA sponsored sport, it shall not be considered for participation in NAIA postseason competition
 - Those institutions shall waive their right to be included in ratings in those specific sports



- The Declaration of Intent Form is accessed through NAIA Help
- Non-varsity teams and non-NAIA sport information is requested for planning purposes.
- There are multiple pages to this form and the submission button is at the bottom of the last page.

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Championship and Invitational Sports
 A - Sponsoring an NAIA varsity team that will participate in NAIA post-season if qualified and selected
 B - Sponsoring an NAIA varsity team, but will not participate in NAIA post-season
 C - Not sponsoring an NAIA varsity team

	A	B	C	Have Club team*	Have JV team*	Have Freshman team*
Men's Programs						
Baseball	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Basketball	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bowling	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cross Country	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Football	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Golf	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Indoor Track & Field	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lacrosse	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Outdoor Track & Field	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Soccer	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Swimming & Diving	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tennis	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Volleyball	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wrestling	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Women's Programs						
Basketball	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Beach Volleyball	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bowling	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cross Country	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Golf	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Indoor Track & Field	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lacrosse	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Outdoor Track & Field	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Soccer	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Softball	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Swimming & Diving	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tennis	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Volleyball	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Wrestling	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Co-ed Programs						
Competitive Cheer	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Competitive Dance	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Sunday Competition Declaration
☐ YES, my institution has a policy against Sunday competition and would not participate in any NAIA postseason play scheduled on that day.

Archived Seasons
 2009-10 - [View PDF](#)
 2014-15 - [View PDF](#)
 2015-16 - [View PDF](#)



Postseason Participation Un-declare



- Should an institution determine that a declared sport does not meet institutional standards to participate in postseason, it must electronically submit a Postseason Participation Un-declare form to the NAIA National Office.
 - Un-declare form must be submitted four weeks prior to the beginning of postseason competition
 - If an institution is un-declaring from Cross Country and/or Golf, the institution can opt to send individuals to the postseason qualifying competitions. If an institution sends individuals to postseason qualifying events, the individuals are still eligible to qualify for the national championship.
 - This form only un-declares an institution from postseason competition, not from sponsoring a varsity sport. To un-declare from sponsoring a varsity sport all together, an institution must electronically submit a Sponsoring a Varsity Sport Un-declare form to the National Office.



Postseason Participation Un-declare



- If an institution submits notification to remove itself the obligation of participation in postseason for a particular sport for three consecutive seasons, the institution will be placed on NAIA suspension in the sport for the following academic year.



Postseason Participation Un-declare



- An institution that properly declares its intent to participate in postseason play, and later un-declares
 - The institution shall count toward an approved qualifying group/conference's membership total for earning a single automatic qualifier to NAIA National Championships
 - The institution shall not count toward a qualifying group/conference's ability to earn multiple automatic qualifiers to NAIA National Championships.



Un-declare forms are found at naia.org/forms



ATHLETICS DIRECTORS FORMS		
Forfeit Request Form		SUBMIT ONLINE
Required Forfeit Form		SUBMIT ONLINE
Postseason Participation Undeclare Form		SUBMIT ONLINE
Sponsoring a Varsity Sport Undeclare Form		SUBMIT ONLINE
NAIA Special Events Form		SUBMIT ONLINE
NAIA Football Special Events Form		SUBMIT ONLINE



DOI Violations



- When an institution declares its intent to participate then declines an invitation to participate, fails to participate, or changes its declaration after the filing deadline
 - It shall be suspending in the sport for the next academic year in which the institution sponsors the sport on an intercollegiate level in the NAIA.
 - A suspended institution may, at the conference's discretion, be permitted to participate in conference postseason competition and/or receive conference awards.
 - Upon written request by the affected institution within 30 days of notification of suspension, the National Administrative Council may revoke the suspension and apply alternative penalties as appropriate.



Minimum Number of Competitions



- Institutions must play the determined [sport specific minimum number of contests](#) against accredited, upper-level two-year, degree-granting institutions in the United States and/or Canada to be eligible for NAIA postseason competition.
 - See NAC Policy V, Qualifying Procedures for sport list of minimum number of contests

**Not Meeting Minimum Number of Contests = Ineligible for
Postseason Participation = DOI Violation**



Sport Specific Policies



- Cross Country
 - In postseason qualifying competitions a minimum of five runners must start and complete the competition
- Golf
 - In postseason qualifying competitions a minimum of four golfers must start and finish the competition



Invitational Sports



- For sports in year two of invitational status, should an institution that declares an intent to participate in NAIA postseason and un-declare after September 1st of the current academic year:
 - Be fined \$2,500,
 - Be placed on suspension the following academic year, and
 - May not compete in NAIA postseason competition in the sport
- There are no penalties for institutions who un-declare from a sport in year one of invitational status, given proper notification is given.



Dropping Varsity Sport Un-declare



- Should an institution determine to no longer sponsor a declared varsity sport and officially drop the sport during the season, the institution must electronically submit a sponsoring a Varsity Sport Un-Declare form to the NAIA National Office.
- If an institution submits notification to un-declare from sponsoring a varsity sport, the institution is removing itself from the obligation of participating in postseason. Thus policies surround un-declaring from postseason apply when deciding to official drop a varsity sport (i.e. automatic berths, DOI violations, etc.).
- Once an institution announces discontinuance of a sport, it must notify all institutions remaining on their schedule.
 - Contracted contests that are dropped after August 10 for fall sports, October 10 for winter sports, and January 10 for spring sports are subject to awarding of forfeits.





- **For questions, please contact**

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