



## **NAIA Women's Basketball Coaches Association Annual Business Meeting Agenda**

**Friday, April 5, 2024 – 8:30am (CT)  
Location: Hope Ballroom A (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Sponsor
  - a. Hudl
- III. Award Recognition
  - a. Play4Kay WBCA Award – *Audra Smith, Play4Kay Vice President*
  - b. NAIA Coach of the Year – *Abby Schultz*
  - c. NAIA Player of the Year – *Abby Schultz*
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Approve 2023 NAIA Women's Basketball Minutes
- V. New Business
  - a. Committee Reports
    - i. Selection Committee Report – *Marcus Moeller, Mid-America Christian*
    - ii. National Championship Report – *Kyle Rouse, Westcliff*
    - iii. All-America Committee Report – *Sue Syljebeck, Siena Heights*
    - iv. NAIA National Office Update – *Abby Schultz*
    - v. Bylaw Committee Update – *Abby Schultz*
  - b. NAIA Reports
    - i. Sport Motions
      - 1. WBB Sport Motion #1
      - 2. NAIA-SIDA Sport Motion #1
- VI. Nominations for NAIA/WBCA Executive Committee
- VII. Open Discussion
- VIII. Adjournment



## Coach's Guide: Legislation, Policies & Sport Rules

A coaches association takes action through sport motions, but different processes apply for motions that implicate sport rules, policy changes and legislative amendments.

**Sport Rule:** Sport rules are those specific rules that dictate on-field conduct and playing rules of the game. The NAIA has adopted the NCAA rulebook in nearly all sports (exceptions: tennis, golf, competitive cheer and dance, and bowling), though specific NAIA rule modifications can be made by the coaches association and National Administrative Council (NAC). The NAIA may have some general policies that apply to game management or conduct in competition (e.g. suspensions resulting from ejections, etc.), but these NAIA policies only apply if the sport rule is silent or more lenient. Sport rule books can be found on each "Coaches Corner" page ([www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org))

### How to make a change:

- Sport motion by coaches association
- Must be approved by NAC
- Will be considered an NAIA rule modification

**Policy:** Regulations found in the official policy sections of the handbook. Each governing council of the NAIA has a policy section that covers specific topics within that council's purview. The NAC oversees all coaches association and any issues arising from coaches associations. Policy can be changed at the will of the council. NAC, COP, CFAR and CSA policy can be found in the NAIA Handbook ([www.naia.org/legislative](http://www.naia.org/legislative))

### How to make a change:

- Sport motion by coaches association
- Changes to NAC Policy: Must be approved by full NAC (occurs at convention or NACDA). Will be added to the NAC policy.
- Changes to COP, CFAR or CSA policy: Coaches associations do not have a direct line to propose changes in these policies. Should a sport motion apply to one of these policy sections, the sport's officers and national office liaison can share the motion with the applicable council as a recommendation. It will be that council's discretion to determine if any action is warranted.

**Legislation:** Anything found in the NAIA Constitution or Bylaws. Any change or amendment to the constitution or bylaws can only be done through a vote of the full membership at the annual NAIA national convention. The constitution and bylaws can be found in the NAIA Handbook ([www.naia.org/legislative](http://www.naia.org/legislative))

**How to make a change:**

- Any association, council, standing committee or conference can sponsor a legislative amendment, and in some cases a co-sponsor is required. (Coaches associations must receive co-sponsorship from any of those groups except another coaches association.)
- Proposals must be submitted to the office by mid-January.
- All submitted proposals that have requisite co-sponsorship will be voted on by the full membership at the annual convention.





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**Sunday, April 2, 2023 – 12:00 PM (CT)**

- I. Call to Order Chris Nelson
  - a. Attendees: Michael Trujillo, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical; Morra Gill McDaniel, Harris-Stowe State University; Jesse Ford, IU-Northwest; Sanetra Jackson, Jarvis Christian; Grace Howrigan, Lawrence Tech; Shareka Maner, St. Andrews; Brenita Jackson, Texas Wesleyan; Russ Davis, Vanguard; Kyle Rouse, Westcliff; Chris Nelson, Bethel (Tenn.); Darrick Matthews, USAO; Ian Keiderling, Grandview; Krys Burnett, Montreat; Molly Bauer, Point Park; Harper Sheets, Kansas Wesleyan; Patrick Swenson, University of Jamestown
  
- II. WBCA Report Jack Watford
  - a. Thanked everyone for attending the convention. Ask attendees to fill out the survey. Looking for feedback to continue to grow the convention. Two WBCA conference captains in the room. Wanting to have a captain from every conference. Wanting to grow conference captains for WBCA to know more about the NAIA and what's going on. NAIA is very important to WBCA. Want to hear from the coaches what is one thing that the WBCA can do for you?
    - i. Highlighted and promoting what NAIA teams are doing. Social Media presence to expand. Social media handles have been added to the applications stage.
    - ii. At the convention, would like to see NAIA coaches hosting roundtables. A lot of the NAIA coaches wear multiple hats and feel that NAIA coaches would be a valuable resource.
    - iii. Coach of the Year – Dinner to honor those coaches of the year. Moving that way prior to COVID and now looking to bring it back in. Attendance at WBCA was high this year. WBCA sees that you love awards but not always your peers getting them. There was a LED board at registration that was focused on award winners.
    - iv. Jack is hoping to make it to Sioux City next year. Reach out to Jack at any time. He wants to know what's going on in the NAIA and how we can help you.
  
- III. NAIA Award Recognition Abby Schultz
  - a. NAIA Coach of the Year
    - i. Congratulations to Courtney Boyd of Clarke University.
  - b. NAIA Player of the Year
    - i. Congratulations to Ella Collier of Marian University.
  
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. NAIA National Office Update – Abby Schultz
    - i. Review of the following agenda items:
      - 1. Potential New Approach to Violations
        - a. The NAIA's system for penalties sometimes punishes people (mostly students) who had little or nothing to do with the violation. Task force has been set in place to identify the



appropriate framework for penalties and either validating or recommending changes to the NAIA's self-reporting and enforcement approach. Contact – Chesney Sallee

2. Transfer Task Force
    - a. A task force was formed this winter to evaluate the NAIA's approach to transfer rules. Objectives of the task force include evaluating the effect of recent changes in societal perspectives and NCAA/NAIA rules on recruiting and transfer behavior. Contact – Chesney Sallee
  3. Championship Satisfaction Surveys
    - a. Continue to improve the championship experience. Fall response rates doubled due to efforts of emails, PA announcements, and 20% off BSN coupon. Contact – Austin Bennett & Marc Burchard
  4. Renaming Opening Rounds to First & Second Round
    - a. NAC voted to rename Opening Rounds to First & Second Round to First & Second Round for both soccer & basketball. Contact – Austin Bennett & Marc Burchard
  5. Membership Recruitment & Retention
    - a. No new applicants for the Fall 2022 cycle. Contact – Julie McCollum
  6. Membership Value
    - a. Launched a new membership survey process in September. Survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete, and members should receive no more than two surveys per year. Contact – Chesney Sallee
  7. Name, Image, and Likeness
    - a. The NAIA chose Opendorse to serve as the exclusive NIL partner of the NAIA. As of September 19, almost 5,000 NAIA student-athletes have created an Opendorse profile and \$85,000 has been earned. Contact – Chesney Sallee
- ii. National Office Roles
1. NAIA Legislative process – difference between sport policy & NAIA bylaws.
  2. Sport Manager, Abby Schultz – helps coaches associations navigate through issues and provides guidance on topics and processes. We don't make decisions, rather the facilitators to further issues that coaches want to see implemented in your sport.
  3. NAC Rep, Drew Watson, Athletic Director at Southeastern University – Represents the women's basketball coaching body on the National Administrative Council. Women's Basketball Sport Motions will be heard at NAC June meetings.
  4. Official Ball Update – Contact goes through June 2023. Heard from coaches they would like to switch to Wilson. Having issues with the quality of Spalding balls. Brought this information back to our sponsorship team at the national office. If there are any potential



changes, it will be communicated via email to the coaching body as soon as possible.

- b. Selection Committee Report –*Marcus Moeller, Mid-America Christian (Attached)*
  - i. Selection committee did a phenomenal job viewing all of the data. If you have questions reach out to Chris Nelson or Marcus Moeller. The committee is open and honest with a lot of transparency on the process. Encouraged coaches to continue scheduling tough teams. Prepared and ready to discuss all teams. Appreciate all the work that goes into it.
- c. National Championship Report – *Stephanie Miller, Goshen (Attached)*
- d. All-America Committee Report – *Sue Syljebeck, Siena Heights*

V. NAIA Reports

Chris Nelson

a. Sport Motions

i. Sport Motion #1 – Media Timeouts

- 1. Discussion: 4 media timeouts, allowing 15 minutes halftime during the women’s game. Allows you to save your time outs for the end of the game. During the caucus added additional timeouts to the original proposal and felt that it was best to grow the game. Would allow one full and three thirties.

**VOTE – Russ Davis/Michael Trujillo - 12-0-0 APPROVE**

ii. Sport Motion #2 – 32 Team Final Site (adopted from MBB)

- 1. Discussion: First round games would only be one game at the higher seed. Keep it as it is. Experience was good this year, maybe have every site cut down the nets. One game doesn’t feel the same if we only did one play in game. Bracket board to advance the teams was big time. Would it improve the final site with 32? Experience was banquet, NAIA parade of champions, and atmosphere felt bigger. If you go and play two games and still won something, there is still some hardware with it. We need to find a way to make sure that we get fans in the stands. If we go to 32 teams, it might be pricey but there are going to be more teams going home than after that. Advancing to the final site & cutting down nets is a great experience for the athletes. Would like to see a site that has a home team playing to get fans in the stands. Kids want to play in front of people. Improving the experience, fans are such a big part of it all. Improve First & Second Round experience – coaches meet up? Add in a banquet for the teams in the First & Second Round? Make it special within the First & Second Round make it more creative. Keep it the way it is, don’t change it.

**VOTE – Brenita Jackson/Chris Nelson - 0-10-0 – DENIED**

iii. Sport Motion #3 – RPI Calculations

- 1. Discussion: Criteria matters from being in the room. Move to secondary criteria. Wins would count on the winning percentage part of it. Motion is to move it to secondary criteria. Moving it to quads. We need the promotion of the Top 25.

**VOTE – Darrick Matthews/Jackson - 11-0-0 APPROVE**



- iv. Sport Motion #4 – Use of Replay during First & Second Round
  - 1. Discussion: Costs would be a factor, but it would be included in the process. Sites currently some have them and some don't. To add into the requirements to be selected. Consistency across the board in everything that we do with the First & Second Round sites. Make things fair. Do not want it to be required year round. If we do this it could get rid of some good hosts. Concern that some host sites could have never used it during the season and implementing it during the National Championship could cause delays of game. Would need more manpower at the game. Conference AMC added it in.

**VOTE: Kyle Rouse/Michael Trujillo - 1-6-4 DENIED**

- v. Sport Motion #5 – Uniform Undergarments (adopted from MBB)
  - 1. Discussion: Makes complete sense. Added in verbiage to include neutral colors (black, white, grey) or school colors.

**VOTE: Shareka Maner/Darrick Matthews - 10-0-0 APPROVE**

- vi. Sport Motion #6 – Quadrant Trophies
  - 1. Discussion: Celebrate the wins and making it to the semifinals. Like the celebration that it brings.

**VOTE: Darrick Matthews/Kyle Rouse - 11-0-0 APPROVE**

- vii. Sport Motion #7 – Selection Criteria (adopted from MBB)
  - 1. Discussion: Against the Top 50 RPI. Gives you more credit for beating good teams. Increases the data that is looked at by the selection committee.

**VOTE: Kyle Rouse/Darrick Matthews 11-0-0 APPROVE**

- b. Nominations for NAIA/WBCA Executive Committee –
  - i. Chris Nelson, Bethel (Tenn.)
  - ii. Brenita Jackson, Texas Wesleyan

- VI. Other Business/Open Discussion Chris Nelson
  - a. Host sites for the First & Second Rounds having officials not from the host conference? Currently all three are from a host conference. Maybe two from one team's conference and one from the other team's conference?

- VII. Adjournment – **Kyle Rouse/Michael Trujillo**



## **2024 NAIA Women's Basketball Selection Committee Report**

This was our most challenging year as a group on several fronts. One observation this year was that the size of the conference (number of conference games) was playing a very significant role in the "metrics and analytics" of a team's resume. The smaller the conference, the better the metrics with the bigger conferences having lower and less impressive metrics. This made for some very difficult decisions and conversations. Once we moved to seeding and bracket placement the biggest challenge, we faced was the predetermined 16 host sites. We had a more difficult time moving teams around to avoid flights (750 miles from home) while trying very hard to retain true seed lines. We as a committee understand the financial gravity of those moves and changes but continue to put forward a sincere effort to not blow the competitive balance of the bracket.

A couple things that we thought were very helpful included the reduction of importance placed on the coaches rating in the selection process, as well as the new "Quad records" addition to the criteria. These tweaks to the selection criteria proved to be very helpful for our committee throughout the selection process.





## Bylaw Proposal – Seeking Co-Sponsor

**EXCEPTION:** In the sport of basketball, prior to the designated start date for practices an institution may engage in a maximum of eight days of practice that will not count towards the sport's 24-week season. These additional practice days may occur between September 1 or the institution's start of the fall term, whichever is earlier, through the designated start date for practice as listed above.

### Rationale:

Some rationale mentioned by coaches who support this amendment is as follows...

- This is an amendment focused on increasing retention amongst our basketball student-athletes.
- This is congruent with the DIII model for player access.
- Players desire to interact and play with their teammates when they arrive on campus.
- Coaches presence in gyms while teams are playing increases safety.
- With the rise in JV rosters, it's more difficult to determine and sort through roster positioning before season.



## Women's Basketball Sport Motion #1

**Coaches Vote:**

**MOTION:**

Move to eliminate games vs. NCCAA, USCAA, Universities Canada, Canadian College Athletic Association, & Canadian U Sports schools from the RPI calculations for Women's Basketball.

**RATIONALE:**

This would give a more accurate representation of a team's RPI. Want to continue including NCAA teams as there are some geographically challenged schools to schedule all NAIA competition. In the past, NCCAA schools that have good records have inflated a team's RPI.

**HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:**

MBB put forward a motion in 2023 to eliminate non-NAIA schools from the formula which was denied by NAC. Considering this information & the geographic struggles for some NAIA institutions, WBB proposing to continue including NCAA schools in the calculation.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**START DATE:**

2024-25



## NAIA-SIDA Sport Motion #1

**Coaches Vote:**

### **MOTION:**

To switch Men's and Women's Basketball NAIA National Player of the Week award to NAIA National Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week Awards.

### **RATIONALE:**

Several sports across the NAIA currently have this model: M/W Lacrosse Offensive & Defensive Player of the Week, M/W Soccer Offensive & Defensive Player of the Week, Football Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Player of the Week etc.

There are several conferences across the NAIA that honor defensive players in the postseason as well with All-Defensive Teams. For instance the Heart of America Athletic Conference: <https://heart.prestosports.com/sports/wbkb/2023-24/releases/20240301hvf7gh>

Here too is an example of the PacWest a NCAA Division II conference that has a M/W Basketball Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week:  
<https://thepacwest.com/news/2024/3/4/womens-basketball-rowell-berge-claim-final-wbb-weekly-awards.aspx>

The NAIA-SIDA Board and membership also strongly believes that with the way the game of basketball is played on both sides of the floor, by all players, there will be plenty of stats each game to award a winner for both offensive and defensive player of the week.

Another note, several times throughout the season for M/W Soccer Defensive Player of the Week, a midfielder or defender was honored with the award without any substantial statistics due to their individual play on the field in shutting out a team. They were awarded the honor instead of a goalkeeper etc.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

### **START DATE:**

2024-25