



# **2024 Women's Lacrosse Potential Qualifier Packet**

## INTRODUCTION

The following information will assist you in planning if your team qualifies for the 2024 NAIA Women's Lacrosse National Championship, which begins May 1, 2024 in Savannah, Georgia. Further information related to the National Championship can be found on the [NAIA Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Corner](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>APRIL 15</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athlete nomination materials to NAIA
<b>APRIL 20</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Completing Affiliated Conference / CAC / Unaffiliated Group Tournaments
<b>APRIL 22</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Teams advancing to postseason play to submit official postseason roster form to the NAIA National Office (via the <a href="#">SIDHelp Admin Website</a> )
<b>APRIL 22</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – National Championship pairings and official bracket for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual NAIA Women's Lacrosse National Championship at 12:00pm CT on the <a href="#">NAIA YouTube Channel</a>
<b>APRIL 23</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Sport chairs to submit All-Conference / CAC / Unaffiliated Group Team ballots
<b>APRIL 29</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> – for Conference/ CAC / Unaffiliated Group Commissioners to e-mail All-Conference/ CAC / Unaffiliated Group Team Ballots to the NAIA national office
<b>MAY 1 – 4</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual NAIA Women's Lacrosse National Championship</b> <i>Memorial Stadium – Savannah, Georgia</i>
<b>MAY 9</b>	<b>RELEASE</b> - 2024 NAIA Women's Lacrosse All-America Teams and National Player of the Year

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*\* Schedule of Events listed in Eastern Standard Time*

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Practice Fields Available to Schedule <i>Contact <a href="#">Rick Daum</a></i>	Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex
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### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:30 AM – 2:15 PM	Practice Fields Available <i>Sign-up available after qualifier call</i>	Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex
TBA	Teaming up for Character	Location TBA
TBA	In-person Coaches Meeting	Location TBA
TBA	Student Athlete Experience	Location TBA

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 – QUARTERFINALS

9:00 AM	Quarterfinal – #1 vs. #8	Memorial Stadium
12:00 PM	Quarterfinal – #4 vs. #5	Memorial Stadium
3:00 PM	Quarterfinal – #3 vs. #6	Memorial Stadium
6:00 PM	Quarterfinal – #2 vs. #7	Memorial Stadium

### THURSDAY, MAY 2 - SEMIFINALS

3:00 PM	Semifinal – Winner of #1 vs. #8 & #4 vs. #5	Memorial Stadium
6:00 PM	Semifinal – Winner of #3 vs. #6 & #2 vs. #7	Memorial Stadium

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

9:00 AM	Practice Fields Available to Schedule <i>Contact <a href="#">Rick Daum</a></i>	Memorial Stadium / Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex
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### SATURDAY, MAY 4 - FINALS

1:00 PM	Championship Game <i>Awards ceremony immediately to follow</i>	Memorial Stadium
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ADMINISTRATION

The NAIA Women's Lacrosse National Championship is under the direct control and supervision of the NAIA-WLCA National Tournament Committee. The tournament committee is responsible for the management of tournament games and the general welfare of participating teams and coaches.

### FORMAT

The NAIA Women's Lacrosse National Championship is an 8-team single-elimination tournament. The 2024 championship tournament dates will be May 1-4.

### QUALIFIER ADMINISTRATIVE CALL

A mandatory Qualifier Administrative call will be held on **April 23 at 11:00 AM (CST)** for all qualified teams, athletic directors, the National Office and the host to review the standards and expectations for all National Championship participants and discuss event logistics.

It is mandatory that each institution's Head Coach or Athletic Director (or other designated administrator) participate in the administrative qualifier call.

### QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS

The eight teams that will compete in the opening round matches will be determined using the following qualification plan:

- 5 automatic berths for conferences/groups
- 3 at-large berths

NOTE: To be eligible to qualify for the National Championship, an institution must compete in a minimum of seven (7) games against an NAIA opponent (varsity).

### PLAYING RULES

The [Official NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules](#) are followed with exceptions as specified in the NAIA Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Manual.



## CONDUCT IN COMPETITION

### EJECTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

An ejection is an action enforced in conjunction with competition by a game official consistent with the playing rules in that sport. A suspension is required by NAIA bylaws (Article 6, Section B, Item 7) as an additional consequence related to ejections in conjunction with competition.

Ejections are not subject to appeal. Some sport rules allow protests through an official process outlined in each sport rule book.

Suspensions may be appealed starting with the Conference/Association of Independent Institutions. An institution must submit an appeal to their conference within 72 hours of the completion of contest. The conference will submit a recommendation to the national office within 72 hours of receiving the appeal from the institution. The Conduct and Ethics Committee is responsible for all appeals related to suspensions due to ejections of a coach and/or student-athlete.

Once an appeal with appropriate signatures has been submitted to the conference, the student-athlete/coach may continue to participate through the appeal process. If the appeal is not approved, then the student-athlete/coach must sit out of the next scheduled contest(s).

A suspended person cannot be in the competitive venue the day of the contest or communicate with any team personnel or game officials the day of the contest. The student-athlete/coach will be normally removed from the venue during a suspension. However, the game manager will use their best discretion on what is appropriate to risk management procedures regarding their venue.

Ejection reports must be completed by the NAIA game official ejecting a student-athlete or coach and the athletic director of the ejected student-athlete or coach. The [form](#) must be submitted to the NAIA within 48 hours after the completion of the contest.

## POSTSEASON COMPETITION

### Responsibilities of Participating Institution

#### OFFICIAL PARTY/POSTSEASON ROSTER

**Official Party** - The official party for each team participating in postseason play is 35 players allowed in uniform and up to 4 support staff. Each team will receive a maximum number of 39 credentials, 35 student-athlete credentials and 4 official party credentials.

Official Postseason Roster forms must be filled out via the SIDHelp admin website at [www.naiasports.org/admin](http://www.naiasports.org/admin) and sent to the NAIA national office. If you do not have a log-in account, please go to the link and sign up. **You must have an account in order to fill out the roster forms.** Once you log-in, please follow these instructions:

1. Start at [www.naiasports.org/admin](http://www.naiasports.org/admin)
2. There will be a section titled "Forms and Rosters". Click on the link "Official Postseason Rosters".
3. Fill out the roster form.

All postseason rosters will be processed entirely electronically. The administrator completing the postseason roster will sign electronically. Do not send postseason rosters via email or fax to the national office.



You are still required to carry a copy of your roster to the site of the conference/CAC/unaffiliated group and national tournaments, and potentially present to the tournament supervisor prior to that institution's participation in the tournament.

If you have trouble with the on-line nomination form, please contact the NAIA Athletic Communications Department at [bmccall@naia.org](mailto:bmccall@naia.org). Any other general questions related to the official postseason rosters, please contact the Sport Manager.

The deadline for certifying the official roster of 35 players is prior to the first game of any tournament (affiliated conference/group, or National Championship). Once the tournament begins, no player may play that is not on the official roster. Official tournament rosters may change from conference to National Championship. For unaffiliated group qualifying tournaments that include preliminary conference/group qualifying contests in the qualification plan; roster changes cannot be made between "rounds." Unaffiliated group tournaments will follow the same roster change policies used for affiliated conference/CAC tournaments.

NOTE – A player cannot be credited with serving a suspension if they are NOT listed on the official roster for that game.

**Medical Personnel** - Each team is allowed up to two athletic training/medical personnel on the team sideline. One of which must be an ATC, MD, or DO. A licensed health care provider's license information/number must be submitted in the application in order to receive any medical/athletic training credentials for your team. Applications will close 72 hours before the event starts. Medical personnel credentials can be picked up during team check-in/registration only with a photo ID.

Please [apply here](#) for medical personnel credential.

**Sports Information / Media Personnel** - All SIDs/Media personnel will need to apply for a credential for the final site. Applications will close 72 hours before the event starts. Media Credentials can be picked up at the box office only with a photo ID. Media credentials will NOT be included in the team packets at coaches pick up.

Please [apply here](#) for SID/Photographer credential.

Please [apply here](#) for Media credential.

## EXPENSES

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

## INSURANCE

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

## COACHES RESPONSIBILITY

The coach or other designated person for each participating team must be in attendance and responsible for their team 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.





## UNIFORM POLICY

Teams must have both light and dark colored uniforms available. Home teams wear light colored uniforms and visitors wear dark. The higher seed in the tournament is considered the home team. It is mandatory that numbers are easily distinguishable from the predominant background color(s) and pattern. Numbers must be displayed on front and back of each player's jersey.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### DETAILS

The 2024 NAIA Women's Lacrosse National Championship will take place May 1-4 at Memorial Stadium in Savannah, Georgia.

### GAME TIMES

Below are the dates and game times for the Women's Championship. Game times are listed in Eastern Standard Time.

#### Wednesday, May 1

- 9:00 am – Quarterfinal 1
- 12:00 pm – Quarterfinal 2
- 3:00 pm – Quarterfinal 3
- 6:00 pm – Quarterfinal 4

#### Thursday, May 2

- 3:00 pm – Semifinal 1
- 6:00 pm – Semifinal 2

#### Saturday, May 4

- 1:00 pm – 2024 NAIA Women's Lacrosse National Championship Game

### PRACTICE TIMES

The Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex will be the location for practice fields at the National Championship. Practice times will be available as early as Monday, April 29. On Monday, timeslots are open from 7:00am – 4:00pm. Teams may use the complex during that window at their discretion. Practice timeslots for Tuesday, April 30 will be discussed on the Qualifier Administrative Zoom Call and will open for booking immediately after. Timeslots can be arranged by contacting Championship Sport Manager [Rick Daum](#).

Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex  
7221 Sallie Mood Dr.  
Savannah, GA 31406

### PRE-GAME/GAME PROCEDURES

1. Higher seed is home team for every game. Home teams wear white or light uniforms and sit on the right-side (facing field) bench, and visitors wear dark uniforms and sit on the left side (facing field).
2. National Anthems will be played/sung before the start of the first game of each day.
3. Teams playing in the first game of the day will be allowed on the field to warmup 60 minutes before the start of the game. Teams playing in subsequent games will receive a minimum of 30 minutes of warmup. After warmup is complete, team introductions will begin.



4. Players and bench personnel can move around bench area during game. Coaches, must control your bench and keep players/staff/coaches within the coaching/team box. Only people with appropriate credentials will be allowed in bench area. Each team is allowed 41 persons total on their bench, no more than 35 players.
5. Rosters forms are to be used for starting line-ups. Completed roster forms must be submitted to a Tournament Committee member at least 20 minutes prior to start time of your game.

## **HOUSING**

All participating teams must stay their designated tournament hotel. Failure to comply could jeopardize an institution's eligibility to compete in the national tournament. Assigned host hotels and information on how to book will be sent directly to participating head coaches following the release of the national championship field.

## **RELATED INFORMATION**

### **TEAMING UP FOR CHARACTER**

Team participation in the championship tournament's Teaming Up For Character event is an important part of the championship experience. Details on the Teaming Up For Character expectations will be communicated in the Qualifier Administrative Call to be held on April 23 at 11:00am CT.

### **STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE**

The Student-Athlete Experience will be a welcome event to be held the evening of April 30, 2024. The event will last between 60 and 90 minutes and will be mandatory for participating teams. Details on the Student-Athlete Experience will be communicated in the Qualifier Administrative Call to be held on April 23 at 11:00am CT.

### **CHECK-IN / COACHES' MEETING**

The NAIA will conduct an on-site coaches' meeting at the conclusion of the Student-Athlete Experience on April 30. Coaches will receive credentials and final details pertaining to the tournament.

### **OFFICIALS**

The NAIA Championships Department, in consultation with the NAIA-WLCA, shall arrange for a sufficient number of game officials to work the tournament utilizing a three-person crew and a CBO. Only registered, nationally-certified officials will be considered for assignment.

The outcome of all games is under the jurisdiction of game officials. Decisions of game officials are final and are not subject to appeal. The only instance in which a game can be protested is when a referee has misapplied a rule (not a judgment call). In that case, the NCAA rule book provides specific guidelines on lodging a protest.