



2024 NAIA Women's Wrestling Championship Coaches Information

Arrival into Jamestown

Arrive in Jamestown no later than Thursday, March 7 by 2:00 p.m. - **(All times CST)**

Team Check-In Procedures

Team registration will take place at Harold Newman Arena in the Main Entrance on Wednesday, March 6 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. as well as Thursday, March 7 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Athlete/Team registration closes at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 7 and the official championship brackets will be finalized by 5 p.m. At registration, coaches will confirm their entries, pay the \$100 entry fee per wrestler, pick up their coaches' packet, and receive the Championships credentials. The \$100 entry fee should be paid by major credit card (No Cash).

Official Party/Postseason Rosters

All postseason rosters and entries will be confirmed electronically. Coaches will receive an electronic invoice and all entry fees and extra credentials must be paid by credit card. The Official Party should be comprised only of student-athletes, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, and staff members who travel with a competing team. **It is recommended that institutions only bring those deemed as essential as a part of the official party.**

Credentials

Event credentials will be provided for all qualifying participants. One Head Coach credential and a second Coach credential will be issued to each team. These are the only two non-Student-Athletes allowed on the mats. Two additional Official Party credentials will be provided to each competing team that will have access to the floor, but not to the mats. Up to two Athletic Trainers should be listed on the official postseason roster. Teams can purchase an additional four Official Party credentials for support staff at \$30 each at registration. All additional official party credentials will be charged \$60. **No one** will be allowed on the arena floor or onto the mats without the proper credential. **Credentials must be worn at all times.**

VIP parties will have access to the hospitality room, but not the floor or the mats. However, during Session IV there will be floor seating designated for VIPs. Please inform Brian Lewis, blewis@naia.org, of any VIPs from your institution that plan to be in attendance at the Championships.

Media members can request credentials through NAIA Athletic Communications. Brandt McCall, bmccall@naia.org.

All event credentials will be picked up at registration upon arrival.

Lost credentials will not be replaced.

Skin-Checks & Weigh-Ins

Skin checks and weigh-ins will take place by weight class. A schedule to determine skin checks and weigh-ins times will be released once all qualifiers have been determined.

2024 Championship Schedule

There are four (4) sessions scheduled for the 2023 Championship.

- Parade of Champions – Friday, March 8 – 9:30 a.m.
- Session I – Friday, March 8 – 10:00 a.m.
- Session II – Friday, March 8 – 6:00 p.m.
- Session III – Saturday, March 9 – 10:00 a.m.
- Parade of Scholar Athletes/All-Americans – Saturday, March 9 – 6:15 p.m.
- Session IV (Championship Finals) – Saturday, March 9 – 7:00 p.m. – (All times Central)

2024 NAIA Women's Wrestling Championship Welcome Social

Pre-Championship Social with special guest speaker in the Foyer of the Newman Arena from 6:00-8:00p.m., Thursday, March 7. Hors d'oeuvres to be served. *Please dress in semi-formal/formal attire.*

Teaming Up for Character™

Teams will participate at the [Orphan Grain Train](#) from 2:00-3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7. They will be packaging meals for those in need in Larson Gym. *Please dress in your school colors and logos.*

Virtual Coaches Meeting

A virtual coaches meeting will take place Wednesday, February 28, 2024 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. This meeting is mandatory for all head coaches and will include information relative to the administration of the tournament. Coaches will be provided their coaches packet prior to this meeting to review. There will also be instructions on how to join the message group for our on-site communications.

<https://naia-org.zoom.us/j/82758338138?pwd=IS4ptgqHya9SllHnnj5pHWXU9RKIwz.1>

Van Rental

If in need of vans for transportation in Jamestown, please contact Avis Rental at: 1 (800) 279-2886

Housing

All teams must stay at the designated hotels to be eligible to compete in the Championship.

Practice

Practices will begin noon Wednesday, March 6. No teams will be allowed to practice onsite prior to Wednesday. All teams must reserve mat times in advance for practice by Monday, March 4, 2024. Practice times will be available starting Wednesday, March 6. Please contact Austin Hieb to schedule a time.

Austin Hieb | Austin.hieb@uj.edu | (701) 252-3467 ext5409

Opening Ceremonies/Parade of Champions & Parade of All-Americans

Parade of Champions prior to Session #1, Friday March 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Parade of Scholar-Athletes/All-Americans prior to Session #4, Saturday March 9 at 6:15 p.m.

Spots 1-8 are All-Americans in all weight classes.

National Anthem

The National Anthem will be played prior to sessions I, III and IV during the Championship.

The NAIA believes the playing of the national anthem provides student-athletes and fans an important and time-honored tradition to honor our country and recognize its principles. As an organization, the NAIA encourages everyone that attends our sporting events to stand when the anthem, is played.

The NAIA also understands that the freedom of speech – and the right to peaceful protest – are indisputable rights in the United States. Because the NAIA is made up of 250 diverse schools, the association believes it is in the best interest of the instructions to let them individually decide what actions are acceptable for their coaches and student-athletes.

OPC

All NAIA wrestlers must be examined by a certified athletic trainer or another certified medical personnel to assess body composition and hydration prior to the registration of the Women's NAIA Championship. Each school must provide an OPC weigh in sheet from TrackWrestling during registration of the event where weight classes will be confirmed eligible.

Officials Evaluations

Coaches' evaluations of officials will take place through an online ballot through Google Forms after the completion of the 2024 NAIA Women's Wrestling Championship. Each participating coach will receive a link to the online voting along with a roster of the 2024 Officials.

Ballots

The voting for all Championship awards (Team Sportsmanship Award, NAIA Most Outstanding Wrestler of the 2024 National Championship, NWCA-NAIA Outstanding Wrestler of the Year and NAIA Coach of the Year) will be done online via Google Forms. All 2024 National Championship participating coaches will receive a link to the online survey via email. The online ballot will be sent immediately following Session III on Saturday, March 9, 2024. The online ballot will close immediately following the last championship match.

Awards

The awards ceremony for each weight class will occur after the conclusion of the subsequent match (example, the 109 lbs. awards ceremony will occur after the completion of the 116 lbs. match). The top eight finishers from each weight class will participate in the awards ceremony. All award winners must wear appropriate attire (warmups, no jeans allowed).