

# Playing College Sports in the NAIA

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#NAIAEligibilityCenter

# About the NAIA

The NAIA exists to advance character-driven intercollegiate athletics

- The NAIA provides high school student-athletes the opportunity to keep playing sports while receiving an outstanding education
- Every student-athlete matters and receives the personal attention they need to succeed
- The NAIA intentionally teaches character and prepares student-athletes to be tomorrow's leaders

# Keep playing

- 60,000 student-athletes play in the NAIA today
- The NAIA has colleges and universities throughout the U.S.
- Student-athletes have the chance to compete in 23 national championships
- NAIA student athletes receive more than \$450 million in athletic scholarships annually

# NAIA sports



# Sports offered in the NAIA

## Championship Sports

- Men's and Women's Cross Country
  - #NAIAxc
- Football
  - #NAIAfootball
- Men's and Women's Soccer
  - #NAIASoccer
- Women's Volleyball
  - #NAIAvolleyball
- Men's Basketball (two divisions)
  - #NAIADIMBB #NAIADIIMBB
- Women's Basketball (two divisions)
  - #NAIADIWBB #NAIADIWBB
- Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving
  - #NAIASwim
- Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field
  - #NAIATRack
- Wrestling
  - #NAIAwrestle

- Baseball
  - #NAIAbaseball
- Men's and Women's Golf
  - #NAIAGolf
- Softball
  - #NAIASoftball
- Men's and Women's Tennis
  - #NAIATennis
- Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field
  - #NAIATRack

## Emerging Sports

- Men's Volleyball
- Men's Bowling
- Women's Bowling
- Competitive Cheer and Dance

# Where are NAIA schools located?



## Connect with the NAIA

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Your college sports experience starts here.  
[www.NAIA.org](http://www.NAIA.org)

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Non-Profit Organization  
Your college sports experience starts with PlayNAIA - the online resource for NAIA players - past, present and FUTURE. <http://www.PlayNAIA.org/>

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# Connect with the NAIA

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# Game on.



# Champions of Character



# Champions of Character

- Champions of Character provides training to ensure NAIA student-athletes know, do and value the right thing in all areas of life
- Five core values: integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership
- These values are put into play, accounted for and measured at all NAIA schools

## The NAIA Eligibility Center

The screenshot shows the homepage of the NAIA Eligibility Center. At the top left is the NAIA logo with the text "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS". To its right is the text "THE NAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTER" and social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and RSS. Further right is a "Join Us On:" section with icons for Facebook, YouTube, and RSS. On the far right is a red "Eligibility Center Login" box containing fields for "E-mail" and "Password", a "SIGN IN" button, and a "Forgot Password?" link. Below the header is a yellow navigation bar with links for "Students", "Parents & Coaches", "High School Administrators", and "NAIA Members". The main content area features a background image of a softball player in a white and blue uniform. Overlaid on this image is the large "PLAYNAIA" logo and the tagline "Your college sports experience starts here." A yellow sticky note graphic with the text "Register now to Play!" is positioned in the upper right of the main image. At the bottom, there are three yellow call-to-action buttons: "WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CENTER?" with a sub-link "Discover the academic and athletics opportunities offered at an NAIA school.", "REGISTER TO PLAY" with a sub-link "Register to have your eligibility determined to play in the NAIA!", and "ARE YOU AN ADMINISTRATOR?" with a sub-link "High school administrators: Create a school profile to help students through the process."

# The NAIA Eligibility Center

- The NAIA Eligibility Center determines the academic and athletic eligibility of all prospective student-athletes
- It delivers on our larger promise of integrity by ensuring not only inbound eligibility but a level of fairness among competitors
- Student-athletes who register have a unique opportunity to connect personally with NAIA coaches before choosing their college

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS  
**NAIA**  
THE NAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Join Us On:

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**ARE YOU AN ADMINISTRATOR?**  
High school administrators: Create a school profile to help students through the process. ▶

Register now to Play!

# Register with the NAIA Eligibility Center

- All first-time NAIA athletes must register
- NCAA and NAIA are different; if you want to play at an NAIA college or university you have to register with the NAIA Eligibility Center
- Register at [PlayNAIA.org](https://www.playnaia.org)

## Get started with student profile

About Me

### About Me

**GENERAL INFORMATION**


We will start with some general questions about your contact information and sports interest. (\*required fields)

Legal First Name\* Student but I go by S.A.

Last Name\* Athlete

Where did/will you finish high school?\* United States

Primary Phone (XXX-XXX-XXXX)\* 987-654-3210  Cell  Landline

I'd like to receive text messages from the Eligibility Center.  Sign up for texts!

Where was your cell phone issued? United States

Cell Phone Carrier Verizon

Would you like to add a second phone number?  Yes  No

Gender\* Female

Date of Birth\* January 1 1994

Enter the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number\* 0000

Please send news and general updates to me at student@naia.org.

**ADDRESS(ES)**

Permanent Address

Street Address\* 123 Way St.

City\* Kansas City

State/Province MO

Postal Code 64106

Country\* United States

Current Address  Check if same as above

Street Address\* 123 Way St.

City\* Kansas City

State/Province MO

Postal Code 64106

Country\* United States

Since starting high school, have you lived in any other places for more than 60 days?\*  Yes  No

**SPORT(S)**

Indicate all the sport/s you plan to play in the NAIA. At least one sport must be selected.\*

Baseball  Men's Swimming & Diving

Men's Basketball  Women's Swimming & Diving



# Registration fees and waivers

- Fee = \$70 for U.S. students and \$120 for international students
- Fee waivers are available based on need
  - HS students – ACT/SAT fee waiver or participation in free/reduced school lunch
  - College transfer students – Pell Grant of at least \$4,500

# Create online student profile

About Me
Tell My Story
Tell My Story Continued
Profile Summary
My NAIA Connections
Status Page

## Tell My Story

Next we need to know about your NAIA start dates, your high school history and standardized testing. (\*required fields)

### FIRST DATES

When will you begin (did you begin) taking full-time classes at your NAIA school?\*

August 2013

Estimated date of first competition: September 1 2013

### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Estimated/Actual High School Graduation Date\* May 2013

Please tell us about each high school you have attended (or equivalent high school diploma earned if you did not attend a traditional high school).

Add High School
Add Home School
Add GED

Date(s)	Schooling		
08/2009-05/2013	Olathe South High School, Olathe, KS	Edit / Remove	Print Transcript Request Form

Final High School\* Olathe South High School

Does your final school keep an official class rank?  Yes  No

Did/will you earn any college or university credit prior to completing high school?  Yes  No

Please list the institution(s) where you earned credit.

Add Institution

College/University	City	State		
Johnson County Community College	Overland Park	KS	Remove	Print Transcript Request Form

### ACT/SAT INFORMATION

Find out more about test scores

Did you take the ACT?\*  Yes  No Required

My composite ACT score was at least 18 or higher?  Yes  No

Will you take the test again before you enroll in your NAIA school?  Yes  No

Did you take the SAT?\*  Yes  No Required

# Create online student profile

The screenshot shows a web interface for creating a student profile. At the top, there is a navigation bar with six buttons: 'About Me', 'Tell My Story', 'Tell My Story Continued' (highlighted in red), 'Profile Summary', 'My NAIA Connections', and 'Status Page'. Below the navigation bar, the 'Tell My Story Continued' section is active, displaying a list of options: 'Add a High School (Secondary School)', 'Add other schooling', 'Add a school to withdrawal history', 'Add a competitive experience', 'Update military experience', and 'Add time off from schooling since high school graduation'. Below this list is a blue header for 'MY TIMELINE', followed by the text 'May 2013 - High School Graduation'. A dark blue box contains the question 'Have you ever been banned from any intercollegiate athletic association (NJCAA, NCAA, NCCAA, college conference, etc.)?'. Below this question is a white input field with the text 'No' and a 'Change to Yes' link. At the bottom center, there is a blue button labeled 'Go to Profile Summary'.

# Check your profile info before submitting

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## Review My Profile

Review your profile at any time. When your information is COMPLETE, submit your information to have your NAIA eligibility determined.

**MY EDUCATION SINCE HIGH SCHOOL**

Since finishing high school have you started taking any classes? No

**SCHOOL WITHDRAWAL HISTORY**

Have you started taking any classes and then withdrawn prior to completion? Yes

School Name	Start Date	Withdrawal Date
Johnson County Community College	01/18/2012	02/04/2012

**MY OUTSIDE SPORTS INVOLVEMENT AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

Since high school have you participated in any sports outside the college setting? No

**MY MILITARY BACKGROUND**

Have you served one or more years of continuous active duty in the armed forces? No

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Have you ever been banned from any intercollegiate athletics association? No

Breaks in enrollment:

Start Date	End Date	Reason
05/15/2013	08/15/2013	Other: I traveled abroad to visit friends of the family.

**FINAL SUBMISSION**

Before you submit, please double check all of your information for accuracy. Once submitted you can no longer edit the above sections of your profile. (My NAIA Connections is still available for editing).

I (Student Athlete) have reviewed all of my information and confirm that it is accurate and complete. I understand that omitting or submitting incorrect information could impact my eligibility to play NAIA sports at any time.

Please enter your full name (Student Athlete) below to serve as your signature. (Case Sensitive)

Student Athlete

I have reviewed this page
 

SUBMIT

# NAIA eligibility requirements

- Graduating HS seniors must meet 2 out of 3:
  - Minimum GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale
  - 18 ACT or 860 SAT
  - Graduation in top 50% of class

# Submit ACT/SAT test scores

- List the NAIA as one of the places you want your scores sent
- Use our code: 9876
- Contact ACT or College Board to have scores sent if you have already taken the test

# More about the ACT and SAT

- SAT score is the combined math and reading scores
- ACT is the composite score
- Writing sections are not used for eligibility
- Score must be achieved in one sitting

# Sending transcripts

- Transcript must be official
- Transcript must come directly from your school
- Send only one high school transcript
- Send transcript after high school graduation unless you qualify to receive an Early Decision



# Early Decision requirements

- 18 ACT or 860 SAT
- At least a “B” average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) after the completion of junior year of high school **OR** at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale midway through senior year
- If you qualify, send us your transcripts early to receive a determination before graduation

# Attending an NAIA school

- NAIA Eligibility Center determinations are separate from admission to college
- Check with the school you are interested in to find out about admissions requirements and scholarship opportunities

# NAIA Connections

- Create a customized Sport Resume and send it directly to NAIA coaches
- Include athletic achievements and any other academic or community involvement you want schools to know

# NAIA Connections

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## Connect with an NAIA college or university with your Sports Resume

I want to participate in the NAIA Connections Service and any information I provide for my Sports Resume can be shared with NAIA coaches and institutions.  Yes  No

You must indicate "Yes" for your resume to be shared with those NAIA schools that you specify through the Connections Service search.

Current GPA  GPA Scale  Height  Weight

Please indicate which sports you are interested in participating in at the intercollegiate level.

<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Swimming & Diving
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Swimming & Diving
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> Competitive Cheer & Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Cross Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Indoor Track & Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Cross Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Indoor Track & Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Football	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Outdoor Track & Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Outdoor Track & Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Volleyball
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Soccer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women's Volleyball
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling

Positions/Events

Athletic Achievements

Addition details about performance

# NAIA Connections – Search for schools

**NAIA Connections Search**

You may send your Sport Resume to up to 5 NAIA schools. You have sent 0 of your 5 choices.

Return to Sport Resume

**Find an NAIA school that matches your preferences**

<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Basketball Div I <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Basketball Div II <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Cross Country <input type="checkbox"/> Football <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Indoor T&F <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Outdoor T&F <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Soccer <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Swimming/Diving <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Tennis <input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Basketball Div I <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Basketball Div II <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Cross Country <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Golf <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Indoor T&F <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Outdoor T&F	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Soccer <input type="checkbox"/> Softball <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Swimming/Diving <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Tennis <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Volleyball
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View schools that sponsor ALL selected sports    
  View schools that sponsor ANY of the selected sports

Please note sport lists may vary slightly when institutions update their programs each summer for the upcoming academic year. Emerging Sports do not currently require eligibility to be determined by the NAIA Eligibility Center.

<p><b>Select up to 5 states</b></p> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Select State ▾</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Select State ▾</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Select State ▾</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Select State ▾</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Select State ▾</div> </div>	<p><b>Select other preferences</b></p> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 10px;">Enrollment</span> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">&gt; ▾ No Preference ▾</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 10px;">Public/Private</span> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">No Preference ▾</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="margin-right: 10px;">Faith Based</span> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">No Preference ▾</div> </div> </div>
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Go
View All Schools

**Search Results**     Check the box to the left of the school name to indicate the schools you want to connect with, and we'll send your Sports Resume directly to the institution.

College or University	City, State	Conference	Enrollment
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# Short List

- Made up of a coach's most serious recruits
- Determines priority in the NAIA Eligibility Center's workflow
- Each school and coach decides who to place on the Short List, but students must be registered first
- To find out if you are on a Short List, or to be placed on a Short List, contact your NAIA coach

# After you are registered

- Registration status will be updated on your To Do List, so log in at PlayNAIA.org to view details of what needs to be done
- It is not necessary to receive a determination before accepting a scholarship or a place on a school's team
- Register early to avoid delays

The screenshot shows a user interface with two tabs: 'To Do List' (active) and 'Decision Details'. Below the tabs is a red header: 'CASE PROGRESS: PROFILE SUBMITTED. CHECK YOUR TO DO LIST FOR STATUS C'. Underneath is a table titled 'TO DO LIST' with columns for Status, Completed, Item, and Details.

Status	Completed	Item	Details
✓	03-18-2013	Getting Started	Congratulations! You began the registration process on this date.
✓	03-18-2013	Payment	Your payment has been received. <a href="#">Click here for your receipt.</a>
✓	03-18-2013	Online Profile	Your online profile has been submitted.
✗		Short List	You are not yet on an NAIA institution's short list.
✗		Transcripts	No official records have been received to date.

# Need more information?

- Visit [www.PlayNAIA.org](http://www.PlayNAIA.org)
- Email [ECinfo@naia.org](mailto:ECinfo@naia.org)
- Call 866-881-6242



Are you ready to PlayNAIA?  
*Get started today:*

