

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2008 NAIA Men's Volleyball National Invitational Tournament. Enclosed you will find information on the event, which will be held at Park University, April 17-19 in Parkville, Mo.



PRE-TOURNAMENT BANQUET, APRIL 16

A banquet for participating teams will be held Wednesday, April 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Residence Inn, located on Ambassador Drive, four miles from Kansas City International Airport. Participating teams must attend the banquet, and coaches are required to stick around afterward for a mandatory coaches meeting immediately following. Please contact us if you have any questions or need more information. A maximum of 18 participants from each team will be admitted at no charge. Proper dress (business casual) is required. If additional persons would like to attend the banquet, please contact Park University athletics at (816) 584-6425.

TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL DIRECTORY

Park Athletic Director:	Claude English	(816) 584-6425
Tournament Director:	Paul Lawson	(913) 758-4343
Tournament Administrator:	Peggy Tuter	(816) 584-6493
Director of Sports Medicine:	Michael Frey	(816) 584-6353
Tournament Communications Director:	Steve Wilson	(816) 584-6490
Assistant Director of Communications:	Brooke Orcutt	(816) 584-6751

TOURNAMENT SITE

The 2008 NAIA Men's Volleyball National Invitational Tournament will be played at Breckon Sports Center on the campus of Park University. Park's physical address is 8700 NW River Park Drive, Parkville, MO 64152, and the facility is located at the corner of 6th and East in Parkville.

TOURNAMENT HOTEL

The Official Hotel of the 2008 NAIA Men's Volleyball National Invitational Tournament is the Residence Inn by Marriott of KCI. For reservations, call 816-741-2300. The hotel's address is:

Residence Inn

10300 N. Ambassador Drive
Kansas City, MO 64153

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

- Six-player all-tournament team
- Most Valuable Player: one player selected over and above the all-tourney team
- Trophy to be awarded to winning team

- Trophy to be awarded to runner-up
- First-place team will receive individual awards
- Awards will be given to statistical leaders in six categories

Awards will be presented immediately following the tournament final on Saturday, April 19. **Attendance is required from all six participating teams.**

ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION PROCESS

Coaches will be asked to vote for three players from their own team and two from opponents at the conclusion of each match. Votes will be weighted in rank order. Each player will also get points for the final place of the team in the tournament.

HOME TEAM/VISITING TEAM

In all Park University matches, Park is the home team. If Park is not participating in the match, the better-seeded team will be home.

PARKING

Parking is available in the lots adjacent to Breckon Sports Center. Special bus parking will be provided on site for teams traveling to the event by bus.

CREDENTIALS

Each team will be issued participant passes as well as head coach credentials. All traveling media must request credentials in writing to Steve Wilson, tournament communications director and Park Sports Information Director. Participant passes will be issued to each team at a maximum of 18 with a separate head coach pass. Press should email Stephen.Wilson@park.edu or mail to Park Athletic Communications, 8700 NW River Park Drive, Parkville, MO 64152.

PROGRAMS

Each team will be provided complimentary tournament programs. However, if more programs are desired, teams must pay in full to receive additional programs.

TICKETS

There are no complimentary admissions. Tickets can be found online at www.parkathletics.com by clicking on the NAIA Men's Volleyball National Invitational Tournament logo. A ticket information sheet is also attached.

MEDIA SERVICES

Official Statistics will be made available approximately 30 minutes following each match in the media work room above Breckon Sports Center. Unofficial statistics will be distributed courtside to coaches. Head and assistant coaches are asked **NOT** to come to the scorer's table asking for copies of box scores. Statistics will be delivered by tournament staff to each team.

Broadcast fax services are also available. Please send your updated faxing and email list to Steve Wilson (Stephen.Wilson@park.edu).

Tournament credentials will be distributed at the front gate to Breckon Sports Center at Will Call.

SPORTS MEDICINE

A certified athletic trainer will be on site at all times during the tournament and two hours before play begins each day. Taping will be available in the designated athletic training/sports medicine area in Breckon Sports Center's east dome. Park University sports medicine will be in direct contact with each school prior to the tournament, as well. For any special needs, please contact Park University sports medicine at (816) 584-6353. A physician will be on-call at all times.

OFFICIAL BALL

The TACHIKARA SV5WI premium leather volleyball will be the official volleyball of the 2008 NAIA Men's Volleyball National Invitational Tournament. Twelve (12) balls will be provided to each team to use during practice.

ELIGIBILITY

Only student-athletes eligible under NAIA bylaws may compete in the tournament. In coordination with NAIA bylaws, member institutions are required to certify student-athletes prior to the beginning of the academic year and to withhold ineligible student athletes from all intercollegiate competition. All schools are required to file the appropriate eligibility paperwork with the NAIA prior to the first match of the season.

LOCKER ROOMS

Assignments will be made by Park head coach Cory Frederick and will be communicated to each participating school prior to the beginning of the tournament.

OFFICIALS

Officials will be assigned by the Men's Volleyball Advisory Committee. Two nationally certified officials will be used for each match, and line judges will also be assigned by the Advisory Committee. Two line judges will be used for each match.

PREGAME CEREMONIES

The National Anthem will be played prior to player introductions before the final Park match of each day and prior to the championship match, should Park not qualify for the final. All players should line up on the end line in order of their uniform number for team introductions. The Public Address Announcer will read all names on the official roster.

SQUAD SIZE AND TEAM BENCHES

Participating teams are limited to a maximum 16 players in uniform. Team rosters should be declared no later than ten minutes prior to the start of each match. After the match begins, no replacements are allowed for any reason. Team benches will be set for 16 uniform players.

TOWELS

Teams will be provided towels at the bench.

UNIFORMS

Playing uniforms must be of the same style for each team member. Participants will wear their team's designated uniform in competition and during related ceremonies. This includes warm-up and competitive uniform rules. Each team is required to have two complete uniform sets of different colors and must meet logo specifications and regulations of the NAIA.

WARM-UP

An official tournament match protocol is attached to this packet.

VIDEO

All matches may be video taped by participants. Only participating teams and the official video broadcast of the tournament are allowed in the taping area.

PRACTICE

Practice times will be coordinated and assigned by Park University. Please contact Cory Frederick with any special needs.

Volleyballs will be provided for practice times and practices begin immediately at the scheduled time and end immediately at the end of the 60-minute running clock. No team will be allowed more than one hour (60 minutes) even if a scheduled practice is not taking place following your 60 minute clock.