

For the 9th consecutive year, Sioux City is proud to host the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Volleyball National Championship Tournament. This year's tournament will begin with the first match on Tuesday, November 29th at 9 am and will conclude with the National Championship match on Saturday, December 3rd at 7 pm.

The Volleyball National Championship sees significant expansion this year as 32 teams from throughout the country will travel to Sioux City to compete. Due to the increase in teams, additional Team Sponsors and tournament volunteers are needed.

With the expansion of the tournament, the City of Sioux City Events Facilities Department is looking to fill increased needs with additional Team Sponsors and tournament volunteers.

The NAIA team sponsorship program is a great way to support the continued stay of this National Tournament here in Sioux City! Team sponsors are truly Sioux City "team ambassadors". As traveling teams arrive and stay for a minimum of three nights in a Sioux City area hotel, they often form long-lasting relationships with their sponsors and look to be paired with them on future tournaments. Team sponsors are reserved two seats on the team bench during games to act as "honorary coaches", which adds to the overall tournament experience for both team and sponsor. Being a team sponsor also comes with substantial advertising opportunities and valuable VIP Area passes. To learn more about Team Sponsorship benefits and other levels of tournament sponsorship, please visit TysonCenter.com and click the rotating "sponsorship" banner on the homepage. You may also contact Marketing Manager, Melissa Lanzourakis at 712.224.6423 with sponsorship inquiries.

NAIA would not be possible without volunteer support from our community. This year, with the tournament expanding to 32 teams, the total number of volunteers required will exceed 150! Shift times are typically only three to four hours in duration and there are many ways to get involved and make an impact. Assignments include team registration, locker room attendants, ushers, score board attendants, ticket takers, ball shaggers and greeters. An NAIA Volunteer shirt is provided, as well as catered meals during volunteer shift(s) and free admission to all matches. To sign up, just visit TysonCenter.com and click the rotating "volunteer" banner on the homepage. You may also email questions to the local NAIA Volunteer Coordinator at scvolunte@comm@gmail.com.

In closing, this NAIA Tournament is expected to attract thousands to Sioux City with an **economic impact of more than \$7 million**

. Throughout the week of Nov. 27- Dec. 3, local businesses, organizations and residents are encouraged to welcome visiting players, coaches, fans and families to Sioux City with messages on outdoor signage.