

1. The NCAA is a larger association and it represents the big universities and colleges in the US and Canada. On the other hand, the NAIA is a smaller association that represents small universities and colleges in the United States.
2. The National Collegiate Athletic Association is much older than the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.
3. The NCAA conducts 87 national championships a year, whereas the NAIA has only 23 championships a year.
4. Unlike the NCAA, the NAIA does not have very complex rules.
5. Where the NCAA has been divided into three divisions, the NAIA has no divisions.
6. When comparing their memberships, the NCAA has a larger membership than the NAIA