

2025 AFCA Convention Schedule of Events



High School
Coaches Academy
(HSCA)



Professional
Development Series
(PDS)

All events at Charlotte Convention Center unless otherwise noted

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 am-5:00 pm	AFCA Media Office	209A
10:00 am-5:00 pm	Information Booth	Concourse C
4:30 pm-6:00 pm	NAIA Football Officers Meeting	204

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 am-8:00 pm	Information Booth	Concourse C
7:00 am-8:30 am	NAIA Raters Breakfast	Hilton - Charlotte Hall
8:00 am-5:00 pm	AFCA Media Office	209A
8:00 am-8:50 am	Exhibits Committee Meeting	Exhibit Hall C1
8:00 am-8:50 am	Foundation Committee Meeting	Concourse A
8:00 am-8:50 am	NAIA Assistant Coaches Committee Meeting	204
8:00 am-8:50 am	Registration Committee Meeting	Exhibit Hall C1
8:00 am-8:50 am	Skills and Drills Committee Meeting	Exhibit Hall C1 (Skills & Drills Field)
8:30 am-10:00 am	Appalachian Athletic Conference Coaches Meeting	Hilton - Caldwell
8:30 am-10:00 am	Friends of Bill W. & Dr. Bob	Westin - Davidson
8:30 am-10:00 am	Frontier Conference Coaches Meeting	Hilton - Gwynn
8:30 am-10:00 am	Great Plains Athletic Conference Coaches Meeting	Hilton - Carolina Hall North
8:30 am-10:00 am	Heart of America Athletic Conference Coaches Meeting	Hilton - Mecklenburg Hall
8:30 am-10:00 am	Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Coaches Meeting	Hilton - Graves
8:30 am-10:00 am	Mass - Association of Catholic Coaches & Athletes	212
8:30 am-10:00 am	Mid-South Conference Coaches Meeting	Hilton - Graham

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8:30 am-10:00 am	Mid-States Football Association Coaches Meeting		Hilton - Carolina Hall South
8:30 am-10:00 am	North Star Athletic Association Coaches Meeting		Hilton -Dunn
8:30 am-10:00 am	Sooner Conference Coaches Meeting		Hilton -Johnson
8:30 am-10:00 am	Sun Conference Meeting		Hilton -Walker
9:00 am-5:00 pm	AFCA Game Zone (College Football 25 and Madden 25)		Exhibit Hall C1
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Concessions		Exhibits Hall AB Concessions Stands
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Exhibits & Member Registration		Exhibit Hall C1
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Foundation Booth		Concourse A
10:00 am-11:15 am	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Worship Service		Richardson Ballroom C
10:00 am-10:50 am	NAA Selection Committee Meeting		204
10:00 am-5:00 pm	Skills & Drills		Exhibit Hall
11:00 am-5:00 pm	Athletic Equipment Managers Association Workshop (Open Event)		222
11:00 am-11:50 am	Awards/General Session Committee Meeting		201CD
11:00 am-11:50 am	Convention Services Committee Meeting		201AB
11:00 am-11:50 am	Event Staff Committee Meeting		205CD
11:00 am-11:50 am	Meeting Room Committee Meeting		205AB
11:00 am-11:50 am	NAA Assistant Coaches Forum		208
11:00 am-2:00 pm	SAC Head Football Coaches Meeting		Hilton - Waring
12:00 pm-12:50 pm	Educational End Zone Iron Leader Team: Joe McNamara (US Marine Ground Force Commander), Josh Johnson (US Army Special Forces Green Beret)		Exhibit Hall C1
12:00 pm-12:50 pm	First Timers Meeting Fred Farrier (Hazel Green HS - AL)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom A
12:00 pm-12:50 pm	High School Committee Meeting		201AB
12:00 pm-5:50 pm	Miami Dade/Broward Football Coaches Association (Private Event)		Hilton - Sharon
12:00 pm-1:50 pm	NAA Caucus Meeting & Ticket Distribution		208
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	High School State Association Executive Directors Meeting		211
1:00 pm-1:50 pm	Buzz Session - Coordinator's Philosophy – Defense Marcus Woodson (Arkansas)	PDS	219BC

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1:00 pm-1:50 pm	Buzz Session - Special Teams Derek Day (Eastern Kentucky)	PDS	220CD
1:00 pm-1:50 pm	High School Coaches Academy 1A My First Year as a High School Head Coach - Fred Farrier (Hazel Green HS - AL)	HSCA	Richardson Ballroom A
1:00 pm-1:50 pm	High School Coaches Academy 2A Using Formations and Motions for Leverage - Adam Sanders (Apex Friendship HS - NC)	HSCA	Richardson Ballroom C
2:00 pm-2:50 pm	Buzz Session - Strength & Conditioning Luke Day (South Carolina)	PDS	219BC
2:00 pm-2:50 pm	Coordinator's Philosophy – Defense Barry Tripp (Johnson C. Smith)	PDS	220CD
2:00 pm-2:50 pm	Division 3 Football Council Meeting		204
2:00 pm-2:50 pm	High School Coaches Academy 1B Tim Goodwin (Marion Local HS - OH)	HSCA	Richardson Ballroom A
2:00 pm-2:50 pm	High School Coaches Academy 2B Rebuilding a High School Program - Steven Stirn (North Decatur HS - IN)	HSCA	Richardson Ballroom C
2:30 pm-4:30 pm	Division 2 Coaches Connection		Hilton - Mecklenburg Hall
3:00 pm-3:50 pm	Assistant Coach Of the Year Committee Meeting		205CD
3:00 pm-3:50 pm	Buzz Session - Offensive Line Christopher Browne (Alabama State)	PDS	219BC
3:00 pm-3:50 pm	Buzz Session - Wide Receivers Coby Gipson (Lamar)	PDS	220CD
3:00 pm-3:50 pm	Chalk Talk 1 - Offensive Line Vincent Cashdollar (Emporia State)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom C
3:00 pm-3:50 pm	Content Creation Committee Meeting		205AB
3:00 pm-3:50 pm	FBS Assistant Coaches Committee Meeting		206B
3:00 pm-3:50 pm	High School Coaches Academy - National High School Coaches Forum Moderator: Michael Christensen (Carson HS - CA) Panelists: Brian Gamble (UTRGV), Phillip Vigil (CSU Pueblo), Chuck Hepola (Evangel), David Heam (Delmar HS - DE), Barton F. Curtis (Warsaw Community HS - IN)	HSCA	Richardson Ballroom A
3:00 pm-3:50 pm	NJCAA Coaches Meeting		206A
3:00 pm-3:50 pm	Program Committee Meeting		201CD
4:00 pm-4:50 pm	ACC/CA Coaches Meeting		206A
4:00 pm-4:50 pm	Buzz Session - Defensive Line Kevon Beckwith	PDS	Richardson Ballroom C

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4:00 pm-4:50 pm	Buzz Session presented by JustPlay More Ammo: Building Trust and Belief in a Defense Bob Benson (Penn)	PDS	220CD
4:00 pm-4:50 pm	FBS Assistant Coaches Forum		206B
4:00 pm-4:50 pm	High School Coaches Academy 2C presented by FieldTurf A Special Conversation with Zach Kittley (Florida Atlantic)	HSCA	Richardson Ballroom A
4:00 pm-4:50 pm	Minority Advancement Committee Meeting		201AB
4:00 pm-4:50 pm	Outside The Lines Presented by Hudl Make the Right Decisions Faster: Improving Analytics and Scouting with Advanced Data: Moderator: Tanner Highlen (Hudl), Matt Edwards (Hudl) Panelists: Dan Griffl (Rice), TBD	PDS	219BC
5:00 pm-6:15 pm	Kick Off Speaker: Includes presentation of the Power of Influence Award, and Assistant Coach of the Year Speaker: Jeff Monken (Army)	PDS	Crown Ballroom
5:30 pm-7:30 pm	NAIA Hall of Fame Honors Banquet		Hilton - Carolina & Charlotte Hall
6:30 pm-7:20 pm	Buzz Session - Special Teams Daren Jackson (Hampton)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom A
6:30 pm-7:20 pm	Buzz Session - Linebackers Cortney Braswell (Cincinnati)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom C
6:30 pm-7:20 pm	Buzz Session - Defensive Backs KreSean Reed (Akron)	PDS	219BC
6:30 pm-7:20 pm	Buzz Session presented by JustPlay - Head Coaches Panel	PDS	220CD
6:30 pm-7:20 pm	Buzz Session - Wide Receivers DJ Boldin (South Carolina State)	PDS	209C
7:30 pm-9:00 pm	AFCWA Couples Ice Cream Social presented by The Jason Foundation and CCR Wealth Management		Richardson Ballroom Prefunction
7:30 pm-8:20 pm	Buzz Session - Defensive Coordinators Philosophy Antonio James	PDS	Richardson Ballroom A
7:30 pm-8:20 pm	Buzz Session presented by JustPlay - Offensive Philosophy Mike Thiessen (Air Force)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom C
7:30 pm-8:20 pm	Buzz Session presented by JustPlay Always Be Right: Utilizing the Slot Option Concept Peter Jennings (Wisc-Osh Kosh)	PDS	219BC
7:30 pm-8:20 pm	Buzz Session presented by JustPlay Head Coaches Panel – Growing in Coaching – Different Paths to Success	PDS	220CD
7:30 pm-8:20 pm	Buzz Session - Defensive Backs Brandon Napoleon (Jacksonville State)	PDS	209C
8:30 pm-10:30 pm	Freeform Breakout presented by Scorability		212A & 212B
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8:30 pm-10:30 pm	Freeform Breakout presented by Scorability	213
8:30 pm-10:30 pm	Freeform Breakout presented by Scorability	214
8:30 pm-10:30 pm	Freeform Breakout presented by Scorability	215A & 215B
8:30 pm-10:30 pm	Freeform Breakout presented by Scorability	216A & 216B
8:30 pm-10:30 pm	Freeform Breakout presented by Scorability	216C
8:30 pm-10:30 pm	Freeform Breakout presented by Scorability	216D
8:30 pm-9:50 pm	Minority Advancement Forum	Richardson Ballroom A
9:00 pm-10:15 pm	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Coaches Huddle	Richardson Ballroom C
6:00 am-7:00 pm	Information Booth	Concourse C
6:30 am-7:45 am	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Breakfast (Free event, No ticket required)	Crown Ballroom
8:00 am-5:00 pm	AFCA Media Office	209A
8:00 am-10:50 am	Canadian Football League General Session Session A: Offensive Concepts: Scott Milanovich (Hamilton Tiger-Cats), Jason Maas (Montreal Alouettes), Ryan Dinwiddie (Toronto Argonauts), Buck Pierce (B.C. Lions), Dave Dickenson (Calgary Stampeders) Session B: Defensive Concepts: Mark Kilam (Edmonton Elks), Mike O'Shea (Winnipeg Blue Bombers), Corey Mace (Saskatchewan Roughriders), Bob Dyce (Ottawa REDBLACKS) Session C: TBD	PDS 219BC
8:00 am-9:50 am	Graduate Assistants Career Forum Moderator: Fred Farrier (Hazel Green HS - AL), Panelists: Scotty Walden (UTEP), Braxton Harris (Campbell), Ryan Riemedio (Mercyhurst), Maurice Linguist (Alabama), Jim Jackson (Harvard)	PDS 220CD
8:00 am-10:50 am	High School General Session Session A: Louis LeBlanc (Westminster Christian HS - AL) Session B: Steve Pyne (Union HS - WA) - Creating a Championship Culture Session C: Max Ruiz (Seton Hall Prep - NJ) - Strength & Conditioning Year Around in High School	HSCA Richardson Ballroom A
8:00 am-10:50 am	International Session Session A: Coaching Journey Through Central Europe: Cody Kent (Straubing Spiders) Session B: Winning The Hearts, Minds, and Special Teams: Craig Kuligowski (Wroclaw Panthers) Session C: Structure of a German Football Program and How Americans Can Get Involved: Siegfried Gehrke (Schwabisch Hall Unicorns)	PDS 209DE
8:00 am-10:50 am	Junior College General Session Session A: Jason Gelber (Cerritos College) Session B: Nicholas Walker (LA Valley CC) Session C: Kevie Thompson (Oklahoma State)	PDS Richardson Ballroom C
8:00 am-8:30 am	Registration Committee Meeting	Exhibit Hall C1
8:00 am-12:00 pm	Women in Coaching Meeting	205AB
8:30 am-4:00 pm	Foundation Booth	Concourse A
8:30 am-10:00 am	Friends of Bill W. & Dr. Bob	Westin - Davidson
9:00 am-5:00 pm	AFCA Game Zone (College Football 25 and Madden 25)	Exhibit Hall
9:00 am-9:50 am	Division 2 Assistant Coaches Committee Meeting	206B
9:00 am-9:50 am	Division 3 Assistant Coaches Committee Meeting	206A
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Concessions	Exhibits Hall AB - Concessions Stands
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Exhibits & Member Registration	Exhibit Hall C1
9:00 am-9:50 am	FCS Assistant Coaches Committee Meeting	201
9:00 am-10:30 am	NAlA Coaches Business Meeting	208

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9:00 am-4:00 pm	Skills & Drills		Exhibit Hall
10:00 am-10:50 am	Division 2 Assistant Coaches Forum		206B
10:00 am-10:50 am	Division 3 Assistant Coaches Forum		206A
10:00 am-10:50 am	FCS Assistant Coaches Forum		201
10:00 am-11:50 am	NCAA Rules Seminar Chris Johnson (NCAA), Glenn Terry (NCAA)		220CD
10:00 am-11:50 am	Rules Committee Meeting		211
11:00 am-11:50 am	Educational End Zone Influxer: Tyler Jaynes (CEO/Founder), Keith Miller (Vice President)		Exhibit Hall C1
11:00 am-11:50 am	Assistant Coaches Committee Chairmen Meeting		202
11:00 am-11:50 am	Buzz Session - Specialists Dan Lundy (4th Down University)	PDS	209DE
11:00 am-11:50 am	Collegiate Session presented by eTeamSponsor Jeff McMartin (Central College)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom A
11:00 am-11:50 am	Collegiate Session presented by eTeamSponsor Pete Rossomando (Lamar)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom C
11:00 am-11:50 am	Collegiate Session presented by eTeamSponsor Chuck Hepola (Evangel)	PDS	219BC
11:00 am-11:50 am	Educational End Zone "Turning the Tide: Philosophy, Execution, and Impact!" Justice Seals (James Madison)		Exhibit Hall
11:00 am-2:00 pm	Polynesian Coaches Association Meeting		Hilton - Charlotte Hall
11:30 am-1:00 pm	Free Lunch for Members (While Supplies Last) Free Lunch for Members sponsored by Shaw Sports Turf, CoachComm, and GameBreaker		Exhibit Hall Concessions
11:30 am-1:00 pm	Past, Present, Future Luncheon Private Event for Board, Past Presidents, Club 35, Club 35 Inductees, Current 35 Under 35 Class		218
12:00 pm-12:50 pm	Coordinator's Philosophy - Defense Dave Plungas (Robert Morris)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom C
12:00 pm-12:50 pm	Coordinator's Philosophy - Offense Craig Stutzmann (San Jose State)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom A
12:00 pm-12:50 pm	Educational End Zone Creating a Plan to Impact EVERY PLAYER in Your Program Beyond The Field: Ed Jones II (Founder)		Exhibit Hall
12:00 pm-5:00 pm	Miami Dade/Broward Football Coaches Association (Private Event)		Westin - Sharon

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12:30 pm-2:30 pm	Ohio Valley Conference Head Coaches Meeting		Hilton - Dunn
1:00 pm-2:50pm	Division 3 Head Coaches Voting Meeting (Head Coaches Only, No Proxies)		206A
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	General Session: Includes presentations of the ACCFCA, NAA, Division 3, Division 2, FCS, and FBS National Coaches of the Year, Club 35 Inductees: Clark Lea (Vanderbilt), Charles Huff (Southern Mississippi), Rhett Lashlee (SMU), Curt Cignetti (Indiana)	PDS	Crown Ballroom
2:00 pm-3:50 pm	Division 2 Head Coaches Voting Meeting (Head Coaches Only, No Proxies)		206B
2:00 pm-2:50 pm	FCS Executive Committee Meeting		202
3:00 pm-4:50 pm	FCS Head Coaches Voting Meeting presented by Riddell (Head Coaches Only, No Proxies)		201
4:00 pm-4:50 pm	Breakout 1 N.I.L. - The Brave New World of the Economics of College Football: Scott Young (UBS Financial), Jay Norvell (Colorado State), Jason Eck (New Mexico)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom A
4:00 pm-4:50 pm	Breakout 2 presented by GameStrat Game Day Technology: Mastering Tablets and Replay for Coaching Success Speakers: Marcus Monaco (Montana State), Jason Smith (Abilene Christian), Thomas Masella (Wagner College)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom C
4:00 pm-4:50 pm	Breakout 3 presented by Scorability Panel - The Unmeasurables: Recruit the Athlete, Not the Numbers Moderator: Troy Kanter (CEO of AuctusIQ) Panelists: Coach Bob Stitt (former Head Coach at Montana, Colorado School of Mines), Alex Auerbach, PhD (Performance Psychologist for NBA, NFL, and Elite Military Units), "Buck" Buchanan (Head Coach, Hendrix College), TBD	PDS	219BC
4:00 pm-4:50 pm	Breakout Session presented by SurePeople Coaching Beyond Xs and Os: The Power of People Analytics in Football: Sean Flynn (Chief Commercial Officer, SurePeople)	PDS	220CD
4:00 pm-5:30 pm	Illinois Wesleyan Retirement Reception for Norm Eash		Hilton - Carolina Hall North
6:30 pm	Tailgate Party presented by FieldTurf and Scorability		Crown Ballroom

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 am-12:00 pm	Information Booth		Concourse C
8:00 am-5:00 pm	AFCA Media Office		209A
8:00 am-12:00 pm	FBS Head Coaches Voting Meeting presented by Riddell (Head Coaches Only, No Proxies)		Crown Ballroom
9:00 am-9:50 am	Buzz Session - Running Backs - Juwan Lewis (Alabama State)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom A
9:00 am-9:50 am	Buzz Session - Linebackers - Ameer Ismail	PDS	Richardson Ballroom C
9:00 am-9:50 am	Buzz Session presented by JustPlay Quality Control Panel – Roles and Growing in the Profession	PDS	219BC
9:00 am-11:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Concessions		Exhibits Hall AB - Concessions Stands
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Exhibits & Member Registration		Exhibit Hall C1
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Foundation Booth		Concourse A
10:00 am-10:50 am	Buzz Session - Running Backs Rashard Alston (South Carolina State)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom A
10:00 am-10:50 am	Buzz Session - Running Backs Kearstin Schweitzer (Valparaiso)	PDS	Richardson Ballroom C
10:00 am-10:50 am	Buzz Session Logan Rebstock (Bartlett HS - TN)	PDS	219BC
12:00 pm-3:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting		209DE