

2025-26 NCAA RECRUITING CALENDAR

Division I Softball



Note: Softball coaches and noncoaching staff members with responsibilities specific to softball may only be employed at noninstitutional camps and clinics that occur during recruiting calendar periods when evaluation at nonscholastic practice or competition activities is permissible (see NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.12.2.3.6).

Aug. 1, 2025-July 31, 2026

Aug. 1-10, 2025	CONTACT PERIOD
Aug. 11 through Nov. 23, except as noted below:	EVALUATION PERIOD (For scholastic practice and competition activities only)
• Aug. 28-Sept. 3	DEAD PERIOD
• Oct. 18-19, 25-26	EVALUATION PERIOD (For scholastic and nonscholastic practice or competition activities)
• Nov. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23	DEAD PERIOD
• Nov. 10-13	DEAD PERIOD
Nov. 24 through Jan. 2, 2026, except as noted below:	QUIET PERIOD
• Nov. 26-30	RECRUITING SHUTDOWN
• Dec. 10-13	DEAD PERIOD
• Dec. 22-26	RECRUITING SHUTDOWN
• Dec. 31-Jan. 2, 2026	RECRUITING SHUTDOWN
Jan. 3 through May 25	EVALUATION PERIOD (For scholastic practice and competition activities only)
May 26 through June 5*	DEAD PERIOD
June 6* through July 31	CONTACT PERIOD
During high school regional and state championship competition that does not occur during a dead period.	EVALUATION PERIOD

Recruiting periods defined

QUIET PERIOD

A quiet period is that period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

DEAD PERIOD

A dead period is that period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the member institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institution's campus.

EVALUATION PERIOD

An evaluation period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospective student-athletes. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospective student-athlete during an evaluation period.

CONTACT PERIOD

A contact period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

RECRUITING SHUTDOWN

A recruiting shutdown is a period of time when no form of recruiting (e.g., contacts, evaluations, official or unofficial visits, correspondence or making or receiving telephone calls) is permissible.

*Dates are based on the Women's College World Series®. If the WCWS dates are delayed, the dead period continues through the day of the final championship game. If the WCWS ends after two games, the dead period concludes on the day of the final game and the contact period begins the next day.



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QUIET PERIOD

DEAD PERIOD

CONTACT PERIOD

EVALUATION PERIOD

RECRUITING SHUTDOWN



AUG 2025

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