



2026-27 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 2026

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Contact Period

AUG 1-9

† Evaluation Period

AUG 10 - NOV 22

(For scholastic practice and competition activities only)

Dead Period

AUG 28 - SEP 3

Evaluation Period

OCT 17-18, 24-25, OCT 31 - NOV 1, NOV 7-8, 14-15, 21-22

(For scholastic and nonscholastic practice or competition activities)

Dead Period

NOV 9-12

Quiet Period

NOV 23 - JAN 2, 2027

Recruiting Shutdown

NOV 25-29

Dead Period

DEC 9-12

Recruiting Shutdown

DEC 22-26

Recruiting Shutdown

DEC 31 - JAN 2, 2027

† Evaluation Period

JAN 3 - MAY 31

(For scholastic practice and competition activities only)

Dead Period

JUN 1-11*

Contact Period

JUN 12* - JUL 31

Evaluation Period

During high school regional and state championship competition that does not occur during a dead period.

● 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.

● 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.

● 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.

● 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.

† Indicates scholastic and nonscholastic practice or competition activities. All other Evaluation Periods described by the calendar are for scholastic practice and competition activities only, besides those that occur during high school regional and state championship competition that does not occur during a dead period.

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