The Printable Softball Recruiting Calendar, 2026-27

The 2026-27 NCAA softball recruiting periods and signing date, with sources, on one printable sheet.

The 2026-27 NCAA recruiting calendar for softball, transcribed from the NCAA's own documents. Calendars change every year: check the sources below before you plan around a date.

Division I softball, 2026-27

Aug 1 - Aug 9, 2026	Contact period
Aug 10 - Aug 27, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic activities only
Aug 28 - Sep 3, 2026	Dead period
Sep 4 - Oct 16, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic activities only
Oct 17 - Oct 18, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic + nonscholastic
Oct 19 - Oct 23, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic activities only
Oct 24 - Oct 25, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic + nonscholastic
Oct 26 - Oct 30, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic activities only
Oct 31 - Nov 1, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic + nonscholastic
Nov 2 - Nov 6, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic activities only
Nov 7 - Nov 8, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic + nonscholastic
Nov 9 - Nov 12, 2026	Dead period
Nov 13, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic activities only
Nov 14 - Nov 15, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic + nonscholastic
Nov 16 - Nov 20, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic activities only
Nov 21 - Nov 22, 2026	Evaluation period - Scholastic + nonscholastic
Nov 23 - Nov 24, 2026	Quiet period
Nov 25 - Nov 29, 2026	Recruiting shutdown
Nov 30 - Dec 8, 2026	Quiet period
Dec 9 - Dec 12, 2026	Dead period
Dec 13 - Dec 21, 2026	Quiet period
Dec 22 - Dec 26, 2026	Recruiting shutdown
Dec 27 - Dec 30, 2026	Quiet period
Dec 31, 2026 - Jan 2, 2027	Recruiting shutdown
Jan 3 - May 31, 2027	Evaluation period - Scholastic activities only
Jun 1 - Jun 11, 2027	Dead period - Through final day of Women's College World Series
Jun 12 - Jul 31, 2027	Contact period

Source: 2026-27 NCAA Recruiting Calendar - Division I Softball

Evaluation is also permitted during high school regional and state championship competition, provided that competition does not fall inside a dead period.

Division II softball, 2026-27

Nov 9 - Nov 11, 2026	Dead period - Signing-date dead period - 7 a.m. Nov 9 to 7 a.m. Nov 11

Source: 2026-27 NCAA Recruiting Calendar - Division II (all sports)

Signing, 2026-27

Second Wednesday of November of senior year	First day a written offer of athletics aid may be signed (Division I and II). Confirm the exact day with the school's compliance office
No NCAA end date	Each school sets its own deadline under its policy for awarding athletics aid.

Source: 2026-27 NCAA Signing Dates

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