COLLEGE SOCCER RECRUITING CALENDAR

Key recruiting dates by grade and division · **Last verified October 25, 2026** · 2026–27 NCAA and NAIA rules

D1 NCAA Division I · D2 NCAA Division II · D3 NCAA Division III · NAIA NAIA · NCAA All NCAA divisions

9TH GRADE

NCAA	Before 9th grade starts	**Create a free NCAA Eligibility Center Profile Page** The NCAA recommends registering before 9th grade at eligibilitycenter.org. Upgrade later.
D2	Any time	**D2 coaches can email, text, call and send materials** In-person, off-campus contact still waits until June 15 after 10th grade.
D3	Any time	**D3 coaches can write and communicate** No recruiting calendar. Only off-campus contact and official visits have date limits.
NAIA	Any time	**NAIA coaches can communicate with no restrictions** No recruiting calendar. Players get a maximum of two tryout days per school.
D1	9th and 10th grade	**Email D1 coaches now, but expect no recruiting replies yet** Players can contact any coach any time. D1 coaches can't send recruiting messages or call back until June 15 after 10th grade.

10TH GRADE

D1	June 15 after 10th grade	**D1 coaches can call, text, email, DM and make verbal offers** Recruiting materials, messages and calls all open (Bylaws 13.1.3.1, 13.4.1).
D2	June 15 after 10th grade	**D2 in-person contact and official visits open** One paid official visit per school.
D3	Once 10th grade ends	**D3 off-campus contact opens** Coaches can meet players and families in person off campus.
NCAA	End of 10th grade	**Upload transcripts; upgrade to a Certification Account if D1/D2 schools are recruiting you** A paid Academic and Athletics Certification Account is required before any D1 official visit or signing.

11TH GRADE

D1	Aug 1 at start of 11th grade	**D1 official visits, unofficial visits and off-campus contact open** Also recruiting conversations at a school's own camps.
D3	Jan 1 of 11th grade	**D3 official visits open** One paid visit per school, up to 48 hours. Unofficial visits any time.
NCAA	End of 11th grade	**Upload 11th-grade transcripts** D1 requires 10 of 16 core courses (7 in English, math, science) before 12th grade starts.
NAIA	After 11th grade	**NAIA early eligibility decision available** With a 3.0+ GPA and a qualifying ACT/SAT score. Register at PlayNAIA.org.

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Senior year, and exact dates for your player's class

12TH GRADE

D1	Aug 1 at start of 12th grade	**D1 written scholarship offers allowed** Can't be signed until the November signing date.
D1 D2	2nd Wednesday in November	**Signing day: D1 and D2 athletics aid agreements** The National Letter of Intent no longer exists. Other scholarship schools must stop recruiting once signed.
D3	After admission	**D3 celebratory signing form (non-binding)** D3 schools don't offer athletic scholarships.
NAIA	Senior year	**NAIA: no national Letter of Intent** School letters aren't binding at the national level. Some conferences honor each other's.
NCAA	April 1 of 12th grade	**Request final NCAA athletics certification** For fall enrollees. Final transcript with proof of graduation follows.

> Players can contact any college coach at any time. These rules limit when coaches can contact players.

DATES BY GRADUATING CLASS

DIVISION	MILESTONE	CLASS OF 2027 Seniors now	CLASS OF 2028 Juniors now	CLASS OF 2029 Sophomores now	CLASS OF 2030 Freshmen now
D1	Calls, texts, emails, verbal offers open	Jun 15, 2025	Jun 15, 2026	Jun 15, 2027	Jun 15, 2028
D2	In-person contact and official visits open	Jun 15, 2025	Jun 15, 2026	Jun 15, 2027	Jun 15, 2028
D1	Official visits and off-campus contact open	Aug 1, 2025	Aug 1, 2026	Aug 1, 2027	Aug 1, 2028
D3	Official visits open	Jan 1, 2026	Jan 1, 2027	Jan 1, 2028	Jan 1, 2029
D1	Written scholarship offers allowed	Aug 1, 2026	Aug 1, 2027	Aug 1, 2028	Aug 1, 2029
D1 D2	Signing day	Nov 11, 2026	Nov 10, 2027	Nov 8, 2028	Nov 14, 2029
NCAA	Request final athletics certification	Apr 1, 2027	Apr 1, 2028	Apr 1, 2029	Apr 1, 2030

> Dates for the Class of 2029 and 2030 are calculated from the rules in effect today. The NCAA updates its rules every year, so dates more than a year out can change. Coast FA re-checks this calendar each summer.

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This season's fixed dates

2026–27 SEASON DATES

DATES	DIVISION	WHAT IT MEANS
Aug 1 – 11, 2026	D1	**Dead** · Women's D1 dead period
Nov 9 – 12, 2026	D1	**Dead** · D1 dead period, signing week (men's and women's)
Nov 9 – 11, 2026	D2	**Dead** · D2 signing-date dead period (Nov 9, 7 a.m. to Nov 11, 7 a.m.)
Nov 11, 2026	D1 D2	**Signing** · Signing day for the Class of 2027
Dec 11 – 14, 2026	D1	**Dead** · Men's D1 dead period during the D1 Men's College Cup
Dec 16, 2026 – Jan 6, 2027	D1	**Dead** · Women's D1 dead period (winter)
Dec 23 – 25, 2026	D1	**Quiet** · Men's D1 quiet period
Jan 1, 2027	D3	**Opens** · D3 official visits open for the Class of 2028
Apr 1, 2027	D1 D2	**Opens** · Class of 2027 can request final NCAA athletics certification
Jun 15, 2027	D1 D2	**Opens** · Class of 2029: D1 calls/messages open; D2 in-person contact and official visits open
Jul 28 – 31, 2027	D1	**Dead** · Women's D1 dead period (summer)
Aug 1, 2027	D1	**Opens** · Class of 2029: D1 official visits and off-campus contact open

Outside these windows, NCAA Division I soccer is an open contact period.

Dead period
No in-person contact and no campus visits. Calls, texts and emails are still allowed.

Quiet period
Coaches can meet players in person only on their own campus.

Contact period
Calls, scouting, visits and in-person contact are all allowed.

Sources

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3. NCAA 2026–27 Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete (Aug 2026)
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5. NAIA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete (May 2026)