



IMPORTANT DATES

2025-26 SOFTBALL SPORT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 1 (or start date of institution's Fall term, whichever is earlier)	START – First Allowable Date for Practices, Fall Competitions
NOVEMBER 5	START – Polls <i>Dates: Nov. 5, Mar. 4, Mar. 18, Apr. 1, Apr. 15, Apr. 29, & Jun. 3</i>
NOVEMBER 19	DEADLINE – Submission of Sport Motions
DECEMBER 10-13	NFCA Convention – Las Vegas, Nev.
JANUARY 15	DEADLINE – Facility Certification for Opening Rounds
JANUARY 22	START – First Allowable Date for Competitions
FEBRUARY 3	START – NAIA National Player of the Week <i>Dates: Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17, Feb. 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31, April 7, April 14, & April 21</i>
APRIL 15	DEADLINE - Submit Individual Champion of Character Nomination
APRIL 15	DEADLINE – Submitting Bid Packet for Opening Rounds
APRIL 15	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Scholar-Athlete
MAY 1	RELEASE – Opening Round Host Sites Announced
MAY 6	RELEASE - National Championship Qualifiers NAIA YouTube
MAY 7	DEADLINE - Submitting All-Conference/CAC/Group Team ballots to National Office
MAY 11-14	NAIA Softball National Championship Opening Rounds <i>10 Campus Sites</i>
MAY 21-27	NAIA Softball World Series <i>South Commons Complex – Columbus, Ga.</i>
JUNE 2	RELEASE – All-American, Pitcher of the Year, & Player of the Year honors
JUNE 12	RELEASE – Coach of the Year
JUNE 30	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Scholar Teams Due
JULY 15	DEADLINE – Nominations for NAIA Hall of Fame Due

FIVE-YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Conference Tournament Deadline	May 4	May 10	May 8	May 7	May 6
Opening Round	May 11-14	May 17-20	May 15-18	May 14-17	May 13-16
World Series	May 21 – 22	May 21 – June 2	May 25 – 31	May 24 – 30	May 24 – June 1

National Championship Website – [Click Here](#)