

**2023**

	Schedule Footprint	Competition Calendar
45 days in advance of Preseason	Training Facility must be designated	
Wed, Jan 4, 2023		Transaction Moratorium Ends and Trade Window Reopens at 9:00am ET; Re-signings and Option Extensions Open for 2024 Season Contracts
Thurs, Jan 12, 2023	NWSL Draft	
<i>See below for CBA changes to the Draft Protected process.</i>		
Fri, Feb 3, 2023		Primary Transfer Window Opens; Trade Window remains Open
No earlier than Mon, Jan 23* & no later than Mon, Feb 6	Pre-season Starts: 40-player Pre-season Roster Deadline	
Mon, March 6, 2023		32-Player Pre-Season Roster Deadline
Mon, March 20, 2023		Roster Compliance/22-26 Player Final Roster Due
Sat, March 25, 2023	Regular Season Begins	
Thurs, April 27, 2023		Primary Transfer Window Closes; Trade Window Closes
Wed, June 28, 2023		Secondary Transfer Window Opens; Trade Window Opens
Mon, July 10-Sun, July 16, 2023	Mandatory Week Off	
Tues, July 25, 2023		Secondary Transfer Window Closes; Trade Window Closes
Sat, July 22-Sun, Aug 6	Challenge Cup Wkends	
Wed, Sept 6, 2023	Challenge Cup Semifinals	
Sat, Sept 9, 2023	Challenge Cup Final	
Tues, Sept 19, 2023		Last Day to Waive Players Prior to Roster Freeze
Wed, Sept 20, 2023		Waiver Wire Commences
Thurs, Sept 21, 2023		Waiver Process Concludes; <b>Last Day to take Options on upcoming Free Agents</b>
Fri, Sept 22, 2023		Roster Freeze Date; 2023 Semi-Guaranteed Contracts Become Guaranteed; <b>FA can begin negotiations</b>
Sun, Oct 15, 2023	Regular Season Ends	
Sat-Sun, Oct 21-22, 2023	NWSL Quarterfinals	
Sat-Sun, Nov 4-5, 2023	NWSL Semifinals	
Sat, Nov 11, 2023	NWSL Championship	
Mon, Nov 13, 2023		Trade Window Opens
Mon, Dec 4, 2023		Trade Window Closes
Tues, Dec 5, 2023		Terms of New Contracts, List of Waived Players, List of Players Receiving Exercised Options Deadline; <b>FA can sign with new Teams</b>
Wed, Dec 6, 2023		End of Season Process Waiver Wire Commences
Thurs, Dec 7, 2023		End of Season Process Waiver Wire Concludes
Fri, Dec 15, 2023		Trade Window Opens at 9:00am ET
Fri, Dec 22, 2023		Transaction Moratorium Begins at 6:00pm ET
Fri, Jan 5, 2024		Transaction Moratorium Ends at 9:00am ET; Trade Window Opens

**Protected Draft Rights**

The Team holding a player’s rights via the Entry Draft must, within 60 days of the player reporting to the Team (the Teams will retain the rights for any player whose rights were acquired via the Entry Draft but who instead chose to sign Teams will retain the rights of players until January 30 of the third year following the Entry Draft for any player whose

\*Per CBA Section 27.1, Training shall begin no earlier than the 4th Monday of the calendar year.

Per Competition Manual Section 4.8.6, a Training Session is defined as including any mandatory practice, **participation**, or training: (a) with any Players under contract to NWSL; or (b) with any Individuals listed on the Team’s preseason Roster under the direct or indirect supervision of an NWSL coach, trainer, or other member of a Team’s management.

Per CBA Section 11.1, all Players must complete a comprehensive Pre-Competition Medical Assessment (“PCMA”) prior to participating in training or games (either at the start of the NWSL Season, or later, if the Player joins NWSL after the season start).

Therefore, Players cannot be required to attend an PCMA prior to the 4th Monday of the calendar year.