

2024

Schedule Footprint		Competition Calendar
45 days in advance of Preseason	Training Facility must be designated	
Fri, Jan 12, 2024	NWSL Draft	
See below for CBA reminders to the Draft Protected process.		
Mon, Jan 22-Fri, Jan 26	NWSL Development Week	
Mon, Jan 29, 2024	Primary Transfer Window Opens; Trade Window remains Open	
No earlier than Mon, Jan 22* & no later than Mon, Jan 29		
Mon, Feb 26, 2024	Pre-season Starts: 40-player Pre-season Roster Deadline	32-Player Pre-Season Roster Deadline
Wed, March 13, 2024		Roster Compliance/22-26 Player Final Roster Due
Fri, March 15, 2024	Challenge Cup Game	
Sat, March 16, 2024	Regular Season Begins	
Fri, April 19, 2024		Primary Transfer Window Closes; Trade Window Closes
Mon, July 8-Sun, July 14, 2024	Mandatory Week Off	
Fri, July 19	NWSL x Liga MX Femenil Summer Cup begins	
Thurs, Aug 1, 2024		Secondary Transfer Window Opens; Trade Window Opens
Fri, Aug 30, 2024		Secondary Transfer Window Closes; Trade Window Closes
Mon, Oct 7, 2024		Last Day to Waive Players Prior to Roster Freeze
Tues, Oct 8, 2024		Waiver Wire Commences
Wed, Oct 9, 2024		Waiver Process Concludes; Last Day to take Options on upcoming Free Agents
Thurs, Oct 10, 2024		Roster Freeze Date; 2024 Semi-Guaranteed Contracts Become Guaranteed; FA can begin negotiations
Sun, Nov 3, 2024	Regular Season Ends	
Sat-Sun, Nov 9-10, 2024	NWSL Quarterfinals	
Sat-Sun, Nov 16-17, 2024	NWSL Semifinals	
Sat, Nov 23, 2023	NWSL Championship	
Mon, Nov 25, 2024		Trade Window Opens
Mon, Dec 9, 2024		Trade Window Closes
Tues, Dec 10, 2024		Terms of New Contracts, List of Waived Players, List of Players Receiving Exercised Options Deadline; FA can sign with new Teams (EOS Decision Sheets due 12pm EST; PR announcement 6pm EST)
Wed, Dec 11, 2024		End of Season Process Waiver Wire Commences
Thurs, Dec 12, 2024		End of Season Process Waiver Wire Concludes
Fri, Dec 13, 2024		Trade Window Opens at 9:00am ET
Fri, Dec 20, 2024		Transaction Moratorium Begins at 6:00pm ET
Fri, Dec 27, 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 “Signing Window”), either offer the player an SPA, trade the player’s rights to another Team, or waive the player’s rights.

Teams will retain the rights for any player whose rights were acquired via the Entry Draft but who instead chose to sign with a non-NWSL team, until the shorter of (a) January 30 of the third year following the Entry Draft, or (b) the term (including any option years) of the SPA offered by the NWSL Team to the player.

Teams will retain the rights of players until January 30 of the third year following the Entry Draft for any player whose rights were acquired by a Team via the Entry Draft but who chose to sign with a non-NWSL team prior to the Team offering an SPA to the player.

*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 a PCMA prior to the 4th Monday of the calendar year.