

2025		
	Schedule Footprint	Competition Calendar
45 days in advance of Preseason	Training Facility must be designated	
Wed, Jan 1, 2025		Waiver Wire Abolished; All existing Semi-Guaranteed Contracts are now Guaranteed
Tues, Jan 14, 2025		Final Day to trade Players before updated CBA parameters take effect; League must receive Trade forms by 11:59pm EST.
Wed, Jan 15, 2025		NWSL Trade Windows abolished; Teams may now Trade Players at any time during the calendar year with Player consent required
No earlier than Wed, Jan 15* & no later than Wed, Feb 5	Preseason Starts	40-player Preseason Roster Deadline; League must receive rosters by 12pm EST; Trialist Agreements out for signature
Tues, Jan 28, 2025		Primary Transfer Window Opens
Wed, Feb 19, 2025		32-Player Preseason Roster Deadline; League must receive rosters by 12pm EST.
Fri, March 7, 2025	Challenge Cup Game	
Wed, March 12, 2025		Roster Compliance/22-26 Player Final Roster Due; League must receive rosters by 12pm EST.
Fri, March 14, 2025	Regular Season Begins	
Mon, March 24, 2025		Primary Transfer Window Closes
Mon, June 23-Sun, June 29, 2025	Mandatory Week Off	
Mon, June 30-Sun, July 27, 2025	Club-Planned Exhibition Games	
Mon, June 30, 2025		List of Players Receiving Exercised Options Deadline; League must receive decision sheets by 12pm EST.
Tues, July 1, 2025		Secondary Transfer Window Opens; FA window opens, Players can sign with new Teams for 2026
Mon, Aug 25, 2025		Secondary Transfer Window Closes
Thurs, Oct 9, 2025		Roster Freeze Date; All transactions must be completed by 3pm EST.
Sun, Nov 2, 2025	Regular Season Ends	
Fri-Sun, Nov 7-9, 2025	NWSL Quarterfinals	
Fri-Sun, Nov 14-16, 2025	NWSL Semifinals	
Sat, Nov 22, 2025	NWSL Championship	
Tues, Dec 23, 2025		Transaction Moratorium Begins at 6:00pm ET
Mon, Dec 29, 2025		Transaction Moratorium Ends at 9:00am ET

*Per CBA, Preseason training shall be no fewer than five (5) weeks and no longer than eight (8) weeks in duration. Roster Compliance will be March 12, 2025, making the earliest date a Team can start Preseason is January 15, 2025 (entrance physicals can occur on January 15, but not before).