

Sport	Start Date	Game Date 2026-2027	Game Date (Defined)	End Date	** # Of Contests	# Of Scrimmages	Final Eligibility Roster Due Dates	*** # of Letter of Intent Signees/Scholarships	Letter of Intent Signing Date
Baseball (Fall) Men	Aug 8	Aug 20	◆◆◆ Aug 22	Nov 14	0	14 dates (see below)	Apr 22	30	Nov 1
Baseball (Spring) Men	Jan 8	Jan 29	Last Friday in Jan	NJCAA Tourney	56 games in the Spring 14 scrimmages that can be used in combination of Fall or Spring				
Basketball Men/Women	Oct 1	Oct 30	◆◆ Nov 1 (Nov 1 falls on a Sunday)	NJCAA Tourney	30 Games	4 Dates	DIII Feb 10 DII Feb 15 DI Men Feb 22 DI Women Feb 25	15	Nov 1
Beach Volleyball (Fall) Women	Aug 8	Aug 20	◆◆◆ Aug 22	Nov 14	4 Dates in the Fall		Apr 1	14	Nov 1
Beach Volleyball (Spring) Women	Jan 8	Feb 1	Feb 1	May 1	16 Dates in the Spring				
Bowling Men/Women	Sept 8	Sept 25	Last Friday in Sept	USBC Tourney	22 Dates	0	Feb 3	12	Nov 1
Competitive Cheer Men/Women	Sept 8	Oct 8	Second Friday in Oct	NJCAA Tourney	6 Dates	2 Dates	Jan 19	40 Total Men & Women	Nov 1

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Cross Country (Fall) Men/Women	Aug 1	Aug 20	Third Thursday in Aug	NJCAA Meet	10 Dates		Oct 14	10 Combined (Cross Country & Half Marathon)	Nov 1
Cross Country (Spring) Men/Women	Mar 1	Mar 6	First Friday in March	May 1	0	2 Dates		No change (same)	Nov 1
Football (Fall) Men	Aug 1	Aug 20	Third Thursday in Aug	Nov 21	11 Games	2	Oct 30	85	Feb 3
Football (Spring) Men	Jan 20	None	None	May 1	20 Days of practice	0			
Flag Football (Fall) Women	Aug 8	Aug 20	◆◆◆ Aug 22	Nov 14	0	4 Dates	Apr 12	15	Nov 1
Flag Football (Spring) Women	Jan 8	Feb 12	Second Friday in Feb	NJCAA Tourney	16 Games	2 Scrimmages			
Golf (Fall) Men/Women	Aug 8	Aug 20	◆◆◆ Aug 22	Nov 14	30 Dates Fall & Spring Combined		Fall: No last date Spring: DI MW / DII W April 12 DII Men April 19 DIII MW May 14	8	Nov 1
Golf (Spring) Men/Women	Jan 8	Jan 22	Fourth Friday in Jan	NJCAA Tourney					
Half Marathon Men/Women	Aug 1	Aug 20	^Third Thursday in Aug	NJCAA Meet	3 USA Track approved road races		Oct 12	10 Combined (Cross Country & Half Marathon)	Nov 1

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Lacrosse (Fall) Men	Aug 8	Aug 20	◆◆◆ Aug 22	Nov 1	22 Dates Combined Fall and Spring		Apr 7	24	Nov 1
Lacrosse (Spring) Men	Jan 8	Feb 20	Feb 20	NJCAA Tourney					
Soccer (Fall) Men/Women	Aug 1	Aug 20	^^Third Thursday in Aug	NJCAA Tourney	22 Games/Scrimmages		DIII Oct 9	24	Nov 1
Soccer (Spring) Men/Women	Feb 5	Feb 20	Feb 20	May 1	0	6 Dates	DI / DII Oct 16		
Softball (Fall) Men/Women	Aug 8	Aug 20	◆◆◆ Aug 22	Nov 14	60 games during the spring championship season with a maximum of 14 scrimmage dates that may be used in combination of Fall and Spring		Apr 22	24	Nov 1
Softball (Spring) Men/Women	Jan 8	Jan 29	Last Friday in Jan	NJCAA Tourney					
Swimming Men/Women	Sep 8	Sept 18	Third Friday in Sept	NJCAA Meet	22 Dates		Feb 10	15	Nov 1
Tennis (Fall) Men/Women	Aug 8	Aug 20	***Aug 22	Nov 14	35 Dates Combined Fall and Spring		Apr 9	### see below	Nov 1
Tennis (Spring) Men/Women	Jan 8	Jan 22	Fourth Friday in Jan	NJCAA Tourney					
Track & Field (Indoor) Men/Women	Oct 1	Oct 31	Nov 1	NJCAA Meet	20 Dates Combined Indoor/ Outdoor 2 Allowable Scrimmages in Oct		Feb 5	20	Nov 1
Track & Field (Outdoor) Men/Women	Oct 1	Jan 22	Fourth Friday in Jan	NJCAA Meet			DIII Apr 13 DI Apr 20		

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Volleyball (Fall) Women	Aug 1	Aug 20	^Third Thursday in Aug	NJCAA Tourney	32 Dates with a maximum of 28 Dates in the Fall		DIII Oct 12	14	Nov 1
Volleyball (Spring) Women	Feb 5	Feb 20	Feb 20	May 1			DII / DI Oct 19		
Volleyball (Fall) Men	Aug 8	Aug 20	◆◆◆ Aug 22	Nov 14	32 Dates with a maximum of 28 Dates in the Spring.		Mar 18	14	Nov 1
Volleyball (Spring) Men	Jan 8	Jan 22	Fourth Friday in Jan	NJCAA Tourney					
Wrestling Men	Oct 1	Oct 30	Last Friday in Oct	NJCAA Tourney	20 Dates	3 Dates	Feb 5	20	Nov 1
Wrestling Women	Oct 1	Oct 30	Last Friday in Oct	NJCAA Tourney	20 Dates	3 Dates		22	Nov 1

The numbers listed above are the same for each Division (I, II & III). > Division I may grant the number of scholarships listed above. > Division II may grant the number of scholarships listed above, but are limited to tuition, course related fees, course related books and up to \$250 in course required supplies. > Division III may not offer athletic scholarships. > NOTE: See Article VI, Section 1.B.1.a. for NJCAA athletic scholarship division allowances.
** Number of Contests refers to regular season games only and does not include postseason competition.
*** Numbers in the Letter of Intent Signees/Scholarships column are separate for men and women.
An "Athletic Scholarship" is defined as any financial assistance awarded to the student-athlete, from any source, because of his/her athletic capabilities and is considered to be counter under Article VI, Section 1.A.1. The Letter of Intent/Scholarship Agreement form shall be prescribed by the NJCAA and shall be in effect for one (1) academic year. An "academic year" is defined as August 1st to July 31st of the following year.
Definition of "Administered": The financial assistance awarded to a student-athlete, regardless of source (e.g. college, booster club, foundation, civic groups, private citizen, etc.) must be officially recorded in and disbursed by the college's office of financial aid and business office.
Division I Tennis will be limited to a maximum of nine Letters of Intent/Scholarships. Three of the nine scholarships given may be a maximum of tuition, course related fees, room and board, course related books, up to \$250 in course required supplies and transportation costs to and from the college by direct route one time per academic year. Six of the nine scholarships are limited to tuition, course related fees, course related books and up to \$250 in course required supplies.
◆◆ If November 1st falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday will be utilized as the official start date for men's and women's basketball.
◆◆◆ If August 22nd falls on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Thursday will be utilized as the official start date for fall sports including fall baseball, clay target shooting, flag football (women), fall golf, fall lacrosse, fall softball, fall volleyball (men) and fall tennis.
A signee of an NJCAA Letter of Intent counts towards the overall maximum number of individuals in that sport regardless of the amount of athletic scholarship.
Alumni Games: Member College are permitted to hold one alumni game/match per academic year/per sport. Alumni games are not considered regular season contests or scrimmage in a college sport for any purpose and shall not be counted in the college's record or statistics. Alumni games must be played during the "in-season" period as defined by each sport.
Recreation Leagues: Teams associated with member institutions must not participate in non-intercollegiate leagues under any circumstances, during the NJCAA official sport season. Member institution may participate against recreation teams as part of the published sport schedule but are not permitted to join the league.

As of December 16, 2025, this document is tentative and may have changes after BOR and SG Meetings are conducted and new policies or by-laws are passed.